

As a Christian community, meeting together to worship God, we affirm 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,

DIARY THIS WEEK

Monday 14th. January
Sava, first archbishop of the Serbian Church (d.1235)

Wednesday 16th. January NO service at St.Matthew's

Thursday 17th. January 10.45 am. Holy Communion at Colton Close
Antony of Egypt, abbot (d.356) Aged Care Facility

Friday 18th. January
CONFESSON of PETER

Saturday 19th. January 9.00 am. WORKING BEE at St. Matthew's

Sunday 20th. January 9.00 am. Eucharist at St.Linus'
SECOND SUNDAY 10.30 am. Eucharist at St.Matthew's
AFTER EPIPHANY

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday 26th. January - Australia Day

Saturday 2nd. February - Books & Craft rooms open at St. Matthew's

Friday 2nd. March - World Day of Prayer

Saturday 2nd. March - Books & Craft rooms open at St. Matthew's

Tuesday 5th. March - Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday 6th. March - ASH WEDNESDAY

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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JESUS' BAPTISM

THE
BAPTISM
of our
LORD

13th. January
2019

WELCOME

Our service begins on page 119 of 'A Prayer Book for Australia' (green book) and 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, on their own country.
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.

Sentence: The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'
Luke 3. 22;

Collect: Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: grant that all who are baptized into his name, may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Saviour; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

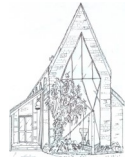
Readings

Isaiah 43. 1-7;

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up,' and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth – everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

Psalms 29:

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;
O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders, the Lord is upon the great waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon;



PARISH DIRECTORY 2019

**PLEASE CHECK THE DRAFT PARISH DIRECTORY,
which is in the Narthex at each Church
AND NOTE AMENDMENTS REQUIRED,
IN PREPARATION FOR 2019 DIRECTORY.**

**IF YOUR DETAILS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE DRAFT DIRECTORY,
PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM and give to Glenda Owen,
or email to gonana7@bigpond.com THANK YOU**

***The completion of this form gives the Parish your consent for
your details from this form to be included in the Parish Directory***

Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. / Surname

Christian name

Spouse (if applicable)

**Children
living at
home**

Address

Post Code

Phone no.

Mobile no.

Email:

Pew Leaflet Notices:

**Please give to, or phone Glenda Owen,
or e-mail: please use - gonana7@bigpond.com - by 8 pm. Tuesday**

MISSION NEWS

ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION

2019 Project Book

AUSTRALIA -

WONTULP-BI-BUYA COLLEGE - Donations to this College will support the development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander church and community leaders through study programs leading to awards in theology, suicide prevention, addictions management and community development.
\$62,500 needed in 2019

NUNGALINYA COLLEGE - ABM have been supporting the Literacy and Numeracy Courses at Nungalingya for a number of years. There is an ongoing need for these courses with over 450m students applying this year for the 150 places available.
\$42,750 needed in 2019

WALKABOUT MINISTRIES - The Reverend Gloria Shipp - please help Gloria Shipp to continue her pioneering and innovative ministry.
\$25,000 needed in 2019

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander prisoners account for 275 of the total Australian prison population. Indigenous people are 13 times more likely to go to prison than those who are non-Indigenous.
\$50,000 needed in 2019

GAWURA - Gawura is a unique, coeducational Kindergarten to year 6 day school for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who live at home with their families.
\$20,000 needed in 2019

NATSIAC - Natsiac's vision is to be the primary voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglicans, promoting Gospel mission, encouraging ministry and generating resources so that we may walk together with God and the wider church.
\$12,500 needed in 2019

RECONCILIATION PROGRAM - "What Aboriginal people ask is that the modern world now makes the sacrifices necessary to give us a real future. To relax its grip on us. To let us breathe, to let us be free of the determined control exerted on us to make us like you. And you should take that a step further and recognize us for who we are, and not who you want us to be. Let us be who we are - Aboriginal people in a modern world - and be proud of us. Acknowledge that we have survived the worst that the past had thrown at us, and we are here with our songs, our ceremonies. Our land, our language and our people - or full identity. What a gift this is that we can give you, if you choose to accept us in a meaningful way." *Galarrwuy Yunupingu.*
\$12,000 needed in 2019

There are more Projects which ABM will be supporting, both in Australia and Overseas during 2019
More of these will be in a future Pew leaflet.

Also, other Mission requests which have come in the mail already this year.

- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord divides the lightning-flash.
**the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert,
the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.**
- 8 The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees;
and strips bare the forests; in his temple all cry 'Glory'.
- 9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.
- 10 The Lord will give strength to his people;
the Lord will give to his people the blessing of peace.

Acts 8.14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL Luke 3.15-17, 21-22;

In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance. As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'



THE BAPTISM OF JESUS
13th. January 2019

BELOVED - BE LOVED

This is the day in our church calendar when we celebrate Jesus' baptism. It is the day we are encouraged to remember the role our baptism has played in our lives. It is a day we are challenged to remember that, along with Jesus, we are beloved by God and empowered to participate in the rebuilding of God's "kin-dom."

Focus scripture:

Luke 3:15–17, 21; The Lukan telling of the story of Jesus' baptism is different from those of the other gospels. They describe John (the Baptizer) as the person baptizing Jesus. For the gospel of Luke, the primary focus is Jesus, the one to whom John points. John's imprisonment removes him from the story (Luke 3:18–20). This gospel does not even say that John baptizes Jesus, nor does it give any indication why Jesus would want to be baptized. Jesus is depicted as moving through the crowd and being one of many being baptized that day. Luke is the only gospel saying there were people who wondered if John might be the Messiah. John described baptism with water as an act of repentance for the forgiveness of sin. He recognized the limits of that baptism and predicts another person will come who baptizes with the Holy Spirit and fire (a metaphor unique to Luke). John emphasized the power of the Messiah for whom he was waiting, by maintaining himself as unworthy of even untying his sandals – a task normally left to servants. He warns that it is not enough to be baptized and that repentance is a necessary part of baptism. Using the winnowing of wheat as an example, he depicts the heart of grain being separated from chaff. The good grain survives, the useless chaff is burned; those aspects of our lives that are good are retained, while the more negative aspects are destroyed. John doesn't add that judgment can be good news because forgiveness is available. However, Jesus' baptism is not only about repenting; it is also about his identity being made public. Luke describes an incarnate form of the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, descending on Jesus while he prayed, and the voice of God claiming Jesus as "my Son, the Beloved with whom I am well pleased." Jesus' ministry is born from the Spirit and God, providing a pattern for Christian living, a pattern of "servanthood" as displayed by Jesus. Later in Luke's version of the gospel, Jesus quotes Isaiah's description of the Spirit as anointing us for our public ministry (Luke 4:16–30).

In **Isaiah 43:1–7**, the voice of God reminds the people of Israel that they are redeemed, called by name, and accompanied through various forms of turmoil and danger. The reminders to "fear not" are followed by historical events in the lives of the people. The message resonates with the voice coming from heaven after Jesus' baptism: "You are my Son the beloved; with you I am well pleased." We are invited to feel gifted by the God who will call us by name. The story of Jesus' baptism speaks of waters and of a heavenly voice and so does **Psalms 29**. The opening verses of the psalm invite heavenly beings to acknowledge YHWH's rule and the glory of creation. The heavenly voice proclaiming Jesus as "my son," echoes the pattern in this psalm and calls us to glorify God forever. Even before creation, God claims us as beloved! The gospel of Luke is one part of a two volume work, Luke-Acts. In **Acts 8:14–17**, the writer describes how the laying on of hands and baptism are closely associated, and acknowledges the foundational role prayer plays in receiving the Holy Spirit

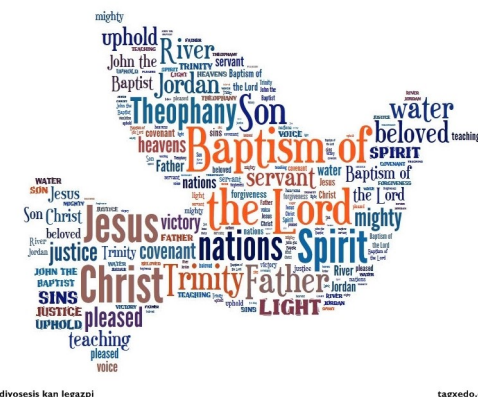
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Baptism is considered a sacramental act in most Christian denominations, although the theology and the practice of the sacrament vary. Some baptize infants, generally as a sign of the parent's willingness to assume responsibility for the child's spiritual

development until each child is old enough to act on its own. Others baptize only adults . who have made their own profession of faith. Either way, baptism recognizes a significant time in the life of the individual being baptized and in the life of the church. It is a time to recognize that we are all beloved by God. In what ways might this affirmation enable you and your church to better see and honour God's affirmation of all God's children as beloved and favoured?

REFLECTION

**We thank you, compassionate God,
for the promise that we are among your beloved, as was Jesus.
We thank you for the evidence of your love we find in the pattern of Jesus' life,
which helps us know how to reflect your blessings in our world.
We clasp within us the presence and leading of your Spirit,
in the name of the Christ. Amen.**



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NOTICES



WORKING BEE AT ST. MATTHEW'S
Saturday 19th. January 2019 at 9.00 am.

The warm weather and rain has produced much growth to plants in front of Wiseman House and the Church.

PLEASE come and help to trim the bushes
Please bring your own gardening tools.

Morning Tea provided.

