

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

PARISH EVENTS

Morning Tea: After the 10am service every Sunday

Please see pew sheet notices for dates regarding Parish Lunches and Breakfasts

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday
26 May
2019

Welcome to our Services today

8am – Holy Communion

10am – Sung Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Geoff Cheong

Organist: Mr Edwin Kwong

152 Years of Witness & Service in Cheltenham

OTHER SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

St Matthew's

Wednesday 29 May:

10am Mass: Ascension Day – Fr Geoff Cheong

Friends of St Francis

Sunday 26 May:

9.30am Mass at CHN Prayer Room – Fr Andre Hassing

TODAY'S ROSTER – 26 MAY

| 8 AM | | 10 AM | |
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| Sidespeople: | Cliff Simmons Marilyn Simmons | Sidespeople: | Val Fielder |
| Reader: | Marilyn Simmons | Reader: | Deborah Howard |
| Chalice: | | Chalice: | |
| Server: | Priscilla van Reesema | Server: | Harold Daly |
| Intercessions: | Cliff Simmons | Intercessions: | Val Fielder |

NEXT SUNDAY'S ROSTER – 2 JUNE

| 8 AM | | 10 AM | |
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| Sidespeople: | | Sidespeople: | Sandra Cooper Kath Daly |
| Reader: | Fr Geoff | Reader: | Kath Daly |
| Chalice: | | Chalice: | |
| Server: | | Server: | Harold Daly |
| Intercessions: | Fr Geoff | Intercessions: | Fr Geoff |

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – HARVEST FESTIVAL

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| Amos 9.13-15 | The Canticle of the Sun | Acts 10.9-15 | Matthew 6.25-33 |
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THE HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude: Prelude in G Major, Op. 37 No. 2 (Felix Mendelssohn)

Introit Hymn: 126 NEH

1. Lord, in thy name thy servants plead,
And thou hast sworn to hear;
Thine is the harvest, thine the seed,
The fresh and fading year.
2. Our hope, when autumn winds blew wild,
We trusted, Lord, with thee;
And still, now spring has on us smiled,
We wait on thy decree.
3. The former and the latter rain,
The summer sun and air,
The green ear, and the golden grain,
All thine, are ours by prayer.
4. Thine too by right, and ours by grace,
The wondrous growth unseen,
The hopes that soothe, the fears that brace,
The love that shines serene.
5. So grant the precious things brought forth
By sun and moon below,
That thee in thy new heaven and earth
We never may forego.

Words: John Keble 1792-1866
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

Christ is risen. Alleluia.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Sentence of Scripture

'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you,' says the Lord. 'Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.'

John 14.27

**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

Great and loving God,
your will for us in your Son Jesus
is the peace which the world cannot give,
your abiding gift, the Advocate he promised.
Calm all troubled hearts, dispel every fear,
and keep us steadfast in love and faithful to your word.
Grant this through Jesus Christ,
the firstborn from the dead,
who lives with you now and always
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household

were baptised, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

Acts 16.9-15

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

Psalm 67 (said antiphonally)

1. Let God be gracious to us and bless us:
and make his face shine upon us,
2. **That your ways may be known on earth:
your liberating power among all nations.**
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God:
let all the peoples praise you.
4. **Let the nations be glad and sing:
for you judge the peoples with integrity,
and govern the nations upon earth.**
5. Let the peoples praise you, O God:
let all the peoples praise you.
6. **Then the earth will yield its fruitfulness:
and God, our God, will bless us.**
7. God shall bless us:
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites; on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his

name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

Revelation 21.10-14, 22-22.5

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

Gradual Hymn: 285 NEH

1. For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
Refrain:
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.*
2. For the beauty of each hour,
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:
Refrain
3. For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and brain's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight:
Refrain
4. For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:
Refrain
5. For each perfect gift of thine,
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven:
Refrain

6. For thy Church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
This pure sacrifice of love:

Refrain:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.*

Words: F.S. Pierpont 1835-1917
The New English Hymnal

Remain standing for the Gospel Reading.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John
chapter 14 beginning at verse 23
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

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 our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

Silence may be kept

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

**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. Alleluia, Alleluia.
His Spirit is with us. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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: 351 NEH

1. Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem,
Cleave the skies with shouts of praise;
Sing to him who found the ransom,
Ancient of eternal days,
God eternal, Word incarnate,
Whom the heaven of heaven obeys.
2. Ere he raised the lofty mountains,
Formed the seas, or built the sky,
Love eternal, free, and boundless,
Forced the Lord of life to die,
Lifted up the Prince of princes
On the throne of Calvary.
3. Now on those eternal mountains
Stands the sapphire throne, all bright,
With the ceaseless alleluyas
Which they raise, the sons of light;
Sion's people tell his praises,
Victor after hard-won fight.
4. Bring your harps, and bring your incense,
Sweep the string and pour the lay;
Let the earth proclaim his wonders,
King of that celestial day;
He the Lamb once slain is worthy,
Who was dead, and lives for ay.
5. Laud and honour to the Father,
Laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in love, and One in splendour,
While unending ages run.

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.

He is the true Paschal Lamb
who was offered for us
and has taken away the sin of the world.
And now we give you thanks
that you raised him in triumph from the dead.

By his death, he has destroyed death
and by his rising to life again
has restored us to eternal life.

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.**

*Music during Communion: Adagio from Symphony No. 3 in E minor,
Op. 13 No. 3 (Charles-Marie Widor)*

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The priest says

Most glorious Lord of life,
we thank you that you nourish us in these Easter mysteries.
Fill us with the Spirit of love and unite us in faith,
that we may witness to the resurrection
and show your glory to all the world.

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: 121 NEH

1. This joyful Eastertide,
Away with sin and sorrow,
My Love, the Crucified,
Hath sprung to life this morrow:

Refrain:

*Had Christ, that once was slain,
Ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now hath Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.*

2. My flesh in hope shall rest,
And for a season slumber:
Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number:

Refrain

3. Death's flood hath lost his chill,
Since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver:

Refrain

The priest says

Almighty God, who redeemed us through the resurrection of Christ, and has brought us out of slavery into everlasting freedom, give you joy and peace in faith and bring you to your eternal inheritance; 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. Alleluia, Alleluia.
In the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

From a Prayer Book for Australia.
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Postlude: Prelude and Fugue in G Major (Johann Kuhnau)



You are welcome to stay and enjoy a cuppa and a chat in the Hall after the 10am service!

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES DURING THE WEEK

Happy Birthday!
 June Martin – 26 May



+ Year's Mind
 Joy Bennetts – 27 May
 Denham Toussaint – 30 May



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD....

Mon 27 May 1.30pm Friends of St Francis

Wed 29 May 10am Mass: Ascension Day

Fri 31 May There is no Aged Care Ministry this week

Sat 1 Jun 9am Working Bee

Sun 2 Jun
 8am Harvest Festival
 Book of Common Prayer (BCP)
 10am Sung Eucharist
 12pm Soup Lunch, Hall



NOTICES & UPCOMING EVENTS

Harvest Festival next Sunday



We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival on **Sunday 2 June** at both services.

A reminder to start collecting items so that on the day our display (and therefore our offering to God) will be even greater than last year's excellent effort.

As the majority of the items offered are delivered to Dixon House perhaps you could consider goods that will be suitable for this form of outreach. Right now Dixon House are short of UHT full cream milk, cooking oil, sugar (white or raw), flour (plain or self-raising) canned stew (like "Harvest" or "Big Eat" brands) or chunky soup, canned fish, canned fruit and breakfast spread varieties. Please see the full list of items in the Narthex and Hall.

Soup lunch!



We will 'celebrate' next Sunday, 2 June, with a soup and crusty bread lunch (followed by desserts!) in the Hall at 12 noon. Please note on the list in the Narthex if you can contribute.

The New Roster

The new roster for the June – August period is now available in the Narthex. If you are able to 'fill in' one of the blank spaces or if you are unable to do your duty on a particular day please contact the Parish Office.

Lenten Discipline Money Boxes

The Parish Mission is very appreciative of the support by parishioners and friends of the Lenten Discipline Money Boxes. A total of \$174.50 was donated this year. Our grateful thanks to all for your generous support.

Working Bee this Saturday



Our next working bee will be held this Saturday, 1 June, at 9am (weather permitting!). Helpers are needed so please join us! Morning tea provided.



Parish Pens!

Due to popular demand our St Matthew's parish pens are back! Pens are \$4 each. Order forms are available in the Narthex. Money must be enclosed in an envelope marked 'Pen Money' and either place it in the plate during the Offertory or hand it in at the Parish Office. Please note: Some colours are limited so get in early to get your preferred colour! All pens have black ink.

Synod Reps

We are calling for the names of people who will be willing to be our Synod Reps for the next 3 years. Please prayerfully consider those who you think could accept this task but make sure you speak with them before you nominate them. Nominations are due by Sunday 9 June – forms are available in the Narthex. Please hand in the forms to Fr Geoff or to the Parish Office.

Everyone wear RED!

The liturgical colour for Pentecost Sunday, 9 June, is red. This signifies the fire of the Holy Spirit descending on us as it did on the apostles that day. So remember to wear red (or flame colours) for Pentecost as we celebrate this glorious feast day.



Friends of St Francis

The Friends of St Francis Fellowship Group will hold their next meeting tomorrow, Monday 27 May, at 1.30pm at the home of Shirley Marriott, 8 Ramsay Court, Cheltenham. It will be a games afternoon. All very welcome!



Stewardship – Weekly Offering

If you currently do not contribute to our stewardship via the convenience of weekly envelopes you may like to do so! If this is the case please contact the Parish Office so that envelopes can be arranged.



Peace of Mind and Heart

I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid. John 14:27 (NLT)

Based on John 14:23-29

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