

St Matthew's Anglican Church, Cheltenham

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The shop is closed until further notice due to Covid-19 restrictions.

SERVICE DETAILS

Services have been cancelled until further notice due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Sundays at 9.30am:

Eucharist – with hymns, a children's address and a homily. (Approx. 50 minutes)

Wednesdays at 10am:

Eucharist – without hymns, a very brief reflection on the Gospel. (Approx. 30 minutes)

Mondays-Thursdays at 9am:

Morning Prayer

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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEA SUNDAY



Sunday 12 July 2020

9.30am Eucharist

Celebrant: The Rev'd Colleen Clayton

Preacher: Bishop of the Jumbunna Episcopate,
The Right Rev'd Dr Paul Barker

153 Years of Witness & Service in Cheltenham

THE HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

As we gather to worship the God of peace and reconciliation, we respectfully acknowledge the Boon Wurrung people as the traditional owners of this land.

*We welcome the Bishop of the Jumbunna Episcopate,
The Right Rev'd Dr Paul Barker.*

Introit Hymn: 393 NEH

1. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
O'er the world's tempestuous sea;
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
For we have no help but thee;
Yet possessing every blessing
If our God our Father be.
2. Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,
All our weakness thou dost know;
Thou didst tread this earth before us,
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;
Self denying, death defying,
Thou to Calvary didst go.
3. Spirit of our God, descending,
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy;
Love with every passion blending,
Pleasure that can never cloy;
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,
Nothing can our peace destroy.

† In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Sentence of Scripture

The words you have spoken are spirit and life, O Lord; you have the words of eternal life.

John 6.63, 68

PENITENTIAL RITE

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept

**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.**

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

† The God of love forgive you
and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory**

Words: James Edmeston 1791-1867
The New English Hymnal

Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray that our hearts may be open to the needs of all God's children.

Silence is kept

Bountiful God,
we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word:
by your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy,
and to live according to it,
that we may grow in faith and hope and love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Collect for Seafarers

Heavenly Father, we commend to you all seafarers.
Guard and protect them in danger and temptation;
sustain them in loneliness;
and support them in sickness and anxiety.
Bless all who minister to them.
Watch over those who are near and dear to them,
and grant them the blessing of your presence.
These things we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?"

So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau.

Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Genesis 25:19-34

For the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 119:105-112 (said antiphonally)

105. Your word is a lantern to my feet:
and a light to my path.
106. **I have vowed and sworn an oath:
to keep your righteous judgements.**
107. I have been afflicted beyond measure:
Lord, give me life according to your word.

**108. Accept, O Lord, the freewill offerings of my mouth:
and teach me your judgements.**

109. I take my life in my hands continually:
yet I do not forget your law.

**110. The wicked have laid a snare for me:
but I have not strayed from your precepts.**

111. Your commands are my inheritance for ever:
they are the joy of my heart.

**112. I have set my heart to fulfil your statutes:
always, even to the end.**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 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 8.1-11

For the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! **Alleluia!** The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. **Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
† **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away.

As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Homily

A time for silent reflection is observed after the Homily

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us stand and confess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**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 again;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

THE PRAYERS

Spirit of God, hear our prayers for your world and for your church.

We pray for the peoples of the world:

for those oppressed by harsh government; those who live under foreign rule;
for those in countries destroyed by war and for the dispossessed.

Spirit of peace, grow in us; teach us to resolve our differences without violence
and cruelty, that wars may cease and all your people learn to live in harmony.

Spirit of God,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the leaders of tribes and nations:

for all who make and administer law;
for all who hold positions of civic authority and trust.

Spirit of wisdom, grow in them; guide them in your way of insight, that they
may carry out their responsibilities without favour or self-interest.

Spirit of God,
hear our prayer.

We pray for your church:

for leaders, councils and synods of churches;
for your ministers and for all who proclaim your gospel by deed or word.

Spirit of truth, grow in us; give us ears to hear, eyes to see and hearts to
understand, that we may receive your word and bear much fruit to your glory.

Spirit of God,
hear our prayer.

We pray for this community:

for those with whom we live and work, learn and play;
for our families, our friends and for ourselves.

Spirit of love, grow in us; help us to reach out in welcome to those around us,
that we may build relationships of mutual affection, trust, generosity and
respect.

Spirit of God,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are in need:

for those who live in poverty; those who suffer rejection or discrimination;
for those in anxiety or grief; the sick and all who care for them.

Spirit of compassion, grow in us; increase in us concern for one another, that
with warm and open hearts we may bring care and comfort to your people.

Spirit of God,
hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the faithful departed:

for those who have received and understood your word.

We give thanks for the life of Len Evans and for your people from this parish
whose yearly remembrance occurs at this time, remembering Dorothy
Ferguson. Spirit of life, grow in us; set us free from all that keeps us in death,
that, with your servants in every age, we may be raised to everlasting life.

Spirit of God,
hear our prayer.

THE PEACE

We are the Body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: 354 NEH

1. Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.
2. O Saviour, whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,
And calm amid its rage didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.
3. O sacred Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
Who bad'st its angry tumult cease,
And gavest light and life and peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.
4. O Trinity of love and power,
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go:
And ever let there rise to thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Words: William Whiting 1825-78 alt
The New English Hymnal

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.

Creator God, you made this earth

of paths and rocks and thorns and soil.

To Abraham you promised fertile land

and to Moses you offered blessing and freedom.

In your prophets you called your people

to cultivate the promises of your land

and cherish the blessings of your freedom.

In Jesus you gave us your superabundant soil.

In his cross he was ploughed and broken open,

that we might be restored, replenished and renewed,

to be planted again as your good seed in this earth.

And so we gladly thank you,

with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven,

singing the hymn of your unending praise.

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.

Abundant God, from your good soil

you make enough and plenty to feed and inspire all your children,

and out of your earth you bring the glory of resurrection life.

Come among us now through the power of your Spirit,

that we may be transformed into your likeness

and that these gifts of bread and wine may become for us

the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,

broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,

'Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup.
Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Transforming God,
where your children are in the grip of evil and bewilderment,
bring them your courage and clarity.
Where they are without deep root and facing trouble or persecution,
give them patience and endurance.
Where they are burdened by the cares of the world
and tempted by the lure of wealth,
offer them wisdom and understanding.
And where they bear fruit and yield,
make that fruit so plentiful that it may feed all in your world
who hunger for faith, for hope or for love.
Sanctify your groaning creation,
that your universe may breathe your breath
and be filled with your life anew,
that we may love what you love and do what you would do,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, ever one God. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ 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 for ever. Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body in Christ.
For we all share in the one bread.

AGNUS DEI

**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.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed!**

All who are baptised, of any denomination, are welcome to receive Communion at Saint Matthew's, including children, who may receive at the discretion of their parents. Those who do not wish to take Communion may come forward for a blessing.

SENDING OUT GOD'S PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**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. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The peace of God which passes that passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ, our Lord:† and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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Preface from Joining the Angels' Song
Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher
Canterbury Press, 2016

Dismissal Hymn: 368 NEH

1. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more.
Feed me till I want no more.
2. Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer, Strong deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield.
Be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, Songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.
I will ever give to thee.

Words: Welsh, William Williams 1727-91
Tr Peter Williams 1727-96 and others
The New English Hymnal



We give thanks for the life, work and witness of
Len Evans
commend him to God and uphold his family in prayer.



A prayer for Sea Sunday

Heavenly Father, we give thanks to you for your creation and all the beauty in this world. We thank you for the ocean, in its abundance, and for the people who toil on its surface. Without our brothers and sisters who are seafarers, we would not be able to enjoy all the blessings of this world. Enfold them in your fatherly love, guide their passage through storm, swell and darkness. May we always be mindful of our Global Family and be truly grateful for the sacrifices seafarers make each day. Amen.

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES DURING THE WEEK



† *Year's Mind* Dorothy Ferguson – 17 July

The Parable of the Sower

But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. Matthew 13:23a
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