

*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.*

### STEWARDSHIP GIVING

Please consider using Direct Deposit for your Stewardship giving.

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

### DIARY THIS WEEK

Wednesday 3rd. April 10.00 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's, including Mothers' Union prayers and fellowship

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

Saturday 6th. April 10.00am. to Noon Secondhand Books on sale at St. Matthew's

#### 2am. Daylight Savings ends.

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

Sunday 7th. April 9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'  
Second Sunday 10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's  
of Easter

### LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 14th. April 4.00 pm. Hindi Eucharist at St. Matthew's.

**Monday 15th. April** 1.30 pm. Connect Meditation: Guided Spiritual Meditation.  
All Welcome to participate in a time of inner relaxation and refreshment .  
Please bring a cushion or rug, or both. Enquiries - Glenda 0448 821 218

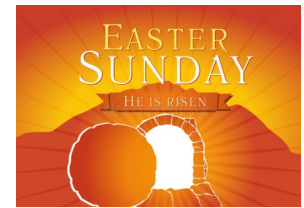
**Friday 19th.** April Foodbank Pantry open 12.00 to 1.00 pm.

**Saturday 20th.** April 10.00 am. Parish Council at St. Matthew's

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 9.30am to set up a display.



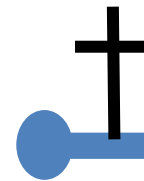
## Resurrection Sunday 31-03-2024

### 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  
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*Where you find yourself in Christ*

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*This Week,*  
Rev Rob can be found at: St. Matthew's - Fri. 9 am. to 3 pm.  
Available at other times by appointment only.

PARISH WEBSITE - [www.matthewlinus.org.au](http://www.matthewlinus.org.au)  
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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:** The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia !

**Collect:** Brightness of God's glory, whom death could not conquer nor the tomb imprison; as you have shared our frailty in human flesh, help us to share your immortality in the Spirit; let no shadow of the grave terrify us, and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you. Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days, as the First and the Last, the Living One, our immortal Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

### Readings

*The first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43;*

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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

*Psalms 118. 1-2, 14-24; said by alternate half verses;*

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures for ever.**
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim,  
**that his mercy endures for ever.**
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song,  
**and has become my salvation.**
- 15 The sounds of joy and deliverance;  
**are in the tents of the righteous:**
- 16 The right hand of the Lord does mighty things;  
**the right hand of the Lord raises up.**
- 17 I shall not die, but live,  
**and proclaim the works of the Lord.**
- 18 The Lord has disciplined me hard;  
**but he has not given me over to death.**
- 19 Open me the gates of righteousness;  
**and I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.**
- 20 This is the gate of the Lord;  
**the righteous shall enter it.**
- 21 I will give praise you, for you answered me  
**and have become my salvation.**
- 22 The stone that the builders rejected;  
**has become the head of the corner.**
- 23 This is the Lord's doing,  
**and it is marvellous in our eyes.**

24 This is the day that the Lord has made;  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*The second reading is from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians 15. 1-11;*

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

*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 Mark 16:1-8; Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ*  
When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. And all that had been commanded them they told briefly to those around Peter. And afterwards Jesus himself sent out through them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.

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

### Faith Matters!! Intentional actions of faith on our part.

We read today that the women go to a place of death with bags full of spices at the break of dawn. They are thinking how will they roll away the stone, but as they near the tomb they see that someone has already taken care of this for them. They rush in and have an unexpected encounter with a white robed man that leaves them wondering. Everything around them says death, so they come to the tomb, expecting death. But they are met instead with an empty tomb and a word about resurrection. They are told to witness the empty place where Jesus' body has been. Their Easter experience is not too much different from ours.

Today we read how unsettling the word of resurrection is for them. The hope of the resurrection does not emerge instantly. Their first response is grounded in confusion. These sisters don't just believe that Jesus died; they watched it, they lived it, they are still mourning.

How can the sister's arrive at the tomb and not leave with a new belief? How seriously do we take the word resurrection? Do we say it as if it is the norm more than the exception? What was disorienting for the sisters should cause us disorientation as well. Is the single most constant reality of life—death—no longer a constant? Do we tremble at this realisation? Do we sit in the awe and fear of our risen Lord that He was able to overcome this reality of life? What does it take to move past that trembling, to believe the unbelievable? And what if believing isn't enough?

If we really believe in this resurrection, we must believe it down to our very bones. You can't halfway believe in resurrection; it either happened or it didn't. If we really believe that he got up, then that belief transforms each day: who we are and what we do has to be different. Belief in the resurrection changes our very existence. During Holy Week we viewed Jesus intentional actions of service, love and sacrifice. As we move through the Easter season we will be exploring our intentional actions of faith through service, love and sacrifice. Blessings, Rev. Rob.