

## 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

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month 8am:** Book of  
Common Prayer (BCP)

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month 10am:** Family Service  
with Sunday School

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month:** Healing Service  
follows the 10am Mass

### PARISH EVENTS

**Morning Tea:** After the 10am service every Sunday

**Parish Luncheon:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every 2<sup>nd</sup> month (Dec)

**Parish Breakfast:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month

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# Advent

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday  
27 November  
2016

Welcome to our Services today

8am – Holy Communion

10am – Sung Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Ron White

Organist: Mr Errol Fernando

149 Years of Witness & Service in Cheltenham

## OTHER SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

### St Matthew's

**Wednesday 30 November:**

10am Mass: Andrew, Apostle & Martyr – Fr Ron White

### Friends of St Francis

**Sunday 27 November:**

9.30am Mass at CHN Prayer Room – Fr Andre Hassing

## TODAY'S ROSTER – 27 NOVEMBER

8 AM		10 AM	
<b>Sidespeople:</b>		<b>Sidespeople:</b>	Val Fielder
			Mitch Porter
<b>Reader:</b>	Reg Davies	<b>Reader:</b>	Debby Howard
<b>Chalice:</b>	Reg Davies	<b>Chalice:</b>	Mitch Porter
<b>Server:</b>	Priscilla van Reesema	<b>Server:</b>	Harold Daly
<b>Intercessions:</b>	Priscilla van Reesema	<b>Intercessions:</b>	Joan Leslie

## NEXT SUNDAY'S ROSTER – 4 DECEMBER

8 AM		10 AM	
<b>Sidespeople:</b>		<b>Sidespeople:</b>	Sandra Cooper
			Kath Daly
<b>Reader:</b>	Fr Ron	<b>Reader:</b>	Joan Leslie
<b>Chalice:</b>	John Thompson	<b>Chalice:</b>	Harold Daly
<b>Server:</b>		<b>Server:</b>	Phil Whelan
<b>Intercessions:</b>	Fr Ron	<b>Intercessions:</b>	Fr Ron

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah	Psalm	Romans	Matthew
11.1-10	72.1-7, 18-21	15.4-13	3.1-12

# 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.**

*Introit Hymn: 265 TIS (10am only)*

- O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain:*

*Rejoice! Rejoice!*

*Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*



2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might  
Who to the tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times didst give the law  
In cloud and majesty and awe.

*Refrain:*

*Rejoice! Rejoice!*

*Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

3. O come, thou key of David, come,  
And open wide our heavenly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high  
And close the path to misery.

*Refrain*

4. O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

*Refrain*

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,  
**whose mercy endures for ever.**

*The priest greets the people*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Sentence of Scripture*

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.

Isaiah 2.3a

**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'*

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

### *Trisagion*

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

### *The Advent Collect*

Almighty God,  
give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness  
and put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came among us in great humility,  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him 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 Isaiah*

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.  
In days to come  
the mountain of the Lord 's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.  
Many peoples shall come and say,  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways  
 and that we may walk in his paths.'  
 For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
 and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.  
 He shall judge between the nations,  
 and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
 they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
 and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
 nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
 neither shall they learn war any more.  
 O house of Jacob,  
 come, let us walk  
 in the light of the Lord!

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

*Psalm 122 (said antiphonally)*

1. I was glad when they said to me:  
 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'
2. **And now our feet are standing:  
 within your gates, O Jerusalem;**
3. Jerusalem which is built as a city:  
 where the pilgrims gather in unity.
4. **There the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord:  
 as he commanded Israel,  
 to give thanks to the name of the Lord.**
5. There are set thrones of judgement:  
 the thrones of the house of David.
6. **O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
 may those who love you prosper.**
7. Peace be within your walls:  
 and prosperity in your palaces.
8. **For the sake of my kindred and companions:  
 I will pray that peace be with you.**
9. For the sake of the house of the Lord our God:  
 I will seek for your good.

Isaiah 2.1-5

*A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans*

The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Romans 13.9-14

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

*Gradual Hymn: 238 TIS (10am only)*

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Christ is the world's true light,<br/>             Its captain of salvation,<br/>             The day-star clear and bright,<br/>             Desire of every nation;<br/>             New life, new hope awakes,<br/>             For all who own his sway:<br/>             Freedom her bondage breaks,<br/>             And night is turned to day.</li> <li>2. In Christ all races meet,<br/>             Their ancient feuds forgetting,<br/>             The whole round world complete,<br/>             From sunrise to its setting:<br/>             When Christ is throned as Lord<br/>             All shall forsake their fear,<br/>             To ploughshare beat the sword,<br/>             To pruning-hook the spear.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. One Lord, in one great name<br/>             Unite us all who own you;<br/>             Cast out our pride and shame<br/>             That hinder to enthrone you;<br/>             The world has waited long,<br/>             Has travailed long in pain;<br/>             To heal its ancient wrong,<br/>             Come, Prince of Peace, and reign.</li> </ol> |
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Words: George Wallace Briggs 1875-1959 alt.  
 Together in Song

*Remain standing for the Gospel Reading*

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew  
 chapter 24 beginning at verse 36

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the

coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

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

*The Sermon*

*Silence may follow*

*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 for the world and for the Church.

*The prayers may conclude with*

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.  
**Grant that what we have asked in faith  
we may by your grace receive,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Lord comes, bringing to light things now hidden in darkness, and disclosing the purposes of the heart.

*Silence may be kept*

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming, 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 tender mercy of our God,  
**the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,**  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness  
and in the shadow of death  
**and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*All may exchange a sign of peace*

*Offertory Hymn: 428 MP (10am only)*

1. Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:  
Lord for the years, we bring our thanks today.

2. Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
Speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
Teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:  
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.
3. Lord, for our land in this our generation,  
Spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:  
For young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.
4. Lord, for our world where men disown and doubt you,  
Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,  
Hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you:  
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.
5. Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us,  
Self on the cross, and Christ upon the throne,  
Past put behind us, for the future take us:  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Words: Thomas Dudley-Smith  
Complete Mission Praise

*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 now and always,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,

who was looked for by the prophets,  
heralded by the Baptist  
announced by an angel,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
and revealed at last to men and women of every race.

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:

**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.**

Holy and gracious God,  
all creation rightly gives you praise.  
All life, all holiness comes from you  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
whom you sent to share our human nature,  
to live and die as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you,  
the God and Father of all.

Hear us, merciful Lord;  
through Christ accept our sacrifice of praise;  
and, by the power of your Word and Holy Spirit,  
sanctify this bread and wine,  
that we who share in this holy sacrament  
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

Who, when his hour had come,  
on the night before he went up to the cross  
to make full atonement for the sins of the whole world,  
offering once for all his one sacrifice of himself,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave to his disciples saying,

'Take, eat:  
this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying,  
'Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant  
which is 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, in obedience to his command,  
we commemorate and celebrate  
his saving passion and death,  
his mighty resurrection and ascension into heaven  
and we eagerly await his coming in glory.

We thank you that by your grace alone  
you have accepted us in Christ;  
and here we offer you a spiritual sacrifice,  
holy and acceptable in your sight.  
Through Christ, receive this our duty and service,  
and grant that we who eat and drink these holy gifts  
may, by your Holy Spirit,  
be one body in Christ,  
and serve you in unity and peace.

In your grace and mercy,  
bring us to the joy of your eternal kingdom  
with all the company of the redeemed.  
May we praise you in union with them,  
and give you glory through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father eternal,  
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be 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.**

### *Post Communion Hymn: 8 NEH (10am only) (please kneel if possible)*

1. Lift up your heads ye mighty gates,  
Behold the King of glory waits,  
The King of kings is drawing near,  
The Saviour of the world is here.
2. O blest the land, the city blest,  
Where Christ as ruler is confessed;  
O happy hearts and happy homes  
To whom this king in triumph comes.
3. Come then, O Saviour, and abide,  
Our hearts to thee be open wide;  
May all thy inward presence feel,  
To all thy grace and love reveal.

Words: George Weisell 1590-1635  
Tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827-78 and Editors  
The New English Hymnal

## THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### *The priest says*

God for whom we wait,  
we thank you that you have fed us with the bread of life  
and the cup of salvation.

As we joyfully await your Son,  
keep us ever watchful  
that we may be ready to stand before him  
on the day of his coming.

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: 336 NEH (10am only)*

1. Angel-voices, ever singing  
Round thy throne of light,  
Angel-harps for ever ringing,  
Rest not day nor night;  
Thousands only live to bless thee  
And confess thee  
Lord of might.
2. Thou who art beyond the farthest  
Mortal eye can scan,  
Can it be that thou regardest  
Songs of sinful man?  
Can we know that thou art near us,  
And wilt hear us?  
Yes, we can.
3. For we know that thou rejoicest  
O'er each work of thine;  
Thou didst ears and hands and voices  
For thy praise design;



Craftsman's art and music's measure  
 For thy pleasure  
 All combine.

4. In thy house, great God, we offer  
 Of thine own to thee;  
 And for thine acceptance proffer  
 All unworthily,  
 Hearts and minds and hands and voices  
 In our choicest  
 Psalmody.

5. Honour, glory, might and merit  
 Thine shall ever be,  
 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
 Blessed Trinity.  
 Of the best which thou hast given  
 Earth and heaven  
 Render thee.

Words: Francis Pott 1832-1909  
 The New English Hymnal

*The priest says*

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,  
 and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;  
 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.**

From a Prayer Book for Australia.  
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You are welcome to stay and enjoy a cuppa  
 and a chat in the Hall after the 10am service!

## PARISH ANNIVERSARIES DURING THE WEEK



*Happy Birthday!*

Tig Simmons – 27 November

*Happy Anniversary!*

John & Rae Fatouros – 22 November



*+ Year's Mind*

Douglas Calder – 27 November; Gaye Schade – 27 November;  
 Derek Orchard – 1 December; Margaret Stansfield – 2 December;  
 Audrey Doddrell – 2 December



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD....

Mon 28 Nov	12pm	Friends of St Francis, Break-up Luncheon
Wed 30 Nov	10am	Mass: Andrew, Apostle & Martyr Mothers' Union follows the 10am Mass
Thurs 1 Dec	9.30am	Cheltenham Primary School Christmas Service
Fri 2 Dec	10am	Aged Care Ministry, Cheltenham Manor
Sun 4 Dec		<u>Second Sunday of Advent</u>
	8am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP)
	10am	Family Service with Sunday School
	12pm	Parish BBQ, Hall

## NOTICES & UPCOMING EVENTS

### The Next Roster

This is your last chance to note if you will be away on any Sunday during the  
 December – February period for roster duties.

If you are currently not on the roster and would like to be, please write the  
 duty / duties that you would like to do.

### Parish BBQ next Sunday!

Please join us today for our last Parish BBQ for the year next Sunday, 4 December, in the Hall around 12 noon.

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



### Christmas Special Effort!

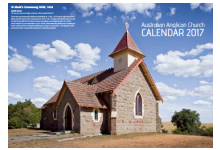
Tickets for our Christmas Special Effort are available after each service. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

The draw will take place on Sunday 18 December during morning tea.



### Australian Anglican Church Calendar 2017

If you ordered an Australian Anglican Church Calendar for 2017, they can be collected from the table in the Narthex.



### Friends of St Francis

The Friends of St Francis Fellowship Group will hold their end of year Break-up Luncheon tomorrow, Monday 28 November, at 12 noon at the Cheltenham Moorabbin RSL, 289 Centre Dandenong Road, Cheltenham.

There is a choice of Senior menus. All very welcome!

### Working Bee!

Our final working bee for the year will be held at gam on Saturday 17 December (just in time for Christmas!).

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



### Empty Christmas Tree

Please give unwrapped gifts and Christmas food and place under the empty Christmas Tree. Toys are needed for children aged 5 – 12 yrs and for teenagers please consider gift vouchers so they can choose their own gifts.



Please see the full list in the Narthex and Hall.

Gifts will be taken to Dixon House from Wed 7 December to Fri 9 December. Dixon House will be closed from Fri 16 December to Wed 1 February.

### Don't forget...

Our monthly Family Service will be held next Sunday, 4 December, at 10am and includes fun activities for children in our Sunday School! Tell your family, friends and neighbours! All very welcome



### Combined Churches of Cheltenham Carols on the Carpet

Sunday 4 December at 6pm  
Church of Christ,  
2-12 Chesterville Road, Cheltenham.  
All welcome!

### Flowers for Christmas

If you would like to donate money for flowers for Christmas please place your donation in an envelope marked 'Flowers for Christmas' and place in the collection plate.



### Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union will meet this Wednesday 30 November for the 10am service. Lunch at Cheltenham Moorabbin RSL, 289 Centre Dandenong Road, Cheltenham at 12 noon.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

**SUNDAY 18 DECEMBER**  
6pm Carol Service

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
5.30pm Children's Crib Service followed by sausage sizzle  
11pm Carols by Candlelight  
11.30pm Midnight Mass

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
9am Christmas Holy Communion