

St Matthew's Anglican Church, Cheltenham

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SERVICE DETAILS

Sunday 8am: Holy Communion

Sunday 10am: Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 10am: Said Eucharist

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

1st Sunday of the month 8am: Book of
Common Prayer (BCP)

1st Sunday of the month 10am: Family Service
with Sunday School

2nd Sunday of the month: Healing Service
follows the 10am Mass

PARISH EVENTS

Morning Tea: After the 10am service every Sunday

Parish Luncheon: 1st Sunday of every 2nd month (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct & Dec)

Parish Breakfast: 5th Sunday of the month (Apr, Jul, Sept)

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CANDLEMAS PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE SEXAGESIMA

Sunday
4 February
2018

Welcome to our Service today

8am – Book of Common Prayer (BCP)
Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Ron White

150 Years of Witness & Service in Cheltenham

BCP SERVICE – THE HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

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The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech thy Majesty, that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Epistle

The Epistle is written in the second Chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews beginning at the fourteenth Verse.

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

Hear endeth the Epistle

The Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel is written in the second Chapter of Luke, beginning at the twenty second Verse.

Glory to thee Lord Christ.

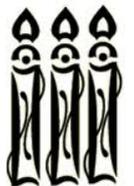
And when the days of her purification, according to the law of Moses, were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord; (as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;) and to offer a sacrifice, according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons. And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was

upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him. And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also;) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. And there was one Anna a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser; she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity: and she was a widow of about fourscore and four years; which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem. And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee to their own city Nazareth. And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon him.

Praise to thee Lord Christ.

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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 4) is repeated as the priest returns to the Sanctuary

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NEXT SUNDAY'S ROSTER – 11 FEBRUARY

8 AM		10 AM	
Sidespeople:	Cliff Simmons Marilyn Simmons	Sidespeople:	
Reader:	Marilyn Simmons	Reader:	Deborah Howard
Chalice:		Chalice:	Reg Davies
Server:		Server:	Phil Whelan
Intercessions:	Fr Ron	Intercessions:	Fr Ron

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

2 Kings	Psalm	1 Corinthians	Mark
5.1-14	30	9.24-27	1.40-45

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD....

Sun 4 Feb	12pm	Parish BBQ, Hall
Wed 7 Feb	10am	Mass
Fri 9 Feb	11am	Aged Care Ministry, Sandfield
Sat 10 Feb	9am	Working Bee
Sun 11 Feb		<u>Sixth Sunday after Epiphany</u>
	8am	Holy Communion
	9am	Pancakes, Hall
	10am	Sung Eucharist
	11.15am	Healing Service

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES DURING THE WEEK



+ *Year's Mind* Jean Smith – 5 February

NOTICES & UPCOMING EVENTS

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!



Working Bee on Saturday!

Our first working bee for the year will be held next Saturday, 10 February, at 9am (weather permitting). Please join us! Morning tea provided.

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.

Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday is 14 February, please bring your palm crosses in time to be burnt. Services on Ash Wednesday will be held at 10am and 6pm Mass with Blessing and Imposition of Ashes.

Pancakes!!!



We will enjoy pancakes next Sunday, 11 February, at around 9am in the Hall in recognition of Shrove Tuesday. If you would like to make a donation towards our celebration please put the money in a envelope marked 'Pancakes' and place it in the Offertory Plate. We hope you can join us!

Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 14 February at 7.30pm in the Parish Office.