

St Matthew's Anglican Church, Cheltenham

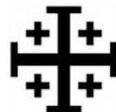
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SERVICE DETAILS

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 (Oct)

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**TWENTY-
THIRD
SUNDAY
AFTER
PENTECOST**

**Sunday
23 October
2016**

Welcome to our Service today

**10am – Sung Eucharist
with Baptism**

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Ron White

Organist: Mrs Marlene Davies

149 Years of Witness & Service in Cheltenham

OTHER SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

St Matthew's

Wednesday 26 October:
10am Mass – Fr Ron White

Friends of St Francis

Sunday 23 October:
9.30am Mass at CHN Prayer Room – Fr Andre Hassing

TODAY'S ROSTER – 23 OCTOBER

8 AM		10 AM	
Sidespeople:		Sidespeople:	Sandra Cooper Kath Daly
Reader:	John Thompson	Reader:	Deb Polites
Chalice:	Reg Davies	Chalice:	Patrick Scully
Server:	Priscilla van Reesema	Server:	Harold Daly
Intercessions:	Reg Davies	Intercessions:	

NEXT SUNDAY'S ROSTER – 30 OCTOBER

8 AM		10 AM	
Sidespeople:	John Thompson	Sidespeople:	
Reader:	Dorothy Gawthorne	Reader:	
Chalice:	John Thompson	Chalice:	Harold Daly
Server:		Server:	Patrick Scully
Intercessions:	Priscilla van Reesema	Intercessions:	Debby Howard

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – TWENTY-FOURTH SUN AFTER PENTECOST

Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4	Psalms 119.137-144	2 Thessalonians 1.1-4, 11-12	Luke 19.1-10
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THE HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome to the family, friends and Godparents of Mitchell as they bring him for baptism.

Introit Hymn: 638 A&M

1. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray,
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
Keep me burning till the break of day:

Refrain:

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King!*

2. Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
Give me joy in my heart, I pray;
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
Keep me praising till the break of day:

Refrain

3. Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
Give me peace in my heart, I pray;
Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
Keep me loving till the break of day:

Refrain

4. Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
Give me love in my heart, I pray;
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
Keep me serving till the break of day:

Refrain

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

Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.

Luke 18.17

**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.'

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed. Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence may be kept

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:
fill us with your Spirit.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:
fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

The Absolution. The priest says

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

O God, who alone can probe the depths of the heart,
you hear the prayer of the humble and justify the repentant sinner:
grant us the gift of humility,
that, seeing our own faults clearly,

we may refrain from judging our neighbour
but rely solely upon your saving grace.
We make our prayer through your Son, our Saviour,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Book of Joel

O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the Lord your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.
The threshing floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
Then afterward
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.
Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.
I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and
columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to
blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone
who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in
Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among
the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

Joel 2.23-24, 28-32

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

Psalm 65.7-13 (said antiphonally)

7. Those who dwell at the ends of the earth are awed at your wonders:
the dawn and the evening sing your praises.
8. **You tend the earth and water it:
you make it rich and fertile.**

9. The river of God is full of water:
and so providing for the earth, you provide grain for us all.
10. **You drench its furrows, you level the ridges between:
you soften it with showers and bless its early growth.**
11. You crown the year with your goodness:
and the tracks where you have passed drip with fatness.
12. **The pastures of the wilderness run over:
and the hills are girded with joy.**
13. The meadows are clothed with sheep:
and the valleys stand so thick with corn, they shout for joy and sing.

A Reading from Paul's Second Letter to Timothy

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my
departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have
kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness,
which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to
me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.
At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not
be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so
that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles
might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me
from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the
glory forever and ever. Amen.

2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18

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

Gradual Hymn: 672 TIS

1. Lord of earth and all creation,
Let your love possess our land:
Wealth, and freedom, far horizons,
Mountain, forest, shining sand:
May we share, in faith and friendship,
Gifts unmeasured from your hand.
2. People of the ancient Dreamtime,
They who found this country first,
Ask with those, the later comers,

Will our dream be blessed or cursed?
Grant us, Lord, new birth, new living,
Hope for which our children thirst.

3. Lord, life-giving healing Spirit,
On our hurts your mercy shower;
Lead us by your inward dwelling,
Guiding, guarding, every hour.
Bless and keep our land forever:
In your will her peace and power.

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Together In Song

Remain standing for the Gospel Reading

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke
chapter 18 beginning at verse 15
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. But Jesus called for them and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

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

THE SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, said, Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.
(Matthew 28.19-20)

Our Lord Jesus Christ said, Let the children come to me; do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God.
(Mark 10.14)

Children are baptised on the understanding that they will be brought up as faithful members of the Church, to follow Christ and to fight against evil; and that they will come before the bishop to be confirmed by him, when they are of age to take upon themselves the promises you are about to make on their behalf.

As they grow up they need encouragement, teaching, and the help of a good example, so that they may learn to worship God, to pray to him, to put their

faith and trust in him, and to take their place in the life of the Church. Parents and Godparents, *this child* depends chiefly on you for the help and encouragement *he* needs. Are you willing to give *him* this help and encouragement by every means in your power?

The parents and Godparents answer

I am willing.

God is creator of all things, and he gives to parents the work and joy of bringing children to birth and nurturing them. Yet, Jesus tells us, those who are born of human parents need to be born anew. 'What is born of flesh, ' he says, 'is flesh; and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.'" and again he says, 'Unless one is born from above they cannot see the kingdom of God.' Because of our sinfulness, God calls us to a new birth and life in union with himself. Baptism is the sign and seal of this new birth. Jesus commanded his disciples to preach the gospel to all nations and to baptise those who believe. They obeyed this command, and we read of Saint Peter preaching in these words, 'Repent, and be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

For the promise is to you and to your children and to all that are afar off, every one whom the Lord our God calls to him.'

In obedience to that same command we ourselves were baptised and now bring *this child* to baptism.

The priest continues

Let us pray to God through our Lord Jesus Christ, that he will grant to this child that which by nature *he* cannot have; that *he* may be baptised with water and the Holy Spirit, received into Christ's holy Church, and made a living member of the same.

All join the priest in saying

**Heavenly Father,
we thank you that in your great love
you have called us to know you
and trust in you.
Increase this knowledge and strengthen our faith.
Give your Holy Spirit to this child
that he may be born again
and may inherit your eternal Kingdom.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE DECISION

The Godparents and parents stand, and the priest says to them

Those who bring young children to be baptised must declare, on behalf of the children, allegiance to Christ and rejection of all that is evil: the devil and all his works, the empty display and false values of the world, and the sinful desires of the flesh.

Therefore I ask you to answer on behalf of this child,

Do you turn to Christ?

The Godparents and parents answer

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil.

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The parents and Godparents accompany the priest to the baptistry during the singing of the following hymn

Baptismal Hymn: 386 TIS

Refrain:

By your kingly power, O risen Lord,

All that Adam lost is now restored:

In your resurrection be adored.

1. Sing the joyful Easter cry,
Sound it to the souls in prison,
Shout our triumph to the sky:
Sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen.

Refrain

2. Sing the joyful Easter cry,
Let all times and peoples listen:
Death has no more victory,
Sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen.

Refrain

3. Death has lost and life has won;
Every newborn soul we christen
Has the Father's child become:
Sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen.

Refrain

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Together In Song

The priest blesses the water

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ was baptised in the River Jordan, we thank you for the gift of water to cleanse and revive us: we thank you that you delivered your people from slavery and led them through the waters of the Red Sea to freedom in the promised land; we thank you that you brought your Son through the deep waters of death and raised him to life in triumph.

Hear now the prayers of your faithful people; sanctify this water for the mystical washing away of sin, that your servant who is to be baptised in it may be made one in Christ in his death and in his resurrection;

send your Holy Spirit upon *him* to bring *him* to new birth in the family of your Church, and raise *him* with Christ to full and eternal life.

For all might, majesty, authority, and power are yours, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The priest says

This child has been brought for baptism. Let us all now profess the faith into which he is to be baptised and in which he is to be brought up.

All join in saying the Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he shall come judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

This is the faith of the Church.

This our faith: we believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The priest says to the Godparents and parents

I now ask you to answer in the name of this child,
Do you profess this faith?

The Godparents and parents answer

I do.

Do you ask for baptism in this faith?

I do.

Will you, with God's help, strive to keep his holy will and commandments
and serve him faithfully throughout your life?

I will.

Mitchell Gordon, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The priest continues

God has called you into his Church.

**We therefore receive and welcome you
as a fellow member of the body of Christ,
as a child of the same heavenly Father,
and as an inheritor with us of the kingdom of God.**

The priest makes a cross on the child's forehead and says to him

I sign you with the sign of the cross
to show that you are to be true to Christ crucified
and that you are not to be ashamed
to confess your faith in him.

The congregation joins the priest in saying

**Fight bravely under his banner
against sin, the world, and the devil,
and continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant
to your life's end.**

After presenting a candle the priest says

God has called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Shine as a light in the world

To the glory of God the Father.

Prayers for the parents and Godparents

Lord God our Father, maker of heaven and earth, we thank you that you have
been pleased to give *this child* new birth with your Holy Spirit, to adopt *him* for
your own, and to receive *him* into the fellowship of your Church. Being buried
with Christ in his death, may *he* die to sin, walk in newness of life, and be united
with Christ in his resurrection. May *he* grow in the faith into which *he has* been
baptised, and come to profess it for *himself*; and may all things belonging to the
Spirit live and grow in *him*. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, we pray for the parents of *this child*; give them the spirit of
wisdom and love. May their children grow up to love and reverence you and
their home share in the joy of your eternal kingdom. **Amen.**

God of truth and love, we pray for the Godparents of *him* whom we have
baptised in your name, that they may desire to share with their *Godchild* what
you have revealed to us in your holy gospel. We ask this in the name of our
Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The priest and people say

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of
the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.**

The priest returns to the sanctuary and the baptism party to their seats

The Sermon

Silence may follow

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.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

All stand. The Greeting of Peace is introduced

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

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: 242 TIS

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun;
I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem I had my birth:

Refrain:

*Dance then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he;
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

2. I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John,
They came with me and the dance went on:

Refrain

3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame:
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
They left me there on a cross to die:

Refrain

4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;
But I am the dance and I still go on:

Refrain

5. They cut me down and I leap up high,
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you as you live in me:
I am the Lord of the dance, said he:

Refrain

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.

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Together In Song

Loving God,
we thank you for this world of wonder and delight.
You have given it to us to care for,
so that all your creatures may enjoy its bounty.
Lord our God,
we give you thanks and praise.

We thank you that when we turned away from you,
you sent Jesus to live and work as one of us,
and bring us back to you.
He showed us how to love you
and set us free to love and serve one another.
Lord our God,
we give you thanks and praise.

We thank you that on the cross
Jesus took away our sin,
all that keeps us from each other and from you.
He frees us from hate and fear,
from all that destroys love and trust.
Lord our God,
we give you thanks and praise.

We thank you, the God of love,
that you created us;
and continually preserve and sustain us.
You have loved us with an everlasting love,
and given us the light of the knowledge of his glory
in the face of Jesus Christ.
Lord our God,
we give you thanks and praise.

And so with everyone who believes in you,
with Our Lady, Matthew our Patron and all the saints and angels,
we rejoice and praise you, 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

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

Father of all
we give you thanks and praise
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us in this hope that we have grasped;
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name.

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: 209 TIS

1. And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain —
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me!
Amazing love! how can it be
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me!
2. He left his Father's throne above
(so free, so infinite his grace!),
Emptied himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free:
For, O my God, it found out me.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free:
For, O my God, it found out me.
3. No condemnation now I dread:
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

The priest says

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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Together In Song

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 service!

We thank the Baptism family for supplying morning tea.

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES DURING THE WEEK

Happy Birthday!

Adair Stagg – 23 October
Rex Patrick – 28 October



† Year's Mind

Terence Daly – 24 October
Eric Montgomery – 24 October
Beryl Kent – 27 October



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD....

Sun 23 Oct	4pm	Anglican Men's Society, St James' Old Cathedral
Mon 24 Oct	1.30pm	Friends of St Francis
Wed 26 Oct	10am	Mass Mothers' Union follows the 10am Mass
Fri 28 Oct	11am	Aged Care Ministry, Autumdale Lodge
Sun 30 Oct		<u>Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</u>
	8am	Holy Communion
	9am	Parish Breakfast
	10am	Sung Eucharist

NOTICES & UPCOMING EVENTS

All Saints Day

All Saints Day (1 November) is the day that we remember the myriad of Saints and Martyrs who do not have a designated day (such as we have for St Matthew, John the Baptist or St Margaret of Scotland). The day following is All Souls Day when we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ.



We will celebrate All Saints Day and remember All Souls Day on Sunday 6 November. If you would like to have the name of a loved one (who has died in the Lord) remembered at the Altar on this day, please check the list in the Narthex and **add** any **NEW** names.

Notice of Annual Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of St Matthew's Anglican Church will be held on Sunday 27 November at 11.30am.

Parish Group Reports for AGM

All reports for the Annual Meeting need to be received by Wednesday 9 November, please hand in to the Parish Office.

Nomination & Electoral Roll Forms

If you would like to nominate someone for Parish Council, Churchwarden or Incumbency Committee please fill out the nomination form. If you are currently not on the Electoral Roll and would like to be please fill out the 'Application for enrolment on Church Electoral Roll' form. Forms are available in the Narthex. All forms need to be handed into the Parish Office or to Fr Ron by Wednesday 9 November.

Parish Breakfast next Sunday!



Don't forget our last Parish Breakfast for the year will be held next Sunday 30 October at approx 9am in the Hall. Come and enjoy a scrumptious breakfast and good company! Gold coin donation. All welcome!

Mothers' Union



Mothers' Union will meet this Wednesday, 26 October, for the 10am Mass.

Morning tea followed by AGM.

Members please bring a suggestion for 2017 program.

Anglican Men's Society

St James' Old Cathedral

Today – Sunday 23 October
4pm Annual General Meeting

5.45pm Basket tea
7pm Evensong



The Baptism of Jesus

As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Mark 1:10-11

Based on Mark 1:4-11 (NIV)

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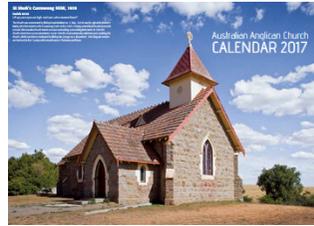


Last calendar orders!

This is your last chance to order an Australian Anglican Church Calendar for 2017.

Please consider buying one for home, office or as a gift (an excellent Christmas present!).

Put \$15 into a named envelope marked 'Calendar 2017' and place in the plate during the offertory.



Friends of St Francis

The Friends of St Francis Fellowship Group will hold their next meeting tomorrow, Monday 24 October, at 1.30pm in the Reception Room, Kingston Green, 62 Cavanagh Street, Cheltenham. We will be packing for the needy. All very welcome!

Hoy Day

The Friends of St Francis Fellowship Group will hold their next Fundraising Hoy Day on Monday 31 October at 1pm in the Reception Room, Kingston Green, 62 Cavanagh Street, Cheltenham. All very welcome!

Salt – Parish Newsletter

If you would like to write about a recent parish event, an upcoming event during the November-December period or about parish life, for our next edition of Salt, contributions need to be at the Parish Office no later than Friday 4 November.

2017 Lectionaries – last chance!

This is your last chance to order a 2017 Lectionary. Please put \$13 inside a named envelope marked '2017 Lectionary' and either place in the plate during the offertory or hand it in at the Parish Office.



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