

# 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every 2<sup>nd</sup> month

**Parish Breakfast:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month

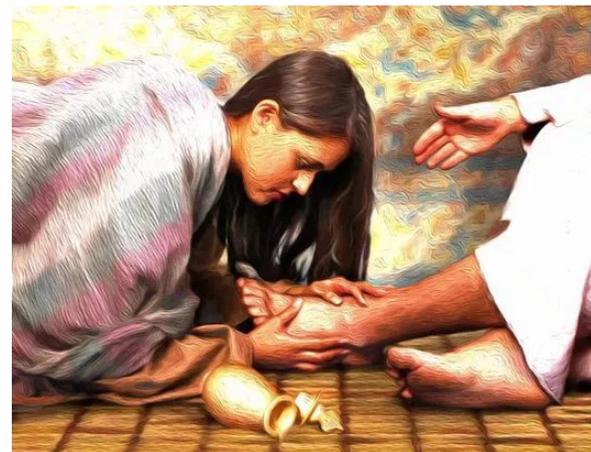
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## PASSION SUNDAY

Sunday  
7 April  
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 10 April:**  
10am Mass – Fr Ray McInnes

### Friends of St Francis

**Sunday 7 April:**  
9.30am Mass at CHN Prayer Room – Fr Andre Hassing

## TODAY'S ROSTER – 7 APRIL

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

## NEXT SUNDAY'S ROSTER – 14 APRIL

8 AM		10 AM	
<b>Sidespeople:</b>	Cliff Simmons Marilyn Simmons	<b>Sidespeople:</b>	
<b>Reader:</b>	Cliff Simmons	<b>Reader:</b>	Val Fielder
<b>Chalice:</b>		<b>Chalice:</b>	Harold Daly
<b>Server:</b>	Priscilla van Reesema	<b>Server:</b>	
<b>Intercessions:</b>	Priscilla van Reesema	<b>Intercessions:</b>	Deborah Howard

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – PALM SUNDAY

Isaiah	Psalms	Philippians	Luke
50.4-9a	31.9-18	2.5-11	23.1-49

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*Introit Hymn: 79 NEH*

1. The royal banners forward go,  
The Cross shines forth in mystic glow,  
Where he in flesh, our flesh who made,  
Our sentence bore, our ransom paid.
2. Where deep for us the spear was dyed,  
Life's torrent rushing from his side,  
To wash us in that precious flood,  
Where mingled water flowed, and blood.
3. Fulfilled is all that David told  
In true prophetic song of old,  
The universal Lord is he,  
Who reigns and triumphs from the tree.
4. O Tree of beauty, Tree of light,  
O Tree with royal purple dight,  
Elect on whose triumphal breast  
Those holy limbs should find their rest!
5. On whose dear arms, so widely flung,  
The weight of this world's ransom hung,  
The price of humankind to pay  
And spoil the spoiler of his prey.
6. O Cross, our one reliance, hail!  
So may thy power with us prevail  
To give new virtue to the saint,  
And pardon to the penitent.
7. To thee, eternal Three in One,  
Let homage meet by all be done:  
Whom by thy Cross thou dost restore,  
Preserve and govern evermore. Amen.

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*

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Psalm 126.6

**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.'

*'Lord, have mercy' (8am only)*

Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy;** Lord, have mercy.

*'Lord, have mercy' (10am only)*

**Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

*Trisagion*

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

*The Collect of the Day*

Christ,  
whose feet were caressed  
with perfume and a woman's hair,  
you humbly took a basin and towel  
and washed the feet of your friends:  
wash us also in your tenderness,  
that, embracing your service freely,  
we may accept no other bondage  
in your name. **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 Isaiah*

Thus says the Lord,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,  
who brings out chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the things of old.  
I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.

The wild animals will honour me,  
the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

Isaiah 43:16-21

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

*Responsorial Psalm 126*

**R The Lord has turned our tears to joy. R**

1. When the Lord turned again the fortunes of Zion:  
then were we like those restored to life.
2. Then was our mouth filled with laughter:  
and our tongue with singing. **R**
3. Then said they among the heathen:  
'The Lord has done great things for them.'
4. Truly the Lord has done great things for us:  
and therefore we rejoiced. **R**
5. Turn again our fortunes, O Lord:  
as the streams return to the dry south.
6. Those who sow in tears:  
shall reap with songs of joy.
7. They that go out weeping, bearing the seed:  
shall come again in gladness,  
bringing their sheaves with them. **R**

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

For it is we who are the circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh – even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss

because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:3-14

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

*Gradual Hymn: 86 NEH*

1. My song is love unknown,  
My Saviour's love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown,  
That they might lovely be.  
O, who am I, that for my sake  
My Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
2. Sometimes they strew his way,  
And his sweet praises sing;  
Resounding all the day  
Hosannas to their King.  
Then 'Crucify!' is all their breath  
And for his death they thirst and cry.
3. They rise, and needs will have  
My dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they save,  
The Prince of life they slay.  
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes,  
That he his foes from thence might free.

4. Here might I stay and sing,  
No story so divine;  
Never was love, dear King,  
Never was grief like thine!  
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend.

Words: Samuel Crossman 1624-83  
The New English Hymnal

*Remain standing for the Gospel Reading*

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John  
chapter 12 beginning at verse 1  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

*Homily*

*Silence may follow*

*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.**

## 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.

**Merciful God,  
our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Absolution. The priest says*

Almighty God,  
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:  
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in eternal life,  
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: 76 NEH*

1. Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,  
If thou wouldst my disciple be;  
Deny thyself, the world forsake,  
And humbly follow after me.
2. Take up thy cross, let not its weight  
Fill thy weak spirit with alarm;  
His strength shall bear thy spirit up,  
And brace thy heart, and nerve  
thine arm.
3. Take up thy cross, nor heed the  
shame,  
Nor let thy foolish pride rebel;  
Thy Lord for thee the Cross  
endured,  
To save thy soul from death and  
hell.
4. Take up thy cross then in his  
strength,  
And calmly every danger brave;  
'Twill guide thee to a better home,  
And lead to victory o'er the grave.
5. Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,  
Nor think till death to lay it down;  
For only those who bear the cross  
May hope to wear the glorious  
crown.
6. To thee, great Lord, the One in  
Three,  
All praise for evermore ascend;  
O grant us in our home to see  
The heavenly life that knows no end.

Words: Charles Everest 1844-77  
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.**

All glory and honour, be yours now and always,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us.

He was tempted in every way as we are,  
yet he did not sin.

By his death on the cross  
and rising to new life,  
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

By his grace we are able  
to triumph over every evil,  
and to walk in the way of his love.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and 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.**

Merciful God, we thank you  
for these gifts of your creation,  
this bread and wine,  
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,  
we who eat and drink them  
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;  
and when he had given you thanks  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,  
and again giving you thanks

he gave it to his disciples, saying,

'Drink from this, all of you.

This is my blood of the new covenant  
shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

[Let us proclaim the mystery of faith]

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:  
proclaiming his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross,  
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming again,  
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,  
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice  
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit  
unite us in the body of your Son,  
and bring us with all your people  
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father,  
in songs of never-ending praise:  
**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.**

### *Post Communion Hymn: 95 NEH (please kneel if possible)*

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| <p>1. When I survey the wondrous Cross,<br/>         On which the Prince of glory died,<br/>         My richest gain I count but loss,<br/>         And pour contempt on all my pride.</p>                    | <p>3. See from his head, his hands,<br/>         his feet,<br/>         Sorrow and love flow mingled down;<br/>         Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,<br/>         Or thorns compose so rich a crown?</p> |
| <p>2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast<br/>         Save in the death of Christ my God;<br/>         All the vain things that charm me<br/>         most,<br/>         I sacrifice them to his blood.</p> | <p>4. Were the whole realm of nature<br/>         mine,<br/>         That were a present far too small;<br/>         Love so amazing, so divine,<br/>         Demands my soul, my life, my all.</p>             |

Words: Isaac Watts 1674-1748  
 The New English Hymnal

## 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: 379 NEH*

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| <p>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.</p>      | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>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.</p> | <p>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.</p>    |

Words: John Bowring 1792-1872  
 The New English Hymnal

### *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 10am service!

### PARISH ANNIVERSARIES

*Happy Birthday!*

Doreen Bozen – 12 April



*† Year's Mind*

Dora Garner – 11 April



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

Wed 10 Apr	10am	Mass
	7.30pm	Parish Council, Parish Office
Fri 12 Apr	10.45am	Aged Care Ministry, Arcare Cheltenham
	1pm	Making of Palm Crosses, Parish Office
Sun 14 Apr		<u>Palm Sunday</u>
		Blessing of Palms & Procession
	8am	Holy Communion
	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.



#### The Melbourne Anglican (TMA)

The April edition of TMA is now available in the Narthex. Don't forget to pick up your copy!

### 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 & 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



### Palms Crosses



Please join us this Friday, 12 April, at 1pm in the Parish Office to make our palm crosses. Helpers most welcome!



## A message from the Locum Vicar

'Passiontide' is traditionally the last two weeks of Lent. We mark this time in the church year with readings that tell of Jesus moving towards Jerusalem and the last days of his earthly journey. We sing hymns that reflect this journey, as does the Eucharistic liturgy. Today you will notice that we also veil in purple all pictures, statues and images of Jesus and the saints. This is to remind us of the penitential nature of this season. In other words Lent and Passiontide is an opportunity for us to be reconciled with God – the Stations of the Cross are left unveiled and remind us that Jesus' sacrifice is a starting point to being at one with God. Jesus is our Lord because we follow in his way. As Richard of Chichester prayed:

So may we – know Thee more clearly  
 love Thee more dearly  
 follow Thee more nearly  
 Day by Day. Amen.

Thank you Marlene for what must be the best Simnel Cake in Christendom and to Sandra and Sue for help with decorating the church. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday – I will need help at 10am on Saturday to decorate the church – any volunteers?

Every blessing,  
 Fr Ray McInnes

## Lent: Week 5 Prayer

*'We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: we pray that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his presence abiding in us he may raise us to joys eternal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.'*

## Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting will be held  
 this Wednesday, 10 April, at 7.30pm in the Parish Office.

## Gospel meets Jazz – In Concert

Today from 1pm to 3.30pm at the Southern Community Church of Christ.  
 Tickets at the door \$15 – including tea, coffee and scones.

## A Most Precious Gift

Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. John 12:3a (NIV)

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Based on John 12:1-8



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JUDAS	PASSOVER	FRAGRANCE	BETRAYED	HAIR