

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 (Jun, Aug, Oct & Dec)

Parish Breakfast: 5th Sunday of the month (Apr, Jul, Sept)

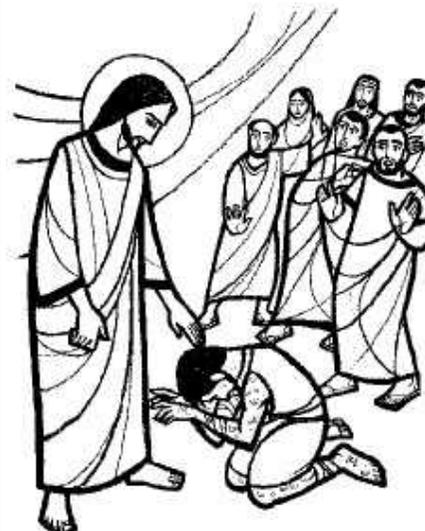
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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY QUINQUAGESIMA

Sunday
11 February
2018

Welcome to our Services today

8am – Holy Communion

10am – Sung Eucharist
followed by Healing Service

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 14 February – Ash Wednesday:

10am Mass: Mass with Blessing and Imposition of Ashes – Fr Ron White followed by Lenten Bible Study

6pm Mass: Mass with Blessing and Imposition of Ashes – Fr Ron White

Friends of St Francis

Sunday 11 February:

9.30am Mass at CHN Prayer Room – Fr Andre Hassing

TODAY'S ROSTER – 11 FEBRUARY

8 AM		10 AM	
Sidespeople:	Cliff Simmons Marilyn Simmons	Sidespeople:	
Reader:	Marilyn Simmons	Reader:	Deborah Howard
Chalice:		Chalice:	Reg Davies
Server:		Server:	Phil Whelan
Intercessions:	Fr Ron	Intercessions:	Fr Ron

NEXT SUNDAY'S ROSTER – 18 FEBRUARY

8 AM		10 AM	
Sidespeople:	Julie Johnston Rob Johnston	Sidespeople:	Len Evans Derek Pay
Reader:	Priscilla van Reesema	Reader:	Deb Polites
Chalice:		Chalice:	Len Evans
Server:		Server:	Reg Davies
Intercessions:	Vicki Hutton	Intercessions:	Reg Davies

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Genesis	Psalm	1 Peter	Mark
9.8-17	25.1-10	3.18-22	1.9-15

THE HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Introit Hymn: 237 NEH (10am only)

- Morning has broken
Like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken
Like the first bird.
Praise for the singing,
Praise for the morning,
Praise for them springing
Fresh from the Word.
- Sweet the rain's new fall
Sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall
On the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
Of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness
Where his feet pass.
- Mine is the sunlight,
Mine is the morning
Born of the one light
Eden saw play.
Praise with elation,
Praise every morning,
God's re-creation
Of the new day.

Words: Eleanor Farjeon 1881-1965
The New English Hymnal

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The priest greets the people

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Sentence of Scripture

A great prophet has arisen among us! God has visited his people!

Luke 7:16

**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.

The Hymn of Praise, Gloria in excelsis

**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.**

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.

The Collect of the Day

Everliving God,

your Son, Jesus Christ, healed the lepers

and brought good news to the despised and outcast:

grant us your gifts of compassion and self-control,

that in serving others in their need

we may strive for the imperishable wreath

that you bestow on all who truly love you;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Second Book of Kings

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, 'Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel.' He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, 'When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy.' When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.' But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you

torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.'

But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

2 Kings 5.1-14

Hear the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 30 (said antiphonally)

1. I will exalt you, O Lord,
for you have drawn me up from the depths:
and have not suffered my foes to triumph over me.
2. **O Lord my God, I cried to you:
and you have made me whole.**
3. You brought me back, O Lord, from the land of silence:
you saved my life
from among those that go down to the Pit.
4. **Sing praises to the Lord, all you his faithful ones:
and give thanks to his holy name.**
5. For if in his anger is havoc,
in his good favour is life:
heaviness may endure for a night,
but joy comes in the morning.

6. **In my prosperity I said 'I shall never be moved:
your goodness, O Lord, has set me on so firm a hill.'**

7. Then you hid your face from me:
and I was greatly dismayed.

8. **I cried to you, O God:
and made my petition humbly to my Lord.**

9. 'What profit is there in my blood,
if I go down to the Pit:
can the dust give you thanks,
or declare your faithfulness?

10. **'Hear, O Lord, and be merciful:
O Lord, be my helper.'**

11. You have turned my lamentation into dancing:
you have put off my sackcloth and girded me with joy,

12. **That my heart may sing your praise and never be silent:
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.**

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable garland, but we an imperishable one. So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air; but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified.

1 Corinthians 9.24-27

Hear the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 359 NEH (10am only)

1. Fight the good fight with all thy might,
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right;
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Thy joy and crown eternally.

2. Run the straight race through God's good grace,
Lift up thine eyes, and seek his face;
Life with its way before us lies,
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
3. Cast care aside, lean on thy Guide
His boundless mercy will provide;
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
4. Faint not nor fear, his arms are near,
He changeth not, and thou art dear;
Only believe, and thou shalt see
That Christ is all in all to thee.

Words: John Samuel Bewley Monrell 1811-1875 alt
The New English Hymnal

Remain standing for the Gospel Reading

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark
chapter 1 beginning at verse 40
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, 'If you choose, you can make me clean.' Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, 'I do choose. Be made clean!' Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, 'See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.' But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

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

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

Silence may be kept

Let us bring our darkness to his light, 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

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The priest says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace

Offertory Hymn: 324 NEH (10am only)

1. Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old
Was strong to heal and save;
It triumphed o'er disease and death,
O'er darkness and the grave;
To thee they went, the blind, the dumb,
The palsied and the lame,
The leper with his tainted life,
The sick with fevered frame.
2. And lo! thy touch brought life and health,
Gave speech, and strength, and sight;
And youth renewed and frenzy calmed
Owned thee the Lord of light:
And now, O Lord, be near to bless,
Almighty as of yore,
In crowded street, by restless couch,
As by Gennesareth's shore.
3. Be thou our great deliverer still,
Thou Lord of life and death;
Restore and quicken, soothe and bless
With thine almighty breath;

To hands that work, and eyes that see,
Give wisdom's heavenly lore,
That whole and sick, and weak and strong,
May praise thee evermore.

Words: Edward Plumptre 1821-91
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 always and everywhere,
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.

You anointed him as Messiah,
the light of the nations,
and revealed him as the hope
of all who thirst for righteousness and peace.

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 / 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

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Post Communion Hymn: 609 TIS (10am only) (please kneel if possible)

1. May the peace of God my Father
Rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort
Sick and sorrowing.
3. May I run the race before me
Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus
As I onward go.
2. May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self denying,
This is victory.

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Together In Song

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The priest says

God of the nations,
we thank you for nourishing us with this holy sacrament.
Guide us by your presence,
that we may bring your light to those who dwell in darkness,
and establish your justice in the earth.

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: 154 TIS (10am only)

1. Great is your faithfulness, O God my Father,
In you no shadow of turning we see;
You never fail and your love is unchanging:
As you have been you for ever will be.

Refrain:

*Great is your faithfulness,
Great is your faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies we see;
All we have needed your hand has provided:
Great is your faithfulness, Lord God, to me.*

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in unspoken witness
To your great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Refrain

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that's enduring,
Your living presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
These are the blessings your love will provide.

Refrain

The priest says

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you,
that your lives may be a light to the world;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Words: Thomas Obadia Chisholm
1866-1960 alt.
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Together In Song

The priest or deacon says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.



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 14 Feb		<u>Ash Wednesday</u>
	10am	Mass with Blessing and Imposition of Ashes followed by Lenten Bible Study
	6pm	Mass with Blessing and Imposition of Ashes
	7.30pm	Parish Council, Parish Office
Fri 16 Feb	11am	Aged Care Ministry, St James Terrace
Sun 18 Feb		<u>First Sunday in Lent</u>
	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Sung Eucharist

NOTICES & UPCOMING EVENTS

Ash Wednesday Services – this Wednesday

First Mass of Lent including the Blessing and Imposition of Ashes
this Wednesday, 14 February, at 10am and 6pm.



Thank you!



A big thank you to those who helped yesterday at our
working bee. Your efforts of tidying, replanting, watering,
weeding and pruning etc are very much appreciated!

Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting will be held this Wednesday, 14 February, at 7.30pm in the Parish Office.

The Melbourne Anglican (TMA)

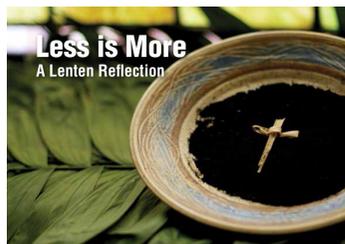


The February edition of TMA is now available in the Narthex. Don't forget to pick up your copy!

The Next Roster

If you will be away on any Sunday during the March – May period for roster duties please fill in the list in the Narthex. If you are not on the roster but would like to be, please write on the list.

Lenten Reflection Booklet

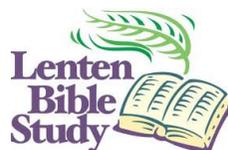


Anglican Overseas Aid have produced a Lenten Reflection Booklet with the theme 'Less is More'. This theme can be taken a number of different ways, depending on our context. The reflections explore some of these ideas and leave open the opportunity for you to discuss more in your groups or think more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

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. The study will be based on the lections that are read at the Mass.



World Day of Prayer 2018

Suriname – 'All God's Creation is Very Good!'

Friday 2 March at 10.30am

Southern Community Church of Christ, Cheltenham (old church).

All parishioners, friends and neighbours welcome.

Naaman Healed of Leprosy

So Naaman went down to the Jordan River and dipped himself seven times, as the man of God had instructed him. And his skin became as healthy as the skin of a young child's, and he was healed! 2 Kings 5:14



Based on 2 Kings 5:1-14

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