

St Matthew's Anglican Church, Cheltenham

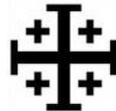
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SERVICE DETAILS

Sunday 8am: Holy Communion

Sunday 10am: Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 10am: Said Eucharist

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

1st Sunday of the month 8am: Book of
Common Prayer (BCP)

1st Sunday of the month 10am: Family Service
with Sunday School

2nd Sunday of the month: Healing Service
follows the 10am Mass

PARISH EVENTS

Morning Tea: After the 10am service every Sunday

Parish Luncheon: 1st Sunday of every 2nd month (Dec)

Parish Breakfast: 5th Sunday of the month

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Corner Nepean Highway and Park Road

Cheltenham, Victoria, 3192

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday
4 December
2016

Welcome to our Service today

**10am – Family Service
Eucharist with Sunday School**

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Ron White

Organist: Mr Errol Fernando

149 Years of Witness & Service in Cheltenham

OTHER SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

St Matthew's

Wednesday 7 December:

10am Mass: The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Fr Ron White

Friends of St Francis

Sunday 4 December:

9.30am Mass at CHN Prayer Room – Fr Andre Hassing

TODAY'S ROSTER – 4 DECEMBER

8 AM		10 AM	
Sidespeople:		Sidespeople:	Sandra Cooper
Reader:	Fr Ron	Reader:	Kath Daly
Chalice:	John Thompson	Chalice:	Joan Leslie
Server:		Chalice:	Harold Daly
Intercessions:	Fr Ron	Server:	Phil Whelan
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NEXT SUNDAY'S ROSTER – 11 DECEMBER

8 AM		10 AM	
Sidespeople:	Cliff Simmons Marilyn Simmons	Sidespeople:	
Reader:	Marilyn Simmons	Reader:	Sue Polites
Chalice:	John Thompson	Chalice:	Patrick Scully
Server:	Priscilla van Reesema	Server:	Mitch Porter
Intercessions:	John Thompson	Intercessions:	Val Fielder

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah	For the Psalm:	James	Matthew
35.1-10	Song of Mary	5.7-10	11.2-11

THE HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Introit Hymn: 276 TIS

1. There's a light upon the mountains, and the day is at the spring
When our eyes shall see the beauty and the glory of the King;
Weary was our heart with waiting, and the night-watch seemed so long,
But his triumph day is breaking, and we hail it with a song.
2. There's a hush of expectation, and a quiet in the air,
And the breath of God is moving in the fervent breath of prayer:
For the suffering, dying Jesus is the Christ upon the throne,
And the travail of our spirit is the travail of his own.
3. He is breaking down the barriers, he is casting up the way,
He is calling for his angels to build up the gates of day:
But his angels here are human, not the shining hosts above;
For the drum-beats of his army are the heart-beats of our love.
4. Hark, we hear a distant music, and it comes with fuller swell —
The great triumph song of Jesus, of our King, Immanuel:
Zion, go you forth to meet him; and, my soul, be swift to bring
All your finest and your dearest for the triumph of our King!

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Together In Song

THE ADVENT WREATH – ADVENT 2

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, just and true:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets,
but in our days you speak through your Son,
whom you have appointed the heir of all things.
Grant us, your people, to walk in his light,
that we may be found ready and watching
when he comes again in glory and judgement;
for you are our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

God our Father,
you spoke to the prophets of old
of a Saviour who would bring peace.
You helped them to spread the joyful message
of his coming kingdom.
Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
to share with those around us
the good news of your power and love.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who is coming into the world.

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
the prophets said you would bring peace
and save your people in trouble.
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas
and show all the world God's love.**

We sing

O come, thou rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:**



Mark 1.15

**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.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

Silence may be kept

God our Father,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do, and think and say;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you by temptations in the world about us;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

The Absolution. The priest says

The almighty and merciful Lord
grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Trisagion

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

The Advent Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life
in which your Son Jesus Christ came among us in great humility,
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Collect for Frances Perry

Faithful God,
you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses:
grant that we,
encouraged by the example of your servant Frances,
may persevere in running the race that is set before us,
until at last with her we may attain to your eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.
On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations
shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Isaiah 11.1-10

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

Hymn: 47 A&M

1. People, look east to see at last
Hopes fulfilled from ages past:
Now in the promise of the morning,
See, a brighter day is dawning,
Rich with the visions long foretold,
Prophets' dreams from days of old.
2. God reaffirms the gracious call:
Words of welcome meant for all;
Comfort enough for all our sorrows;
Justice shaping new tomorrows.
Mercy bears fruit in lives restored,
Freed to praise and serve the Lord.

- Now, with the coming of the light,
Darkest fears are put to flight;
See how the clouds of gloom are clearing,
Blown aside by hope's appearing.
Jesus, the Light of all our days,
Comes and sets our hearts ablaze.

Words: Martin Leckebusch b. 1963
Ancient & Modern
Hymns and Songs for Refreshing Worship

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.

As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name";

and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,

and let all the peoples praise him";

and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,

the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;

in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15.4-13

Hear the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 12 NEH

- On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Come then and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings from the King of kings.

- Then cleansed be every Christian breast,
And furnished for so great a guest!
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.

- For thou art our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;
Without thy grace our souls must fade,
And wither like a flower decayed.

- All praise, eternal Son, to thee
Whose advent sets thy people free,
Whom, with the Father, we adore,
And Spirit blest, for evermore.

Words: Charles Coffin 1676-1749.
Tr from Latin to English by John Chandler 1808-76
The New English Hymnal

Remain standing for the Gospel Reading

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew
chapter 3 beginning at verse 1

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptise you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

All stand. The Greeting of Peace is introduced

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace

Offertory Hymn: 296 NEH

1. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
First-begotten from the dead,
Thou alone, our strong defender,
Liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluya, Alleluya
Jesu, true and living Bread!
2. Here our humblest homage pay we;
Here in loving reverence bow;
Here for Faith's discernment pray we,
Lest we fail to know thee now.

Alleluya, Alleluya
Thou art here, we ask not how.

3. Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
As of old in Bethlehem,
Here as there thine angels hail thee,
Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluya, Alleluya
We in worship join with them.
4. Paschal Lamb, thine Offering, finished
Once for all when thou wast slain,
In its fullness undiminished
Shall for evermore remain,
Alleluya, Alleluya
Cleansing souls from every stain.
5. Life-imparting heavenly Manna,
Stricken Rock with streaming side,
Heaven and earth with loud hosanna
Worship thee, the Lamb who died,
Alleluya, Alleluya
Risen, ascended, glorified!

Words: G.H. Bourne 1840-1925
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 was looked for by the prophets,
heralded by the Baptist
announced by an angel,
born of the Virgin Mary,
and revealed at last to men and women of every race.

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.

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:

**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.**

And now we thank you
for these gifts of bread and wine;
may we who receive them,
as Jesus said,
share his body and his blood.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread
and gave you thanks.

He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said,
'Take and eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup
and gave you thanks.
He shared the cup with them and said,
'This is my blood poured out
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

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

You have gathered us together
to feed on Christ
and to remember all he has done for us:
Fill us with your Spirit
that we may follow Jesus
in all we do and say,
working for justice and bringing your peace
to this world that you have made.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be 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

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

God for whom we wait,
we thank you that you have fed us with the bread of life
and the cup of salvation.
As we joyfully await your Son,
keep us ever watchful
that we may be ready to stand before him
on the day of his coming.

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: 282 TIS

1. The voice of God goes out to all the world;
His glory speaks across the universe.
The great King's herald cries from star to star:
'With power, with justice, he will walk his way.'
2. The Lord has said, 'Receive my messenger,
My promise to the world, my pledge made flesh,
A lamp to every nation, light from light':
With power, with justice, he will walk his way.

3. The broken reed he will not trample down,
Nor set his heel upon the dying flame.
He binds the wounds, and health is in his hand:
With power, with justice, he will walk his way.
4. Anointed with the Spirit and with power,
He comes to crown with comfort all the weak,
To show the face of justice to the poor:
With power, with justice, he will walk his way.
5. His touch will bless the eyes that darkness held,
The lame shall run, the halting tongue shall sing,
And prisoners laugh in light and liberty:
With power, with justice, he will walk his way.

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Together In Song

The priest says

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; 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 service!

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES DURING THE WEEK



Happy Birthday!

Don Leslie – 7 December

+ Year's Mind

Fred Scully – 4 December; Edith Rose Anthony – 8 December;
Grace Duffield – 10 December; Doug de Bruin – 10 December



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD....

Sun 4 Dec	12pm	Parish BBQ, Hall
	6pm	CCC Carols on the Carpet, Church of Christ
Wed 7 Dec	10am	Mass: The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri 9 Dec	11am	Aged Care Ministry, Sandfield
Sun 11 Dec		<u>Third Sunday of Advent</u>
	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Sung Eucharist
	11.15am	Healing Service

NOTICES & UPCOMING EVENTS

Parish BBQ today!

Please join us today for our last Parish BBQ for the year in the Hall around 12 noon.

Please bring a salad or dessert (or both!) to share.
All very welcome!



Christmas Special Effort!

Tickets for our Christmas Special Effort are available after each service. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

The draw will take place on Sunday 18 December during morning tea.



New Roster Available

The new roster for the December – February period is now available in the Narthex. If you are able to help fill in a gap please let the Office know.

Carol Service



If you would like to read at our Carol Service on Sunday 18 December, please put your name on the appropriate list in the Narthex. Fr Ron will contact you with your reading.



Empty Christmas Tree

This Wednesday is your last chance to place a gift (unwrapped) and Christmas food under the empty Christmas Tree. Gifts will be taken to Dixon House **this week**.

Cheltenham Primary School Christmas Service

Last Thursday we held the Annual Cheltenham Primary School Christmas Service and it was wonderful to see (and hear!) over 500 people in the church! The preps were dressed as shepherds and angels. It was a very happy and fun occasion!

Working Bee!

Our final working bee for the year will be held at gam on Saturday 17 December (just in time for Christmas!).



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



Wardens & Parish Council members



Wardens:

Sue Polites (Vicar's Warden), Julie Johnston & Phil Whelan (People's Wardens).

Parish Council:

Harold Daly, Glenys Foreman, Marlene Gale, Debby Howard, Rob Johnston & Andrew Napier.

Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 14 December at 7.30pm in the Parish Office.

Flowers for Christmas

If you would like to donate money for flowers for Christmas please place your donation in an envelope marked 'Flowers for Christmas' and place in the collection plate.

Combined Churches of Cheltenham Carols on the Carpet

Tonight at 6pm
Church of Christ,
2-12 Chesterville Road, Cheltenham.
All welcome!

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

SUNDAY 18 DECEMBER
6pm 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

Thank you for your support!

Second Sunday of Advent

Preparing for disaster

Your gift can help provide community disaster kits so communities hit by a disaster have the means to respond. Please give hope this Christmas. Give to the Christmas Bowl appeal.

FREECALL 1800 025 101
www.actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 64 493 941 795