ST GEORGE'S EAST IVANHOE

The church at the heart of the village

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

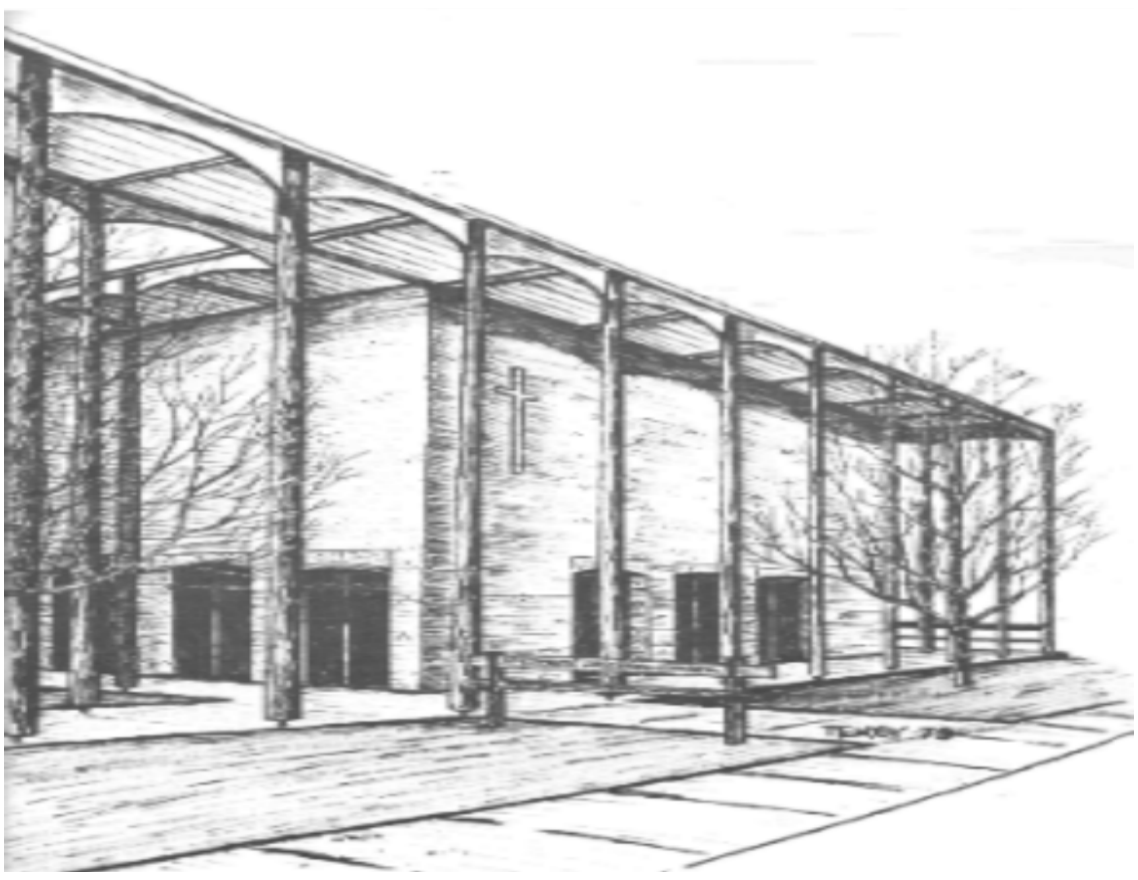
Holy Communion and Choral Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: Reverend Chaplain Soma

Gathering in God's Name

Sunday 8th November 2026

8am & 10am



All are welcome in this sacred space

St George's is a community committed to making and sustaining connections: with God, with one another, with the local and wider community, and with the environment. We believe in God - the beauty of transcendent holiness, present in our connectedness; and in caring for all in need.

Our Giving

St Georges provides an Offertory Box located at the back right pew for your giving.
We do not pass collection plates during regular services.

You may give via bank transfer at any time, please use:
St George East Ivanhoe
BSB: 633 000 Account Number: 122088198
*Please reference as "Giving."

St Georges is totally self-funded and gives to a number of varied and worthy beneficiaries.
Significant giving goes to our nominated Mission Partners to uplift lives, nurture hope, and foster positive change both locally and across the globe

MUSIC FOR THE SERVICE

Introit:

Soriano – Regina Caeli

Hymns:

8 - A Mighty Stronghold

186 - Let all be one in mind and heart

474 - Ye servants of the Lord

203 - Hail to the Lord's anointed

Communion Motet:

Mudd - Let thy merciful ears

Psalm:

78.1-7

Postlude:

Theodore Dubois - Toccata in G

Organist:

Oscar Herrick

MASS READINGS

Please use these readings in conjunction with the Order of Service for the Eucharist, commencing at page 119 of the green **'A Prayer Book for Australia (APBA).'**

INTROIT: Soriano – Regina Caeli

HYMN: 8 - A Mighty Stronghold

SENTENCE

Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Matthew 24.42, 44

COLLECT

Eternal God,
you have taught us that the night is far spent
and the day is at hand:
keep us awake and alert,
watching for your kingdom,
so that when Christ, the bridegroom, comes
we may go out joyfully to meet him,
and with him enter into the marriage feast
that you have prepared for all who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING Joshua 24.1-3a; 24.14-25

1 Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and
summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of
Israel; and they presented themselves before God.
2 And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the LORD , the
God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons
Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served
other gods.
3 Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and
led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring
many. I gave him Isaac;
14 'Now therefore revere the LORD , and serve him in sincerity
and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors
served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD .
15 Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD , choose this day
whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served
in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in
whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we
will serve the LORD .'
16 Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should
forsake the LORD to serve other gods;
17 for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors
up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and
who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along
all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through
whom we passed;
18 and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the
Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve
the LORD , for he is our God.'
19 But Joshua said to the people, 'You cannot serve the LORD ,
for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive
your transgressions or your sins.

20 If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will
turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you
good.'
21 And the people said to Joshua, 'No, we will serve the LORD !'
22 Then Joshua said to the people, 'You are witnesses against
yourselves that you have chosen the LORD , to serve him.' And
they said, 'We are witnesses.'
23 He said, 'Then put away the foreign gods that are among you,
and incline your hearts to the LORD , the God of Israel.'
24 The people said to Joshua, 'The LORD our God we will serve,
and him we will obey.'
25 So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and
made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 78.1-7

1 Give heed to my teaching, O my people:
incline your ears to the words of my mouth;
2 **For I will open my mouth in a parable:**
and expound the mysteries of former times.
3 What we have heard and known:
what our forebears have told us,
4 **We will not hide from their children,**
but declare to a generation yet to come:
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,
his mighty and wonderful works.
5 He established a law in Jacob
and made a decree in Israel:
which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children,
6 **That future generations might know,**
and those yet unborn:
that they in turn might teach it to their children;
7 So that they might put their confidence in God:
and not forget his works, but keep his commandments,

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 4.9-18

9 Now concerning love of the brothers and sisters, you do not
need to have anyone write to you, for you yourselves have been
taught by God to love one another;
10 and indeed you do love all the brothers and sisters throughout
Macedonia. But we urge you, beloved, to do so more and more,
11 to aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work
with your hands, as we directed you,
12 so that you may behave properly towards outsiders and be
dependent on no one.
13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and
sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve
as others do who have no hope.
14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so,
through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.
15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we
who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by
no means precede those who have died.
16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the
archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will
descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.
17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the
clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so
we will be with the Lord for ever.
18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GRADUAL HYMN: 186 - Let all be one in mind and heart

The Lord be with you

And also, with you

GOSPEL Matthew 25.1-13

1 ‘Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten
bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the
bridegroom.
2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.
3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with
them;
4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.
5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy
and slept.
6 But at midnight there was a shout, “Look! Here is the
bridegroom! Come out to meet him.”
7 Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps.
8 The foolish said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil, for
our lamps are going out.”
9 But the wise replied, “No! there will not be enough for you
and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for
yourselves.”

10 And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and
those who were ready went with him into the wedding
banquet; and the door was shut.
11 Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord,
open to us."
12 But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you."
13 Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the
hour.

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE HOMILY APBA P122

THE CREED APBA P123

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE APBA P124

INVITATION TO CONFESSION APBA P126

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy,
welcoming sinners and inviting them to the lord's table.

Silence may be kept

Let us therefore bring our sins before the one true God,
in penitence and faith.

THE GREETING OF PEACE APBA P127

HYMN: 474 - Ye servants of the Lord

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING 3 APBA P33,

PLEASE COME FORWARD FOR COMMUNION

PARISH NOTICES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINAL HYMN: 203 - Hail to the Lord's anointed

PARISH PRAYERS

Mary and Richard Hoy, Peter McKay, Barbara, Pam Hill, Lynda Baddock, Scott Elias, Julian Grigg, Noel, Paul Finch, Murray Steel, Pat, Fay Norton-Old, Carmen, Margaret Windisch, Bob and Anne Hill, Syrus and Brigitte, David Nolte, Anne Farquhar and Mandy, Rosalie Milburn and Patricia

Let us pray for all those who mourn.

As we remember those who have died in recent days, we also recall with love and affection those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time.

Mission to Seafarers Victoria (MtSV)

Loving God, you give us everything. Hear us as we pray for seafarers who endure hardship, danger and discomfort to bring us the goods we use each day. Keep them safe in the palm of your hand and bring them through sunshine and storm to their homes and loved ones. Through Jesus Christ who stilled the storm and called seafarers to follow him.

Amen

PRAYER FOR GROWTH

God of Mission

who alone brings growth to your Church,

send your Holy Spirit to give

vision to our planning,

wisdom to our actions,

joy to our worship,

and power to our witness.

Help our church to grow in numbers,

in spiritual commitment to you,

and in service to our local community,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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YEARS MIND

Nov 8	Mrs Deirdre EVA	2017
Nov 8	Bruce Davies MBE MID	2020
Nov 9	John COTHER	2023
Nov 9	Dulcie CAMPBELL	1993
Nov 9	Daisy DAVIES	1976
Nov 9	Reginald STEPHENS	1987
Nov 9	Robert WHITINGHAM	1990
Nov 9	Jack DAVID	2002
Nov 9	Hilda WHITE	2014
Nov 9	Nancy La GERCHE	1991
Nov 10	Una SNOW	1991
Nov 10	Edith PITCHER (Nee Groves)	2009
Nov 10	Sydney COVENTRY	1976
Nov 10	Keith LEISHMAN	2020
Nov 11	Stella REED	1994
Nov 11	Howard HOOK	2007
Nov 11	Alice GRIFFITH	1967
Nov 11	Kenneth SUMMERBELL	1989
Nov 11	Edward O'GRADY	1992
Nov 12	Micheal CARTER	2024
Nov 13	Betty DANY	2002
Nov 14	Ronald MILL	1985
Nov 15	Cecil DAWSON	1990
Nov 15	Harold King	2013

PARISH NOTICES

November Giving at St Mark's Fitzroy

Bring some Christmas cheer to St Marks during this November.

Donations of Christmas treats, small tins of everyday food, and men's toiletries (especially deodorants) are welcome for Christmas food parcels to be distributed in early December.

Thank you for your generosity.

Sandra

New Carpet in the Meeting Room

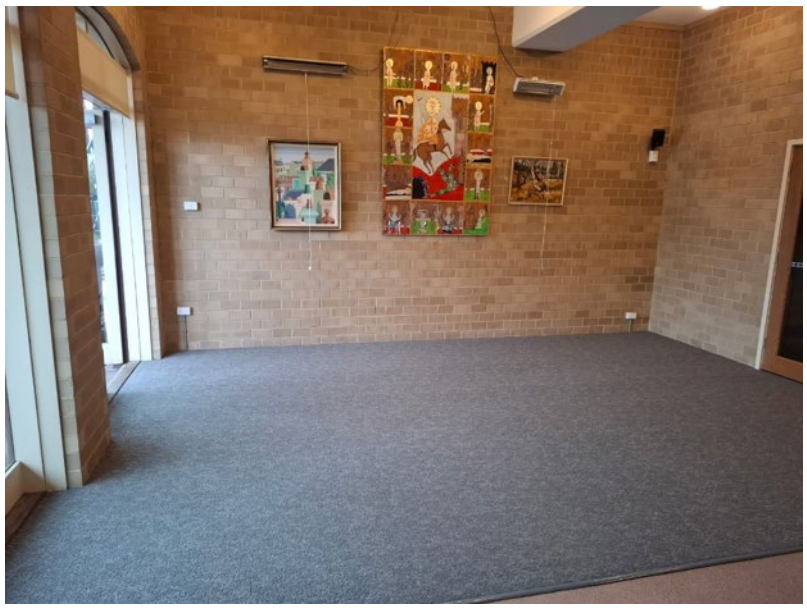
The old carpet has now been replaced with new carpet and new underlay, making a significant improvement to the space. The removed carpet was cut into one-metre strips and laid beside the water bladders (underneath the church) helping to stabilise the surrounding dirt area.

The before-and-after photos show a remarkable transformation. Thank you to Ted for managing this worthwhile project.

Before



After



Election Day Sausage Sizzle

Volunteers needed!

If you are available at any time on **Saturday 28th November,** we would greatly appreciate your help with our Election Day Sausage Sizzle.
Please add your name to the volunteer sheet on the table at the front of the church, and indicate the times and tasks you would be happy to help with
For more information, please contact Denise (0413 428594).

St George's ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING in November

Please be advised the AGM for this parish is to be **held on Sunday November 22nd @ 11.30 After our 10 am service**.
The chair of the meeting will be Rev Chaplain Soma.
Nomination forms for election of office bearers are available at the rear of the church. Please give prayerful thought as to nominating over the next few weeks.

Parish Prayers

Please advise Rev Chaplain of anybody you wish to be included in Sunday Parish Prayers by no later than Wednesday 11th November 2026.

Upcoming Events

Mon-Fri 9–13 November - Short Course on the Prayer Book (APBA)
An invitation to explore our Prayer Book (APBA) in a week-long in-person short course.
Participants may audit the course (attend, listen, read; no assessments) – $550.
Or enrol for full academic credit through the University of Divinity (standard tuition fees apply).

Saturday.14-November-2026. - Bring.&.Share.Supper Evans Hall 6:15pm for 6:30 start

Sunday 29 November 2026 - Advent Evensong. The Revd Chaplain Soma. 5:00

Tuesday 1st December 2026 - McKinney Advent Lecture 7.30pm Speaker: Denis Fitzgerald, Prison Chaplain at **Mary Mother of our Church Parish Centre, Ivanhoe**

Saturday 12-December-2026 - Bring & Share Supper 6.15pm for 6.30pm start in Evans Hall

Sunday.13-December 2026 - Jazz.Vespers 5:15pm for 5:30pm start

LIVE-STREAMING OF SERVICES

We live-stream our 10am service and other events via our YouTube channel, (St George's Church East Ivanhoe). You may access our services online via this link:

https://stgeorgeseastivanhoe.org/online

If you subscribe to our channel and enable notifications, you will receive automatic alerts when we go live.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Please encourage your friends, family and neighbours to 'like and follow us on Facebook.

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THE WEEK AHEAD		
Day	Time(s)	Event
Monday 9th November		Vicars' day off
Tuesday 10th November		
Wednesday 4th November	9.30am Midday	Rev Chaplain available in church
Thursday 5th November	9.30am Midday 8pm	Rev Chaplain available in church Choir Practice in Meeting room
Friday 6th November	10am	Communion service at Benetas, with Rev.Chaplain
Saturday 7th November		
Sunday 8th November	8am 10am	Holy Communion Choral Eucharist
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost		Judges 4.1-10 Psalm 123 1Thessalonian 5.1-11 Matthew 25.14-30

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READERS ROSTER	
SUNDAY	**READER**
8th November 24th Sunday after Pentecost	Helen Steele
15th November 25th Sunday after Pentecost	David Morgan
22nd November Christ the King	Reg Steele

STREAMING ROSTER		SIDEPERSONS ROSTER	
Date	**Name**	**Date**	**Name**
08.11.2026	Paul Smith	08.11.2026	Robert Stevens
15.11.2026	Rosemary Cotter	15.11.2026	Peter McKay
22.11.2026	Paul Smith	22.11.2026	George Hall

10 AM SUNDAY MORNING TEA ROSTER	
08.11.2026	Cheryl & Marita
15.11.2026	Denise & George
22.11.2026	Ros

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