

As a Christian community, meeting together to worship God, we affirm our commitment to ensuring the safety of each child who interacts with our community.

Our statement of commitment for Child Safety is available on our website or in the Narthex of each Parish Centre.

Mission Statement: *To live as disciples of Christ embracing his teaching of love and service to all.*

Vision Statement: *To be known as God's people of prayer, to be welcoming of all our sisters and brothers by being inclusive and sensitive to diversity, open to change and growing as a community by the love and grace of Christ.*

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The account is in the name of - St. Matthew's Glenroy/Hadfield with St. Linus' Merlynston



DIARY THIS WEEK

Good Friday	29th. March	10.00 am. Service at St. Linus'
Easter Saturday	30th. March	4.00 pm. At St. Matthew's, Gathering around the fire and placing your Lenten Passport into the fire, to release all your worries. Prayers and reflections. 5.00 pm. Service of Light with Eucharist
Resurrection Sunday	31st. March	9.00 am. Renewal of Vows and eucharist at St. Linus' 10.30 am. Renewal of Vows and Eucharist at St. Matthew's

Easter Egg hunt for children in garden of Wiseman House follows the 10.30 am. service

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday 5th. April - 12.00 -1.00 pm. Foodbank Pantry open at St. Matthew's

Saturday 6th. April - 10.00 am –Noon Second-hand Books on sale at St. Matthew's

Sunday 7th. April - 2am. Daylight Savings ends.

Please turn your clocks and watches back 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday.

Thursday 25th. April 10.00 am. ANZAC DAY Remembrance service at St.Linus'

Following the service there will be Anzac Day activities and BBQ.

If you have any Anzac stories or memorabilia, please come along at 9.30 am. to set up a display.

MAUNDY THURSDAY 28-03-2024



WELCOME

*The services within our parish can be seen on the screens during the service.
Please see one of our welcomers if you would like to use the complete prayer book.
Morning tea will follow the service.
Please join in our fellowship time.*



The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield with Merlynston
St Matthew's Church - 30 Widford St Glenroy 3046
St Linus' Church - 21 Glyndon Ave Merlynston 3058

Where you find yourself in Christ

PARISH PRIEST: The Reverend Robert Koren

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Next Week,

Rev Rob can be found at: St. Linus' - St. Matthew's - Fri. 5th. April, 9 am. to 3 pm.
Available at other times by appointment only.

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Love. Grow. Serve.

Acknowledgement of Country

From time immemorial the Wurundjeri people have cared for this land, nurtured it, depended on it and given honour and thanks to the Creator.

As we acknowledge their faithful custodianship of the land, and the sacred stories they have told; as we offer our respect to their elders, past, present and emerging, guide us Lord in caring for them, this land, and each other with the help of the Holy Spirit of Dreaming.

Sentence: Jesus said, 'If I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet';

Collect: O God, your love was embodied in Jesus Christ, who washed the disciples' feet on the night of his betrayal: wash us from the stain of sin, so that, in hours of danger, we may not fail, but follow your Son through every trial, and praise him always as Lord and Christ, to whom be glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of Exodus 12.1-4, 11-14

1 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: 2 This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. 3 Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. 4 If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. 11 This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord . 12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord . 13 The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. 14 This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord ; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

*Hear the Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God***

Faith Matters!! Intentional Love.

As we reflect on the journey through Holy Week, this year we are considering how intentional Jesus' actions were. The actions He did during this week were not random or adhoc, they were intentional. Palm Sunday showed us how intentional Jesus was about presenting himself as the servant leader who would become the suffering servant. On Maundy Thursday we remember how intentional Jesus was about showing us how much he loved us and showing us how to love each other as a result.

Jesus shared bread and wine as a remembrance that His body and blood were given for us. The sacrament of communion is an act of love that began with Jesus and remains with us today. When we come to the table of communion we are those that hunger and thirst for righteousness. We are those that know how broken, lost and sinful we are and know that Jesus needs to die for us with his blood shed for our sins. In sharing in the body and blood of Jesus we become those that are filled spiritually and satisfied that through the body and blood of Jesus we are co-heirs to the kingdom of God. Knowing that in our humanness we can rise and fall in our joy and faith based on what happens in the world around us, Jesus left this remembrance meal for us to be filled whenever we are hungry to be reminded that we are the righteous of God and need the power of heaven to strive for that.

As well as this, Jesus showed us love in action by washing the feet of the disciples. It wasn't done in a random way. It followed specific protocols that show Jesus' care and commitment to those he called his disciples. Tonight we have a command to wash each other's feet. In the time that the command was given it meant a lot but maybe now the act of washing each others feet doesn't mean as much. Whilst the action of how we show love may have changed over the generations there are some truths that we can see in washing each others feet that are timeless.

Jesus shows that loving another person is not from a position of power or being able to laud it over someone else, but from a position of being a servant or being vulnerable to another person. Jesus shows that loving another person is not a set of words but a real action in which we invest in someone else's growth in the Kingdom doing the most menial and hardest thing that is required of us. Jesus shows that loving another person does not give us permission to add to the burdens of their life, but that we are there to help them wash away the things that stop them having a full and complete relationship with God.

As we leave today, let us consider how we can incorporate intentional love into our lives. Who needs our service? Who can we show love to in a tangible way? How can we help people come to the communion meal? Let us strive to be the towel and the basin, symbols of humility and selfless service, so that the world may know that we are followers of Christ. Let us share the meal with those that are hungry for Jesus. *Blessings, Rev. Rob.*

On this night, Jesus prayed for those who would come to believe through the disciples' message. As we take up the mission of the church, renew our zeal.
God of grace,
hear our prayer.

On this night, Jesus commanded his friends to love, but he suffered rejection himself.
As we open our hearts to the rejected and the unloved, fill us with your love.
God of grace,
hear our prayer.

On this night, Jesus reminded his people that, if the world hated them, it had hated him first. As we face our own fears, we pray for those who are persecuted for their faith; give us your peace.
God of grace,
hear our prayer.

On this night, Jesus loved his friends to the very end, as we open our hearts to all who face darkness tonight, we pray for the sick, those who mourn, those trapped by violence, addiction, or pain: give healing and hope.
God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Faithful God, these are the prayers of your Church.

**We offer them trusting and hoping in you.
Hear and help us, challenge and change us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

Psalm 116.1-2, 11-18 said by alternate verses;

1 I love the Lord, because he heard my voice:
the voice of my supplication;

2 Because he inclined his ear to me:
in the day that I called to him.

11 How shall I repay the Lord:
for all his benefits to me?

12 I will take up the cup of salvation:
and call upon the name of the Lord.

13 I will pay my vows to the Lord:
in the presence of all his people.

14 Grievous in the sight of the Lord:
is the death of his faithful ones.

15 O Lord, I am your servant, your servant and the child of your handmaid:
you have unloosed my bonds.

16 I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving:
and call upon the name of the Lord.

17 I will pay my vows to the Lord:
in the presence of all his people,

18 In the courts of the house of the Lord:
even in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

A reading from 1 Corinthians 11:23–26 ;

23 For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' 25 In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

*Hear the Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God***

The Lord be with you; **And also with you**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 13.1-17; 13.31b-35

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. 2 The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, 4 got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 5 Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' 7 Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' 8 Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' 9 Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' 10 Jesus said to him, 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.' 11 For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.' 12 After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? 13 You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. 14 So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. 16 Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. 17 If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. 31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32 If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 33 Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." 34 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord; Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Post Service Vigil

Gospel Reading: Mark 14:41b-50

The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 42 Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.' 43 Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. 44 Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.' 45 So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, 'Rabbi!' and kissed him. 46 Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. 47 But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. 48 Then Jesus said to them, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? 49 Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.' 50 All of them deserted him and fled.

Vigil Prayers:

On this night, Jesus prayed for his disciples to be one. As we grieve for the divisions in the church, unite us.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Merciful God, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet. As we commit ourselves to following his example of love and service, teach us humility.

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