

St Matthew's Anglican Church, Cheltenham

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SERVICE DETAILS

Sunday 8am: Holy Communion

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

St Matthew's Anglican Church Cheltenham



Corner Nepean Highway and Park Road

Cheltenham, Victoria, 3192

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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday
16 February
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 Rob Stove

152 Years of Witness & Service in Cheltenham

OTHER SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

St Matthew's

Wednesday 19 February:
10am Mass – Fr Geoff Cheong

Friends of St Francis

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

TODAY'S ROSTER – 16 FEBRUARY

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S ROSTER – 23 FEBRUARY

8 AM		10 AM	
Sidespeople:	Cliff Simmons Marilyn Simmons	Sidespeople:	
Reader:	Vicki Hutton	Reader:	Deborah Polites
Chalice:		Chalice:	
Server:	Priscilla van Reesema	Server:	Harold Daly
Intercessions:	Cliff Simmons	Intercessions:	Deborah Howard

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – TRANSFIGURATION

Exodus	Psalm	2 Peter	Matthew
24.12-18	2	1.16-21	17.1-9

THE HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Introit Hymn: 408 NEH (10am only)

1. Love Divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.
2. Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.
3. Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Words: Charles Wesley 1707-88
The New English Hymnal

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

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.

Psalm 119.1

**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.**

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

Almighty God,
you gave the law to guide our lives:
grant that we may never shrink from your commandments,
but, as we are taught by your Spirit,
may fulfil your law in perfect love;
through Christ our Lord and Master,
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 Deuteronomy

So now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? Only to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the Lord your God and his decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being. Although heaven and the heaven of heavens belong to the Lord your God, the earth with all that is in it, yet the Lord set his heart in love on your ancestors alone and chose you, their descendants after them, out of all the peoples, as it is today. Circumcise, then, the foreskin of your heart, and do not be stubborn any longer. For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them with food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen. Your ancestors went down to

Egypt seventy persons; and now the Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars in heaven.

Deuteronomy 10.12-22

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

Psalm 119.1-8 (said antiphonally)

1. Blessed are those whose way is blameless:
who walk in the law of the Lord.
2. **Blessed are those who keep his commands:
and seek him with their whole heart;**
3. Those who do no wrong:
but walk in the ways of our God.
4. **For you, Lord, have commanded us:
to persevere in all your precepts.**
5. If only my ways were unerring:
towards the keeping of your statutes!
6. **Then I should not be ashamed:
when I looked on all your commandments.**
7. I will praise you with sincerity of heart:
as I learn your righteous judgements.
8. **I will keep your statutes:
O forsake me not utterly.**

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, 'I belong to Paul', and another, 'I belong to Apollos', are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages

according to the labour of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

1 Corinthians 3.1-9

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

Gradual Hymn: 420 NEH (10am only)

1. O Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
Be thou for ever near me,
My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If thou wilt be my guide.
2. O let me hear thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou guardian of my soul.
3. O Jesus, thou hast promised
To all who follow thee,
That where thou art in glory
There shall thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my Friend.
4. O let me see thy footmarks,
And in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly
Is in thy strength alone;

O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in heaven receive me,
My Saviour and my Friend.

Words: John Bode 1836-74
The New English Hymnal

We stand for the Gospel Reading

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew
chapter 5 beginning at verse 17
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

'You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not murder"; and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgement." But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, "You fool", you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery."

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

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

Silence may be kept

Let us bring our darkness to his light, 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

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: 302 NEH (10am only)

1. O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
That all thy Church might be for ever one,
Grant us at every Eucharist to say
With longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done.'
Oh, may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.
2. For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
Make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
Draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
By drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;
Thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.
3. We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,
Back to the faith which saints believed of old,
Back to the Church which still that faith doth keep:
Soon may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.
4. So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
May we be one with all thy Church above,
One with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
One with thy saints in one unbounded love;
More blessed still, in peace and love to be
One with the Trinity in Unity.

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.

You anointed him as Messiah,

the light of the nations,

and revealed him as the hope

of all who thirst for righteousness and peace.

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.

Merciful God, we thank you

for these gifts of your creation,

this bread and wine,

and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,

we who eat and drink them

may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

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.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,

unite us in the body of your Son,

and bring us with all your people

into the joy of your eternal kingdom;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

with whom, and in whom,

in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
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

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

God of the nations, we thank you for nourishing us with this holy sacrament. Guide us by your presence, that we may bring your light to those who dwell in darkness, and establish your justice in the earth.

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: 433 NEH (10am only)

1. O worship the King,
All glorious above;
O gratefully sing
His power and his love:
Our Shield and Defender,
The Ancient of days,
Pavilioned in splendour,
And girded with praise.
2. O tell of his might,
O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light,
Whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath
The deep thunder-clouds form,
And dark is his path
On the wings of the storm.
3. This earth, with its store
Of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power
Hath founded of old:

Hath stablished it fast
 By a changeless decree,
 And round it hath cast,
 Like a mantle, the sea.

4. O measureless Might,
 Ineffable Love,
 While angels delight
 To hymn thee above,
 Thy humbler creation,
 Though feeble their lays,
 With true adoration
 Shall sing to thy praise.

Words: Robert Grant 1779-1838
 The New English Hymnal

The priest says

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you,
 that your lives may be a light to the world;
 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!

Vivienne Evans – 20 February



Happy Anniversary!

Don & Joan Leslie – 19 February



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD....

Sun 16 Feb	12.30pm	Parish Lunch, Tudor Inn
Wed 19 Feb	10am	Mass
	11.30am	Bible History Chat, Parish Office
Fri 21 Feb	11am	Aged Care Ministry, St James Terrace – Fr Andre
Sun 23 Feb		<u>Last Sunday after Epiphany – Transfiguration</u>
	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Sung Eucharist

NOTICES & UPCOMING EVENTS

Parish Lunch at the Tudor Inn today!

We will meet for our first Parish Lunch for the year today at 12.30pm
 at the Tudor Inn (across the road from the church!).
 People will be responsible for the payment of their own meals and drinks.

Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday is 26 February, please bring your palm crosses
 on or before next Sunday, 23 February.
 The service for Ash Wednesday will be held at 10am – Mass with Blessing
 and Imposition of Ashes.

The Next Roster

If you will be away on any Sunday during the March – May period for
 roster duties please fill in the list in the Narthex.
 If you are not on the roster but would like to be, please write on the list.

Corryong Bushfire Appeal

Thank you to those who have donated to the Corryong Bushfire Appeal. So far we have raised \$1,675. If you would like to donate please put your money in a 'Corryong Bushfire Appeal' envelope and place it in the Offertory plate.

Bible History Chat

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



ABM Lenten Launch, Christ Church South Yarra

The Anglican Board of Mission Melbourne Committee invites you to
The Launch of the 2020 ABM Lenten Appeal
today at 6pm at Christ Church South Yarra.

All are invited to this Choral Evensong where The Rev'd Dr Peter French,
Vicar of St John's, Toorak and Area Dean of Stonnington will deliver the address.
Finger food including cheese and wine will be served after the service.

Friends of St Francis

The Friends of St Francis Fellowship Group will hold their first meeting
for 2020 on Monday 24 February at 1.30pm at the home of
Shirley Marriott, 8 Ramsay Court, Cheltenham.
We will be planning the year's program. All very welcome.

Mothers' Union



Mothers' Union will meet on
Wednesday 26 February
for the 10am Mass.
New members welcome.
Contact Sandra on 9515 3381.

The Melbourne Anglican (TMA)

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



Forgiving and Forgiven

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift."
Matthew 5:23-24

Based on Matthew 5:21-24

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