

## St Matthew's Anglican Church, Cheltenham

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### SERVICE DETAILS

**Sunday 8am:** Holy Communion

**Sunday 10am:** Sung Eucharist (9.15am in January)

**Wednesday 10am:** Said Eucharist (not in January)

### PARISH EVENTS

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

Please see pew sheet notices for dates regarding Parish Lunches and Breakfasts

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## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Sunday  
29 December  
2019

### Welcome to our Services today

8am – Holy Communion

10am – Sung Eucharist

**Celebrant & Preacher:** Fr Geoff Cheong  
(**Assisting Priest:** Fr Russell Joyce OAM)

**Organist:** Mr Edwin Kwong

152 Years of Witness & Service in Cheltenham

## OTHER SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

### Friends of St Francis

Sunday 29 December:

9.30am Mass at CHN Prayer Room – Fr Andre Hassing

## TODAY'S ROSTER – 29 DECEMBER

8 AM		10 AM	
<b>Sidespeople:</b>		<b>Sidespeople:</b>	Sandra Cooper
<b>Reader:</b>	Priscilla van Reesema	<b>Reader:</b>	Deborah Polites
<b>Chalice:</b>		<b>Chalice:</b>	
<b>Server:</b>	Priscilla van Reesema	<b>Server:</b>	Harold Daly
<b>Intercessions:</b>	Vicki Hutton	<b>Intercessions:</b>	Harold Daly

## NEXT SUNDAY'S ROSTER – 5 JANUARY

8 AM		9.15 AM	
<b>Sidespeople:</b>		<b>Sidespeople:</b>	Kath Daly
<b>Reader:</b>	Fr Geoff	<b>Reader:</b>	Harold Daly
<b>Chalice:</b>		<b>Chalice:</b>	
<b>Server:</b>		<b>Server:</b>	Harold Daly
<b>Intercessions:</b>	Fr Geoff	<b>Intercessions:</b>	Fr Geoff

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Isaiah	Psalms	Ephesians	Matthew
60.1-6	72.1-7, 10-14	3.1-12	2.1-12

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



# THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The service begins on page 119 of the Prayer Book*

*Prelude: Pastorale in F Major (BWV 590) (JS Bach)*

*Introit Hymn: 39 NEH*

*Sentence of Scripture*

Because Jesus himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested. Hebrews 2.18

*The Collect of the Day*

Almighty God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: in your mercy, bring us to share the divine life of Jesus Christ, who came to share our human life, and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*A Reading from the Book of Isaiah*

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us, and the great favour to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, 'Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely'; and he became their saviour in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. Isaiah 63.7-9

Hear the Word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

*Psalms 148 (said antiphonally)*

1. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven:  
O praise him in the heights.
2. **Praise him, all his angels:  
O praise him, all his host.**
3. Praise him, sun and moon:  
praise him, all you stars of light.
4. **Praise him, you highest heaven:  
and you waters that are above the heavens.**

5. Let them praise the name of the Lord:  
for he commanded and they were made.
6. **He established them for ever and ever:  
he made an ordinance which shall not pass away.**
7. O praise the Lord from the earth:  
praise him, you sea-monsters and all deeps;
8. **Fire and hail, mist and snow:  
and storm-wind fulfilling his command;**
9. Mountains and all hills:  
fruit trees and all cedars;
10. **Beasts of the wild, and all cattle:  
creeping things and winged birds;**
11. Kings of the earth, and all peoples:  
princes, and all rulers of the world;
12. **Young men and maidens:  
old folk and children together.**
13. Let them praise the name of the Lord:  
for his name alone is exalted.
14. **His glory is above earth and heaven:  
and he has lifted high the horn of his people.**
15. Therefore he is the praise of all his servants:  
of the children of Israel, a people that is near him. Praise the Lord.

*A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Hebrews*

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

And again, 'I will put my trust in him. 'And again, 'Here am I and the children whom God has given me.' Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death.

For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of

God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hebrews 2.10-18

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

*We stand for the Gospel Reading*

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew  
chapter 2 beginning at verse 13  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.' When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: 'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.' When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, 'He will be called a Nazorean.'

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

*The Sermon*

*Page 123 then page 126*

*Offertory Hymn: 85 A&M*

1. The Angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
'All hail,' said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,  
Most highly favoured lady.'  
*Gloria!*
2. 'For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be,  
All generations laud and honour thee,  
Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold;  
Most highly favoured lady.'  
*Gloria!*
3. Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,  
'To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said,  
'My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name':  
Most highly favoured lady.  
*Gloria!*
4. Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born  
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,  
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say  
'Most highly favoured lady.'  
*Gloria!*

Words: Birjina gaztetto bat zegoen (Basque Carol)  
paraphrased by Sabine Baring-Gould 1834-1924  
Ancient & Modern  
Hymns & Songs for Refreshing Worship

*Page 127 then page 141*

*Communion music: En vänlig grönskas rika dräkt (Waldemar Åhlén)*

*Notices and invitations*

*Dismissal Hymn: 72 A&M*

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!<br/>Let earth receive her King;<br/>Let every heart prepare him room,<br/>And heaven and nature sing,<br/>And heaven and nature sing,<br/>And heaven, and heaven and<br/>nature sing.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns!<br/>Let all their songs employ;<br/>While fields and floods, rocks, hills<br/>and plains<br/>Repeat the sounding joy,<br/>Repeat the sounding joy,<br/>Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.</li> </ol> |
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3. He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders, wonders of his love.

Words: Isaac Watts 1574-1728  
Ancient & Modern  
Hymns & Songs for Refreshing Worship

*Postlude: Fugue in G minor (BWV 542) (JS Bach)*

**PARISH ANNIVERSARIES**

*Happy Anniversary!*  
Derek & Dell Pay – 30 December



*+ Year's Mind*



Jim McAskill – 30 December; Ken Sampson – 31 December;  
Annie Leigh – 1 January; Hilbert Daff – 2 January;  
Mary Boyd – 2 January; Max Graham – 3 January; Beryl Kent – 3 January

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

Sun 5 Jan	8am	<u>The Epiphany of our Lord</u>
	9.15am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Sung Eucharist
Sun 12 Jan	8am	<u>The Baptism of our Lord</u>
	9.15am	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist

**NOTICES & UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Please note...**

The Sunday services in January will be held at 8am and 9.15am (the 10am service time is now earlier – please note change of time).  
There will be no Wednesday services and no morning tea on Sundays until February.  
The Parish Office will be closed until mid / late January.