

St Matthew's Anglican Church, Cheltenham

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SERVICE DETAILS

Sunday 8am: Holy Communion

Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations,

Sunday 10am: Sung Eucharist

Weddings and Funerals by arrangement

Wednesday 10am: Mass

PARISH EVENTS

Morning Tea: After the 10am service every Sunday

Parish Luncheon: 1st Sunday of every 2nd month

Parish Breakfast: 5th Sunday of the month

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MOTHERING SUNDAY

Sunday
31 March
2019

Welcome to our Services today

8am – Holy Communion

10am – Sung Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Ray McInnes

Organist: Mr Edwin Kwong

Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

151 Years of Witness & Service in Cheltenham

OTHER SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

St Matthew's

Wednesday 3 April:

10am Mass: Richard of Chichester – Fr Ray McInnes

Friends of St Francis

Sunday 31 March:

9.30am Mass at CHN Prayer Room – Fr Andre Hassing

TODAY'S ROSTER – 31 MARCH

8 AM		10 AM	
Sidespeople:		Sidespeople:	Val Fielder
Reader:	Cliff Simmons	Reader:	Deborah Howard
Chalice:		Chalice:	Harold Daly
Server:		Server:	
Intercessions:	Vicki Hutton	Intercessions:	Val Fielder

NEXT SUNDAY'S ROSTER – 7 APRIL

8 AM		10 AM	
Sidespeople:		Sidespeople:	Sandra Cooper Kath Daly
Reader:	Fr Ray	Reader:	Kath Daly
Chalice:		Chalice:	
Server:		Server:	Harold Daly
Intercessions:	Fr Ray	Intercessions:	Fr Ray

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – PASSION SUNDAY

Isaiah 43.16-21	Psalms 126	Philippians 3.3-14	John 12.1-8
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A special welcome to mothers and carers of children, who join us today

THE HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Introit Hymn: 186 NEH

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.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith b. 1926
based on St Luke 1.46-55 in the New English Bible
The New English Hymnal

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

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman.

The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?'

Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Exodus 2.1-10

Hear the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

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**

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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 Paul's Letter to the Colossians

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 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. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3.12-17

Hear the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 297 NEH

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,
You have come to us,
Born as one with 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.

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3. 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.

Remain standing 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.

Homily

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father,
**from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

We believe in God the Son,
**who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
**who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

This is our faith,
**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: 239 NEH

1. Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Words: Patrick Appleford b 1924
The New English Hymnal

3. Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Words: Jan Struther 1901-53
The New English Hymnal

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.

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
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, 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: 285 NEH (please kneel if possible)

1. For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
Refrain:
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.*
2. For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:
Refrain
3. For thy Church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
This pure sacrifice of love:

Refrain

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.

Notices and invitations

Dismissal Hymn: 413 NEH

1. Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours to-day.
2. O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns,
With them in highest heaven,
The One eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

Words: German, Martin Rinkart 1586-1649
Tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827-78
The New English Hymnal

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.

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



+ Year's Mind

Barry Robertson – 31 March; Frederick Sweet – 3 April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD....

Wed 3 Apr	10am	Mass: Richard of Chichester
Thurs 4 Apr	10am	Day of Prayer & Reflection, CHN
Fri 5 Apr	10am	Aged Care Ministry, Cheltenham Manor
Sun 7 Apr		<u>Passion Sunday</u>
	8am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP)
	10am	Sung Eucharist

NOTICES & UPCOMING EVENTS

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 2019

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

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.



Lent: Week 4 Prayer

'Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'

From the Locum Vicar

The fourth Sunday in Lent is also known as Mothering Sunday or Refreshment Sunday. It is considered to be mid Lent and time for a break from the Lenten fast. The origins go back to the days of early industrial England where young people had moved away from their rural homes into the big cities to work mostly as apprentices in heavy industry. They were permitted on this weekend to return home and to worship with mother at the Parish Church.

Those who attended the service were given flowers and simnel cake – a cake made of fruit with a layer or layers of marzipan – symbolizing the bitter-sweet season ahead – the passion and the resurrection of Christ. Today we also pray for the mother church of the Diocese – in our case St Paul's Cathedral and the Dean and staff.

Congratulations to my good friend Fr Geoff Cheong who will soon take up duties here as your Locum Vicar, last week he was conferred with his Doctorate. He is now officially The Reverend Dr Geoff Cheong. I know it has been a long road and considerable hard work, well done.

Finally, many thanks for your prayers for our new grandson – Alex, I am delighted to report he has finally been released from hospital and is doing pretty well.

Every blessing,
Fr Ray McInnes

CHN Day of Prayer & Reflection



The Sisters of the Community of the Holy Name invite you to a Day of Prayer & Reflection this Thursday, 4 April, at the Community House, 40 Cavanagh Street, Cheltenham. 10am – 3pm, BYO lunch (tea and coffee provided).



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 12 April at 1pm in the Parish Office to make our palm crosses. Helpers most welcome!



Holy Week & Easter Services



† 14 April – Palm Sunday †

8am & 10am: Blessing of Palms & Procession

† Weekday Services †

Wed 17 April: 10am Eucharist

† 18 April – Maundy Thursday †

7pm: Eucharist of the Last Supper

† 19 April – Good Friday †

10am: Walk of Witness

starting from Church of the Open Door

12 noon: Devotions

followed by refreshments

2pm: Stations of the Cross

† 21 April – Easter Day †

8am: Lighting of the New Fire & Eucharist

10am: Easter Eucharist



Don't forget...

Daylight saving ends next Sunday, 7 April.

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour next Saturday night.

Mothering Sunday Wordsearch

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God the father
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Jesus
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Mothering Sunday
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Respect
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shepherd
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