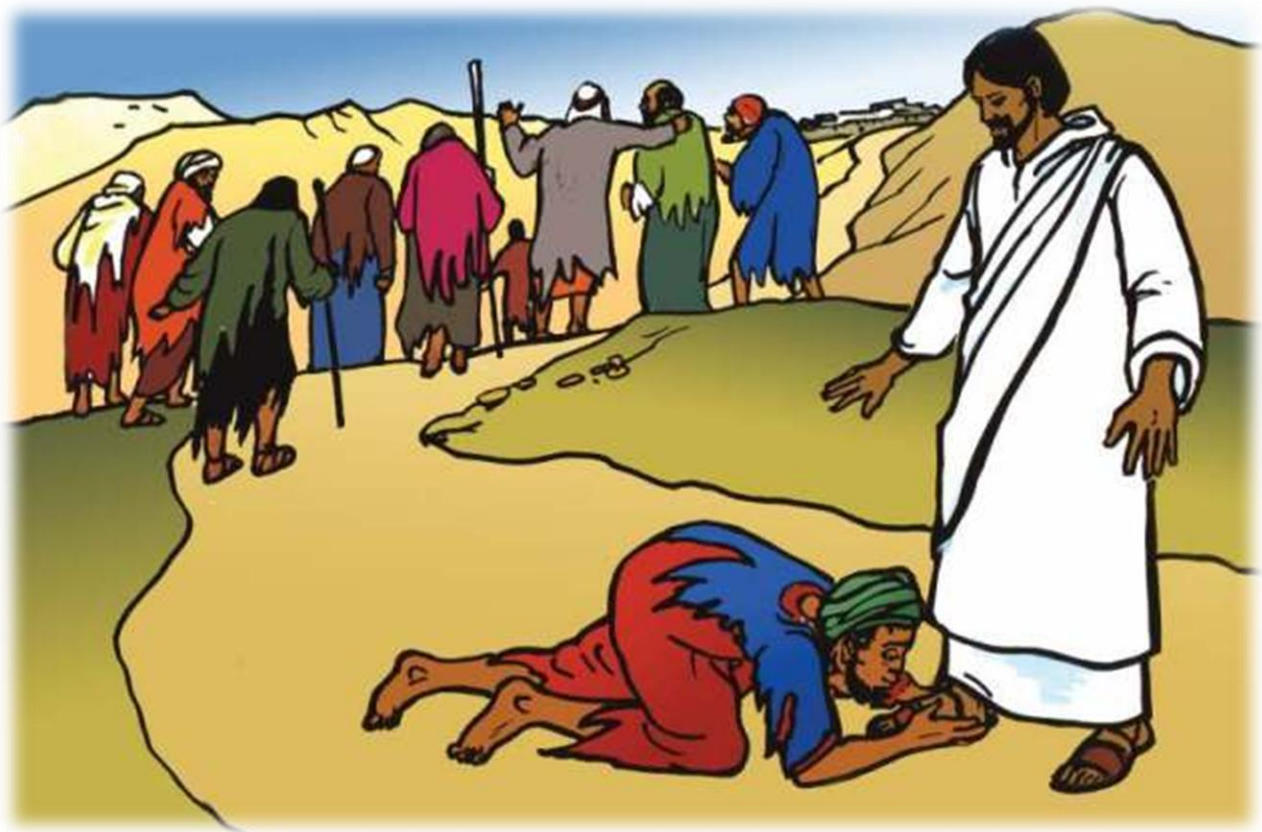


ST MATTHEW'S ANGLICAN PARISH CHELTENHAM

**18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / OS 28
FAMILY LED SERVICE**

SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER 2025



**CELEBRANT & PREACHER:
FR. GERALD LOOS**

DEACON OF THE MASS: REV'D JILL RENISON

ORGANIST: MR KEITH FULLARD

*This church stands on the land of the Boon Wurrung people.
We respectfully acknowledge their elders, past and present, and we pray
for the ongoing work of reconciliation.*

**OPENING HYMN: Dear Shepherd of your people hear
444 TIS**

Dear Shepherd of your people, hear,
your presence now display;
as you have given a place for prayer,
so give us hearts to pray.

Within these walls let holy peace
and love and concord dwell;
here give the troubled conscience ease,
the wounded spirit heal.

May we in faith receive your word,
in faith present our prayers;
and in the presence of our Lord
unburden all our cares.

The hearing ear, the seeing eye,
the humble mind bestow;
and shine upon us from on high,
to make our graces grow.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Opening Sentence: If you Lord should note what we do wrong,
who then O Lord could Stand? But there is forgiveness with you
God of Israel.

Let us pray.

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 Invitation to Confession

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.

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.**

♪ Lord, have mercy (x3)
Christ, have mercy (x3)
Lord, have mercy (x3)

The Gloria

♪ 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

Let us pray,
Lord, our help and guide, make your love the foundation of
our lives. May our love for you express itself in our eagerness
to do good for others. We ask this through Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from Second book of Kings

(2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15 - Found on page 293 in the pew bible)

For the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 146

The works of the Lord are great:
and studied by all who take delight in them.
His deeds are majestic and glorious:
and his righteousness stands for ever.

His marvellous acts have won him a name
to be remembered:
the Lord is gracious and merciful.
He gives food to those that fear him:
he remembers his covenant for ever.

He showed his people the power of his acts:
in giving them the heritage of the heathen.
The works of his hands are faithful and just:
and all his commandments are sure;

They stand firm for ever and ever:
they are done in faithfulness and in truth.
He sent redemption to his people,
he ordained his covenant for ever:
holy is his name and worthy to be feared.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Second letter to Timothy
(2 Timothy 2:8-15 - Found on page 967 in the pew bible)

For the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL *Please stand*

♪ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

♪ Cantor –For all things give thanks to God: because this is
what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

(Luke 17: 11-19 -- found on page 852 in the pew bible)

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

The Sermon

Silence may be kept.

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

Just as the lepers cried out to Jesus for mercy, we open our hearts and present our needs and the needs of the world to God, who heals, restores, and calls us into deeper faith.

For our Archbishop elect Ric, our Area bishop Paul, Fr Gerald and Rev Jill, and all priests, deacons, and those who proclaim the Word of God: that they may boldly call all people to respond to God's invitation and lead the Church in gratitude and service.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

For those consecrated to a life of service, religious men and women, missionaries, pastoral workers: that their sacrifices may bear fruit in the lives of many and inspire generous discipleship.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

For civil authorities and all who govern: that they may be guided by wisdom and justice, caring especially for the poorest, the sick, and those on the margins.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

For all who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit: that Jesus the healer may grant to them consolation, strength, and hope, and that their dignity may always be upheld.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

For those who feel excluded, ostracised, or ignored by society: that the Church may reach out to them with compassion and inclusion, and that they may find a place at God's banquet.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

For our local parish community of St Matthew's: that as we come to this Eucharistic banquet, we may be nourished in gratitude and transformed into generous servants of others.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

For all who have died, especially those we name in silence (pause): may they rejoice forever in the presence of God, and may their families be consoled in hope.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

We also bring before you our own intentions, spoken or unspoken (pause).

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

Merciful God, you hear the cries of your people and respond with healing and mercy. May your Spirit guide us to live more fully in gratitude, service, and faith, now and always, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ.

His spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

HYMN: Christians lift up your hearts and voice.
540 TIS

Christians, lift your hearts and voices,
let your praises be outpoured;
come with joy and exultation
to the table of the Lord;
come believing, come expectant,
in obedience to his word

See, presiding at his table,
Jesus Christ our great high priest;
where he summons all his people,
none is greatest, none is least;
graciously he bids us welcome
to the eucharistic feast.

Lord, we offer in thanksgiving
life and work for you to bless;
yet unworthy is the offering,
marred by pride and carelessness;
so, Lord, pardon our transgressions,
plant in us true holiness.

On the evening of his passion
Jesus gave the wine and bread,
so that all who love and serve him
shall for evermore be fed.
Taste and see the Lord is gracious,
feed upon the living bread.

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.

Pray, my sisters and brothers, that our sacrifice may be
acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise
and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his
Church.**

Lord, hear the prayers of your people and receive our gifts.
May the worship of each one here bring salvation to all. We
ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 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.
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:

**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.”

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith

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,



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body,
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.

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.

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

♪ Cantor – create in us a pure heart O God: and put a new and loyal spirit in us.

Let us pray.

Father, in this eucharist we have shared the joy of salvation.
May this food renew us in Christ, who came to call not the just but sinners to salvation in his kingdom where he is Lord for ever and ever

**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. Amen**

Please remain seated for some announcements.

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

If you are able, please stand for God's blessing

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 among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!

It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
and drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole
and calms the troubled breast,
is manna to the hungry soul
and to the weary rest.

Dear name! the rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury, filled
with boundless stores of grace:

Jesus, my shepherd, brother, friend,
my prophet, priest and king,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see you as you are
I'll praise you as I ought.

Church News

Morning tea after Mass in the Parish Hall
Parish Council meets today at 11am

A Special **THANK YOU** to all who made St Francis's Day a success

Feast / Special days



ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

1st November 8:00am & 9:30am

Names of our loved ones who have
gone before us will be remembered at
this Mass



PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 30th November @ 10:45am

Please note that the Electoral Role will be closed on Sunday 26
October please check that your name is on the Electoral Role
if not please fill in the form provided

All organisations within the parish please send in your reports by
the end of October.

Service Roster 19th October 2025 - Pentecost 13

Volunteer roster:	Readings:
Welcomer: Marie Chalice: Lesley Reader: Carmen Intercessor: Lesley	Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 121 2 Timothy 3:10-4:5 Luke 18:1-14

Prayer Diary:

Monday	13 th	Priscilla & Henri Van Reesema Pat Ward Heidi & Joel Webb
Tuesday	14 th	Graham & Pam Whitehead Hannah Williamson Norma Williamson

Wednesday	15 th	George Wilson Denise Anderson Sr Andrea
Thursday	16 th	Sr Josephine Sr Sheila-Anne Sr Valmai
Friday	17 th	Carmen Allen Jan Arnfield Lesley & Tony Boyd
Saturday	18 th	CHN St. Matthew's Cheltenham



Today, Jesus heals ten men suffering from leprosy, a disease that not only caused physical pain but also social isolation, rejection, and shame. As Jesus enters a village, the lepers stand at a distance and cry out, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” (v. 13). He instructs them to go show themselves to the priests, and as they obey,

they are healed. But only one—a Samaritan—returns to give thanks.

This story holds deep lessons about faith, gratitude, and spiritual awareness. The lepers obeyed Jesus' command before seeing any sign of healing. Their faith was not passive—it required action. This reminds us that often, God asks us to trust Him before we see the results. Faith means walking in obedience, even when the outcome isn't visible yet. “As they went, they were cleansed.” (v. 14)

Sometimes healing happens on the journey, not all at once. Are we willing to take those steps of faith?

Out of ten, only one turned back to thank Jesus. That’s just 10%. The silence of the other nine is striking. They received a miracle but moved on without acknowledging the Giver. How often do we do the same?

Gratitude isn't just polite; it’s a spiritual response that deepens our relationship with God. The grateful man received more than physical healing—he received Jesus’ affirmation: “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.” (v. 19) In Greek, that phrase can also mean “your faith

has saved you.” His thanksgiving led to something greater than healing: wholeness.

The one who returned was a Samaritan, considered an outsider and enemy by Jewish standards. Yet, he is the one Jesus praises. Once again, Jesus shows that God’s mercy knows no boundaries—racial, religious, or social. No one is too far, too broken, or too different to be touched by His grace.

All ten were healed, but only one was made whole. This distinction is key. It’s possible to receive God’s gifts—health, provision, answered prayer—without truly knowing the Giver. But when we return to Him in gratitude, we find not just blessing, but transformation.

Questions for Personal Reflection

- Have I been quick to ask for help, but slow to give thanks?
- Do I return to God when things go right, or only when things go wrong?
- Am I willing to act in faith before I see the result?
- Do I recognize that God’s grace extends to everyone, not just those I think “deserve” it?

Blessings

Fr Gerald

CHRISTMAS @ ST MATTHEW’S 2025

DECEMBER 14th CAROL SERVICE 6.00pm

DECEMBER 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00pm Family Service 11:30pm Midnight Mass

DECEMBER 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY

9:30am Christmas Day Mass



EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT ST MATTHEW'S

First Sunday of the Month:

8:00am A quiet, said service of Holy Communion

Every Sunday:

9:30am A sung service of Holy Communion
with a Children's Program

Wednesdays (not in January):

9:45am Prayer for Healing, Wholeness and Peace

10:00am A quiet, said service of Holy Communion

Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings:

9:00-9:30 am Morning Prayer via Zoom.

Meeting ID: 796 1738 1243

Passcode: 8hzrij

If you would like to donate to St Matthew's, thank you!

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Mobile 0409 149 486

Tuesday – Pastoral Visits

Wednesday – Healing Mass and Home Communions

Thursday - Office Day in Parish Office

Friday – Pastoral Visits

Please note that Fr Gerald will be taking his regular day off on Monday.

Should there be an emergency or if you require urgent pastoral care, he can be contacted on his mobile.

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