

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 (Jun, Aug, Oct & Dec)

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

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HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday
21 May
2017



Welcome to our Services today

8am – Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Ron White

10am – Sung Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Ron White

Organist: Mrs Marlene Davies

150 Years of Witness & Service in Cheltenham

OTHER SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

St Matthew's

Wednesday 24 May:

10am Mass: John & Charles Wesley, Priests (Evangelists) – Fr Ron White

Thursday 25 May:

10am Mass: Ascension Day – Fr Ron White

Friends of St Francis

Sunday 21 May:

9.30am Mass at CHN Prayer Room – Fr Andre Hassing

TODAY'S ROSTER – 21 MAY

8 AM		10 AM	
Sidespeople:	John Thompson	Sidespeople:	Len Evans Derek Pay
Reader:	John Thompson	Reader:	Reg Davies
Chalice:	John Thompson	Chalice:	Len Evans
Server:		Server:	Reg Davies
Intercessions:	Fr Ron	Intercessions:	Pat Rossely

NEXT SUNDAY'S ROSTER – 28 MAY

8 AM		10 AM	
Sidespeople:	Julie Johnston Rob Johnston	Sidespeople:	Val Fielder Mitch Porter
Reader:	N/A	Reader:	N/A
Chalice:	N/A	Chalice:	N/A
Server:	Priscilla van Reesema	Server:	Phil Whelan
Intercessions:	N/A	Intercessions:	N/A

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY (1969)

1 Peter
4.7-11

John
15.26-27, 16.1-4a

THE HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Introit Hymn: 262 NEH

1. We plow the fields, and scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine,
And soft refreshing rain.

Refrain:

*All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above,
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord
For all his love.*

2. He only is the Maker
Of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower,
He lights the evening star;
The winds and waves obey him,
By him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, his children,
He gives our daily bread.

Refrain

3. We thank thee, then, O Father,
For all things bright and good,
The seed time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, and food;
No gifts have we to offer,
For all thy love imparts,
And, what thou most desirest,
Our humble, thankful hearts.

Refrain



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

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Spirit of God hovered over the water

And brought life to all creation.

Come, Holy Spirit

And renew the face of the earth.

Sentence of Scripture

The land has yielded its harvest: God our God has blessed us.

Psalm 67.6

**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.'

Prayers of Penitence

Sin disfigures the whole creation
which groans with eager longing for God's redemption.
We come before him in penitence and faith.

We confess to you
our lack of care for the world you have given us.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you
our selfishness in not sharing the earth's bounty fairly.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you
our failure to protect resources for our children and our children's children.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Hymn of Praise, Gloria in excelsis

**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.**

In a time of silence,
let us pray that our worship will bring us closer to the one who has
created all things.

The Collect for Harvest Festival

Lord God,
we acknowledge that all good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above.
Help us to receive them gratefully,
to use them wisely
and to share them unselfishly,
as good stewards of your bounty,
for the sake of our saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Book of Amos

The time is surely coming, says the Lord,
when the one who plows shall overtake the one who reaps,
and the treader of grapes the one who sows the seed;
the mountains shall drip sweet wine,
and all the hills shall flow with it.
I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel,
and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine,
and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit.
I will plant them upon their land,
and they shall never again be plucked up
out of the land that I have given them, says the Lord your God.

Amos 9.13-15

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

The Canticle of the Sun (said antiphonally) attributed to St Francis of Assisi

1. O most high, almighty, good Lord God:
to you belong praise, glory, honour and all blessing.
2. **Praised be my Lord by all his creatures:
and chiefly by our brother the sun,
who brings us the day and brings us the light.**
3. Fair is he, and shines with a very great splendour:
he points us, O Lord, to you.

4. **Praised be my Lord by our sister the moon:
and by the stars which you have set clear and lovely in heaven.**
5. Praised be my Lord by our brother the wind:
and by air and clouds, calms and all weather,
by which you uphold life in all creatures.
6. **Praised be my Lord by our sister water:
who is very useful to us
and humble and precious and clean.**
7. Praised be my Lord by our brother fire,
through whom you give light in the darkness:
and he is bright and pleasant and very mighty and strong.
8. **Praised be my Lord by our mother the earth,
who sustains us and keeps us:
and brings forth fruit of different kinds,
flowers of many colours, and grass.**
9. Praised be my Lord by all who pardon one another
for your love's sake:
and all who endure weakness and trials.
12. **Praise and bless the Lord, and give thanks to him:
and serve him with great humility.**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

About noon the next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. He became hungry and wanted something to eat; and while it was being prepared, he fell into a trance. He saw the heaven opened and something like a large sheet coming down, being lowered to the ground by its four corners. In it were all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air. Then he heard a voice saying, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But Peter said, 'By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean.' The voice said to him again, a second time, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.'

Acts 10.9-15

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

Gradual Hymn: 159 TIS

1. God whose farm is all creation,
Take the gratitude we give;
Take the finest of our harvest,
Crops we grow that all might live.
2. Take our ploughing, seeding,
reaping,
Hopes and fears of sun and rain,
All our thinking, planning, waiting,
Ripening into fruit and grain.
3. All our labour, all our watching,
All our calendar of care,
In these crops of your creation,
Take, O God: they are our prayer.

Words: John Arlott 1914-91 alt.
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Together In Song

Remain standing for the Gospel Reading

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew
chapter 6 beginning at verse 25
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

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

The Sermon

Silence may follow

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We say together in faith
**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father, who created all things:
for by his will they were created and have their being.

We believe in God the Son, who was slain:
**for with his blood, he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language, from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:
**the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'
Even so come Lord Jesus and renew the face of the earth!**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray to God for all the gifts of creation with which he has endowed us.

The response to 'God, we give you thanks' is
And bless your holy name.

DEDICATION OF GIFTS

We stand and prepare to offer our thanks.
As we bring these gifts to God:
**We bring ourselves; our souls and bodies
in thankfulness for the harvest:
He has given us everything we need.**

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is the source of all goodness and growth,
pour his blessing upon all things created,
and upon all his children
that they may use these gifts to his glory
and the welfare of all peoples;
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty.
For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Peace to you from God who is our Father and creator.

Peace from Jesus Christ who is our peace.

Peace from the Holy Spirit who gives us life.

The peace of the triune God is our promise.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace

Offertory Hymn: 259 NEH

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.
2. All the world is God's own field,
Fruit as praise to God we yield;
Wheat and tares together sown
Are to joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.



3. For the Lord our God shall come,
And shall take the harvest home;
From the field shall in that day
All offences purge away,
Give his angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store
In the garner evermore.
4. Even so, Lord, quickly come,
To thy final harvest home;
Gather thou thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified,
In thy presence to abide;
Come, with all thine angels come,
Raise the glorious harvest home.



Words: Henry Alford, 1844
The New English Hymnal

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, we give you thanks and praise
for your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
He is the image of the unseen God,
the first-born of all creation.
Lord of all creation
we worship and adore you.

He created all things in heaven and on earth:
everything visible and everything invisible,
thrones, dominions, sovereignties, powers,
all things were created through him and for him.
Lord of all creation
we worship and adore you.

He is the radiant light of your glory:
he holds all creation together by his word of power.
He has given us this earth to care for and delight in
And with its bounty he preserves our life.
Lord of all creation
we worship and adore you.

He is first to be born from the dead.
All perfection is found in him,
and all things were reconciled through him and for him,
everything in heaven and everything on earth,
when he made peace by his death on the cross.
Lord of all creation
we worship and adore you.

The Church is his body,
he is its head.
He takes his place in heaven at your right hand,
where we worship you with all of your creation, saying / singing:
**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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

Therefore, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

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

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with the blessed Virgin, our Patron Matthew and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are 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.

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

Jesus Christ is holy,

Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

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, after which the communicant responds **Amen***

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Post Communion Hymn: 168 TIS (please kneel if possible)

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| 1. For the fruit of all creation,
Thanks be to God;
For his gifts to every nation,
Thanks be to God;
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safekeeping,
Thanks be to God. | 2. In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
In the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
In our worldwide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done. |
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Together in Song

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The priest says

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe,
creator of light and giver of life,
to you be glory and praise for ever.

In Jesus your light has shone out;
and you have given your Holy Spirit
as a mighty stream of life-giving water
to refresh and renew the face of the earth.

**Let your light shine in us
that we may be beacons of justice
and bearers of hope.**

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

Notices and invitations

Dismissal Hymn: 115 NEH

1. Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again,
Like wheat that springeth green.
2. In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,
Thinking that never he would wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again,
Like wheat that springeth green.
3. Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain,
Quick from the dead, my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again,
Like wheat that springeth green.

4. When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
 Thy touch can call us back to life again;
 Fields of our hearts, that dead and bare have been:
 Love is come again,
 Like wheat that springeth green.

Words: J.M.C. Crum 1872-1958
 The New English Hymnal

The priest says

May God
 who clothes the wattle and feeds the birds of the sky,
 who leads the lambs to pasture and the animals of the bush to water,
 who multiplied loaves and fishes and changed water into wine,
 lead us, feed us, multiply us,
 and change us to reflect the glory of our Creator
 now and through all eternity;
 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. Alleluia, Alleluia.
In the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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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!

Norma Williamson – 21 May
 Val Fielder – 24 May
 Rae Fatouros – 24 May
 June Martin – 26 May



† Year's Mind

Renee Stella Sampson – 24 May
 Joy Bennetts – 27 May



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD....

Mon 22 May	1.30pm	Friends of St Francis
Wed 24 May	10am	Mass: John & Charles Wesley, Priests (Evangelists)
Thurs 25 May	10am	Mass: Ascension Day
Fri 26 May	11am	Aged Care Ministry, Autumdale Lodge
Sun 28 May		Special 1969 Prayer Book Service <u>Sunday after Ascension Day</u> 8am Holy Communion 10am Sung Eucharist

NOTICES & UPCOMING EVENTS

Thank you!

Thank you to those who prepared the church for
 our Harvest Festival today and to those who brought gifts
 of 'harvest'. We know the gifts will be gratefully received
 by those who benefit from your generosity.



Next Sunday 28 May – 1969 service

As part of our liturgical celebration for our sesquicentenary,
 we will travel back in time using various forms of the Eucharist.

The first in our series is the service known as
 A Service of Holy Communion for Australia, 1969 (Australia, '69).
 This will be used at both services next Sunday, 28 May.

On the website 'Anglican Eucharistic Theology', Brian Douglas comments that
 'The service reflecting the modern liturgical movement in form and wording but
 also maintaining aspects of the 1662 BCP Holy Communion, presented realist
 concepts of Eucharistic theology. Overall...Australia 1969 represented a more
 realist shift in Eucharistic theology in the Australian Anglican scene.'

Lenten Discipline Canisters

The Parish Mission is very appreciative of the support by parishioners and friends of the Lenten Discipline Canisters. A total of \$275.50 was donated this year. Our grateful thanks to all for your generous support.

The Next Roster

Please write on the list in the Narthex if you will be away on any Sunday during the June – August period for roster duties. If you are currently not on the roster but would like to be, please write this on the list or contact the Parish Office.

Everyone wear RED!

The liturgical colour for Pentecost Sunday, 4 June, is red. This signifies the fire of the Holy Spirit descending on us as it did on the apostles that day. So remember to wear red (or flame colours) for Pentecost as we celebrate this glorious feast day.



URGENT

Op Shop Volunteers Needed

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St Matthew's Op Shop needs more volunteers. Please consider whether you can spare some time to give to this important ministry and venture of our parish. The situation has taken on an urgency; one half day a month would help! You may know of a friend or neighbour who could do likewise or a member of one of our partner churches.

If you would like more information please contact Julie Johnston on 0418 580 818 or Fr Ron.



June Luncheon!

We will 'celebrate' Sunday 4 June with a soup and crusty bread lunch (followed by desserts!) in the Hall at 12 noon. Please note on the list in the Narthex if you can contribute.



Mystery Morning Tea today!

As part of our 150th celebrations there will be a Mystery Morning Tea today following the 10am service. Cost \$3 with a glass of Sherry on arrival. The Mother's Day Special Effort will also be drawn during the morning tea.

The Melbourne Anglican (TMA)

The May edition of TMA is now available in the Narthex. Please take a copy, read it and pass it on!



'Who wrote ...?'

The answer to last week's 'Who wrote...?' was Vincent van Gogh. He wrote this in a letter to his brother, Theo, in May 1877 when he was 24 years old.

Friends of St Francis & Hoy Day

The Friends of St Francis Fellowship Group will hold their next meeting tomorrow, Monday 22 May, at 1.30pm at the home of Shirley Marriott, 8 Ramsay Court, Cheltenham. Our guest speaker will be the Rev'd Judith Marriott. Then on Monday 29 May at 1pm we will hold our next fundraising Hoy Day in the Reception Room, Kingston Green, 62 Cavanagh Street, Cheltenham. Cost \$5 includes Lucky Door Prize plus a lovely afternoon tea. All very welcome to both!

The Parable of the Sower

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