

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 (Aug, Oct & Dec)

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

St Matthew's Anglican Church Cheltenham



Corner Nepean Highway and Park Road

Cheltenham, Victoria, 3192

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THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sunday
24 June
2018

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

151 Years of Witness & Service in Cheltenham

OTHER SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

St Matthew's

Wednesday 27 June:
10am Mass – Fr Ron White

Friends of St Francis

Sunday 24 June:
9.30am Mass at CHN Prayer Room – Fr Andre Hassing

TODAY'S ROSTER – 24 JUNE

8 AM		10 AM	
Sidespeople:	Cliff Simmons Marilyn Simmons	Sidespeople:	Val Fielder Mitch Porter
Reader:	Priscilla van Reesema	Reader:	Sue Polites
Chalice:		Chalice:	Harold Daly
Server:	Priscilla van Reesema	Server:	Phil Whelan
Intercessions:	Cliff Simmons	Intercessions:	Deborah Howard

NEXT SUNDAY'S ROSTER – 1 JULY

8 AM		10 AM	
Sidespeople:	Julie Johnston Rob Johnston	Sidespeople:	Sandra Cooper Kath Daly
Reader:	Fr Ron	Reader:	Mitch Porter
Chalice:		Chalice:	Phil Whelan
Server:		Server:	Harold Daly
Intercessions:	Fr Ron	Intercessions:	Fr Ron

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – PETER & PAUL

Ezekiel 34.11-16	Psalm 34.1-10	2 Timothy 4.6-8, 17-18	John 21.15-22
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THE HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Introit Hymn: 170 NEH (10am only)

- Lo, in the wilderness a voice
'Make straight the way' is crying:
When men are turning from the light,
And hope and love seem dying,
The prophet comes to make us clean:
'There standeth one you have not seen,
Whose voice you are denying.'
- God give us grace to hearken now
To those who come to warn us,
Give sight and strength, that we may kill
The vices that have torn us,
Lest love professed should disappear
In creeds of hate, contempt, and fear,
That crush and overturn us,
- When from the vineyard cruel men
Cast out the heavenly powers
And Christendom denies its Lord,
The world in ruin cowers.
Now come, O God, in thy great might!
Unchanged, unchanging is thy right,
Unswayed thy justice towers.

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

You will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.

Luke 1.76-77

**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

Almighty God,
by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born,
and sent to prepare the way for your Son our Saviour
by preaching a baptism of repentance:
make us so to follow his teaching and holy life,
that we may truly repent,
and, following his example,
may constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice,
and patiently suffer for the truth's sake;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
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

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.' And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord,

and my God has become my strength – he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

Isaiah 49.1-6

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

Psalm 139.1-11 (said antiphonally)

1. O Lord, you have searched me out and known me: you know when I sit or when I stand, you comprehend my thoughts long before.
2. **You discern my path and the places where I rest: you are acquainted with all my ways.**
3. For there is not a word on my tongue: but you, Lord, know it altogether.
4. **You have encompassed me behind and before: and have laid your hand upon me.**
5. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me: so high that I cannot endure it.
6. **Where shall I go from your spirit: or where shall I flee from your presence?**
7. If I ascend into heaven you are there: if I make my bed in the grave you are there also.
8. **If I spread out my wings towards the morning: or dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**
9. Even there your hand shall lead me: and your right hand shall hold me.
10. **If I say 'Surely the darkness will cover me: and the night will enclose me',**
11. The darkness is no darkness with you, but the night is as clear as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When God had removed Saul, he made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, "I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes." Of this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a

Saviour, Jesus, as he promised; before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John was finishing his work, he said, "What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet." 'My brothers, you descendants of Abraham's family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent.

Acts 13.22-26

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

Gradual Hymn: 320 A&M (10am only)

1. The great forerunner of the morn,
The herald of the Word, is born;
And faithful hearts shall never fail
With thanks and praise his light to hail.
2. With heavenly message Gabriel came,
That John should be that herald's name,
And with prophetic utterance told
His actions great and manifold.
3. His mighty deeds exalt his fame
To greater than a prophet's name.
Of woman-born shall never be
A greater prophet than was he.
4. To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Praise, honour, might, and glory be
From age to age eternally.

Remain standing for the Gospel Reading

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke
chapter 1 beginning at verse 57
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child,

and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God.

Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

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

The Lord God of Israel has come to his people to set them free
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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: 168 NEH (10am only)

1. On this high feast day honour we the Baptist,
Greatest and last of Israel's line of prophets,
Kinsman of Jesus, herald of salvation,
Chosen forerunner.
2. Lo, from the heavens Gabriel descending,
Brings to thy father tidings of thy coming,
Telling thy name, and all thy life's high calling
Duly announcing.
3. When Zechariah doubted what was told him,
Dumbness assailed him, sealing firm the promise,

Till, at thy naming, lo, his voice resounded
Loud in God's praises.

4. Greater art thou than all the sons of Adam,
Lowly in spirit, faithfully proclaiming
Israel's Messiah, Jesus our Redeemer,
Thus we exalt thee.
5. Father eternal, Son, and Holy Spirit,
God everlasting, hear thy people's praises;
Let saints on earth with all the saints in glory,
Ever adore thee.

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.

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.

And now we give you thanks because
you have called us into the fellowship of John the Baptist and all your saints,
and set before us the example of their witness
and the fruit of your Spirit in their lives.

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.**

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
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: 246 NEH (10am only) (please kneel if possible)

1. Holy Father, cheer our way
With thy love's perpetual ray;
Grant us every closing day
Light at evening time.
2. Holy Saviour, calm our fears
When earth's brightness disappears;
Grant us in our latter years
Light at evening time.
3. Holy, blessed Trinity,
Darkness is not dark with thee;
Those thou keepest always see
Light at evening time.

Words: Richard Robinson 1842-1892
The New English Hymnal

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The priest says

God, the source of all holiness:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims on earth
be welcomed with John the Baptist and all your saints
to the heavenly feast in your kingdom.

Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.

Notices and invitations

Dismissal Hymn: 392 A&M (10am only)

1. Bless the Lord, the God of Israel,
Who has come to set us free.
He has raised for us a Saviour
Sprung from royal David's tree.
Through his prophets God had spoken
Of the hope the Christ would bring;
Of his faithfulness and mercy
Let each generation sing.
 2. Long ago God made a promise
He would set his people free,
That in all our life and worship
We might know true liberty,
To be holy, to be righteous
In his sight throughout our days;
Now this child will be a herald
Making ready all God's ways.
 3. Let all people know salvation
Through forgiveness of their sin,
As our God in his compassion
Bids a shining dawn begin.
So may all who dwell in darkness
See the shadows disappear
While he guides our feet in pathways
Where his peace is ever near.
- (Repeat second half of tune)*
4. To the Father be all glory
With the Spirit and the Son,
As it was, is now and shall be
While eternal ages run.

Words: Anne Harrison b.1954
based on Luke 1:68-79
Ancient & Modern
Hymns & Songs for Refreshing Worship

The priest says

God give you grace to follow John the Baptist and all the saints
in faith and hope and love;
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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We give thanks for the life, work and witness of
Aileen Patrick
commend her to God and uphold her family in prayer.



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!

Sandra Cooper – 24 June
Maggie Montgomery – 25 June
Betty Liebe – 26 June
Deborah Polites – 28 June



† Year's Mind

Verner Fraser – 24 June
Jennifer Potter – 30 June
James Whitehead – 30 June



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD....

Mon 25 Jun	1.30pm	Friends of St Francis
Wed 27 Jun	10am	Mass Mothers' Union meet for the 10am Mass
Fri 29 Jun		There is no Aged Care ministry this week
Sun 1 Jul		<u>Peter & Paul, Apostles & Martyrs</u> 8am Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 10am Family Service with Sunday School & Baptism

NOTICES & UPCOMING EVENTS



Offering Envelopes

New offering envelopes are now available in the Narthex
and have been placed in alphabetical order.
Please note that the number on your new envelopes may
have changed from the previous year.
If you don't use envelopes but would like to do so
please contact the Parish Office.



Don't forget...



Our monthly Family Service will be held
next Sunday, 1 July, at 10am and includes fun activities for children
in our Sunday School!

Tell your family, friends and neighbours! All very welcome.

Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting
will be held on Wednesday 4 July
at 7.30pm at the Parish Office.

Please note change of date.

Mothers' Union

The next meeting for members
of Mothers' Union will be held
this Wednesday, 27 June,
after the 10am Mass.

Friends of St Francis

The Friends of St Francis Fellowship Group will hold their next meeting tomorrow, Monday 25 June, at 1.30pm at the home of Barbara Bateman, 10 Lorna Street, Cheltenham. We are to bring along our Wedding photos. All very welcome.

Trip to the Holy Land - Aug 2020.

Includes the Oberammergau Passion Play as well as various sight seeing locations in Germany and Switzerland.

Further information:
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Sea Sunday – 8 July



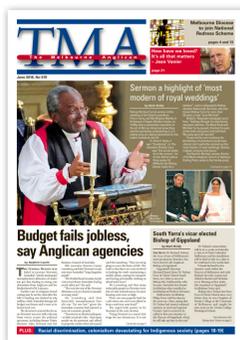
On Sea Sunday churches all over the world come together to remember seafarers and pray for them, their families and those who support them. The Mission to Seafarers needs your prayers and support for all merchant crews and their families on this day.

The Melbourne Anglican (TMA)

The June edition of TMA is now available in the Narthex.

This edition includes articles on:

- A report on the recent royal wedding, and in particular the sermon by Bishop Michael Curry;
- Anglican responses to the recent Federal and State budgets;
- The Melbourne Diocese to join the National Redress Scheme for abuse survivors;
- 'Justice, love the OT's chief concerns' – an interview with Professor John J. Collins, Professor of Old Testament Criticism and Interpretation at Yale Divinity School;
- 'Stronger efforts needed to stamp out corruption'
- 'Discrimination devastating for Indigenous society' and 'Duty to seek healing for the sins of colonialism'
- 'A season of lament and repentance in Tasmania'.



"His Name Is John"

"And you, my little son, will be called the prophet of the Most High because you will prepare the way for the Lord." Luke 1:76 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 1:67-80

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