

# St Matthew's Anglican Church, Cheltenham

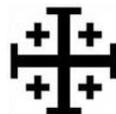
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## SERVICE DETAILS

**Sunday 8am:** Holy Communion

**Sunday 10am:** Sung Eucharist

**Wednesday 10am:** Said Eucharist

Baptisms, First Communions,  
Confirmations, Weddings and  
Funerals by arrangement

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month 8am:** Book of  
Common Prayer (BCP)

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month 10am:** Family Service  
with Sunday School

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month:** Healing Service  
follows the 10am Mass

## PARISH EVENTS

**Morning Tea:** After the 10am service every Sunday

**Parish Luncheon:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every 2<sup>nd</sup> month

**Parish Breakfast:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month

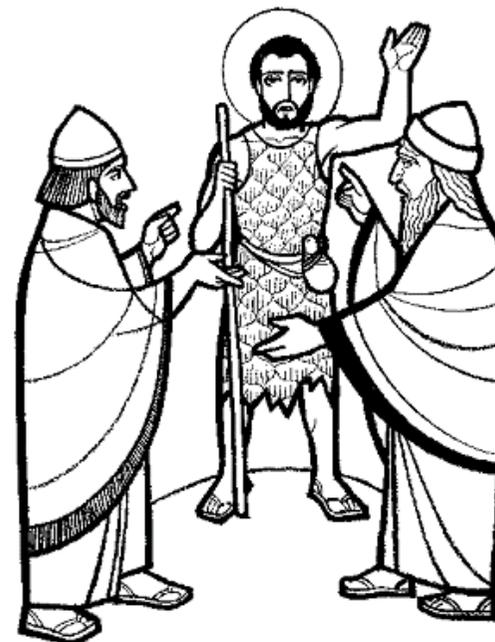
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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday  
17 December  
2017

### 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

150 Years of Witness & Service in Cheltenham

## OTHER SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

### St Matthew's

**Wednesday 20 December:**

10am Mass: Thomas, Apostle & Martyr – Fr Ron White

### Friends of St Francis

**Sunday 17 December:**

9.30am Mass at CHN Prayer Room – Fr Andre Hassing

## TODAY'S ROSTER – 17 DECEMBER

| 8 AM                  |              | 10 AM                 |             |
|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| <b>Sidespeople:</b>   |              | <b>Sidespeople:</b>   | Len Evans   |
| <b>Reader:</b>        | Fr Ron       | <b>Reader:</b>        | Harold Daly |
| <b>Chalice:</b>       |              | <b>Chalice:</b>       | Len Evans   |
| <b>Server:</b>        |              | <b>Server:</b>        | Phil Whelan |
| <b>Intercessions:</b> | Vicki Hutton | <b>Intercessions:</b> | Reg Davies  |

## NEXT SUNDAY'S ROSTER – 24 DECEMBER

| 8 AM                  |                                | 10 AM                 |                            |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Sidespeople:</b>   | Julie Johnston<br>Rob Johnston | <b>Sidespeople:</b>   | Sandra Cooper<br>Kath Daly |
| <b>Reader:</b>        | Vicki Hutton                   | <b>Reader:</b>        | Lesley Boyd                |
| <b>Chalice:</b>       |                                | <b>Chalice:</b>       | Harold Daly                |
| <b>Server:</b>        | Priscilla van Reesema          | <b>Server:</b>        | Reg Davies                 |
| <b>Intercessions:</b> | Cliff Simmons                  | <b>Intercessions:</b> | Mitch Porter               |

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

|                        |                 |                    |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 2 Samuel<br>7.1-11, 16 | Song of<br>Mary | Romans<br>16.25-27 | Luke<br>1.26-38 |
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# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*Introit Hymn: 179 TIS (10am only)*

1. Praise with joy the world's Creator,  
God of justice, love and peace,  
Source and end of human knowledge,  
Force of greatness without cease.  
Celebrate the Maker's glory,  
Power to rescue and release.
2. Praise the Son who feeds the hungry,  
Frees the captive, finds the lost,  
Heals the sick, upsets religion,  
Fearless both of fate and cost.  
Celebrate Christ's constant presence —  
Friend and Stranger, Guest and Host.
3. Praise the Spirit sent among us,  
Liberating truth from pride,  
Forging bonds where race or gender,  
Age or nation dare divide.  
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure —  
Foolishness none dare deride.
4. Praise the Maker, Son and Spirit,  
One God in community,  
Calling Christians to embody  
Oneness and diversity.  
Thus the world shall yet believe, when  
Shown Christ's vibrant unity.

Words: John L. Bell 1949- and Graham Maule 1958-  
Words from Wild Goose Songs 1, Heaven Shall Not Wait  
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Together In Song

## 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*

Bind up the broken-hearted, proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, the day of vengeance of our God.

Isaiah 61.1-2

**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*

Eternal God,  
you sent John the Baptist  
to prepare the way for the coming of your Son:  
grant us wisdom to see your purpose  
and openness to hear your will,

that we too may prepare the way for Christ  
who is coming in power and glory  
to establish his rule of peace and justice;  
through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer,  
who lives and reigns with you and 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 Isaiah*

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the broken-hearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.  
They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
they shall raise up the former devastations;

they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.  
For I the Lord love justice,  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.  
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,  
and their offspring among the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge  
that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.  
I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11

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

*Responsorial Psalm 126.1-5, 7*

**R Those that sow in tears shall reap with songs of joy. R**

1. When the Lord turned again the fortunes of Zion:  
then were we like those restored to life.
2. Then was our mouth filled with laughter:  
and our tongue with singing. **R**
3. Then said they among the heathen:  
'The Lord has done great things for them.'
4. Truly the Lord has done great things for us:  
and therefore we rejoiced. **R**
5. Turn again our fortunes, O Lord:  
as the streams return to the dry south. **R**
7. They that go out weeping, bearing the seed:  
shall come again in gladness,  
bringing their sheaves with them. **R**

*A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians*

But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labour among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint-hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. Beloved, pray for us. Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. I solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all of them. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

1 Thessalonians 5.12-28

Hear the Word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

*Gradual Hymn: 3 NEH (10am only)*

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| 1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus,<br>Born to set thy people free,<br>From our fears and sins release us,<br>Let us find our rest in thee. | 3. Born thy people to deliver,<br>Born a child, and yet a king,<br>Born to reign in us for ever,<br>Now thy gracious kingdom bring.   |
| 2. Israel's strength and consolation,<br>Hope of all the earth thou art,<br>Dear desire of every nation,<br>Joy of every longing heart.    | 4. By thine own eternal Spirit,<br>Rule in all our hearts alone;<br>By thine all-sufficient merit<br>Raise us to thy glorious throne. |

Words: Charles Wesley 1707-88  
The New English Hymnal

*Remain standing for the Gospel Reading*

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John

chapter 1 beginning at verse 6

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?'

He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.'

And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.'

Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?'

He said,

'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,

"Make straight the way of the Lord" ', as the prophet Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.

They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?'

John answered them, 'I baptise with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know,

the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.'

This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptising.

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: 483 NEH (10am only)*

1. The Church of God a kingdom is,  
Where Christ in power doth reign,  
Where spirits yearn till seen in bliss  
Their Lord shall come again.
2. Glad companies of saints possess  
This Church below, above;  
And God's perpetual calm doth bless  
Their paradise of love.
3. An altar stands within the shrine  
Whereon, once sacrificed,  
Is set, immaculate, divine,  
The Lamb of God, the Christ.
4. There rich and poor, from countless lands,  
Praise Christ on mystic rood;  
There nations reach forth holy hands  
To take God's holy food.
5. There pure life-giving streams o'erflow  
The sower's garden-ground;  
And faith and hope fair blossoms show,  
And fruits of love abound.
6. O King, O Christ, this endless grace  
To us and all men bring,  
To see the vision of thy face  
In joy, O Christ, our King.

*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.

We thank you that when he shall come again  
in power and great triumph to judge the world,  
we may with joy behold his appearing,  
and in confidence stand before him  
who redeems us from sin and death  
and makes us heirs of everlasting 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.**

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.

Words: Lionel Muirhead 1845-1925  
The New English Hymnal

On the night that 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*

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

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

*Post Communion Hymn: 6 NEH (10am only) (please kneel if possible)*

1. Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes,  
The Saviour promised long!  
Let every heart prepare a throne,  
And every voice a song.
2. Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,  
Thy welcome shall proclaim,  
And heaven's eternal arches ring  
With thy beloved name.

Words: Philip Doddridge 1702-51  
The New English Hymnal

## 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: 55 NEH (10am only)*

1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed!  
Great David's greater Son;  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
To set the captive free;  
To take away transgression,  
And rule in equity.
2. He comes with succour speedy  
To those who suffer wrong;  
To help the poor and needy,  
And bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for sighing,  
Their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying,  
Were precious in his sight.
3. He shall come down like showers  
Upon the fruitful earth,  
And love, joy, hope, like flowers,  
Spring in his path to birth:  
Before him on the mountains  
Shall peace the herald go;  
And righteousness in fountains  
From hill to valley flow.
4. O'er every foe victorious,  
He on his throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious,  
All-blessing and all-blest:

The tide of time shall never  
His covenant remove;  
His name shall stand for ever;  
That name to us is Love.

Words: James Montgomery 1771-1854,  
based on Psalm 72  
The New English Hymnal

*The priest says*

Go forth into the world in peace;  
be of good courage;  
hold fast that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak;  
help the afflicted;  
give honour to all; love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;  
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*

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 17 Dec | 6pm     | Carol Service   |  |
| Wed 20 Dec | 10am    | Mass: Thomas, Apostle & Martyr                                    |  |
| Fri 22 Dec | 11am    | Aged Care Ministry, Autumdale Lodge                               |  |
| Sun 24 Dec |         | <u>Fourth Sunday of Advent</u>                                    |  |
|            | 8am     | Holy Communion  |  |
|            | 10am    | Sung Eucharist  |  |
|            |         | <b><u>Christmas Eve</u></b>                                       |  |
|            | 5.30pm  | Children's Crib Service<br>followed by sausage sizzle in the Hall |  |
|            | 11pm    | Carols by Candlelight   |  |
|            | 11.30pm | Midnight Mass   |  |
| Mon 25 Dec |         | <b><u>Christmas Day</u></b>                                       |  |
|            | 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 on Christmas Eve, Sunday 24 December, during morning tea.

### 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.

### The Melbourne Anglican (TMA)

The December edition of TMA is now available in the Narthex.  
Don't forget to pick up your copy!



### 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!



### Masses celebrated during Christmas week

Tuesday 26 December – 10am: Stephen, Deacon & Martyr  
Wednesday 27 December – 10am: John, Apostle & Martyr  
Thursday 28 December – 10am: Holy Innocents

### World Day of Prayer representative needed

We thank Kath Daly for representing the parish over a number of years for World Day of Prayer. If anyone feels led to continue this ministry please talk to Fr Ron.



**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

**SUNDAY 17 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