

St Matthew's Anglican Church, Cheltenham

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SERVICE DETAILS

Sunday 8am: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer – 1st Sunday of the month)

Sunday 10am: Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 10am: Said Eucharist

PARISH EVENTS

Morning Tea: After the 10am service every Sunday

Please see pew sheet notices for dates regarding Parish Lunches and Breakfasts

St Matthew's Anglican Church Cheltenham



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MOTHERING SUNDAY



Sunday
22 March
2020

Welcome to our Services today

8am – Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Geoff Cheong
(**Assisting Priest:** Fr Russell Joyce OAM)

10am – Sung Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Geoff Cheong
Organist: Mr Keith Fullard

152 Years of Witness & Service in Cheltenham

OTHER SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

St Matthew's

Wednesday 25 March:
10am Mass – Fr Geoff Cheong

TODAY'S ROSTER – 22 MARCH

8 AM		10 AM	
Sidespeople:	Tig Simmons Marilyn Simmons	Sidespeople:	
Reader:	Vicki Hutton	Reader:	Lesley Boyd
Chalice:		Chalice:	
Server:	Priscilla van Reesema	Server:	Harold Daly
Intercessions:	Tig Simmons	Intercessions:	Kath Daly

NEXT SUNDAY'S ROSTER – 29 MARCH

8 AM		10 AM	
Sidespeople:		Sidespeople:	Sandra Cooper
Reader:	Priscilla van Reesema	Reader:	Barbara Duncan
Chalice:		Chalice:	
Server:	Priscilla van Reesema	Server:	Harold Daly
Intercessions:	Vicki Hutton	Intercessions:	Harold Daly

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – PASSION SUNDAY

Ezekiel	Psalm	Romans	John
37.1-14	130	8.6-11	11.1-45

A special welcome to mothers and carers of children who join us today

THE HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Introit Hymn: 526 TIS (10am only)

1. Lord Jesus Christ,
You have come to us,
You are one with us,
Mary's son;
Cleansing our souls from all their sin,
Pouring your love and goodness in;
Jesus, our love for you we sing,
Living Lord.
2. Lord Jesus Christ
Now and every day
Teach us how to pray,
Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
This in remembrance, Lord, of you:
Into our lives your power breaks through,
Living Lord.
3. Lord Jesus Christ,
You have come to us
Born as one of us,
Mary's son;
Led out to die on Calvary,
Risen from death to set us free,
Living Lord Jesus, help us see
You are Lord.
4. Lord Jesus Christ,
I would come to you,
Live my life for you,
Son of God.

All your commands I know are true,
Your many gifts will make me new,
Into my life your power breaks through,
Living Lord.

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Together In Song

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

The illumination of the candle of Light

We light this candle to remember all who have been
our guiding lights, Jesus being the chief light of all.
Blessed be God for ever.

We praise you, our God, for all mothers who have loved
and laughed and laboured as they cared for their children.
Blessed be God for ever.

We praise you, our God, for all mothers who have wept
in sorrow and joy for their children.
Blessed be God for ever.

We praise you, our God, for Jesus, born of a woman and nurtured in her love,
and for Mary, a reminder of your patient, waiting love.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Blessing of Simnel Cakes

Lord Jesus, you know well the blessings an earthly home can bring:
receive our thanks for all the love we have enjoyed in our homes,
especially from those who have nurtured us from our earliest years;
and hear our prayer for mothers everywhere,
that they may never lose heart nor ever be taken for granted,
but may, with Mary your mother, receive the honour they deserve.

So bless these cakes that they may remind us of the fruitfulness of your love
reflected in mothers of every time and place; in the name of the Father and the
Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Sentence of Scripture

Clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect
harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

Colossians 3.14-15

**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.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us call to mind our sin, our failure to value the love of others and our failure
to love as Christ has loved us.

Silence for reflection

Your love gives us life from the moment of conception.
We fail to live as your children.
Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

You call us to do good. We seek our own good.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

You hear us when we cry for help. We ignore the cries of others.
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.**

Trisagion

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

The Collect of the Day

God our Mother, you hold our life within you;
nourish us at your breast, and teach us to walk alone.
Help us to receive your tenderness
and respond to your challenge
that others may draw life from us,
in your name. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Responsorial Psalm 128

R The Lord pours his blessing on all his children. R

1. Blessed is everyone who reveres the Lord:
and walks in the confine of his ways.
2. You will eat the fruit of your labours:
happy shall you be and all shall go well with you. **R**
3. Your wife within your house:
shall be as a fruitful vine;
4. Your children round your table:
like the fresh shoots of the olive.
5. Behold thus shall the man be blessed:
who lives to reverence the Lord. **R**
6. May the Lord so bless you from Zion:
that you see Jerusalem in prosperity all the days of your life.
7. May you see your children's children:
and in Israel let there be peace. **R**

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words

and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Luke 1.26-38

Hear the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 161 TIS (10am only)

1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.
2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name – the Lord, the Mighty One.
3. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
4. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore!

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Together in Song

We stand for the Gospel Reading

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John
chapter 19 beginning at verse 25
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

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

The Sermon

Silence may follow

The Apostles' Creed may be said

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
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 from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
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.**

or this Affirmation of Faith may be used

**We believe in one God,
who made and loves all that is.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was born, lived, died and rose again,
and is coming to call all to account.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who calls, equips and sends out God's people,
and brings all things to their true end.**

This is our faith, the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The priest says

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

The response to 'Father of all' is

Hear your children's prayer.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

All stand. The Greeting of Peace is introduced

Jesus said,
'Whoever does the will of God
is my brother, sister and mother'.
As we have opportunity, let us work for good to all,
especially to members of the household of faith.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace

Offertory Hymn: 398 TIS (10am only)

1. Come down, O Love divine,
Seek now this soul of mine,
And visit it with your own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear
And kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.
2. There let it freely burn,
Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
And let your glorious light
Shine ever on my sight
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
3. Let holy charity
My outer garment be,
And lowliness become my inner clothing:
True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part
And for its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
4. And so the yearning strong
With which the soul will long
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace
Till we become the place
In which the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

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.

Loving God,

we thank you for this world of wonder and delight.

You have given it to us to care for,

so that all your creatures may enjoy its bounty.

Lord our God,

we give you thanks and praise.

We thank you that when we turned away from you,

you sent Jesus to live and work as one of us,

and bring us back to you.

He showed us how to love you

and set us free to love and serve one another.

Lord our God,

we give you thanks and praise.

We thank you that on the cross

Jesus took away our sin,

all that keeps us from each other and from you.

He frees us from hate and fear,

from all that destroys love and trust.

Lord our God,

we give you thanks and praise.

And now we give you thanks

because in his earthly childhood

you entrusted him to the care of a human family.

In Mary and Joseph you give us an example

of love and devotion to him

and also a pattern of family life.

Lord our God,

we give you thanks and praise.

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Together In Song

And so with everyone who believes in you,
with all the saints and angels,
we rejoice and praise you 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.**

And now we thank you
for these gifts of bread and wine;
may we who receive them,
as Jesus said,
share his body and his blood.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread
and gave you thanks.
He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said,
'Take and eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup
and gave you thanks.
He shared the cup with them and said,
'This is my blood poured out
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

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

You have gathered us together
to feed on Christ
and to remember all he has done for us:
Fill us with your Spirit
that we may follow Jesus
in all we do and say,
working for justice and bringing your peace
to this world that you have made.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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.**

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.**

Communion Anthem: My Peace (Taize)

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The priest says

Thank you God for the love of our mothers:

thank you God for their care and concern;

thank you God for the joys they have shared with us;

thank you God for the pains they have borne for us;

thank you God for all that they have given us in deed and memory;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.**

or

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.**

Notices and invitations

Dismissal Hymn: 217 TIS (10am only)

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.
2. Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave:

Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

3. Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be,
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

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Together In Song

The priest says

When the Word became flesh
earth was joined to heaven in the womb of Mary:
may the love and obedience of Mary
be your example. **Amen.**

May the peace of Christ
rule in your hearts and homes. **Amen.**

May you be filled with the joys of the Spirit
and the gifts of your eternal home. **Amen.**

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.

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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 Anniversary!

Tig & Marilyn Simmons – 28 March

+ *Year's Mind*

Judy Hosking – 25 March; Alan Dickson – 27 March;
Geoffrey Simonsen – 27 March



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD....

Mon 23 Mar 1.30pm Friends of St Francis Fellowship Group

Wed 25 Mar 10am Mass
Mothers' Union follows the 10am Mass

Sun 29 Mar Passion Sunday
8am Holy Communion
10am Sung Eucharist

NOTICES & UPCOMING EVENTS

A note from our incoming Vicar

Dear people of St Matthew's,

You are all in my thoughts and prayers as covid19 disrupts the normal pattern of our lives. I hope that you are well. It seems likely that the beginning of our time together will not be quite as we had imagined it. Regardless of the many unknowns in our lives at the moment, I am very much looking forward to joining you in Cheltenham.

In writing to the church in Colossae, St Paul said, "Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful." (Colossians 3:14-15)

I pray that the love, peace and unity of Christ will sustain us at this time, and that we will remember how much we have to be thankful for.

Blessings,
Colleen

St Francis Sunday services & Nursing home services

Please note that Sunday services for St Francis at CHN Prayer Room as well our services at the nursing homes have been cancelled until further notice.

Lenten Discipline Money boxes

Money box full? If so you may like to return it by placing it in the collection bowl at the Offertory. If you haven't already taken a money box from the Narthex please consider doing so and returning it at the end of Lent.



Holy Week Roster

If you would like to assist with any of the Holy Week services, please attend to the lists in the Narthex.

ABM Lent Appeal 2020



Envelopes are available in the Narthex if you would like to donate to the ABM's Lent Appeal.



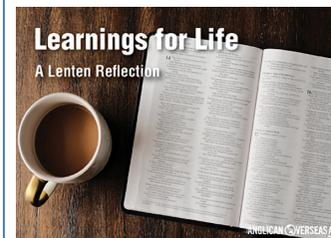
Palms for Palm Sunday

If anyone has any healthy green palm fronds they could donate for Palm Sunday, please contact the Parish Office.

Please join us on Friday 3 April at 2pm in the Parish Office to make our palm crosses. Helpers most welcome!



Lenten Reflection Booklet



Anglican Overseas Aid have produced a Lenten Reflection Booklet with the theme 'Learnings for Life'. It contains reflections that may probe, stretch and challenge – but hopefully in positive and life-giving ways. Booklets are available in the Narthex so please take one and use it for your preparation for your journey to Easter.



Holy Week & Easter Services



† 5 April – Palm Sunday †

8am & 10am: Blessing of Palms & Procession

† Weekday Services †

Wed 8 April: 10am Eucharist

† 9 April – Maundy Thursday †

7pm: Eucharist of the Last Supper

† 10 April – Good Friday †

10am: Walk of Witness (to be confirmed)

12pm: Service of Devotion

1pm – 6pm: Church open for private devotions

† 12 April – Easter Day †

8am: Lighting of the New Fire & Eucharist

10am: Easter Sung Eucharist



Lent: Week 4 Prayer

*'Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.*

And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

Finally, reflect on what you are thankful for:

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever.'

Mothers' Union

The next meeting for members of Mothers' Union will be held this Wednesday, 25 March, after the 10am Mass.



Bible History Chat

Please note that due to the Mothers' Union meeting there will be no Bible History Chat this week.

Friends of St Francis Fellowship Group

The Friends of St Francis Fellowship Group will hold their next meeting tomorrow, Monday 23 March, at 1.30pm at the home of Margaret Henry, 7 Lorna Street, Cheltenham.

It will be a Lenten House Communion celebrated by Fr Andre.

All very welcome.

Then on Monday 30 March at 1.30pm we will hold our Fundraising Hoy Day at the Reception Room, Kingston Green, 62 Cavanagh Street, Cheltenham.

Cost \$5 – this includes a door prize plus a lovely afternoon tea.

A great time, all very welcome.

Mothering Sunday



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