

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

Today	14th. April	4.00 pm. Hindi Eucharist at St. Matthew's
Monday	15th. April	School Term 2 commences
Thursday	18th. April	10.00 am. to 11.30 am. Playgroup at St. Linus' All welcome
Friday	19th. April	12.00 to 1.00 pm. Foodbank Pantry open at St. Matthew's
Saturday	20th. April	10.00 am. Parish Council meeting at st. Matthew's
Sunday	21st. April	9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus' 10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's

Fourth Sunday of Easter

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 22nd April 1.30 pm. Connect Meditation: Guided Spiritual Meditation at St. Matthew's. Please bring a cushion or rug or both.
Enquiries Glenda 0448 821 218 All Welcome to participate in a quiet time of relaxation and refreshment.

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.

Friday 3rd. May 12.00 to 1.00 pm. Foodbank Pantry open

Sunday 12th. May 4.00 pm. Hindi Eucharist

Monday 20th. May 1.30 pm. Connect Meditation at St. Matthew's

Third Sunday of Easter 14-04-2024

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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This Week,

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

PARISH WEBSITE - www.matthewlinus.org.au
PARISH FACEBOOK - www.facebook.com/matthewlinus
PARISH PODCAST - www.buzzsprout.com/1974085

Authorised Honorary Lay Minister
Glenda Owen 0448 821 218

Authorised Honorary Parish Reader
Kerryn Pratchett 0409 306 818



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: Turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord. *Acts 3. 19-20;*

Collect: Lord of life, by submitting to death, you conquered the grave; by being lifted upon the cross, you draw all peoples to you; by being raised from the dead, you restore to humanity all that was lost through sin; be with us in your risen power, that in word and deed we may proclaim the marvellous mystery of death and resurrection. For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. **Amen.**

Readings

The first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles 3:12-20

Peter addressed the people, ‘You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus.

Hear the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Psalm 4; said by alternate half verses;

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness;
**when I was hard-pressed you set me free,
be gracious to me now and hear my prayer.**
- 2 Children of earth, how long will you turn my glory to my shame;
how long will you love what is worthless and seek after lies?
- 3 Know that the Lord has shown me his wonderful kindness;
when I call to the Lord, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, and do not sin;
commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still;
- 5 Offer the sacrifices that are right;
and put your trust in the Lord.
- 6 There are many who say, ‘Who will show us any good?;
the light of your countenance, O Lord.
- 7 Yet you have given my heart more gladness;
than they have when their corn, wine and oil increase.
- 8 In peace I will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

The second reading is from the first letter of John 2. 15-17, 3. 1-6;

Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; for all that is in the world—the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches—comes not from the Father but from the world. And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live for ever. See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him

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 Luke 24. 36b-48; Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ
While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, ‘Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.’ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’ They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.’

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

Faith Matters!! The only obstacle to Jesus opening your minds is YOU!

The gospel reading is one that makes my scientific mind go into overload because we read about Jesus coming into the room to be amongst them and on top of that he eats with them. Our Lord, in His risen body of flesh, can go through walls and yet still be able to consume food as we do. In my mind this scene is straight from the script of a Star Trek episode where a being is able to bend and twist every scientific law I can think of when it comes to linear space and time theory. Whilst excites me at a scientific level, it is far more exciting for our relationship with Jesus and our spiritual life. The gospel reading clearly shows us that Jesus can transcend time and space. There is nothing in all of creation that can contain our God nor keep God’s presence away from us. The eleven with their companions were in a room, Jesus was able to materialise among them. He was able to be present to his disciples and bring the peace of God with Him. He was able to break through and give them what they needed in the moment as well as eat with them. These actions fulfil a promise that matter where we are and whatever circumstances we are in, Jesus can break through into that space and be with us. As well as this, we also see the promise that is to be fulfilled in us. Jesus shows us what our resurrection will look like. He shows us that we will be resurrected body and soul in the final days, but not with bodies that decay and are subject to the laws of this world, but our heavenly bodies which are not subject to the conditions of the world, but are conditioned to heaven, living in the presence of God’s glory.

To accept this, we need to be willing to accept the peace of God. YOU and YOUR desire to accept the peace of Christ is the biggest factor in seeing that Jesus is here with you right now and knowing what that means to your life. The minds of those that were present with Jesus were opened to the scriptures once they had accepted the peace of Jesus. Are you accepting the peace of the resurrected Christ in your life? Are you startled, worried and terrified about what Jesus will encounter in you if you cross paths? Jesus knows you. He has created you and is with you already. Accepting His peace in your life is not about Jesus seeing you; it is about YOU seeing Jesus. *Blessings, Rev. Rob.*