

St Matthew's Anglican Church, Cheltenham

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SERVICE DETAILS

Sunday 8am: Holy Communion

Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations,

Sunday 10am: Sung Eucharist

Weddings and Funerals by arrangement

Wednesday 10am: Mass

PARISH EVENTS

Morning Tea: After the 10am service every Sunday

Parish Luncheon: 1st Sunday of every 2nd month

Parish Breakfast: 5th Sunday of the month

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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday
24 March
2019

Welcome to our Services today

8am – Holy Communion

10am – Sung Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Ray McInnes

Organist: Mr Edwin Kwong

Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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OTHER SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

St Matthew's

Wednesday 27 March:
10am Mass – Fr Ray McInnes

Friends of St Francis

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

TODAY'S ROSTER – 24 MARCH

8 AM		10 AM	
Sidespeople:		Sidespeople:	Sandra Cooper Kath Daly
Reader:	Vicki Hutton	Reader:	Lesley Boyd
Chalice:		Chalice:	
Server:		Server:	Harold Daly
Intercessions:	Fr Ray	Intercessions:	Kath Daly

NEXT SUNDAY'S ROSTER – 31 MARCH

8 AM		10 AM	
Sidespeople:		Sidespeople:	Val Fielder
Reader:	Fr Ray	Reader:	Deborah Howard
Chalice:		Chalice:	Harold Daly
Server:		Server:	
Intercessions:	Vicki Hutton	Intercessions:	Val Fielder

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – MOTHERING SUNDAY

Exodus 2.1-10	Psalms 128	Colossians 3.12-17	John 19.25-27
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THE HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Introit Hymn: 351 TIS

Refrain:

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*

1. Come, people, follow where our captain trod,
Our King victorious, Christ the Son of God:

Refrain

2. All newborn servants of the Crucified
Bear on their brow the seal of him who died:

Refrain

3. From north and south, from east and west they raise
In growing unison their song of praise:

Refrain

4. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
Draw all to you, let all the nations see:

Refrain

5. From farthest regions let them homage bring,
And on the cross adore their Saviour King:

Refrain

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,
Whose mercy endures for ever.

The priest greets the people

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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Together in Song

Sentence of Scripture

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.

Isaiah 55.6

**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.**

Trisagion

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

The Collect of the Day

God, the fountain of life,
to a humanity parched with thirst
you offer the living water that springs from the Rock,

our Saviour Jesus Christ:
stir up within your people the gift of your Spirit,
that we may profess our faith with freshness
and announce with joy the wonder of your love.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Prayer of the Season

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made,
and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts,
that we, worthily lamenting our sins,
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may obtain of you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord,
that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55.1-9

Hear the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 63.1-9

R All those who call on the power of his name, shall glory. R

1. O God, you are my God:
eagerly will I seek you.
2. My soul thirsts for you, my flesh longs for you:
as a dry and thirsty land where no water is. **R**
3. So it was when I beheld you in the sanctuary:
and saw your power and your glory.
4. For your unchanging goodness is better than life:
therefore my lips shall praise you. **R**
5. And so I will bless you as long as I live:
and in your name will I lift my hands on high.
6. My longing shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness:
my mouth shall praise you with exultant lips. **R**
7. When I remember you upon my bed:
when I meditate upon you in the night watches,

8. How you have been my helper:
then I sing for joy in the shadow of your wings.
9. Then my soul clings to you:
and your right hand upholds me. **R**

A Reading from the Paul's first letter to the Corinthians

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptised into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

1 Corinthians 10.1-13

Hear the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 464 TIS

Refrain:

*Seek, O seek the Lord, while he is near;
Trust him, speak to him in prayer,
And he will hear.*

1. God be with us in our lives,
Direct us in our calling;
Break the snares the world contrives,
Keep us from falling.

Refrain

2. God, increase in us the life
That Christ by dying gave us:
Though we faint in mortal strife
His blood will save us.

Refrain

3. Strengthen in our hearts the love
We owe to one another;
How can we love God above
And not each other?

Refrain

Remain standing for the Gospel Reading

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke
chapter 13 beginning at verse 31
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

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

Homily

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

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

Silence may be kept

Let us then ask for mercy, 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

Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace

Offertory Hymn: 473 TIS

1. Community of Christ,
Who make the Cross your own,
Live out your creed and risk your life
For God alone:
The God who wears your face,
To whom all worlds belong,
Whose children are of every race
And every song.
2. Community of Christ,
Look past the Church's door
And see the refugee, the hungry,
And the poor.
Take hands with the oppressed,
The jobless in your street,
Take towel and water, that you wash
Your neighbour's feet.
3. Community of Christ,
Through whom the word must sound –
Cry out for justice and for peace
The whole world round:
Disarm the powers of war
And all that can destroy,
Turn bombs to bread, and tears of anguish
Into joy.
4. When menace melts away,
So shall God's will be done,
The climate of the world be peace
And Christ its Sun;

Our currency be love
And kindness our law,
Our food and faith be shared as one
For evermore.

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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 now and always,
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 was tempted in every way as we are,
yet he did not sin.

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.

By his grace we are able
to triumph over every evil,
and to walk in the way of his love.

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.**

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The priest says

Compassionate and loving God,
through your Son Jesus Christ
you have fed us
and have reconciled your people to yourself.
Following his example of fasting and prayer,
may we obey you with willing hearts
and serve one another in holy love.

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: 93 TIS

1. Praise the Lord, you heavens
adore him;
Praise him angels in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before him,
Praise him, all you stars and light.
Praise the Lord, for he has spoken,
Worlds his mighty voice obeyed:
Laws, that never shall be broken,
For their guidance he has made.
2. Praise the Lord, for he is glorious;
Never shall his promise fail:
God has made his saints victorious:
Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
Hosts on high his power proclaim;
Heaven and earth, and all creation,
Praise and glorify his name.

The priest says

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself, that you may find in him crucified a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sin forgiven 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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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 Anniversary!

Tig & Marilyn Simmons – 28 March

+ Year's Mind

Judy Hosking – 25 March; Alan Dickson – 27 March;
Geoffrey Simonsen – 27 March; Dorothy Wilson – 29 March



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD....

Mon 25 Mar	1.30pm	Friends of St Francis
Wed 27 Mar	10am	Mass Mothers' Union meet for the 10am Mass
Fri 29 Mar		There is no Aged Care Ministry this week
Sun 31 Mar	8am 10am	<u>Mothers' Sunday</u> Holy Communion Sung Eucharist



NOTICES & UPCOMING EVENTS

Mothers' Sunday next week

As is our custom we will bless and distribute Simnel Cake at both services on Mothers' Sunday – next Sunday, 31 March.

We will remember all mothers including the Mother of all mothers – Our Lady and we will give thanks for the mothering we have received in and through our Mother Church. This is of course an opportunity to bring your mother to church or indeed someone in your community who is a mother.



Mothers' Union this Wednesday

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



ABM Lent Appeal 2019



Envelopes are available in the Narthex if you would like to donate to the ABM's Lent Appeal.

Lenten Discipline Money boxes

The Parish Mission, under the auspices of the Parish Council, is once again inviting parishioners to donate notes and coins for missions, this year using ABM money boxes during Lent and returning them at the end of Lent.

The money boxes are available in the Narthex. Please take one as you leave the Church. Thank you.



Lenten Reflection Booklet



Anglican Overseas Aid have produced a Lenten Reflection Booklet – An Armchair Pilgrimage – to encourage us all to take time out of our usual routine to go on a journey, a pilgrimage, in the lead up to this deeply holy time.

Booklets are available in the Narthex so please take one and use it for your preparation for your journey to Easter.

Lent: Week 3 Prayer

'Lord God, our Redeemer, who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery: free us from the tyranny of sin and death and, by the leading of your Spirit, bring us to our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'

From the Locum Vicar

Today we extend a warm welcome to Edwin Kwong who comes to us as our new Parish Organist. Edwin is currently studying for his Masters Degree in Medical Science and has a long involvement in choral music and as a church organist, most recently at St Andrew's, Brighton and St Bartholomew's, Burnley. He comes to us with enthusiasm, energy and a hope to help us strengthen our worship.

We also welcome the Levvey family to our 10am service today – they are with us to give thanks for the life of their loved one Anne.

Many thanks to Sandra and Marlene who have offered to make Simnel Cake for next week when we will celebrate Mothering Sunday – a day not to be missed.

The horror of that cowardly terror attack in the Christchurch mosques still haunts us, we remember all who have lost loved ones or who are recovering from that violence. We pray that hatred and racism will cease and let us take care that we reflect the love of Jesus in all our words and actions.

Can I thoroughly recommend the movie 'The Green Book' – speaking of such things – it's not only a great show, it has a powerful message.

Following the 10am Eucharist this morning we will move to the Memorial Garden for the brief ceremony of the Interment of Ashes and thanksgiving for Anne Elizabeth Levvey.

Every blessing,
Fr Ray McInnes

Friends of St Francis tomorrow

The Friends of St Francis Fellowship Group will hold their next meeting tomorrow, Monday 25 March, at 1.30pm at the home of Margaret Henry, 7 Lorna Street, Cheltenham.

It is to be a Lenten House Communion celebrated by Fr Andre. All very welcome.



Palms for Palm Sunday



If anyone has any healthy green palm fronds they could donate for Palm Sunday, please contact the Parish Office.

Please join us on Friday 12 April at 1pm in the Parish Office to make our palm crosses. Helpers most welcome!

The Mother Hen



"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!" Luke 13:34

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