

# 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 (Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct & Dec)

**Parish Breakfast:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month (Apr, Jul, Oct)

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## PASSION SUNDAY

Sunday  
2 April  
2017

Welcome to our Service today

**10am – Family Service  
Sung Eucharist with Sunday School**

**Celebrant & Preacher:** Fr Ron White

**Organist:** Mrs Marlene Davies

149 Years of Witness & Service in Cheltenham

## OTHER SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

### St Matthew's

**Wednesday 5 April:**  
10am Mass – Fr Ron White  
followed by Lenten Bible Study

### Friends of St Francis

**Sunday 2 April:**  
9.30am Mass at CHN Prayer Room – Fr Andre Hassing

## TODAY'S ROSTER – 2 APRIL

8 AM		10 AM	
<b>Sidespeople:</b>	Julie Johnston Rob Johnston	<b>Sidespeople:</b>	Sandra Cooper Kath Daly
<b>Reader:</b>	Fr Ron	<b>Reader:</b>	Alan Fielder
<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 ROSTER – 9 APRIL

8 AM		10 AM	
<b>Sidespeople:</b>	Cliff Simmons Marilyn Simmons	<b>Sidespeople:</b>	
<b>Reader:</b>	Marilyn Simmons	<b>Reader:</b>	Sandra Cooper
<b>Chalice:</b>	John Thompson	<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>	Mitch Porter

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – PALM SUNDAY

Isaiah	Psalm	Philippians	Matthew
50.4-9a	31.9-18	2.5-11	26.14-27.66

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*Introit Hymn: 70 CS*

*Refrain:*

*God has spoken to his people, hallelujah!  
And his words are words of wisdom, hallelujah!  
God has spoken to his people, hallelujah!  
And his words are words of wisdom, hallelujah!*

1. Open your ears, O Christian people,  
Open your ears and hear good news.  
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood,  
God has come to you,  
God has come to you.
2. They who have ears to hear his message,  
They who have ears, now let them hear;  
They who would learn the way of wisdom,  
Let them hear God's word,  
Let them hear God's word.

*Refrain*

*Refrain*

3. Israel comes to greet the Saviour,  
Judah is glad to see his day;  
From east and west the peoples travel:  
He will show the way,  
He will show the way.

*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*

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord; 'whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.'

John 11.25-26

**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

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

*Silence may be kept*

Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

In a dark and disfigured world  
we have not held out the light of life:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

In a hungry and despairing world  
we have failed to share our bread:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

In a cold and loveless world  
we have kept the love of God to ourselves:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*Trisagion*

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

*The Absolution. The priest says*

May almighty God,  
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,  
bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The Collect of the Day*

Life-giving God,  
your Son came into the world  
to free us all from sin and death:  
breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit,  
that we may be raised to new life in Christ,  
and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The Prayer of the Season*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you hate nothing that you have made,  
and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent:  
create and make in us new and contrite hearts,  
that we, worthily lamenting our sins,  
and acknowledging our wretchedness,  
may obtain of you, the God of all mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel*

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Ezekiel 37.1-14

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

*Hymn: 464 TIS*

*Refrain:*  
*Seek, O seek the Lord, while he is near;*  
*Trust him, speak to him in prayer,*  
*And he will hear.*

1. God be with us in our lives,  
 Direct us in our calling;  
 Break the snares the world contrives,  
 Keep us from falling.

*Refrain*

2. God, increase in us the life  
 That Christ by dying gave us:  
 Though we faint in mortal strife  
 His blood will save us.

*Refrain*

3. Strengthen in our hearts the love  
 We owe to one another;  
 How can we love God above  
 And not each other?

*Refrain*

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 Together in Song

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

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Romans 8.6-11

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

*Gradual Hymn: 379 NEH*

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In the Cross of Christ I glory,<br/>             Towering o'er the wrecks of time;<br/>             All the light of sacred story<br/>             Gathers round its head sublime.</li> <li>2. When the woes of life o'ertake me,<br/>             Hopes deceive and fears annoy,<br/>             Never shall the Cross forsake me:<br/>             Lo! it glows with peace and joy.</li> <li>3. When the sun of bliss is beaming<br/>             Light and love upon my way,<br/>             From the Cross the radiance<br/>             streaming,<br/>             Adds more lustre to the day.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,<br/>             By the Cross are sanctified;<br/>             Peace is there that knows no measure,<br/>             Joys that through all time abide.</li> </ol> |
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Words: John Bowring 1792-1872  
 The New English Hymnal

*Remain standing for the Gospel Reading*

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John  
 chapter 11 beginning at verse 1  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This

illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See

how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

*The Sermon*

*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.**

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

*All stand. The Greeting of Peace is introduced*

Christ is our peace.  
He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.  
**We meet in his name and share his peace.**

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

*All may exchange a sign of peace*

*Offertory Hymn: 144 A&M*

1. How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That he should give his only Son  
To make a wretch his treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss;  
The Father turns his face away,  
As wounds which mar the chosen One  
Bring many souls to glory.
2. Behold the man upon a cross,  
My sin upon his shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life -  
I know that 'it is finished.'
3. I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from his reward?  
I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart,-  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

*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.**

We thank you, the God of love,

that you created us;

and continually preserve and sustain us.

You have loved us with an everlasting love,

and given us the light of the knowledge of his glory

in the face of Jesus Christ.

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, 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 Christ

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.**

## THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*The priest says*

Compassionate and loving God,  
through your Son Jesus Christ you have fed us  
and have reconciled your people to yourself.

Following his example of fasting and prayer,  
may we obey you with willing hearts  
and serve one another in holy love.

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: 757 A&M*

1. One more step along the world I go,  
One more step along the world I go;  
From the old things to the new  
Keep me travelling along with you:  
*Refrain:*  
*And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
Keep me travelling along with you.*
2. Round the corners of the world I turn,  
More and more about the world I learn;  
All the new things that I see  
You'll be looking at along with me:  
*Refrain*
3. As I travel through the bad and good,  
Keep me travelling the way I should;  
Where I see no way to go  
You'll be telling me the way, I know:  
*Refrain*
4. Give me courage when the world is rough,  
Keep me loving though the world is tough;  
Leap and sing in all I do,  
Keep me travelling along with you:  
*Refrain*

5. You are older than the world can be,  
 You are younger than the life in me;  
 Ever old and ever new,  
 Keep me travelling along with you:

*Refrain:*  
*And it's from the old I travel to the new;*  
*Keep me travelling along with you.*

Words: Sydney Carter 1915-2004  
 Ancient & Modern  
 Hymns & Songs for Refreshing Worship

*The priest says*

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself, that you may find in him crucified a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sin forgiven 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 service!

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

Sun 2 Apr	12pm	Parish BBQ, Hall
Wed 5 Apr	10am	Mass followed by Lenten Bible Study
Thurs 6 Apr	10am	CHN Day of Prayer & Reflection, CHN
Fri 7 Apr	10am	Aged Care Ministry, Cheltenham Manor
Sat 8 Apr	9am	Making of Palm Crosses, Parish Office
Sun 9 Apr		<u>Palm Sunday</u> Blessing of Palms & Procession
	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Sung Eucharist
	11.15am	Healing Service



### PARISH ANNIVERSARIES DURING THE WEEK

+ *Year's Mind* Frederick Sweet – 3 April



### NOTICES & UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Parish BBQ today!



Don't forget our Parish BBQ is on today  
 in the Hall around 12 noon.  
 Please bring a salad or dessert to share.  
 Gold coin donation. All welcome!



#### Making of Palm Crosses this Saturday



Please join us **this Saturday, 8 April,**  
 in the Parish Office **at 9am** to make palm crosses.  
 We will provide the palms, instructions and  
 a lovely morning tea! Helpers most welcome!



#### Holy Week Roster

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

#### Lent: Week 5 Meditation

*Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'* (John 11.44b)  
 "To be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects  
 and enhances the freedom of others." – Nelson Mandela  
*God bless me with holy anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so  
 that I may tirelessly work for justice, freedom, and peace among all people. Amen.*  
 (adapted from A Franciscan Blessing)

## Lenten Bible Study

Bible study will be held on Wednesday following the 10am Mass. Please bring a friend!

## Thank you!

Our thanks to Joan Leslie, Val Fielder and Georgie for our Simnel Cakes for Mothering Sunday last week. Everyone found them delicious!



## Lenten Discipline Canisters

Canister 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 canister please consider doing so and returning it at the end of Lent. The canisters are available in the Narthex.

## Easter Special Effort!

Tickets for the Easter special effort will be available after the service.



**\$2 each or 3 for \$5** – there will be a number of prizes. The special effort will be drawn next Sunday!

## CHN Day of Prayer & Reflection

The Sisters of the Community of the Holy Name invite you to a Day of Prayer & Reflection this Thursday, 6 April, at the Community House, 40 Cavanagh Street, Cheltenham. 10am – 3pm, BYO lunch (tea and coffee provided)



## Walk of Witness – Cheltenham Combined Churches

14 April – Good Friday

10am – Church of the Open Door, Cnr Charman Rd & Nepean Hwy, proceed to Charman Uniting Church, proceed to Pioneers Presbyterian Church, proceed to St Matthew's Anglican Church, proceed to Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church.



## Parish Breakfast

Our first Parish Breakfast for the year will be held on Sunday 30 April at 9am in the Hall. Come and enjoy a scrumptious breakfast and enjoy good company! Gold coin donation. All welcome!



## Holy Week & Easter Services



† 9 April – Palm Sunday †

8am & 10am: Blessing of Palms & Procession

† Weekday Services †

Mon 10 April: 10am Eucharist, Tues 11 April: 10am & 7pm Eucharist, Wed 12 April: 10am Eucharist



† 13 April – Maundy Thursday †

7pm: Eucharist of the Last Supper

† 14 April – Good Friday †

10am: Walk of Witness starting from Church of the Open Door  
12 noon: Devotions – Bishop Paul preaching  
2pm: Stations of the Cross

† 16 April – Easter Day †

8am: Lighting of the New Fire & Eucharist  
10am: Easter Eucharist



## The Melbourne Anglican (TMA)

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## ABM Lent Appeal 2017

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