

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 (Dec)

Parish Breakfast: 5th Sunday of the month

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday
3 December
2017

Welcome to our Service today

8am – Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

Holy Communion

Rededication of Altar Vessels

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Ron White

150 Years of Witness & Service in Cheltenham

OTHER SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

St Matthew's

Wednesday 6 December:
10am Mass: Nicholas of Myra – Fr Ron White

Friends of St Francis

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

TODAY'S ROSTER – 3 DECEMBER

8 AM		10 AM	
Sidespeople:	Julie Johnston Rob Johnston	Sidespeople:	Sandra Cooper Kath Daly
Reader:	Fr Ron	Reader:	Sandra Cooper
Chalice:		Chalice:	Reg Davies
Server:		Server:	Harold Daly
Intercessions:	Fr Ron	Intercessions:	N / A

NEXT SUNDAY'S ROSTER – 10 DECEMBER

8 AM		10 AM	
Sidespeople:	Cliff Simmons Marilyn Simmons	Sidespeople:	
Reader:	Marilyn Simmons	Reader:	Sue Polites
Chalice:		Chalice:	Phil Whelan
Server:	Priscilla van Reesema	Server:	Mitch Porter
Intercessions:	Priscilla van Reesema	Intercessions:	Kath Daly

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah	Psalm	2 Peter	Mark
40.1-11	85.1-2, 8-13	3.8-15a	1.1-8

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.**



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 first Chapter of the First Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians beginning at the first Verse.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear endeth the Epistle.

The Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel is written in the thirteen Chapter of Mark, beginning at the twenty-fourth Verse.

Glory to thee Lord Christ.

But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven. Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near: So ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, even at the doors. Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away. But of that day and that hour

knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

Praise to thee Lord Christ.

THE REDEDICATION OF ALTAR VESSELS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All things come from you, O Lord;
And from your own gifts do we give to you.

Prosper the work of our hands;

Prosper our handiwork.

Show your servants your works;

And your splendour to their children.

Let us pray

Almighty God, we thank you that you have put it into the hearts of your people to make offerings for your service, and have been pleased to accept their gifts. Be with us now and bless us as once again we set apart these vessels to your praise and glory and in honour of those who have gone before us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Taste and see that the Lord is good;

Happy are they who trust in him.

The cup of blessing which we bless is a sharing in the Blood of Christ.

The bread which we break is a sharing in the Body of Christ.

Let us pray (Silence)

Almighty God, whose blessed Son instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Grant that all who receive the holy Mysteries from these vessels, which we now rededicate for use in your Church, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, may be sustained by his presence and enjoy for ever his heavenly benediction; who lives and reigns in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

For Benefactors

We bless your Name, O Lord, because it has pleased you to enable your servants to offer these gifts for your worship. Remember them for good, and grant that all who benefit from these gifts may show their thankfulness to you by using them in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup:

You proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD....

Sun 3 Dec	12pm	Parish lunch, Hall
Wed 6 Dec	10am	Mass: Nicholas of Myra
Thurs 7 Dec	9.30am	Cheltenham Primary School Christmas Service
Fri 8 Dec	11am	Aged Care Ministry, Sandfield
Sun 10 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!



A Vessel Special Effort!

Last chance for tickets! Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The draw will take place today during morning tea. The prize is a Foot Passenger return ferry ticket between Sorrento and Queenscliff. Generously donated by Searoad Ferries!

Carol Service

If you would like to read at our Carol Service on Sunday 17 December, please put your name on the appropriate list in the Narthex. Fr Ron will contact you with your reading.



Empty Christmas Tree

This Wednesday is your last chance to place a gift (unwrapped) and Christmas food under the empty Christmas Tree. Gifts will be taken to Dixon House **this week.**



Wardens & Parish Council members 2017-2018



Wardens:

Julie Johnston (Vicar's Warden),
Glenys Foreman & Andrew Napier (People's Wardens).

Parish Council:

Harold Daly, Marlene Gale (pending Registrar's ruling), Deborah Howard,
Rob Johnston (Treasurer presumptive), Deborah Polites & Mitch Porter.

'150th' Christmas Wine Orders

Due to the success of the wine sales for our 150th Anniversary, a number of people have asked if the wines could be available as gifts at Christmas time.

As a consequence order forms are available in the Narthex but orders must be received by Sunday 17 December. Please note that money **MUST** accompany the order otherwise the order is void. Place your orders in a sealed envelope in the Offertory plate or hand it into the Parish Office.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

SUNDAY 17 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