

St Matthew's Anglican Church, Cheltenham

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SERVICE DETAILS

Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions, you need to register to attend our services. Please call or email the Parish Office.

Sundays at 9.30am:

Eucharist – with hymns, a children's address and a homily. (Approx. 50 minutes)

Wednesdays at 10am:

Eucharist – without hymns, a very brief reflection on the Gospel. (Approx. 30 minutes)

Mondays-Thursdays at 9am:

Morning Prayer (Please contact Colleen to register)

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Sunday 5 July 2020

9.30am Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev'd Colleen Clayton

153 Years of Witness & Service in Cheltenham

OTHER SERVICES DURING THE WEEK



St Matthew's

Monday 6 July: 9am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 7 July: 9am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 8 July: 9am Morning Prayer & 10am Eucharist

Thursday 9 July: 9am Morning Prayer

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TODAY'S ROSTER – 5 JULY

9.30 AM	
Sidesperson:	Harold
1st Reader:	Lesley
2nd Reader:	Deb H
Server:	Mitch
Intercessor:	Val

NEXT SUNDAY'S ROSTER – 12 JULY

9.30 AM	
Sidesperson:	Deb H
1st Reader:	Barbara
2nd Reader:	Val
Server:	Priscilla
Intercessor:	Kath

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – SEA SUNDAY

Genesis 25.19-34	Psalms 119.105-112	Romans 8.1-11	Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23
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THE HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

As we gather to worship the God of peace and reconciliation, we respectfully acknowledge the Boon Wurrung people as the traditional owners of this land.

Introit Hymn: 92 AHB

1. God has spoken by his prophets,
spoken his unchanging word,
each, from age to age proclaiming
God, the one, the righteous Lord.
'Mid the world's despair and
turmoil
one firm anchor holds us fast:
God is king, his throne eternal,
God the first, and God the last.
2. God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son,
brightness of the Father's glory,
with the Father ever one;
spoken by the Word incarnate,
God from God, ere time began,
Light from Light, to earth
descending,
Man, revealing God to all.
3. God is speaking by his Spirit,
speaking to the hearts of all,
In the age-long word expounding
God's own message, now as then,
through the rise and fall of nations
one sure faith yet standing fast;
God still speaks, his word
unchanging,
God the first, and God the last.

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The Australian Hymn Book

† In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Sentence of Scripture

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest,' says the Lord. 'Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart.'

Matthew 11.28-29

PENITENTIAL RITE

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept

**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.**

Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

† The God of love forgive you
and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

**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.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray that our hearts may be open to the needs of all God's children.

Silence is kept

Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ has taught us
that what we do for the least of his brothers and sisters
we do also for him:
give us the will to serve others
as he was the servant of all,
who gave up his life and died for us;
yet 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 Genesis

So he said, 'I am Abraham's servant.
The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has
given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and
donkeys.
And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he
has given him all that he has.
My master made me swear, saying, "You shall not take a wife for my son from
the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live;
but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son."
'I came today to the spring, and said, "O Lord, the God of my master Abraham,

if now you will only make successful the way I am going!
 I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, 'Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,'
 and who will say to me, 'Drink, and I will draw for your camels also'—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son."
 'Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water-jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, "Please let me drink."
 She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, "Drink, and I will also water your camels." So I drank, and she also watered the camels.
 Then I asked her, "Whose daughter are you?" She said, "The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him." So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms.
 Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son.
 Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.'
 And they called Rebekah, and said to her, 'Will you go with this man?' She said, 'I will.'
 So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men.
 And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,
 'May you, our sister, become
 thousands of myriads;
 may your offspring gain possession
 of the gates of their foes.'
 Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.
 Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb.
 Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming.
 And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel,
 and said to the servant, 'Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?' The servant said, 'It is my master.' So she took her veil and covered herself.
 And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done.

Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

For the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 45.10-17 (said antiphonally)

10. Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear:
forget your own people and your father's house.
11. **The king desires your beauty:
he is your lord, therefore bow down before him.**
12. The richest among the people, O daughter of Tyre:
shall entreat your favour with gifts.
13. **The king's daughter is all glorious within:
her clothing is embroidered cloth-of-gold.**
14. In robes of many colours she is led to you, O king:
and, after her, the virgins that are with her.
15. **They are led with gladness and rejoicing:
they enter the palace of the king.**
16. In place of your fathers you shall have sons:
and make them princes over all the land.
17. **And I will make known your name to every generation:
therefore the peoples shall give you praise for ever.**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I

am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

Romans 7.14-25

For the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! **Alleluia!** Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

† Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Let anyone with ears listen!

'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn."

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants;

yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Homily

A time for silent reflection is observed after the Homily

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us stand and confess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in God the Son?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended to the dead.

On the third day He rose again;

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, † and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Gracious and merciful God, you have promised rest to the weary and relief to the heavy laden: hear the prayers we bring for your people.

We pray for those weighed down by the hardships of daily life:

for those who live in poverty, without adequate food or shelter;

for those in places of war — civilians, soldiers and refugees.

Relieve their burdens, that all your people may live in dignity and peace.

Gracious God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for those wearied by responsibility in your church:

for those without the resources to fulfil their tasks;

those whose dreams are shattered, whose vision others do not share.

Renew their spirits, that they may find their strength in you.

Gracious God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for those exhausted by overwork or the responsibility of care:

for carers of young children, of the disabled and the infirm;

for those unable to provide for their families or themselves.

Lighten their loads, that they may know your encouragement and support.

Gracious God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for those burdened by guilt, self-doubt, anxiety or despair:

for those unable to leave behind the past;

for those afraid of the present and without hope for the future.

Lift these weights from them, that they may let go of their fears.

Gracious God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for those worn down by pain, grief or by a sense of uselessness;

for those whom society does not value or want;

for the lonely, the friendless, the sick and the dying.

Soothe their hurt and calm their distress, that they may find their peace in you.

Gracious God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We remember all who have died in your love,

especially those dear to us and those from this parish
whose yearly memorial occurs at this time.

In life teach us to follow the example of your Son,

that we may learn to share each other's burdens,

and in death bring us into your presence,

that our souls may find eternal rest in you.

Gracious God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

THE PEACE

We are the Body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: 500 AHB

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
Your head upon my breast.'
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary, and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
And he has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one,
stoop down and drink, and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's Light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that Light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.

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.

Father, Lord of heaven and earth....

....singing the song of your unending praise.

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.

Overflowing God, as you led your children....

....Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

God of the weary and heavy-laden....

.... And on the last day, bring us home to you for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ 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 for ever. Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body in Christ.

For we all share in the one bread.

AGNUS DEI

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.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed!**

All who are baptised, of any denomination, are welcome to receive Communion at Saint Matthew's, including children, who may receive at the discretion of their parents. Those who do not wish to take Communion may come forward for a blessing.

SENDING OUT GOD'S PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal God,

comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,

you have fed us at the table of life and hope:

teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,

that all the world may acknowledge

the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Most loving God,

you send us into the world you love.

Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage

in the power of your Spirit. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The peace of God
 which passes that passes all understanding
 keep your hearts and minds
 in the knowledge and love of God
 and of his Son Jesus Christ, our Lord:
 † and the blessing of God almighty,
 the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

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 Preface from Joining the Angels' Song
 Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher
 Canterbury Press, 2016

Dismissal Hymn: 657 TIS

1. God of freedom, God of justice,
 God whose love is strong as death,
 God who saw the dark of prison,
 God who knew the price of faith:
 touch our world of sad oppression
 with your Spirit's healing breath.
2. Rid the earth of torture's terror,
 God whose hands were nailed to wood,
 hear the cries of pain and protest,
 God who shed the tears and blood;
 move in us the power of pity,
 restless for the common good.
3. Make in us a captive conscience
 quick to hear, to act, to plead;
 make us truly sisters, brothers
 of whatever race or creed:
 teach us to be fully human,
 open to each other's need.

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 Together in Song

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES DURING THE WEEK

Happy Birthday!

John – 10 July



† Year's Mind

Kit Cogoll – 10 July



NOTICES & UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit of Bishop Paul

Next Sunday, 12 July, we will welcome
 Bishop Paul Barker to St Matthew's
 as our guest Preacher.

Working Bee

We will hold a working bee to tidy the
 gardens on Saturday 18 July at 9am
 (weather permitting!). Please come and
 join us! Morning tea provided.

12th ISCAST Conference on Science & Christianity

COSAC 2020 - A Hopeful Future? Christians, Creation and the AI World
 Online conference - 10-12 July 2020
www.iscast.org to register.

Rest for the Weary

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