

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 19th. February 4.00 pm. Choral Service at St. Matthew's (non communion)

Monday 20th. February

William Grant Broughton, first bishop of Australia (d.1853)

Tuesday 21st. February 6.00 pm. Parish Pancake Fellowship Gathering at St. Matthew's

Help need please, to bring pancake mixture and toppings, and to cook pancakes.

7.00 pm. Connect: Men's Group at My Mates Pizza,
847 Pascoe Vale Rd. Glenroy

Wednesday 22nd. February 10.00 am. Ash Wednesday Service at St. Matthew's

6.00 pm. Ash Wednesday Service at St. Linus'

7.00 pm. Ash Wednesday Service at St. Matthew's

Thursday 23rd. February

Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, martyr (d.c.155)

Friday 24th. February

MATTHIAS, APOSTLE and MARTYR

Sunday 26th. February 9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'

First Sunday 10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's

in Lent 4.00 pm. Prayer Circle at St. Matthew's

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday 1st. March 11.00 am.- 12.00 pm. Lenten Study at St. Matthew's

'Seven Words of Jesus on the Cross'

Friday 3rd. March 6.00 pm. World Day of Prayer at St. Linus'.

Contact Elizabeth Berridge for more details—9354 5817

Monday 6th. March 1.30 pm. Connect: Guided Spiritual Meditation at St. Matthew's

Please bring a cushion or rug, or both. This is an open group, not limited to 3 people.

Please note: Tuesday 7th. to Thursday 9th. March - at the request of Bp. Kate Prowd, Rev. Rob & Rev. Prashant will be attending a Conference. Rev. Rob will not be available at St. Matthew's Wednesday 8th., at St. Linus' Thursday 9th.

Choral Evensong 19th. February 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.
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with

St. Linus'
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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 - Wed. & Fri. 9 am. to 3 pm.
NOT available Tuesday.

PARISH WEBSITE - www.matthewlinus.org.au

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Kerryn Pratchett 0409 306 818



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: Suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him !' *Matthew 17. 5;*

Collect: O God, in the transfiguration of your Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith, by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children; make us, with Christ, heirs of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings

Old Testament reading is from Habakkuk 3.3-19;

³ God came from Teman, the Holy One from Mount Paran. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise. ⁴ The brightness was like the sun; rays came forth from his hand, where his power lay hidden. ⁵ Before him went pestilence, and plague followed close behind. ⁶ He stopped and shook the earth; he looked and made the nations tremble. The eternal mountains were shattered; along his ancient pathways the everlasting hills sank low. ⁷ I saw the tents of Cushan under affliction; the tent-curtains of the land of Midian trembled. ⁸ Was your wrath against the rivers, O Lord? Or your anger against the rivers, or your rage against the sea, when you drove your horses, your chariots to victory? ⁹ You brandished your naked bow, sated were the arrows at your command. You split the earth with rivers. ¹⁰ The mountains saw you, and writhed; a torrent of water swept by; the deep gave forth its voice. The sun raised high its hands; ¹¹ the moon stood still in its exalted place, at the light of your arrows speeding by, at the gleam of your flashing spear. ¹² In fury you trod the earth, in anger you trampled nations. ¹³ You came forth to save your people, to save your anointed. You crushed the head of the wicked house, laying it bare from foundation to roof. ¹⁴ You pierced with their own arrows the head of his warriors, who came like a whirlwind to scatter us, gloating as if ready to devour the poor who were in hiding. ¹⁵ You trampled the sea with your horses, churning the mighty waters. ¹⁶ I hear, and I tremble within; my lips quiver at the sound. Rottenness enters into my bones, and my steps tremble beneath me. I wait quietly for the day of calamity to come upon the people who attack us. ¹⁷ Though the fig tree does not blossom, and no fruit is on the vines; though the produce of the olive fails and the fields yield no food; though the flock is cut off from the fold and there is no herd in the stalls, ¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will exult in the God of my salvation. ¹⁹ God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, and makes me tread upon the heights.

Hear the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

New Testament reading is from 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2;

³ ¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. ⁴ ¹ Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Hear the Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God

Faith Matters!! When you are transfigured in Christ Matthew 17:1-9

I think of so many times in my life where I would love to be able to press pause or put my life on loop. Those moments where everything just seems to go well and you just don't want to move on. The gospel reading retells a story like this, where Peter sees Jesus in all his glory and wants to press pause or stay in a permanent loop and bask in this moment. Yet as quickly as Jesus' glory is shining around all that are there, it is gone and they are going back down the mountain. As hard as it is to let go, Peter follows the Lord down the mountain to follow Jesus in his ministry.

It is hard to let go of those amazing moments in our personal or parish life. As a parish, it is hard to let go of things that that we did that once brought God's glory into the church. I am sure everyone thinks of a time when St Matthew's and St Linus' were on fire for the Lord and the kingdom was at hand with people filled with the Holy Spirit. There were lots of people to talk to, and everyone was involved in mission at every level.

In our worship tents at St Matthew's and St Linus', it seems as though we have pressed pause and tried to stay in that moment holding onto mission and worship as it was then. Today's gospel reminds us that we can never really pause in a moment. If Peter built his tents as he wanted to, Jesus would have kept moving and Peter would have been left behind. God moves in the world through the Holy Spirit, and we have to be careful that our tent does not become a static spiritual place, but a vibrant, healthy, chaotic and Spirit led church that is ready to move and adapt as Jesus would like us to.

The glory days of our parish at either tent, were not the best of what was to be for the parish. The glory days were the beginning of a revival that was to bring all people to God.

Jesus is calling us, as he calls all His disciples, to be the light of the world. If we are to be the light of the world then we have to keep moving in the Spirit, seeking God's prompting in the Spirit and energise our faith as without the Holy Spirit we will run out low on fuel and our light will be dim.

In readings the gospel I was left with two options for us as a parish: be still and gather dust, or march forward with God and enjoy the chaotic and life giving release of the kingdom of God in the lives of the people around us. I know which path I would like to be on.

The beginning of the revival in the parish is not over. We have pressed pause on moving in the Spirit, and when we all press "Go" on being disciples releasing the kingdom, God will continue our journey and we will move forward in the most amazing ways.