

St Matthew's Anglican Church, Cheltenham

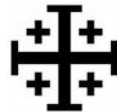
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SERVICE DETAILS

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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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday
4 December
2016

Welcome to our Service today

8am – Book of Common Prayer (BCP)
Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Ron White

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 Kath Daly
Reader:	Fr Ron	Reader:	Joan Leslie
Chalice:	John Thompson	Chalice:	Harold Daly
Server:		Server:	Phil Whelan
Intercessions:	Fr Ron	Intercessions:	Fr Ron

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 35.1-10	For the Psalm: Song of Mary	James 5.7-10	Matthew 11.2-11
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BCP SERVICE – THE HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

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.**



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The Collect of the Day

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning;
Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly
digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace,
and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Advent Collect

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. **Amen.**

The Epistle

The Epistle is written in the fifteenth Chapter of the Epistle of Paul to the Romans beginning at the fourth Verse.

For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus:

That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God. Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers:

And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name. And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people. And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people. And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust. Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Hear endeth the Epistle.

The Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel is written in the third Chapter of Matthew, beginning at the first Verse.

Glory to thee Lord Christ.

In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey. Then went out to him Jerusalem, and

all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan, And were baptised of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. I indeed baptise you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptise you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

Praise to thee Lord Christ.

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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**.



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!



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.

**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 9am on Saturday 17 December (just in time for Christmas!).



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

Thank you for your support!

Julia Loersch/Act for Peace

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.**

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Christmas Bowl