

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 (Dec)

Parish Breakfast: 5th Sunday of the month

St Matthew's Anglican Church Cheltenham



Corner Nepean Highway and Park Road

Cheltenham, Victoria, 3192

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday
16 December
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 19 December:
10am Mass: Thomas – Fr Ron White

Friends of St Francis

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

TODAY'S ROSTER – 16 DECEMBER

8 AM		10 AM	
Sidespeople:	Julie Johnston Rob Johnston	Sidespeople:	Len Evans
Reader:	Vicki Hutton	Reader:	Lesley Boyd
Chalice:		Chalice:	
Server:		Server:	Harold Daly
Intercessions:	Priscilla van Reesema	Intercessions:	Deborah Howard

NEXT SUNDAY'S ROSTER – 23 DECEMBER

8 AM		10 AM	
Sidespeople:	Cliff Simmons Marilyn Simmons	Sidespeople:	Sandra Cooper
Reader:	Priscilla van Reesema	Reader:	Mitch Porter
Chalice:		Chalice:	Harold Daly
Server:	Priscilla van Reesema	Server:	Mitch Porter
Intercessions:	Cliff Simmons	Intercessions:	Val Fielder

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Micah 5.2-5a	For the Psalm: Song of Mary	Hebrews 10.5-10	Luke 1.39-45
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THE HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Introit Hymn: 443 NEH (10am only)

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| <p>1. Rejoice, the Lord is King,
Your Lord and King adore;
Mortals, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore:</p> <p><i>Refrain:</i>
<i>Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;</i>
<i>Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.</i></p> <p>2. Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains,
He took his seat above:</p> <p><i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>3. His kingdom cannot fail;
He rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given:</p> <p><i>Refrain</i></p> <p>4. He sits at God's right hand
Till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command,
And fall beneath his feet:</p> <p><i>Refrain</i></p> |
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Words: Charles Wesley 1707-88
The New English Hymnal

THE ADVENT WREATH – ADVENT 3

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, just and true:
to you be praise and glory for ever!
Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth
as a burning and shining light.
May we your servants rejoice in his light,
and so be led to witness to him
who is the Lord of our coming Kingdom,
Jesus our Saviour and King of the ages.

Blessed be God for ever.

God our Father,
you gave to Zechariah and Elisabeth in their old age
a son called John.
He grew up strong in spirit,
prepared the people for the coming of the Lord,
and baptised them in the Jordan to wash away their sins.

Help us, who have been baptised into Christ,
to be ready to welcome him into our hearts,
and to grow strong in faith by the power of the Spirit.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the Light who is coming into the world.

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
John told the people to prepare,
for you were very near.
As Christmas grows closer day by day,
help us to be ready to welcome you now.**

We sing (10am only)

O come, O come, thou Lord of might
Who to the tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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.

Sentence of Scripture

Do not fear. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love.

Zephaniah 3.16-17

**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

Almighty God,
you sent your Son into a world
where the wheat must be winnowed from the chaff
and evil clings even to what is good:
let the fire of your Spirit purge us of all corruption,
so that, purified, we may wait eagerly for him
whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near,
your Son, 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 Advent Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life
in which your Son Jesus Christ came among us in great humility,
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Book of Zephaniah

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!
The Lord has taken away the judgements against you,
he has turned away your enemies.
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.
The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.
I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the Lord.

Zephaniah 3.14-20

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

Song of Isaiah (said antiphonally)

'Behold, God is my salvation:
I will trust and will not be afraid;
**'For the Lord God is my strength and my song:
and has become my salvation.**
With joy you will draw water:
from the wells of salvation.
On that day you will say:
'Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;
'Make known his deeds among the nations:
proclaim that his name is exalted.
**'Sing God's praises, who has triumphed gloriously:
let this be known in all the world.**
'Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion:
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.'

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4.4-7

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

Gradual Hymn: 632 A&M (10am only)

1. Fill thou my life, O Lord my God,
In every part with praise,
That my whole being may proclaim
Thy being and thy ways.
2. Not for the lip of praise alone,
Nor e'en the praising heart
I ask, but for a life made up
Of praise in every part.
3. So shall each fear, each fret,
each care,
Be turnèd into song;
And every winding of the way
The echo shall prolong.
4. So shall no part of day or night
Unblest or common be,
But all my life, in every step,
Be fellowship with thee.

Words: H. Bonar 1869-89
Hymns Ancient & Modern
Hymns & Songs for Refreshing Worship

Remain standing for the Gospel Reading

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke
chapter 3 beginning at verse 7
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptised by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptised, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptise you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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

The Lord comes, bringing to light things now hidden in darkness, and disclosing the purposes of the heart.

Silence may be kept

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming, 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

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace

Offertory Hymn: 315 TIS (10am only)

1. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:
His truth is marching on.

Refrain:

*Glory, glory, hallelujah, glory, glory, hallelujah,
Glory, glory, hallelujah, his truth is marching on.*

2. He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of all before his judgment seat:
O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.

Refrain

3. In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in his bosom which transfigures you and me:

As he died to make us holy, let us live to make all free,
While God is marching on.

Refrain:

*Glory, glory, hallelujah, glory, glory, hallelujah,
Glory, glory, hallelujah, his truth is marching on.*

4. He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave;
He is wisdom to the mighty; he is succour to the brave:
So the world shall be his foot-stool, and the soul of time his slave:
Our God is marching on.

Refrain

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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 was looked for by the prophets,
heralded by the Baptist
announced by an angel,
born of the Virgin Mary,
and revealed at last to men and women of every race.

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.**

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
be 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

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Post Communion Hymn: 609 TIS (10am only) (please kneel if possible)

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| 1. May the mind of Christ my Saviour
Live in me from day to day,
By his love and power controlling
All I do and say. | 3. May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self denying,
This is victory. |
| 2. May the word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour
So that all may see I triumph
Only through his power. | |

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Together in Song

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The priest says

God for whom we wait,
we thank you that you have fed us
with the bread of life and the cup of salvation.
As we joyfully await your Son, keep us ever watchful
that we may be ready to stand before him on the day of his coming.

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: 413 NEH (10am only)

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| 1. Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours to-day. | 2. O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next. |
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3. All praise and thanks to God
 The Father now be given,
 The Son, and him who reigns,
 With them in highest heaven,
 The One eternal God,
 Whom earth and heaven adore;
 For thus it was, is now,
 And shall be evermore.

Words: German, Martin Rinkart 1586-1649
 Tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827-78
 The New English Hymnal

The priest says

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
 and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
 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 Birthday!

Roma Swallow – 22 December

† Year's Mind

Dorothy Garrett – 16 December; Don Anderson – 16 December;
 Henry Cleghorn – 17 December; Keith Foreman – 17 December;
 Syd Liebe – 20 December; Reginald Noye – 21 December;
 Norman Stansfield – 21 December



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD....

Sun 16 Dec	6pm	Carol Service
Wed 19 Dec	10am	Mass: Thomas, Apostle & Martyr followed by Bible Study, Parish Office
Fri 21 Dec	11am	Aged Care Ministry, St James Terrace
Sun 23 Dec		<u>Fourth Sunday of Advent</u>
	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Sung Eucharist
Mon 24 Dec		Christmas Eve
	5.30pm	Children's Crib Service followed by sausage sizzle in the Hall
	11pm	Carols by Candlelight
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass
Tues 25 Dec		Christmas Day
	9am	Christmas Holy Communion



NOTICES & UPCOMING EVENTS

Carol Service tonight!



Don't forget that our Carol Service (with readings) is tonight at 6pm!
 This is a good opportunity to invite those who might find a more
 formal service difficult so bring along your friends
 and neighbours and even members of your family!

Christmas Special Effort!

Tickets for our Christmas Special Effort are available after each service.
 Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The draw will take place
 next Sunday, 23 December, during morning tea.



Bible Study on Wednesday

Our last bible study will follow the 10am Mass on Wednesday.

Working Bee – thank you!

Thank you to those who helped yesterday at our working bee.
Your efforts have made the place look neat & tidy
as we approach Christmas!



The Melbourne Anglican & Salt

Don't forget to pick up a
copy of TMA & Salt.
Please read them and pass
them on!



New Roster Available

The new roster for the December –
February period is now available in the
Narthex. If you are able to help fill in a
gap please let the Office know.

Retirement fast approaching!

As you are all aware, Fr Ron will be retiring on Friday 25 January 2019
(the 40th Anniversary of his Deaconing). There will be a special service
on this day to celebrate this occasion at 6pm.

His last Sunday services will be on Sunday 20 January.

A presentation will be made to Fr Ron at morning tea.

If parishioners would like to make a contribution towards his gift
please put this in an envelope marked 'Fr Ron's Presentation'
and place in the Offertory Plate or hand it into the Parish Office.

Masses celebrated during Christmas week

Wednesday 26 December – 10am: Stephen, Deacon & Martyr

Thursday 27 December – 10am: John, Apostle & Martyr

Friday 28 December – 10am: Holy Innocents

Third Sunday of Advent

Love in action for Syrian refugees

Through the Christmas Bowl, we heed the urgent call to bring transformative love to the people of Syria by providing emergency food, healthcare and training for families most in need. **Please give to the Christmas Bowl today.**

CALL: 1800 025 101
VISIT: actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

SUNDAY 16 DECEMBER
6pm Carol Service

CHRISTMAS EVE
5.30pm Children's Crib Service
followed by sausage sizzle
11pm Carols by Candlelight
11.30pm Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY
9am Christmas Holy Communion