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## ST MATTHEW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CHELTENHAM

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#### A WORD FROM OUR VICAR...

A Saint – ‘one of certain persons of exceptional holiness of life formally recognised by the Christian church as having attained an exalted position in heaven and as being entitled to veneration on earth;...a person of great holiness’ (Macquarie Dictionary) or as Walsh in his ‘Dictionary of Devotions’ described Saints as ‘men and women of renowned holiness of life, whose fame has made them objects of public and official (devotion) within the church’.

All Saints Day (1st November) is the day that we remember the myriad of Saints and Martyrs who do not have a designated day (such as we have for St Matthew, John the Baptist, St Margaret of Scotland or Clare of Assisi). The day following is All Souls Day when we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ – all too numerous to mention.

These traditions are losing their impact if they are ‘kept’ via their date as too many people are too busy to attend to these celebrations during the week. A way out is to claim the nearest Sunday to the 1st November as All Saints Sunday and indeed to combine the days of All Saints and All Souls. Is this legitimate or is it simply an easy way out? This morphing of the two festivals is simply a reflection of the attitude of the early church.

St Paul and others considered all those of the body of Christ to be saints. As Saul he had persecuted the ‘Saints at (in) Jerusalem’ and didn’t require a dead letter office! (Acts 9.13). Peter ‘came down...to the saints living in Lydda’ (Acts 9.32); Paul writing to the Romans urged them to ‘contribute to the needs of the saints’ (Romans 12.13) and in person prepared to go to Jerusalem ‘in a ministry to the saints’ (Romans 15.25) and when writing to those in Corinth, urged those who were aggrieved by another to take their problem ‘before the saints’ (1 Corinthians 6.1).

It is good to pay special honour and respect to those that the church down the centuries considers to be exemplary by their martyrdom, their holiness, their teaching etc but their example is no greater than those to whom the ‘King’ will say: ‘when you did it to the least of these my brothers and sisters you did it to me’.



Fr Ron White, Parish Priest

#### WORSHIP

##### ST MATTHEW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Corner Nepean Highway & Park Road,  
Cheltenham, VIC, 3192

##### Sundays

8am Eucharist with Hymns  
1st Sunday of the month BCP service

10am Sung Eucharist

1st Sunday of the month Family service with  
Sunday School

##### Wednesdays

10am Eucharist (not in January)



##### FRIENDS OF ST FRANCIS

Community of the Holy Name (CHN)  
40 Cavanagh Street, Cheltenham, VIC, 3192  
Phone: (03) 9583 2087

##### Sundays

9.30am in the Prayer Room at the Community

#### CLERGY & STAFF

Fr Ron White – Parish Priest & Bayside Area Dean  
The Rev'd Margot Poole – Priest Associate  
Fr Andre Hassing – Priest Associate  
Marlene Davies – Organist / Musical Director  
Claire Johnston – Parish Secretary

#### WARDENS & VESTRY

Sandra Cooper – Vicar's Warden & Vestry Sec.  
Megan Octigan – People's Warden  
Phil Whelan – People's Warden

Lesley Boyd, Val Fielder, Sue Polites

#### CONTACT DETAILS

##### Parish Office

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## SINCE WE LAST 'MET'!

Worship is an integral part of our existence – some would say our only reason – but the fellowship that can and should develop from our worship can be expressed in a variety of ways, not the least of which is a chat on the footpath after Mass! (remember the 60's when we 'made our communion' at 8 o'clock and then vanished into the ether without a word to anyone?).

A chat over a 'cuppa' after the 10am service can develop into an extended time at our Parish Breakfasts (a good time to invite those who may find the formality of a service a barrier) or our fellowship lunches every second month. Our recent times together have continued to be abuzz with talking and sharing as was our special morning tea as part of our Patronal Festival, held on Sunday 21st September. It was also an opportunity to farewell the Wellocks who are going 'west' and we were able to wish them God speed.

Another occasion was our lunch following our Blessing of the Animals service – all extremely well behaved as were the pets! The Sunday School children had prepared a mural reflecting creation (as it was the Feast of St Francis of Assisi) and during the singing of the 'Butterfly Song' they wore their animal masks whilst the Vicar looked surprisingly like an elephant (yes he knows that's not difficult!).

Yes, worship is integral to our parish life and the Eucharist is the pinnacle of our worship but never under-estimate the importance of fellowship – 'we are pilgrims on a journey and companions on the road' – the road that takes us to Calvary and to the garden of the Resurrection – the path that brings us to the heavenly feast'.



## DIXON HOUSE

On behalf of Dixon House I am writing to express my appreciation of your support during the past year. The prayer support and material aid including financial assistance, donations of food and other supplies from our partner churches is greatly valued. Without it, we would not be able to support those experiencing financial crisis in our community.

Dixon House Neighbourhood Centre in partnership with Anglicare Victoria continues to provide emergency relief over three days per week with a special Christmas distribution each year. We have seen an increasing demand for our food distribution program and utility bill assistance, which is perhaps a reflection of recent changes to welfare support payments and increasing utility charges.

In addition to emergency relief we continued to provide a range of program activities to improve the well being of socially isolated members of our community including the long-term unemployed, people with disabilities and new migrants. Dixon House is blessed to have a large number of committed volunteers including some from various churches.

We appreciate all our in-kind support but those who have made financial contribution make it possible to help people with things like utility bills and transport plus top up pantry items as they run out. Cheques payable to Anglicare Victoria and identified as being a Dixon House emergency relief donation are most welcome.

The ongoing support we receive from partner parishes such as yours is vital to ensure we are able to continue to share the gospel through the work of addressing the social and physical needs of the community around us. If you have any queries please contact Dixon House.

Lynn Elder,  
Dixon House, Anglicare Victoria

# Spring Pantry Appeal



Donations of the following non-perishable basic food items would be greatly appreciated for our pantry at Dixon House.

- Chunky Soups
- Coffee/Milo
- Breakfast Cereals (various sizes)
- Long Life Milk (Full Cream)
- Flour (self-raising & plain)
- Canned Fruit (410g & 825g)
- Spreads for breakfast and lunches (Jam, Peanut Butter, etc)
- Kraft Processed Cheddar Cheese (Long Life)
- Meat Meals (Tinned)
- Packet Pasta Meals
- Dry Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- Sugar
- Tuna (180gm & 450gm)
- Two Minute Noodles
- Vegetables (Tinned)
- Cooking oil
- Toiletries (soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo)
- Laundry Powder/Dishwashing Detergent

Dixon House Neighbourhood Centre,  
2 Dixon Street, Clayton. Phone: 9543 8911



## PARISH FUNCTIONS



We will hold our last Parish BBQ for the year on the 7th December and our final Parish Breakfast on the 30th November.

Please note these dates and don't forget these are opportunities to bring members of the family, friends and neighbours and introduce them to our fellowship.



## PARISH INFORMATION

### PARISH REGISTER

#### Funerals

25th August – Robey Cranford Evans

27th August – Stanley John Goulding



## A POEM FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

"Please wear a poppy", the old lady said, and held one forth, but I shook my head  
Then I stopped and watched, to see how she'd fare, her face was old, and lined with care  
Yet beneath the scars, the years had made there remained a smile that refused to fade

A boy came whistling down the street, bounding along on his carefree feet  
His smile was full of joy and fun. "Lady" he said, Can I have one?  
As she pinned it on I heard him say "Why do we wear the poppy today?"

The lady smiled in her wistful way and answered "this is Remembrance Day"  
"The poppy is the symbol for the gallant men and women who died in the war".  
"And because they did we are free, that's why we wear the poppy you see".

"I had a boy about your size, with golden hair and big blue eyes,  
he loved to play and jump and shout, free as a bird he would race about.  
As the years went by he learnt and grew, and became a man as you will too"

"He was fine and strong with a boyish smile, but he seemed to be with us such a short while  
When the War broke out he went away. I can still remember his face that day  
When he smiled at me and said goodbye I will be back soon, so please don't cry".

But the war went on and he had to stay. All I could do was wait and pray  
His letters told of an awful fight. I can see it still in my dreams at night.  
With the tanks and guns and the cruel barb wire and the mines and bullets, the bombs and fire.

Until at last the War was won and that is why we wear the poppy son".  
The small boy turned as if to go then stopped and said "Thank you lady, I'm glad I know,  
That sure did sound like an awful fight but your son, did he come home all right"?

A tear rolled down each faded cheek, she shook her head but did not speak.  
I slunk away, head bowed in shame, and if you were me, you'd have done the same,  
For our thanks in giving is often delayed though our freedom was bought by the legions who paid.

And so, when you see a poppy worn let us reflect on the burden borne  
By those who gave their precious all when asked to answer their country's call  
That we at home, in peace may live then wear a poppy, remember, and give.



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### CELEBRATING THE SAINTS!

Every year, on the 1st November, we celebrate All Saints Day, and it is a time for us to remember all the saints.  
Saints are everywhere. Lots of churches are named after saints, like St Thomas'! But streets can also be named after saints, for example St Lawrence Way, as well as whole cities, like St Petersburg in Russia.  
Santa Claus is a saint – his name means Saint Nicholas! Even fireworks have saints' names – next time you see a Catherine wheel on Bonfire Night, remember that it is named after St Catherine!

MARGARET	ANDREW	GEORGE
ELIZABETH	JAMES	THOMAS
PATRICK	CATHERINE	MICHAEL
FRANCIS	JOHN	MATTHEW
PAUL	DAVID	LUKE

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## NOMINATIONS

Please consider nominations for Vestry, Churchwarden or Incumbency Committee. Talk about this amongst other parishioners and encourage people to consider being nominated.

If you are currently not on the Electoral Roll and would like to be please fill out the 'Application for enrolment on Church Electoral Roll' form. Enrolment forms and nomination forms will be available soon.

All reports for the AGM need to be received by Sunday 26th October; please hand in to the Parish Office.

The AGM of St Matthew's Anglican Church will be held on Sunday 16th November at 11.30am in the Hall.

## IN APPRECIATION OF...

After serving many, many years as our Honourary Treasurer, Rob Johnston has resigned from the position at the end of the financial year (30th September).

The parish of St Matthew's gives thanks for those years of unstinting service, of impeccable book-keeping (endorsed by our Auditor) and an incredible number of hours per week to ensure a safe financial position for the parish.

Thank you Rob for this ministry and for your willingness in service to your Lord. We hope that you can now have a lot more time for relaxing and holidaying!

## EARLY NOTICE!!

# CHRISTMAS SERVICES

## SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER

7pm Carol Service

## CHRISTMAS EVE

5.30pm Children's Crib Service followed by sausage sizzle

11pm Carols by Candlelight

11.30pm Midnight Mass

## CHRISTMAS DAY

9am Christmas Holy Communion

## SYNOD

Please pray for the Archbishop in his role as President of Synod which begins on Wednesday 15th October with the Synod Eucharist to which all are invited, starting at 7pm in the Cathedral. Our representatives are Debby Howard and Harold Daly so keep them also in your prayers.



## CHRISTMAS SPECIAL EFFORT

Advanced notice for our Christmas Special Effort!

There will be a number of hamper prizes filled with all kinds of Christmas goodies (food and drink!) so look out for details in our upcoming pew sheets and start collecting your change!

Don't forget to tell family members, your neighbours, your friends and those at your various clubs about our Special Effort and encourage them to buy tickets.



## UPCOMING DATES...

Sun 2nd Nov	All Saints Sunday
Sun 21st Dec	7pm Carol service
Wed 24th Dec	Christmas Eve 5.30pm Children's Crib Service 11pm Carols by Candlelight 11.30pm Midnight Mass
Thurs 25th Dec	Christmas Day 9am Holy Communion



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### OCTOBER

- 1st Weekday Service  
10am Eucharist
- 5th Sunday Services – Francis of Assisi  
8am BCP & 10am Family Service  
12 noon Blessing of the Animals  
12.30pm Parish BBQ
- 8th Weekday Service  
10am Eucharist
- 12th Sunday Services – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
8am & 10am Mass  
Healing service will follow the 10am Mass
- 15th Weekday Service  
10am Eucharist
- 18th 9am Working Bee
- 19th Sunday Services – Luke, Evangelist & Martyr  
8am Mass & 10am Mass with Baptism
- 22nd Weekday Service  
10am Eucharist
- 26th Sunday Services – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
8am & 10am Mass
- 29th Weekday Service  
10am Eucharist  
  
5.10pm Choral Evensong, St Paul's Cathedral  
(when prayers will be said for St Matthew's parish)

### NOVEMBER

- 2nd Sunday Services – All Saints Sunday  
8am BCP & 10am Family Service
- 5th Weekday Service  
10am Eucharist
- 9th Sunday Services – Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost  
8am Mass & 10am Mass with Baptism  
Healing service will follow the 10am Mass
- 12th Weekday Service  
10am Eucharist
- 16th Sunday Services – Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost  
8am & 10am Mass  
  
11.30am St Matthew's Annual General Meeting
- 19th Weekday Service  
10am Eucharist
- 23rd Sunday Service – Christ the King  
8am Mass & 10am Mass with Baptism
- 26th Weekday Service  
10am Eucharist
- 30th Sunday Service – First Sunday of Advent  
8am & 10am Mass  
  
9am Parish Breakfast

Morning tea follows the 10am Mass on Sundays

