

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.*

DIARY THIS WEEK

Today 4th. November 5.00 pm. Newcomers Church at St. Linus'
Day for Anglicans and Roman Catholics
to pray for one another. (General Synod 2001)

Tuesday 6th. November *Melbourne Cup Day holiday*

Wednesday 7th. November 10.00 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's, including MU
Saints, martyrs. Missionaries Prayers and Fellowship
and teachers of the Anglican Communion

Thursday 8th. November 10.00 am. Playgroup at St. Linus'
Saints, martyrs, missionaries 11.00 am. Reserved Sacrament at Plumpton Villa
and teachers of the Aged Care Facility
Anglican Communion

Friday 9th. November 11.00 am. Gospel Reflection Group at St. Matthew's

Saturday 10th. November
Leo of Rome, bishop and teacher (d.461)

Sunday 11th. November 9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'
ST. MARTIN 10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's,

and *100th ANNIVERSARY of ARMISTICE DAY*

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 18th. November - Parish Annual Meeting at St. Matthew's

Saturday 1st. December - Book and Craft sales at St. Matthew's

Sunday 2nd. December - Advent Sunday

Sunday 16th. December - Nine Lessons and Carols at St. Matthew's

The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield / Merlynston



St. Matthew's
cnr. Widford St. &
Melbourne Ave.
Glenroy 3046

with

St. Linus'
cnr. Glyndon Ave. &
Delta Ave.
Merlynston 3058



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**ALL SAINTS
ALL SOULS
SUNDAY**

**4th. November
2018**

WELCOME

*Our service begins on page 119 of 'A Prayer Book for Australia' (green book)
Hymns are found in 'Together in Song' (red book)
The number of each hymn is clearly displayed in the Church.
At St. Matthew's the service can be followed on the screens.
Please join us for morning tea, following the service.*

During the 10.30 am. Service at St. Matthew's each Sunday,
opportunity will be available to receive one-on-one prayer
for any personal needs.
Please go to the Chapel area after you have received Communion

Acknowledgement of Land

(An act towards reconciliation by the Parish of Glenroy/ Hadfield / Merlynston)

For thousands of years indigenous people have walked in this land.
Their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives.
We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation,
for their stewardship throughout the ages.

GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION WAFERS ARE AVAILABLE

If you require Gluten free wafer,
please speak to the Lay Assistant or a Welcomer, BEFORE the Service,

**PLEASE OBSERVE SILENCE
PRIOR TO OUR SERVICE, DURING HOLY COMMUNION
AND AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SERVICE**

Catch up with one another in the Narthex or at Morning Tea

Sentence: And a great multitude, from every nation and tribe and people and language, cried with a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb !' *Revelation 7. 10;*

Collect: We praise you, heavenly Father, that you have knit together your chosen ones in one communion and fellowship in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Readings

First Reading Wisdom of Solomon 3.1–9;

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday 18th. November 2018 - 12 noon at St. Matthew's

To all who need to write and submit a report for the Annual Meeting, if you have not already, please submit your report **TODAY, PLEASE** so there is time to compile, print and collate the reports for distribution on 11th. November.

Please email or give reports to Glenda Owen - gonana7@bigpond.com

Vicar / Locum Merlynston Home Group St. Linus' Hall Committee

Synod

**AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH
CALENDAR 2018**

\$12. each

**A list is in the Narthex of each centre for orders.
Please place your payment in an envelope marked 'Calendar'
and your name, and amount, and place in Offertory bowl. *Thank You***

Last Day for ordering will be 11th. November

IF YOU HAVE ANY OF ST. MATTHEW'S TEA TOWELS,

**PLEASE TURN THEM INTO BOOMERANGS AND SEND THEM IN THE
DIRECTION OF ST. MATTHEW'S MEETING ROOM..
THANK YOU**

ANGLICARE VICTORIA

Toys and Food Christmas Appeal

Gifts needed for teenagers - sporting equipment such as, footballs, soccer balls or cricket items; after-shave, make-up, perfume, jewellery
Games, Lego, Dolls - but NO teddies please,

for babies - bottles, educational toys, bath toys

New items only, thank you, and unwrapped.

Because Anglicare need to distribute gifts to their clients during December, please bring your donations before **1st. December** for collection next day.

NOTICES

COMMUNITY FAIR at ST. MATTHEW'S - RESULTS

STALLS TAKINGS			EXPENSES	
As New	\$ 188.00		Raffle	\$ 200.00
Book Room	\$ 215.15		Ponies	\$ 500.00
Cakes	\$ 84.70		Coffee Van	\$ 190.00
Craft Room	\$ 232.50		Jumping Castle	\$ 275.00
Handmade Cards	\$ 90.00			
Plants/produce	\$ 134.00		Total	\$ 1165.00
Plaster Painting	\$ 16.50			
Pony Rides	\$ 47.00			
Raffle	\$ 387.00			
Sausages/drinks	\$ 284.75			
Total	\$ 1679.60			
Less Expenses	\$ 1165.00			
Total	\$ 514.60			
Balance from Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings	\$ 180.70			
TOTAL	\$ 695.30			

**TEAR Australia
Useful Gifts Shop**

Leading up to Christmas 2016, Ashlee and Pedro Pirzadeh set-up the TEAR Useful Gifts at St. Matthew's.

On behalf of Ashlee and Pedro, Marie Brennan will again be running TEAR Useful Gift shop
A display & the catalogue will be available at Morning Tea
On days to be announced

The TEAR Useful Gift catalogue is the original way to buy a goat and other poverty-fighting gifts.

Every item in the Useful Gift catalogue represents a contribution to a long-term poverty-fighting project run by one of TEAR Australia's Christian partners.

Each project is tailored to that community's needs, helping people gain the skills and resources they need, to address local problems and come up with sustainable solutions.

So, this CHRISTMAS, choose a gift, send a card, and fight poverty.

Psalm 24. 1-6;

**R R The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God
no torment will ever touch them**

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep. **R R**
- 3 'Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? and who can stand in his holy place?'
- 4 'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud. **R R**
- 5 They shall receive a blessing from the Lord and a just reward from the God of their salvation.'
- 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. **R R**

SECOND READING Revelation 21.1-6a;

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.'

GOSPEL John 11.32-44

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'



4th. November 2018


ALL SAINTS / ALL SOULS

The refrain of a children's song goes: "Every little soul must shine, must shine, must shine; Every little soul must shine, must shine, must shine." These are apt words for All Saints and All Souls Days, celebrated November 1 and 2, respectively. Traditionally, All Saints (All Hallows) honors all the saints, known and unknown, who now enjoy the beatific vision, or communion, with God. All Souls Day embraces all of the faithful deceased who are in the process of achieving perfect communion with God. While few people today affirm the doctrine of purgatory, or the purification of the departed faithful, historically connected with All Souls Day, both All Saints and All Souls can be embraced as days of affirmation and commitment by postmodern seekers and people of faith. All Souls Day is an opportunity to remember deceased loved ones and honor the One who loved them into life and received them in death. All Souls Day reminds us that the veil between this life and the next is often quite thin. Our prayers radiate beyond this lifetime, bringing greater light to the post-mortem journeys of our loved ones. Conversely, in the interdependence of life, the prayers and energies of deceased beloved friends and family members may support us on our earthly pilgrimages. I must confess that I am a universalist when it comes to the afterlife. While I do not believe that we are perfected at death, I believe that God will heal and transform all creation and that all people will eventually find wholeness in God's holy adventure beyond this lifetime. Death does not end the human adventure, nor does it terminate God's love for us. The afterlife is a time of personal and relational evolution. Over the years, many grieving parents have asked some version of the following question—"Where is Susie now?"—as they sought to come to terms with an adult child's suicide. My response has always been, "Susie is in God's hands. God's love for her did not cease at the moment of death." The same, I believe, applies to all whom we call "unbelievers." Death does not limit God's care. God's care

continues in another dimension luring us forward from isolation to community, brokenness to healing, sorrow to consolation, and sin to grace. Even those who appear to run away from God in this lifetime will eventually run into the arms of the ever-loving, ever-pursuing God. The God who seeks our wholeness in this lifetime continues the process of soul-making beyond the grave. What some call the beatific vision is, I believe, an evolutionary process. Beyond the grave, we continue to grow in wisdom and stature. We forgive and are forgiven. We experience the healing of memories and relationships and continue to explore paths not taken in companionship with God. This applies to saints as well as mere mortals. A life of saintliness is a life of adventure and growth, dissatisfied by any static heavenly vision. We continue the journey, freely and creatively responding to the grace that leads us toward wholeness. All Souls' Day provides us with the opportunity to give thanks—as well as forgive—those imperfect but loving persons who have shaped our lives. This year, I give thanks for the love of my parents and my brother Bill, for Alice and Jack, for my dear friend Wendy, and countless others whose love supported my journey. Death cannot sever our connections with loved ones. Whatever is loved lives on forever not only in our hearts but in God's healing memory and everlasting creativity. All Saints Day is a time for both gratitude and inspiration. We are all saints in the making. We don't need to be canonized to be faithful to God or to make a difference in God's realm. We can be faithful to God, aligned with God's vision in this lifetime and continue to grow in grace beyond the grave. The stories of others inspire us to become souls of stature and love—little Christs and mahatmas (great souls)—in the here and now. We all can choose to be Christ-like or take the Bodhisattva's vow of compassion, whether or not we believe in reincarnation. We can vow to be Gods' partners in transforming the world. In my mind, this is what it means to be a saint!

Bruce Epperly

NOTICES



TODAY 4th. November at 5.00 pm. to 6.00 pm.

and the First Sunday of each month

Informal service at St Linus' corner Delta Ave & Glyndon Ave, Merlynston
No church experience necessary!

Includes a light meal in our community hall.