

St Matthew's Anglican Church, Cheltenham

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SERVICE DETAILS

Sunday 8am: Holy Communion

Sunday 10am: Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 10am: Mass

Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations,
Weddings and Funerals by arrangement

PARISH EVENTS

Morning Tea: After the 10am service every Sunday starting in February

Parish Luncheon: 1st Sunday of every 2nd month

Parish Breakfast: 5th Sunday of the month

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CANDLEMAS PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

Sunday
3 February
2019

Welcome to our Services today

8am – Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Ray McInnes

10am – Sung Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Ray McInnes
Organist: Mr Hume McGrath

151 Years of Witness & Service in Cheltenham

OTHER SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

St Matthew's

Wednesday 6 February:
10am Mass – Fr Ray McInnes

Friends of St Francis

Sunday 3 February:
9.30am Mass at CHN Prayer Room – Fr Andre Hassing

TODAY'S ROSTER – 3 FEBRUARY

8 AM		10 AM	
Sidespeople:	Julie Johnston Rob Johnston	Sidespeople:	Sandra Cooper Kath Daly
Reader:	Fr Ray	Reader:	Lesley Boyd
Chalice:		Chalice:	
Server:	Priscilla van Reesema	Server:	Harold Daly
Intercessions:	Fr Ray	Intercessions:	Kath Daly

NEXT SUNDAY'S ROSTER – 10 FEBRUARY

8 AM		10 AM	
Sidespeople:	Cliff Simmons Marilyn Simmons	Sidespeople:	
Reader:	Cliff Simmons	Reader:	Kath Daly
Chalice:		Chalice:	
Server:	Priscilla van Reesema	Server:	Harold Daly
Intercessions:	Priscilla van Reesema	Intercessions:	Deborah Howard

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Isaiah	Psalm	1 Corinthians	Luke
6.1-8	138	15.1-11	5.1-11

THE HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Introit Hymn: 52 NEH (10am only)

- O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!
- Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
High on his heart he will bear it for thee,
Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.
- Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
Of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:
Truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
These are the offerings to lay on his shrine.
- These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
He will accept for the name that is dear;
Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
Trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.
- O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

Words: John Samuel Bewley Mansell, 1811-75
The New English Hymnal

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The priest greets the people

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Sentence of Scripture

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.

Luke 2.30-32

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The two Great Commandments

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

'Lord, have mercy' (8am only)

Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy;** Lord, have mercy.

'Lord, have mercy' (10am only)

**Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

The Hymn of Praise, Gloria in excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everliving God,
we humbly pray that, as your only Son was presented in the temple in accordance with the law,
so we may be dedicated to you with pure and clean hearts;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Book of Malachi

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Malachi 3.1-4

Hear the Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84.1-4, 10-12 (said antiphonally)

1. How lovely is your dwelling-place:
O Lord God of hosts!
2. **My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord:
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**
3. The sparrow has found her a home, and the swallow a nest where she
may lay her young:
even your altar, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
4. **Blessed are those who dwell in your house:
they will always be praising you.**
10. One day in your courts is better than a thousand:
I would rather stand at the threshold
of the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of ungodliness
11. **For the Lord God is a light and shield; The Lord gives favour and honour:
and no good thing will he withhold from those who walk in innocence.**
12. O Lord God of hosts:
Blessed are those who put their trust in you.

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hebrews 2.14-18

Hear the Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 319 TIS (10am only)

1. Child in the manger, infant of Mary,
Outcast and stranger, Lord of all!
Child who inherits all our transgressions,
All our demerits on him fall.

2. Once the most holy child of salvation
Gently and lowly lived below;
Now as our glorious mighty Redeemer,
See him victorious over each foe.
3. Prophets foretold him, infant of wonder;
Angels behold him on his throne;
Worthy our Saviour of all our praises;
Happy forever are his own.

Words: Mary Macdonald 1789-1872
tr. Lachlan Macbean 1853-1931 alt
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Together in Song

Remain standing for the Gospel Reading

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke
chapter 2 beginning at verse 22

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her

marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

For the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE BLESSING OF THE CANDLES

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.



Forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, Simeon and Anna in their old age recognised him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory as 'a light to lighten the Gentiles'.

Accordingly this day was made into Candlemas, a feast of candles.

The candlelight is a tangible reminder of that greater light which, for and beyond all time, radiates from the figure of Jesus. We are reminded of the need to be prepared to burn brightly ourselves in the midst of this dark world.

Responsorial

Simeon takes in his arms the Lord of glory.

Now am I set free, for I have beheld my Saviour.

The heavenly God in mortal flesh.

Now am I set free, for I have beheld my Saviour.

He who speaks through the prophets.

Now am I set free, for I have beheld my Saviour.

Offering himself for us, in his own dwelling place.

Now am I set free, for I have beheld my Saviour.

He is fearful to all, yet his mercy knows no bounds.

Now am I set free, for I have beheld my Saviour.

Collect

God our Father,
whose Son was revealed to Simeon and Anna
as the light of the nations, and the glory of Israel:
grant that, guided by your Holy Spirit,
we may live by the light of faith
until we come to the light of glory;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Responsorial

Search the Scriptures, as Christ told us in the gospels.

We find him born in our midst.

Born as a child and bound in swaddling clothes.

We find him born in our midst.

Laid in a manger and fed upon a mother's milk.

We find him born in our midst.

Presented in the temple and carried by Simeon.

We find him born in our midst.

In truth he has appeared in the world.

We find him born in our midst.

Processional Hymn: Nunc Dimittis (733 TIS)

(Whilst congregation turns to face the font)

Lord God, you now have set your servant free
to go in peace as promised in your word;
my eyes have seen the Saviour, Christ the Lord,
prepared by you for all the world to see,
to shine on nations trapped in darkest night,
the glory of your people, and their light.

The Acclamation

Today the Lord is presented in the Temple
in substance of our mortal nature.

Alleluia!

Today the blessed Virgin comes
to be purified in accordance with the law.

Alleluia!

Today old Simeon proclaims Christ
as the light of the nations and the glory of Israel.

Alleluia! Praise to Christ, the Light of the world!

The Candles are blessed

We repeat the Acclamation (above)

Collect

Lord God Almighty, you have given us the vision of your holiness,
and thereby of our own unworthiness to be your witnesses.
Touch, we pray, our lips with your cleansing fire; that so cleansed and hallowed,
we may go out into the world with the authority of your commission;
for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

Father, here we bring to an end our celebration of the Saviour's birth.

**Help us, in whom he has been born,
to live his life that has no end.**

Here we have offered the Church's sacrifice of praise.

**Help us, who receive the bread of life,
to be thankful for your gift.**

Here we have rejoiced with faithful Simeon and Anna.

**Help us, who have found the Lord in his temple,
to trust in your eternal promises.**

Here we have greeted the Light of the world.

Help us never to forsake the light of Christ.

*The Processional Hymn 'Nunc Dimittis' (page 9) is repeated as the priest
returns to the Sanctuary*

Homily

The Nicene Creed

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The priest says

Let us pray to the Father through Christ who is our Light and Life.

The response to 'Lord, have mercy' is

Christ, have mercy.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts.
In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

Silence may be kept

Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Absolution. The priest says

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

All stand. The Greeting of Peace is introduced

In the city of God, night shall be no more:
the people of God need no light of lamp or sun.
For the Lord God will be their light
and they will reign with his peace for ever and ever.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace

Offertory Hymn: 101 A&M (10am only)

1. In our darkness light has shone,
Alleluia,
Still today the light shines on,
Alleluia;
Word made flesh in human birth,
Alleluia,
Light and Life of all the earth,
Alleluia!
2. Christ the Son incarnate see,
Alleluia,
By whom all things came to be,
Alleluia;
Through the world his splendours shine,
Alleluia,
Full of grace and truth divine,
Alleluia!
3. Christ a child on earth appears,
Alleluia,
Crown of all creation's years,
Alleluia;
God's eternal Word has come,
Alleluia,
He shall lead his people home,
Alleluia!

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith b. 1936
Ancient & Modern
Hymns & Songs for Refreshing Worship

The gifts of the people having been brought to the Altar:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

[The Lord be with you.

And also with you.]

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

You anointed him as Messiah,
the light of the nations,
and revealed him as the hope
of all who thirst for righteousness and peace.

By his death on the cross
and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying / singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant

shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,**

your kingdom come,

your will be done

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We who are many are one body in Christ,
for we all share in the one bread.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

The invitation to receive Holy Communion

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The sacrament is given with the following words

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The priest says

God of the nations,
we thank you for nourishing us with this holy sacrament.
Guide us by your presence,
that we may bring your light to those who dwell in darkness,
and establish your justice in the earth.

Father,
**we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

Notices and invitations

Dismissal Hymn: 452 TIS (10am only)

1. God of mercy, God of grace,
Show the brightness of your face;
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine,

Fill your church with light divine;
And your saving health extend
To the earth's remotest end.

2. Let the people praise you, Lord!
Be by all that live adored;
Let the nations shout and sing
Glory to their Saviour king;
At your feet their tribute pay,
And your holy will obey.
3. Let the people praise you, Lord!
Earth shall then its fruits afford;
God to us his blessing give,
We to God devoted live:
All below, and all above,
One in joy and light and love.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte 1793-1847 alt:
from Psalm 67
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Together in Song

The priest says

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you,
that your lives may be a light to the world;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The priest or deacon says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.



You are welcome to stay and enjoy a cuppa
and a chat in the Hall after the 10am service!

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES



† Year's Mind

Reg Engelsman – 3 February; Alfreda Fitzsimmonds – 3 February;
Jean Smith – 5 February

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD....

Sun 3 Feb 12pm Parish BBQ, Hall

Wed 6 Feb 10am Mass

Sun 10 Feb Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

8am Holy Communion

10am Sung Eucharist

NOTICES & UPCOMING EVENTS

We welcome Archdeacon Ray McInnes who will be with us for a number of weeks as our Locum.

The Next Roster

If you will be away on any Sunday during the March – May period for roster duties please fill in the list in the Narthex. If you are not on the roster but would like to be, please write on the list.

The Melbourne Anglican (TMA)



The February edition of TMA is now available in the Narthex. Don't forget to pick up your copy!

First Parish BBQ for the year!

Our first Parish BBQ for the year will be held TODAY in the Hall around 12 noon. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Gold coin donation. All welcome!



Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 13 February at 7.30pm in the Parish Office.

Parish Consultation

A consultation of all parishioners will be held on Sunday 3 March at 11.30am. This meeting is a vital one as we begin to prepare for the next Vicar and new phase of ministry.

Simeon Recognizes Jesus

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Luke 2:25-26 (NIV)

Based on Luke 2:22-40 (NIV)

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CHILD	DEVOUT	LIGHT	JOSEPH	JESUS
PARENTS	SALVATION	ISRAEL	REVEALED	PIGEONS
SIMEON	PROMISED	DOVES	SACRIFICE	MARY