

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

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

### DIARY THIS WEEK

Sunday 16th. April 4.00 pm. Choral Evensong at St. Matthew's  
Tuesday 18th. April 7.30 pm. Men's Connect: Dinner Fellowship,  
at 1 / 9 Mareeba Way Craigieburn 3064.  
RSVP to Appolus 0431 322 148 by 14-04-2023  
Wednesday 19th. April 10.00 am. Morning Prayer at St. Matthew's  
Friday 21st. April  
*Anslem, archbishop of Canterbury, teacher (d.1109)*  
Sunday 23rd. April **9.00 am.** Combined Parish Eucharist at St. Linus'  
4.00 pm. Prayer Circle at St. Matthew's

### LOOKING AHEAD

**Sunday 23rd. April 9.00 am.** - Combined Parish Service at St. Linus' for ANZAC Day followed by an outdoor ANZAC Service with laying of wreaths at the outdoor cross. There will be fellowship after the outdoor service. Please make ANZAC biscuits to share for refreshments.

**Monday 1st. 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. Enquiries - Glenda 0448 821 218

**Wednesday 3rd May 7.00 pm.** - Rev Rob's 1st Anniversary Pizza Meal and Fellowship at Wiseman House. A thank you from Rob to everyone for all the work that has been done in restoring, renewing and revitalising the parish. Lots more to do, but it is timely we celebrate and spend time together. ALL welcome. Rob will organise the pizza, BYO drinks and desserts. RSVP Rev Rob by Sunday 30/4/2023 - 0493 384 108.

**Sunday 28th May 10.00 am.** - Combined service at St Matthew's for the start of Reconciliation Week. Our guest speaker will be by The Reverend Canon A/Prof Uncle Glenn Loughrey. He is visiting parishes throughout the Melbourne Diocese to speak about the referendum on The Voice to Parliament. He will speak during the service as well as being available for a Q and A session after the service. Uncle Glenn is one of the First Nation Cannons at St Paul's Cathedral as well as the appointed representative of Archbishop Philip on matters to do with the referendum and the Voice to Parliament.

## Second Sunday of Easter 16th. April 2023

### 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  
30 Widford St.  
cnr. Melbourne Ave.  
Glenroy 3046

with

St. Linus'  
21 Glyndon  
cnr. Delta Aves.  
Merlynston 3058



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*This week,* Rev. Rob can be found at:  
St. Linus' - Mon. & Thurs. 9 am. to 3 pm.  
St. Matthew's -  
NOT available Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

PARISH WEBSITE - [www.matthewlinus.org.au](http://www.matthewlinus.org.au)

PARISH FACEBOOK - [www.facebook.com/matthewlinus](http://www.facebook.com/matthewlinus)

PARISH PODCAST - [www.buzzsprout.com/1974085](http://www.buzzsprout.com/1974085)

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### Acknowledgement of Country

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**Sentence:** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead *1 Peter 1. 3;*

**Collect:** Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe, and the hope of those who doubt: may we, who have not seen, have faith, and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Readings

*The first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles 2. 14a, 22–32;*

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know – this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption." This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.'

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

### Psalm 16;

1 Preserve me, O God,

**for in you have I taken refuge;**

2 I have said to the Lord, You are my Lord;

**and all my good depends on you.**

3 As for those who are held holy on the earth;

**the other gods in whom people delight,**

4 Though the idols are many that they run after;

**their offerings of blood I will not offer, nor take their name upon my lips.**

5 The Lord is my appointed portion and my cup;

**you hold my lot in your hands.**

6 The share that has fallen to me is in pleasant places;

**and a fair land is my possession.**

7 I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel;

**at night also he has instructed my heart**

8 I have set the Lord always before me;

**he is at my right hand, and I shall not fall.**

9 Therefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices;

**my flesh also shall rest secure.**

10 For you will not give me over to the power of death;

**nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.**

11 You will show me the path of life;

**in your presence is fullness of joy, and from your right hand flow delights for evermore.**

*The second reading is from the first letter of Peter 1. 3–9;*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith – being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

*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 20. 19–31; Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ*

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

*Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ*

The joy of Easter is an experience we are cherishing specially these days. As I was pondering and struck on the sentence of the day that pervades through our scripture portions today, 'Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...' *1 Peter 1. 3;* I was curious to know 'whom is this letter written to and why?'

And I realise that the greetings are conveyed by Peter to his audience who are identified as the 'elect exiles of the diaspora' who are from five Roman provinces in western, modern-day Turkey. The term 'Elect' or 'Chosen' draws upon Israel's unique status in the old testament as Chosen by God but it applies such 'chosen' status directly to the Christian audience of this letter. So the people to whom the letter is written are essentially strangers in a strange land so that God's chosen are resident aliens in the pagan culture and society in which they reside. So in this short greetings and introduction the audience of the letter is reminded that they do not belong to the pagan reality in which they dwell. Instead, they belong to the God who chose them before the foundations of creation as the Spirit has made them God's holy people through Christ's death and resurrection. May God who has called us to be sojourners in this world and even in this land, help us to be in solidarity with each other and together be effective witnesses to his resurrection in our daily lives. Amen. Every Blessing! Rev. Prashant S Bhonsle.



St Matthew's Glenroy with St Linus' Merlynston will be beginning National Reconciliation Week with a 10.00 am. combined service at St Matthew's Worship Centre.

Our guest speaker will be by The Reverend Canon A/Prof Uncle Glenn Loughrey. Uncle Glenn is the Diocesan Educator and Advocate in the Voice for the duration of the campaign. He will speak during the service as well as be available after the service for a Q and A session.

Uncle Glenn is a Wiradjuri man and an Anglican priest at St Oswald's, Glen Iris. He is an artist with a particular interest in exploring identity and story through the visual arts. He is engaged in the dialogue for treaty, sovereignty, reconciliation and self-determination for First Nation peoples.

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Parish Honour Roll as found at St Matthew's Worship Centre Glenroy.



## ANZAC SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

St Linus' Anglican Church  
10.00am 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023

You are warmly invited to our ANZAC Day Remembrance Service where the Last Post and Reveille will be played, as well a moment to lay a wreath at our community cross.

There will be an invitation for all to place a poppy at the cross in remembrance of all who made the sacrifice for freedom from tyranny.

All are welcome and there will be light refreshments and time to gather to share stories afterwards.

