

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.

Bank account details - BSB 703122, Indue Ltd. Account no. 05004414

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

DIARY THIS WEEK

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

Tuesday 23rd. April
George, martyr (d.c.303)

Thursday 25th. April 10.00 am. ANZAC DAY RSL Remembrance Service on St.Linus' Green
MARK, EVANGELIST AND MARTYR
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.
HELP needed, Please, for the BBQ and to help with Tea and Coffee.
PLEASE bake ANZAC BISCUITS for refreshments

Friday 26th. April 10.30 am. Eucharist at Colton Close

Sunday 28th. April 9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'
Fifth Sunday of Easter 10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday 3rd. May 12.00-1.00 pm. Foodbank Pantry open at St. Matthew's

Friday 17th. May 12.00-1.00 pm. Foodbank Pantry open at St. Matthew's

Saturday 18th. May 10.00 am. Parish Council meeting at St. Linus'

Monday 20th. May 1.30 pm. Connect Meditation: 'Guided Spiritual Meditation' at St. Matthew's. Please bring cushion or rug, or both. This is an open group, All Welcome.
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Pew Leaflet Notices:
please email gonana7@bigpond.com
by 4.00 pm. Wednesday

Anzac Day Commemoration 21-04-2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter



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 : ‘No one has greater love than this, than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends,’ says the Lord, ‘if you do what I command you.’
John 14.13-14

Collect: O God, our ruler and guide, in whose hands are the destinies of this and every nation, we give you thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in this land and for those who laid down their lives to defend them: We pray that we and all the people of Australia, gratefully remembering their courage and their sacrifice, may have grace to live in a spirit of justice, of generosity and of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Readings

The First reading is from the book of Micah 4.1–4;

In days to come the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say: ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths. For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

Hear the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Psalm 46 *said by alternate half verse*

¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

³ though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.

⁶ The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

⁸ Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, he burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰ ‘Be still, and know that I am God!’
I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.’

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the God of Jacob is our refuge.

The second reading is from the letter to the Hebrews 10.32–11.1;

But recall those earlier days when, after you had been enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, sometimes being publicly exposed to abuse and persecution, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. For you had compassion for those who were in prison, and you cheerfully accepted the plundering of your possessions, knowing that you yourselves possessed something better and more lasting. Do not, therefore, abandon that confidence of yours; it brings a great reward. For you need endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised. For yet ‘in a very little while, the one who is coming will come and will not delay; but my righteous one will live by faith. My soul takes no pleasure in anyone who shrinks back.’ But we are not among those who shrink back and so are lost, but among those who have faith and so are saved. Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

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 15. 9-17; Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ
As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

Faith Matters!! Sacrifice and commemorating ANZAC Day.

At the time of World War 1, we had a population of about five million people. One in three households felt the hurt and loss associated with war. As a country we felt the loss and hurt of the war not only in the field of battle but in our economy for key exports and wages that failed to keep up with the rising cost of living. Even the government had to increase the funding for war though the issuing of notes and taking out loans. It was a very difficult time even for those who didn’t go to war.

In these difficult times you would think that as a country we would boost our morale by celebrating victories such as the Australian Light horsemen’s mounted charge across three kilometres of open ground against 4,000 entrenched infantry who were supported by artillery and machine guns to retake Beersheba in 1917 with the loss of just 31 Australians out of a force of 800. Or the Australian battle at Villers-Bretonneux described by a British General as ‘perhaps the greatest individual feat of the war’. Yet as a nation we decided to commemorate Gallipoli on ANZAC Day. Our most solemn remembrance looks back to an occasion of defeat and terrible loss, to Gallipoli, where 16,000 ANZAC soldiers landed and 4,000 of them became casualties on the first day. Where wave after wave of young troops were ordered over the top of their trenches in futile frontal charges. 10,000 were buried.

We commemorate Gallipoli because it symbolises the qualities of courage in the face of great adversity, of ‘reckless valour in a good cause’, of ‘endurance that will never admit defeat’, of caring for your mates, and of sacrifice by laying your life down for the greater good of all in the country. We respect, appreciate, value and commemorate: the honour, the courage, the selflessness under such harrowing circumstances, and the personal sacrifice. Great events are distinguished by the quality of human endeavour they call upon, by the examples they create for ordinary men and women, and by how they inspire us.

Jesus’ sacrificed himself for us so that all could have eternal life and that creation can be restored to a point where there are no more wars or battles. Weapons will become ploughshares and people will have peace under their own vine. Until Jesus returns and frees us from tyranny by His sovereign action, the ANZAC sacrifice allows us to be free to allow the Holy Spirit to continue working in our lives. Let’s use this freedom we have to glorify God and release His kingdom on Earth and living out His commandments. Let us continue thinking about how we can love our enemy and those who would harm us, and how we can wash each others feet. Seeing the face of Christ in each other releases us from hate and when we are holding a jug, towel and water there is no place for us to hold a gun, knife or any other weapon. *Blessings, Rev. Rob.*