

# 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 (Jun, Aug, Oct & Dec)

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

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**SECOND  
SUNDAY  
IN LENT**

**Sunday  
25 February  
2018**

**Welcome to our Services today**

**8am – Holy Communion**

**Celebrant & Preacher:** Fr Ron White

**10am – Sung Eucharist**

**Celebrant & Preacher:** Fr Ron White

**Organist:** Mrs Marlene Davies

**150 Years of Witness & Service in Cheltenham**

## OTHER SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

### St Matthew's

**Wednesday 28 February:**  
10am Mass: George Herbert – Fr Ron White  
followed by Lenten Bible Study

### Friends of St Francis

**Sunday 25 February:**  
9.30am Mass at CHN Prayer Room – Fr Andre Hassing

## TODAY'S ROSTER – 25 FEBRUARY

8 AM		10 AM	
<b>Sidespeople:</b>	Cliff Simmons Marilyn Simmons	<b>Sidespeople:</b>	Val Fielder Mitch Porter
<b>Reader:</b>	Vicki Hutton	<b>Reader:</b>	Kath Daly
<b>Chalice:</b>		<b>Chalice:</b>	Phil Whelan
<b>Server:</b>	Priscilla van Reesema	<b>Server:</b>	Harold Daly
<b>Intercessions:</b>	Cliff Simmons	<b>Intercessions:</b>	Mitch Porter

## NEXT SUNDAY'S ROSTER – 4 MARCH

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>	Sandra Cooper
<b>Chalice:</b>		<b>Chalice:</b>	Harold Daly
<b>Server:</b>		<b>Server:</b>	Mitch Porter
<b>Intercessions:</b>	Fr Ron	<b>Intercessions:</b>	Fr Ron

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Exodus 20.1-17	Hymn for the Psalm	1 Corinthians 1.18-25	John 2.13-22
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# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*Introit Hymn: 611 TIS (10am only)*

1. God of grace and God of glory,  
On your people pour your power;  
Now fulfil your Church's story,  
Bring the bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom,  
Grant us courage,  
For the facing of this hour.
2. See the hosts of evil round us  
Scorn your Christ, assail his ways.  
Fears and doubts too long have  
bound us;  
Free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom,  
Grant us courage,  
For the living of these days.
3. Cure your children's warring  
madness;  
Bend our pride to your control;  
Shame our wanton selfish gladness,  
Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom,  
Grant us courage,  
Lest we miss your kingdom's goal.
4. Save us from weak resignation  
To the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of your salvation  
Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom,  
Grant us courage,  
Serving you whom we adore.

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Together In Song

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*

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow him.

Mark 8.34

**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 all times and places,  
in Jesus Christ, who was lifted up on the cross,  
you opened for us the path to eternal life:  
grant that we, being born again of water and the Spirit,  
may joyfully serve you in newness of life  
and faithfully walk in your holy ways;  
through 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 Genesis*

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16

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

*Responsorial Psalm 22.24-32*

**℟ It is God who gives us the victory. ℟**

24. O praise the Lord, all you that revere him:  
hold him in honour, O seed of Jacob, and let the seed of Israel stand in awe of him.
25. For he has not despised nor abhorred the poor man in his misery:  
nor did he hide his face from him, but heard him when he cried. **℟**
26. From you springs my praise in the great congregation:  
I will pay my vows in the sight of all that revere you;
27. The meek shall eat of the sacrifice and be satisfied:  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him - may their hearts rejoice for ever! **℟**

28. Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to the Lord:  
and let all the families of the nations worship before him.
29. For the kingdom is the Lord's:  
and he shall be ruler over the nations. **R It is God who gives us the victory.**
30. How can those who sleep in the earth do him homage:  
or those that descend to the dust bow down before him?
31. But he has saved my life for himself:  
and my posterity shall serve him. **R**
32. This shall be told of my Lord to a future generation:  
and his righteousness declared to a people yet unborn,  
that he has done it. **R**

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

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.

No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Romans 4.13-25

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

*Gradual Hymn: 116 TIS (10am only)*

1. Begin, my tongue, some heavenly theme  
And speak some boundless thing,  
The mighty works or mightier name  
Of our eternal king.
2. Tell of his wondrous faithfulness,  
And sound his power abroad;  
Sing the sweet promise of his grace  
And our fulfilling God.
3. His very word of grace is strong  
As that which built the skies;  
The voice that rolls the stars along  
Speaks all the promises.
4. He said, 'Let wide the heaven be spread,'  
And heaven was stretched abroad;  
'Abram, I'll be your God,' he said,  
And he was Abram's God.

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Together In Song

*Remain standing for the Gospel Reading*

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark  
chapter 8 beginning at verse 31  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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: 195 TIS (10am only)*

1. Salvation now to us has come,  
By God's free grace and favour;  
Good works cannot avert our doom,  
They help and save us never.  
In faith we look to Christ alone,  
Who did for all the world atone;  
He is our one redeemer.
2. The law of God fulfilled must be,  
Or we were lost for ever;  
Therefore God sent his Son that he  
Might us from death deliver.  
For us the law he has fulfilled,  
The Father's anger he has stilled;  
God's curse is gone for ever.
3. Since Christ has full atonement made  
And brought to us salvation,  
Each Christian therefore may be glad,  
And build on this foundation:  
Your grace alone, dear Lord, we plead,  
Your death is now our life indeed,  
For you have paid our ransom.
4. All blessing, honour, thanks and praise  
To Father, Son, and Spirit,  
To God who saved us by his grace;  
All glory to his merit!

O Triune God, in heaven above,  
You have revealed your saving love;  
Your blessed name we hallow.

*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.**

*Post Communion Hymn: 76 NEH (10am only) (please kneel if possible)*

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 then in his strength,  
And calmly every danger brave;  
'Twill guide thee to a better home,  
And lead to victory o'er the grave.

Words: Charles Everest 1814-77  
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: 8 AHB (10am only)*

1. A mighty stronghold is our God,  
A sure defence and weapon.  
He'll help us out of every need  
Whatever now may happen.  
The ancient evil fiend  
Has deadly ill in mind;  
Great power and craft are his,  
His armour gruesome is,  
On earth is not his equal.

2. And though the world were full of fiends  
All lurking to devour us,  
We tremble not nor fear their bands,  
They shall not overpower us.  
The prince of this world's ill  
May scowl upon us still,  
He cannot do us harm,  
To judgement he has come:  
One word can swiftly fell him.
3. The Word they must allow to stand –  
For this they win no merit;  
Upon the field, so near at hand,  
He gives to us his Spirit.  
And though they take our life,  
Goods, honour, child and wife,  
Though we must let all go,  
They will not profit so:  
To us remains the Kingdom.

Words: Martin Luther 1483-1516  
Tr. Honour Mary Thwaites 1914-  
The Australian Hymn Book

*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!



We give thanks for the life of Helen Joyce,  
commend her to God and uphold her family in prayer.



## PARISH ANNIVERSARIES DURING THE WEEK

*Happy Birthday!*

Aileen Patrick – 28 February



*† Year's Mind*

William Angus – 2 March



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

Mon 26 Feb	1.30pm	Friends of St Francis
Wed 28 Feb	10am	Mass: George Herbert, parish priest, poet; followed by Lenten Bible Study Mothers' Union meet for the 10am Mass
Thurs 1 Mar	10am	Day of Prayer & Reflection, CHN
Fri 2 Mar	10am	Aged Care Ministry, Cheltenham Manor
	10.30am	World Day of Prayer, Church of Christ
Sun 4 Mar		<u>Third Sunday in Lent</u>
	8am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP)
	10am	Family Service with Sunday School

## NOTICES & UPCOMING EVENTS

### Lenten Discipline Money boxes

The Parish Mission, under the auspices of the Parish Council, is once again inviting parishioners to donate coins (preferably gold) 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 Bible Study

To assist in your planning and as a preparation for Easter there will be a mini bible study following the Wednesday 10am Mass in Lent.

### ABM Lent Appeal 2018

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

## Mothering Sunday

As is our custom we will bless and distribute Simnel Cake at both services on Mothering Sunday – 11 March. (If anyone can provide a Simnel Cake please let the 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.



## Friends of St Francis

The Friends of St Francis Fellowship Group will hold their first meeting for the year tomorrow, Monday 26 February, at 1.30pm at the home of Shirley Marriott, 8 Ramsay Court, Cheltenham. It will be a planning for the year meeting. All very welcome.

### New roster available!

The new roster for March to May is now in the Narthex. Please collect your copy. If you can help 'fill' one of the blank spaces please let the Office know.

### Mothers' Union



Mothers' Union will meet this Wednesday, 28 February, for the 10am Mass. Subs due: \$40. New members welcome. Contact Sandra on 9515 3381.

## CHN Day of Prayer & Reflection



The Sisters of the Community of the Holy Name invite you to a Day of Prayer & Reflection this Thursday, 1 March, at the Community House, 40 Cavanagh Street, Cheltenham. 10am – 3pm, BYO lunch (tea and coffee provided).

## World Day of Prayer 2018

Suriname – 'All God's Creation is Very Good!' This Friday, 2 March, at 10.30am Southern Community Church of Christ, Cheltenham (old church). All parishioners, friends and neighbours welcome.



## 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.'*

## Lenten Reflection Booklet



Anglican Overseas Aid has produced a Lenten Reflection Booklet with the theme 'Less is More'. This theme can be taken a number of different ways, depending on our context. The reflections explore some of these ideas and leave open the opportunity for you to discuss more in your groups or think more about them in your own time.

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

## Don't forget...



Our monthly Family Service will be held next Sunday, 4 March, at 10am



and includes fun activities for children in our Sunday School! Tell your family, friends and neighbours! All very welcome.

## URGENT

## Op Shop Volunteers Needed

## URGENT

St Matthew's Op Shop needs more volunteers. Please consider whether you can spare some time to give to this important ministry and venture of our parish. The situation has taken on an urgency; one half day a month would help! You may know of a friend or neighbour who could do likewise or a member of one of our partner churches.

If you would like more information please contact Julie Johnston on 0418 580 818 or Fr Ron.



## Palms for Palm Sunday



If anyone has any healthy green palm fronds they could donate for Palm Sunday, please see Fr Ron.

Please join us on Saturday 24 April at 9am in the Parish Office to make palm crosses. We will provide the palms, instructions and a lovely morning tea! Helpers most welcome!

## Working Bee

Our next working bee will be held on Saturday 10 March at 9am (weather permitting!).

Helpers are needed so please come and join us! Morning tea provided.



## Easter Special Effort!

Tickets for the Easter special effort are available after both services! \$2 each or 3 for \$5 – there will be a number of prizes. The special effort will be drawn on Palm Sunday, 25 March.



## Op Shop Donations Needed



St Matthew's Op Shop is in need of more donations. Donations can be delivered to the shop, providing they are **good** quality (**items not stained, chipped or cracked**).

The shop is unable to accept the following items: electrical goods, furniture, mattresses, cots, prams or strollers due to government regulations.

Please search your cupboards and encourage relations, neighbours and friends to search theirs.

Again articles must be in good, **clean** condition and remember:

'if I would want to use it, the Op Shop can use it'.

For more information please contact the Op Shop on 9583 2993.

## Where the cold wind blows...

As a consequence of the old fridge in the Kitchen giving up the ghost, a new fridge is needed. Parish Council would appreciate contributions to enable its purchase.