

St Matthew's Anglican Church, Cheltenham

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SERVICE DETAILS

Sunday 8am: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer – 1st Sunday of the month)

Sunday 10am: Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 10am: Said Eucharist

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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**SECOND
SUNDAY
IN LENT**

**Sunday
8 March
2020**

Welcome to our Services today

8am – Holy Communion

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

10am – Sung Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Geoff Cheong
Organist: Mr Keith Fullard

152 Years of Witness & Service in Cheltenham

OTHER SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

St Matthew's

Wednesday 11 March:
10am Mass – Fr Geoff Cheong

Friends of St Francis

Sunday 8 March:
9.30am Mass at CHN Prayer Room – Fr Andre Hassing

TODAY'S ROSTER – 8 MARCH

8 AM		10 AM	
Sidespeople:	Tig Simmons Marilyn Simmons	Sidespeople:	Sandra Cooper
Reader:	Marilyn Simmons	Reader:	Deborah Howard
Chalice:		Chalice:	
Server:	Priscilla van Reesema	Server:	Harold Daly
Intercessions:	Priscilla van Reesema	Intercessions:	Val Fielder

NEXT SUNDAY'S ROSTER – 15 MARCH

8 AM		10 AM	
Sidespeople:		Sidespeople:	Val Fielder
Reader:	Priscilla van Reesema	Reader:	Val Fielder
Chalice:		Chalice:	
Server:	Priscilla van Reesema	Server:	Harold Daly
Intercessions:	Vicki Hutton	Intercessions:	Deborah Howard

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Exodus	Psalm	Romans	John
17.1-7	95	5.1-11	4.5-42

THE HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Introit Hymn: 388 NEH (10am only)

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.
3. Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.
4. Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honours to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the long Amen.

Words: Isaac Watts 1674-1748
The New English Hymnal

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

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

John 3.16

**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 of mercy,
you are full of tenderness and compassion,
slow to anger, rich in mercy,
and always ready to forgive:
grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ,
that in every way we may prove to be your loving children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and 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 Genesis

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Genesis 12.1-4a

Hear the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121 (said antiphonally)

1. I lift up my eyes to the hills:
but where shall I find help?
2. **My help comes from the Lord:
who has made heaven and earth.**
3. He will not suffer your foot to stumble:
and he who watches over you will not sleep.
4. **Be sure he who has charge of Israel:
will neither slumber nor sleep.**
5. The Lord himself is your keeper:
the Lord is your defence upon your right hand;

6. **The sun shall not strike you by day:
nor shall the moon by night.**

7. The Lord will defend you from all evil:
it is he who will guard your life.

8. **The Lord will defend your going out and your coming in:
from this time forward for evermore.**

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Romans 4.1-5, 13-17

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

Gradual Hymn: 138 NEH (10am only)

1. Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart:
2. Thy blessèd unction from above
Is comfort, life, and fire of love;
Enable with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded sight:

3. Anoint and cheer our soilèd face
With the abundance of thy grace:
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where thou art guide no ill can come.

4. Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And thee, of Both, to be but One;
That through the ages all along
This may be our endless song,

Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

We stand for the Gospel Reading

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John
chapter 3 beginning at verse 1
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the

Words: John Cosin 1594, 1572
Based on Veni, creator Spiritus
The New English Hymnal

Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

The Sermon

Silence may follow

The Apostles' Creed may be said

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to 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.**

or this Affirmation of Faith may be used

**We believe in one God,
who made and loves all that is.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was born, lived, died and rose again,
and is coming to call all to account.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who calls, equips and sends out God's people,
and brings all things to their true end.**

This is our faith, the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. 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: 365 NEH (10am only)

1. God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.
2. Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never-failing skill
He treasures up his bright designs,
And works his sovereign will.
3. Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take,
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy, and shall break
In blessings on your head.

4. Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust him for his grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face.
5. His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower.
6. Blind unbelief is sure to err,
And scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter,
And he will make it plain.

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.**

Holy God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine,
and we pray that we who eat and drink them
in obedience to our Saviour Christ,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
may be partakers of his body and blood,
and be made one with him and with each other
in peace and love.

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.

As we eat and drink this holy sacrament,
renew us by your Spirit
that we may be united in the body of your Son
and serve you as a royal priesthood
in the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Receive our praises, Father,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom and in whom,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you 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.**

Communion Anthem: O Lord, hear my prayer (Jacques Berthier)

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.

or

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: 414 NEH (10am only)

1. O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!
2. Return, O holy Dove, return,
Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.
3. The dearest idol I have known,
Whate'er that idol be,
Help me to tear it from thy throne,
And worship only thee.
4. So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.

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.

Words: William Cowper 1731-1800
The New English Hymnal

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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



+ Year's Mind

Kevin McCormack – 13 March

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD....

Wed 11 Mar	10am	Mass
	11.30am	Bible History Chat, Parish Office
Sun 15 Mar		<u>Third Sunday in Lent</u>
	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Sung Eucharist – The Canterbury Singers will join us

NOTICES & UPCOMING EVENTS

The Canterbury Singers next Sunday!

The Canterbury Singers will join our 10am Worship congregation next Sunday, 15 March, followed by a pleasant morning tea in the Hall.

Parishioners are invited to bring a plate of food for our morning tea.

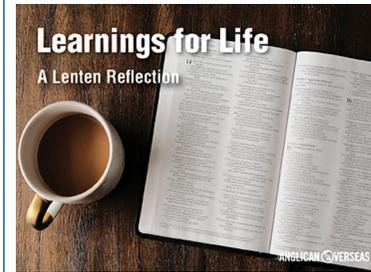
The Canterbury Singers is a church choir that joins different churches across the greater city of Melbourne once a month. We are delighted they will join and lead our music on this occasion.

Please invite others to join us.

For further information please see Fr Geoff.



Lenten Reflection Booklet



Anglican Overseas Aid have produced a Lenten Reflection Booklet with the theme 'Learnings for Life'. It contains reflections that may probe, stretch and challenge – but hopefully in positive and life-giving ways.

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

Mothering Sunday

As is our custom we will bless and distribute Simnel Cake at both services on Mothering Sunday – 22 March. If anyone can provide a Simnel Cake please let Fr Geoff or the Office know.



This is an opportunity to bring your mother to church or indeed someone in your community who is a mother as we give thanks for the mothering we have received in and through our Mother Church.

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.



Parish Council

Parish Council will next meet on Wednesday 18 March at 7.30pm in the Parish Office.

Please note change of date.

The Melbourne Anglican (TMA)

The March edition of TMA is now available in the Narthex.

Don't forget to pick up your copy!



Lent: Week 2 Prayer

'Risen Christ, breaking the bonds of death, shine on us with eyes of compassion and glory. Let light flood the dungeons of our rejected and downtrodden selves. So may the oppressed go free, the weak rise up in strength, and the hungry be fed, in these our days.'

Salt!

The latest edition of our Parish Newsletter, Salt, is now available in the Narthex. Make sure you pick up a copy, read it and pass it on to others!

Working Bee thank you

A big thank you to those who helped yesterday at our working bee despite the predicted weather. Your efforts of tidying, replanting, weeding and pruning etc are very much appreciated.



Palms for Palm Sunday



If anyone has any healthy green palm fronds they could donate for Palm Sunday, please contact the Parish Office. We will be making palm crosses on Friday 3 April at 2pm in the Parish Office, please join us. We will provide the palms and instructions. Helpers most welcome!

Corryong Bushfire Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Corryong Bushfire Appeal. We raised a total of \$1,795. This money will be sent to Fr Mitch Porter who will then arrange for it to be distributed to those who have been affected by the fires in the Corryong area through All Saints Corryong.

Bible History Chat

Wednesdays at 11.30am in the Parish Office. Bring your cut lunch.



ABM Lent Appeal 2020

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



Measuring God's Love

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NIV)

Based on John 3:14-17 (NIV)

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