

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

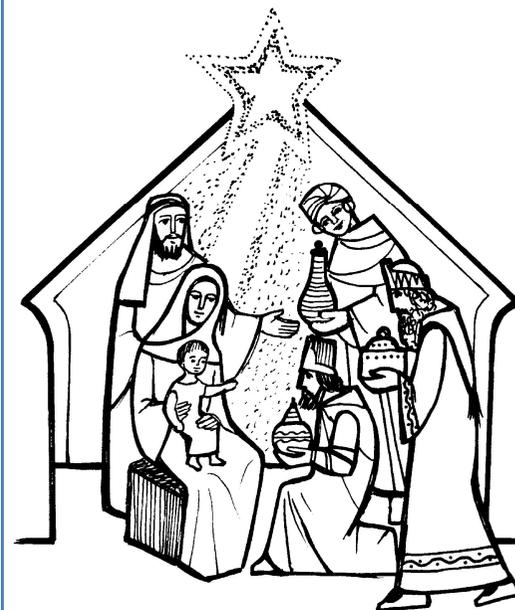
Parish Luncheon: 1st Sunday of every 2nd month (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct & Dec)

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

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THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Sunday
1 January
2017

Welcome to our Service today

10am – Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Ron White

149 Years of Witness & Service in Cheltenham

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The service begins on page 119 of the Prayer Book

OTHER SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

Friends of St Francis
Sunday 1 January:
9.30am Mass at CHN Prayer Room – Fr Andre Hassing

TODAY'S ROSTER – 1 JANUARY

8 AM		10 AM	
Sidespeople:		Sidespeople:	Sandra Cooper
			Kath Daly
Reader:	Fr Ron	Reader:	Val Fielder
Chalice:	John Thompson	Chalice:	Phil Whelan
Server:		Server:	Harold Daly
Intercessions:	Fr Ron	Intercessions:	Fr Ron

NEXT SUNDAY'S ROSTER – 8 JANUARY

8 AM		10 AM	
Sidespeople:	Cliff Simmons Marilyn Simmons	Sidespeople:	
Reader:	Cliff Simmons	Reader:	Kath Daly
Chalice:	John Thompson	Chalice:	Mitch Porter
Server:	Priscilla van Reesema	Server:	Phil Whelan
Intercessions:	John Thompson	Intercessions:	Alan Fielder

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Isaiah	Psalm	Acts	Matthew
42.1-9	29	10.34-43	3.13-17

Sentence of Scripture

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Isaiah 60.1

The Collect of the Day

Lord God of the nations, we have seen the star of your glory rising in splendour: may the brightness of your incarnate Word pierce the night that covers the earth, signal the dawn of justice and peace, and beckon all nations to walk as one in your light. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, in the splendour of eternal light, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Isaiah 60.1-6

Hear the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14 (said antiphonally)

1. Give the king your judgement, O God:
and your righteousness to the son of a king,
2. **That he may judge your people rightly:
and the poor of the land with equity.**
3. Let the mountains be laden with peace
because of his righteousness:
and the hills also with prosperity for his people.

4. **May he give justice to the poor among the people:
and rescue the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor.**
5. May he live while the sun endures:
and while the moon gives light,
throughout all generations.
6. **May he come down like rain upon the new-mown fields:
and as showers that water the earth.**
7. In his time shall righteousness flourish:
and abundance of peace, till the moon shall be no more.
10. **The kings of Tarshish and of the isles
shall bring tribute:
the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.**
11. All kings shall fall down before him:
and all nations do him service.
12. **He will deliver the needy when they cry:
and the poor that have no helper.**
13. He will pity the helpless and the needy:
and save the lives of the poor.
14. **He will redeem them from oppression and violence:
and their blood shall be precious in his sight.**

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles – for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the

eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Ephesians 3.1-12

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

We stand for the Gospel Reading

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew
chapter 2 beginning at verse 2
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' " Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

For the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

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Notices and invitations

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Anniversary!

Derek & Dell Pay – 30 December



+ Year's Mind



Sheila Noye – 25 December; Maxwell Everett – 27 December;

Jim McAskill – 30 December; Ken Sampson – 31 December;

Annie Leigh – 1 January; Hilbert Daff – 2 January; Mary Boyd – 2 January;

Max Graham – 3 January; Beryl Kent – 3 January;

Mervyn Ohlmus – 6 January; Dorothy Whiting – 6 January

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS....

Sun 8 Jan	<u>The Baptism of our Lord</u>		
8am	Holy Communion	Fr Andre Hassing	
10am	Eucharist	Fr Andre Hassing	
Sun 15 Jan	<u>Second Sunday after Epiphany</u>		
8am	Holy Communion	Fr Andre Hassing	
10am	Eucharist	Fr Andre Hassing	
Sun 22 Jan	<u>Third Sunday after Epiphany</u>		
8am	Holy Communion	Fr Andre Hassing	
10am	Eucharist	Fr Andre Hassing	
Sun 29 Jan	<u>Fourth Sunday after Epiphany</u>		
8am	Holy Communion	Fr Ron White	
10am	Eucharist	Fr Ron White	

We wish all parishioners and their families a happy and fulfilling New Year!



NOTICES & UPCOMING EVENTS

Please note...

Fr Ron is on leave from Tuesday 3 January to Tuesday 24 January (inc). If you require a priest during this time please contact Fr Andre Hassing or one of the Wardens.

Fr Andre will be taking the services on Sunday 8, 15 & 22 January.

The Parish Office will be closed until Wednesday 25 January.

A reminder

During the month of January there will be no organist and choir and no Wednesday / weekday services; morning tea following the 10am service will resume in February.

Christmas Special Effort Winners!

The St Matthew's Christmas Special Effort was drawn on Sunday 18 December during our morning tea, and the lucky winners are...!!!

1st prize – Kath Daly's grandson, Zach Lowe

2nd prize – Adair Stagg

3rd prize – Graham Whitehead



Thanks to everyone who supported our Special Effort.

Thank you for your support!

Epiphany

Providing a new start for women in Ethiopia

Your gift can help provide food preparation training for women refugees in Ethiopia so they can learn useful skills for future employment. Please give hope this Christmas. Give to the Christmas Bowl appeal.

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www.actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl

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