

# 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 (Aug, Oct & Dec)

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

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## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday  
16 July  
2017

### 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 19 July:**  
10am Mass – Fr Ron White

### Friends of St Francis

**Sunday 16 July:**  
9.30am Mass at CHN Prayer Room – Fr Andre Hassing

## TODAY'S ROSTER – 16 JULY

8 AM		10 AM	
<b>Sidespeople:</b>	John Thompson	<b>Sidespeople:</b>	Len Evans Derek Pay
<b>Reader:</b>	Vicki Hutton	<b>Reader:</b>	Mitch Porter
<b>Chalice:</b>	John Thompson	<b>Chalice:</b>	Len Evans
<b>Server:</b>		<b>Server:</b>	Phil Whelan
<b>Intercessions:</b>	John Thompson	<b>Intercessions:</b>	Kath Daly

## NEXT SUNDAY'S ROSTER – 23 JULY

8 AM		10 AM	
<b>Sidespeople:</b>	Julie Johnston Rob Johnston	<b>Sidespeople:</b>	Sandra Cooper Kath Daly
<b>Reader:</b>	John Thompson	<b>Reader:</b>	
<b>Chalice:</b>	John Thompson	<b>Chalice:</b>	Harold Daly
<b>Server:</b>		<b>Server:</b>	Mitch Porter
<b>Intercessions:</b>	Vicki Hutton	<b>Intercessions:</b>	

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – MARY MAGDALENE: 8 AM

Song of Songs	Psalm	2 Corinthians	John
3.1-4a	63	5.14-21	20.1-18

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – MARY MAGDALENE: 10 AM

Isaiah	Hymn for the Psalm	2 Corinthians	John
11.1-2, 6-9		5.14-21	20.1-18

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*Introit Hymn: 112 NEH*

1. Jesus lives! thy terrors now  
Can, O Death, no more appal us;  
Jesus lives! by this we know  
Thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.  
Alleluya!
2. Jesus lives! henceforth is death  
But the gate of life immortal;  
This shall calm our trembling breath,  
When we pass its gloomy portal.  
Alleluya!
3. Jesus lives! for us he died;  
Then, alone to Jesus living,  
Pure in heart may we abide,  
Glory to our Saviour giving.  
Alleluya!
4. Jesus lives! our hearts know well  
Nought from us his love shall sever;  
Life, nor death, nor powers of hell  
Tear us from his keeping ever.  
Alleluya!
5. Jesus lives! to him the throne  
Over all the world is given;  
May we go where he is gone,  
Rest and reign with him in heaven.  
Alleluya!

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

Words: Christian Gellert 1725-69  
Tr Francis Cox 1812-97  
The New English Hymnal

*The priest greets the people*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Sentence of Scripture*

The words you have spoken are spirit and life, O Lord; you have the words of eternal life.

John 6.63, 68

**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*

Bountiful God,

we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word:

by your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy,

and to live according to it,

that we may grow in faith and hope and love;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

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

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*A Reading from the Book of Genesis*

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Genesis 25:19-34

Hear the Word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 119.105-112 (said antiphonally)*

105. Your word is a lantern to my feet:  
and a light to my path.

**106. I have vowed and sworn an oath:  
to keep your righteous judgements.**

107. I have been afflicted beyond measure:  
Lord, give me life according to your word.

**108. Accept, O Lord, the freewill offerings of my mouth:  
and teach me your judgements.**

109. I take my life in my hands continually:  
yet I do not forget your law.

**110. The wicked have laid a snare for me:  
but I have not strayed from your precepts.**

111. Your commands are my inheritance for ever:  
they are the joy of my heart.

**112. I have set my heart to fulfil your statutes:  
always, even to the end.**

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

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Romans 8.1-11

Hear the Word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

*Gradual Hymn: 141 NEH*

1. Holy Spirit, ever dwelling  
In the holiest realms of light;  
Holy Spirit, ever brooding  
O'er a world of gloom and night;
2. Holy Spirit, ever raising  
Sons of earth to thrones on high;  
Living, life-imparting Spirit,  
Thee we praise and magnify.
3. Holy Spirit ever forming  
In the Church the mind of Christ;  
Thee we praise with endless worship  
For thy fruit and gifts unpriced.

4. Holy Spirit, ever binding  
Age to age, and soul to soul;  
In a fellowship unending  
Thee we worship and extol.

Words: Timothy Rees 1874-1939  
The New English Hymnal

*Remain standing for the Gospel Reading*

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

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!" "Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

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

*Silence may be kept*

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

**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: 209 TIS*

1. And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain —  
For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me!  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me!
2. He left his Father's throne above  
(so free, so infinite his grace!),  
Emptied himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free:  
For, O my God, it found out me.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free:  
For, O my God, it found out me.
3. Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night:  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray—  
I woke; the dungeon flamed with light!  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

4. No condemnation now I dread:  
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ, my own.  
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And claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

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Together In Song

*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 our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us.

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, 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: 416 NEH (please kneel if possible)*

1. O God of Bethel, by whose hand  
Thy people still are fed,  
Who through this weary pilgrimage  
Hast all our fathers led:
2. Through each perplexing path of life  
Our wandering footsteps guide;  
Give us each day our daily bread,  
And raiment fit provide.
3. O spread thy covering wings around,  
Till all our wanderings cease,  
And at our Father's loved abode  
Our souls arrive in peace.

Words: Philip Doddridge, 1702-51  
The New English Hymnal

## THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*The priest says*

Father of all

we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off

you met us in your Son and brought us home.

Dying and living, he declared your love,

gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.

May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;

we who drink his cup bring life to others;

we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

**Keep us in this hope that we have grasped;**

**so we and all your children shall be free,**

**and the whole earth live to praise your name.**

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: 531 TIS*

1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from his table take leave.  
The supper is ended: may now be extended  
The fruits of his service in all who believe.  
The seed of his teaching, our hungry souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for all humankind.  
His grace shall incite us, his love shall unite us  
To work for his kingdom, his purpose to find.
2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living  
The tasks of our everyday life we will face,  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
Embracing as neighbours all those of each race.  
One feast that has fed us, one light that has led us,  
Unite us as one in his life that we share.  
Then may all the living, with praise and thanksgiving,  
Give honour to Christ and his name that we bear.

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Together In Song

*The priest says*

The peace of God which passes all understanding  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of the one true God,  
to whom be all love and all glory for time and for eternity,  
come down 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!

**PARISH ANNIVERSARIES DURING THE WEEK**



*+ Year's Mind*

Dorothy Ferguson – 17 July; Jennifer Wilson – 22 July

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

Sun 16 July	12pm	Midwinter Lunch, Hall
Tues 18 July	7.30pm	Parish Council, Parish Office
Wed 19 July	10am	Mass
Fri 21 July	11am	Aged Care Ministry, St James Terrace
Sun 23 July		<u>Mary Magdalene</u>
	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Sung Eucharist with Baptism & First Communion

**NOTICES & UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Parish Council**

The July Parish Council meeting  
will be held on **Tuesday 18 July**  
at 7.30pm in the Parish Office.  
Please note change of date and day.

**Time flies!!**

This Tuesday, 18 July, marks the  
10th Anniversary of Fr Ron's  
Induction here at St Matthew's  
as our Parish Priest!!  
Congratulations and thank you!

### Sausage Sizzle at DFO

Thank you to those who organised the Sausage Sizzle at DFO on Saturday 8 July and to those who braved the cold to cook, collect money and serve. To those who supported the effort, I'm sure you appreciated delicious snags.

### Hoy Day

A fundraising Hoy Day will be held on Monday 31 July at 1pm in the Reception Room, Kingston Green, 62 Cavanagh Street, Cheltenham. All very welcome.

### First Communion

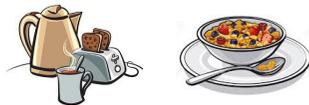
Next Sunday, 23 July, 7 children will, after some weeks of preparation, make their First Communion. This will occur at the 10am service and it would be wonderful if they could be welcomed by a large enthusiastic congregation. Please pray for the children and their families and support them by your presence.

### Friends of St Francis

The Friends of St Francis Fellowship Group will hold their next meeting on Monday 24 July at 1.30pm in the Reception Room, Kingston Green, 62 Cavanagh Street, Cheltenham. There will be a presentation by the Heart Foundation to discuss heart health. All very welcome.

### Parish Breakfast

Don't forget our next Parish Breakfast will be held on Sunday 30 July at approx 9am in the Hall. Come and enjoy a scrumptious breakfast and good company! Gold coin donation. All welcome!



### August Luncheon!

We will 'celebrate' Sunday 6 August with a 'finger food' luncheon (sausage rolls, mini quiches, pies, spring rolls etc), followed by desserts at 12 noon in the Hall.



Please mark the list in the Narthex if you can contribute. Please join us, all very welcome!



## The Parable of the Sower

But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. Matthew 13:23a  
Based on Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NIV)

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WITHER	BIRDS	ROOT	CHOKES	SOIL
FELL	PARABLE	SCATTER	SEED	GREW
ROCKY	SHALLOW	GOOD	SOW	PATH