

St Matthew's Anglican Church, Cheltenham

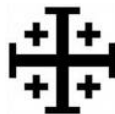
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SERVICE DETAILS

Sunday 8am: Holy Communion

Sunday 10am: Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 10am: Said Eucharist

Baptisms, First Communion,
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 (Dec)

Parish Breakfast: 5th Sunday of the month

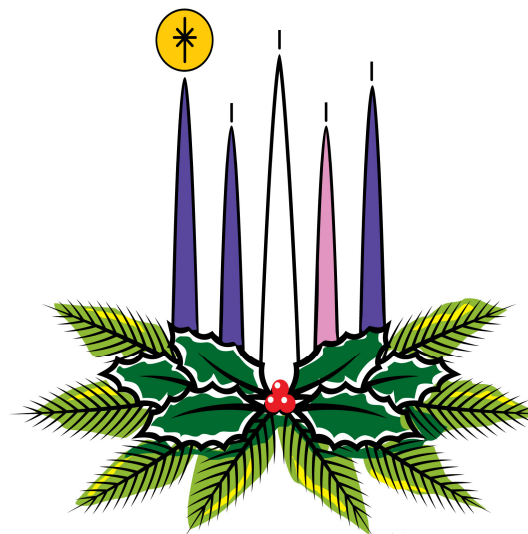
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday
2 December
2018

Welcome to our Service today

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

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Ron White

151 Years of Witness & Service in Cheltenham

OTHER SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

St Matthew's

Wednesday 5 December:
10am Mass: Nicholas of Myra – Fr Ron White

Friends of St Francis

Sunday 2 December:
9.30am Mass at CHN Prayer Room – Fr Andre Hassing

TODAY'S ROSTER – 2 DECEMBER

8 AM		10 AM	
Sidespeople:	Julie Johnston Rob Johnston	Sidespeople:	Sandra Cooper Kath Daly
Reader:	Fr Ron	Reader:	Kath Daly
Chalice:		Chalice:	
Server:		Server:	Harold Daly
Intercessions:	Fr Ron	Intercessions:	Fr Ron

NEXT SUNDAY'S ROSTER – 9 DECEMBER

8 AM		10 AM	
Sidespeople:	Cliff Simmons Marilyn Simmons	Sidespeople:	
Reader:	Marilyn Simmons	Reader:	Barbara Duncan
Chalice:		Chalice:	Lesley Boyd
Server:	Priscilla van Reesema	Server:	Mitch Porter
Intercessions:	Vicki Hutton	Intercessions:	Kath Daly

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Malachi 3.1-4	For the Psalm: Song of Zechariah	Philippians 1.1-11	Luke 3.1-6
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BCP SERVICE – THE HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

THE ADVENT WREATH – ADVENT 1

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors:
to you be praise and glory for ever!
You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith
and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment.
May we be obedient to your call
and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ,
a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;
for you are our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

God of Abraham and Sarah,
and all the patriarchs of old,
you are our Father too.
Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of David.
Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth
to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit
to make his home among us.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the Light who is coming into the world.

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
born in David's city of Bethlehem,
born like him to be a king:
Be born in our hearts this Christmastide,
be king of our lives today.**



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The Advent Collect

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy

Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. **Amen.**

The Collect for Frances Perry

Let the glory of thy servants, O Lord, illumine the dullness of our hearts; that following the example of Frances Perry on earth, we may shine with her in the everlasting light of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Epistle

The Epistle is written in the third Chapter of the First Epistle of Paul to the Thessalonians beginning at the ninth Verse.

For what thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God; Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith? Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you. And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you: To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

Hear endeth the Epistle.

The Gospel Reading

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

Glory to thee Lord Christ.

And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh. And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Verily I

say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away. And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man. And in the day time he was teaching in the temple; and at night he went out, and abode in the mount that is called the mount of Olives. And all the people came early in the morning to him in the temple, for to hear him.

Praise to thee Lord Christ.


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The Sermon

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Notices and invitations

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD....			
Sun 2 Dec	12pm	Parish lunch, Hall	
	5pm	CCC Carol Service, OLA	
Wed 5 Dec	10am	Mass: Nicholas of Myra	
Thurs 6 Dec	9.20am	Cheltenham Primary School Christmas Service	
Fri 7 Dec	10am	Aged Care Ministry, Cheltenham Manor	
Sun 9 Dec		<u>Second Sunday of Advent</u>	
	8am	Holy Communion	
	10am	Sung Eucharist	
	11.15am	Healing Service	

NOTICES & UPCOMING EVENTS

Parish lunch today!

Please join us today for our last Parish lunch for the year in the Hall around 12 noon.

Please bring a salad or dessert (or both!) to share. All very welcome!



The Melbourne Anglican (TMA)

TMA will be available from next Sunday, 9 December, with a special edition that incorporates December and January. It will include the usual special Christmas poster.

Empty Christmas Tree

Thank you to all those who left presents and food under our Empty Christmas tree for Dixon House. We will be delivering the goods to Dixon House from tomorrow so that they can be distributed to those in need in time for Christmas.



Christmas Special Effort!

Tickets for our Christmas Special Effort are available after each service. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The draw will take place on Sunday 23 December, during morning tea.



Wardens & Parish Council members 2018-2019

Wardens:

Andrew Napier (Vicar's Warden), Sue Polites (People's Warden).

Parish Council:

Harold Daly, Marlene Gale, Deborah Howard & Deborah Polites.



New Roster Available

The new roster for the December – February period is now available in the Narthex.

If you are able to help fill in a gap please let the Office know.

Bible Study on Wednesday

There will be a special bible study following the Wednesday 10am Mass in the Parish Office.

The theme will be some of the 'hard' parts of the ministry of Jesus.

Cheltenham Combined Churches: Ecumenical Carol Service



Today at 5pm!

Our Lady of the Assumption (OLA),
9 Centre Dandenong Road, Cheltenham.

All welcome!



Working Bee!

Our final working bee for the year will be held at 9am on Saturday 15 December (just in time for Christmas!).



Helpers are needed so please come and join us! Morning tea provided.

Carol Service



If you would like to read at our Carol Service on Sunday 16 December, please put your name on the appropriate list in the Narthex. Fr Ron will contact you with your reading.

Deaconing

Following the reading of the Si Quis announcing that Mitch Porter is to be Deaconed by the Bishop of Wangaratta, please keep him in your prayers as he prepares for this ministry. The Deaconing will occur in the Wangaratta Cathedral on Saturday 2 February at 10am. All are welcome to attend but if you find this impossible then Mitch would appreciate your prayers.

Retirement fast approaching!

As you are all aware, Fr Ron will be retiring on Friday 25 January 2019 (the 40th Anniversary of his Deaconing). His last Sunday services will be on Sunday 20 January. A presentation will be made to Fr Ron at morning tea.

If parishioners would like to make a contribution towards his gift please put this in an envelope marked 'Fr Ron's Presentation' and place in the Offertory Plate or hand it into the Parish Office.



Charman Christmas

Saturday 15 December from 10am to 1pm - Charman Road Shops
Bring the kids and get into the Christmas spirit in Cheltenham
Sing with the St Matthew's Anglican Parish carollers & Chelsea concert band.