

St Matthew's Anglican Church, Cheltenham

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SERVICE DETAILS

Sunday 8am: Holy Communion

Sunday 10am: Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 10am: Mass

Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations,
Weddings and Funerals by arrangement

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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THE PARABLE OF
THE FRUITLESS
FIG TREE

SECOND
SUNDAY
IN LENT

Sunday
17 March
2019

Welcome to our Services today

8am – Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Ray McInnes

10am – Sung Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Ray McInnes

Organist: Mr Errol Fernando

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 20 March:
10am Mass – Fr Ray McInnes

Friends of St Francis

Sunday 17 March:
9.30am Mass at CHN Prayer Room – Fr Andre Hassing

TODAY'S ROSTER – 17 MARCH

8 AM		10 AM	
Sidespeople:		Sidespeople:	Len Evans
Reader:	Priscilla van Reesema	Reader:	Deborah Polites
Chalice:		Chalice:	Len Evans
Server:	Priscilla van Reesema	Server:	
Intercessions:	Vicki Hutton	Intercessions:	Deborah Howard

NEXT SUNDAY'S ROSTER – 24 MARCH

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Isaiah	Psalms	1 Corinthians	Luke
55.1-9	63.1-9	10.1-13	13.31-35

THE HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Introit Hymn: 394 NEH (10am only)

- Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly;
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
- Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The Church with psalms must shout,
No door can keep them out;
But above all, the heart
Must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!

Words: George Herbert, 1593-1633
The New English Hymnal

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

Our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour,
the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 3.20

**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

God of our ancestors,
whose chosen servant Abraham
was given faith to obey your call
and go out into the unknown:
endow your Church with such faith

that we may follow you with courage;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and 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 Genesis

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.

Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18

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

Responsorial Psalm 27.4-5, 7-8, 14-17

**R He will conceal me in the shadow of his tent,
and set me high upon a rock. R**

4. One thing I have asked from the Lord, which I will require:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
5. To see the fair beauty of the Lord:
and to seek his will in his temple. **R**
7. And now he will lift up my head:
above my enemies round about me.
8. And I will offer sacrifices in his sanctuary with exultation:
I will sing, I will sing praises to the Lord. **R**
14. Teach me your way, O Lord:
and lead me in an even path, for they lie in wait for me.
15. Do not give me over to the will of my enemies:
for false witnesses have risen against me, and those who breathe out
violence. **R**
16. But I believe that I shall surely see the goodness of the Lord:
in the land of the living.
17. O wait for the Lord; stand firm and he will strengthen your heart:
and wait, I say, for the Lord. **R**

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is

destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Philippians 3.17-4.1

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

Gradual Hymn: 391 NEH (10am only)

1. King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
And that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast,
Thou hast spared me.
2. Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
And the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
Thou didst clear me;
And alone, when they replied,
Thou didst hear me.
3. Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
In my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
To enrol thee:
E'en eternity's too short
To extol thee.

Words: George Herbert 1593-1633
The New English Hymnal

Remain standing for the Gospel Reading

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke
chapter 13 beginning at verse 1
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them – do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.' "

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

The Sermon

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 (10am only)

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.

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.'

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.**

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: 580 TIS (10am only)

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;
Lone and dreary, faint and weary,
Through the desert thou 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.

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Together In Song

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!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD....

Wed 20 Mar	10am	Mass
Fri 22 Mar	11am	Aged Care Ministry, Autumdale Lodge
Sun 24 Mar		<u>Third Sunday in Lent</u>
	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Sung Eucharist

NOTICES & UPCOMING EVENTS

Lenten Discipline Money boxes

The Parish Mission, under the auspices of the Parish Council,
is once again inviting parishioners to donate notes and coins for
missions, this year using ABM money boxes during Lent and
returning them at the end of Lent.

The money boxes are available in the Narthex.
Please take one as you leave the Church. Thank you.



Lenten Reflection Booklet



Anglican Overseas Aid have produced a Lenten
Reflection Booklet – An Armchair Pilgrimage –
to encourage us all to take time out of our usual routine
to go on a journey, a pilgrimage, in the lead up to this
deeply holy time.

Booklets are available in the Narthex so please take one and use it for your
preparation for your journey to Easter.

Lent: Week 2 Prayer

*'Risen Christ, breaking the bonds of death, shine on us with
eyes of compassion and glory. Let light flood the dungeons
of our rejected and downtrodden selves.
So may the oppressed go free, the weak rise up in strength,
and the hungry be fed, in these our days.'*

Mothering Sunday

As is our custom we will bless and distribute Simnel Cake at both services on
Mothering Sunday – 31 March. (If anyone can provide a Simnel Cake please let
the Parish Office know).

This is of course an opportunity to bring your mother to church
or indeed someone in your community who is a mother as we
give thanks for the mothering we have received in and through
our Mother Church.





The Melbourne Anglican (TMA)

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

Mothers' Union

The next meeting for members of Mothers' Union will be held on Wednesday 27 March after the 10am Mass.



ABM Lent Appeal 2019



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

From the Locum Vicar

My thanks to Fr Andre for looking after services last week and on Ash Wednesday – we greatly value him in our midst.

Last Wednesday, the Incumbency Committee members and Parish Council met with Bishop Paul Barker. We discussed with him the likely way forward for the Parish to find a new Vicar. Central to that process, will be, for unresolved conflict to be tackled in a meaningful way. He has outlined a program for us and I look forward to moving quickly towards beginning that work.

He was pleased to announce that the Rev'd Geoff Cheong (who will be well known to many parishioners) has been appointed Locum Vicar after I conclude my term on Easter Day.

Parish Council is working hard on several important matters, we are delighted to announce that Mr Edwin Kwong has been appointed as our new Organist, all being well he will begin here at St Matthew's next Sunday and will be playing at both services.

Every blessing,
Fr Ray McInnes

Friends of St Francis

The Friends of St Francis Fellowship Group will hold their next meeting on Monday 25 March at 1.30pm at the home of Margaret Henry, 7 Lorna Street, Cheltenham.
It is to be a Lenten House Communion celebrated by Fr Andre. All very welcome.

Working Bee – thank you!

Thank you to those who helped yesterday at our working bee.
Your efforts have made the place look neat & tidy
as we approach Easter!



Living a Fruitful Life

" 'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.' " Luke 13:8-9 (NIV)

Based on Luke 13:1-9

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