

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	26th. November	
Ember Day		
Tuesday	27th. November	
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Wednesday	28th. November	10.00 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's
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Thursday	29th. November	10.00 am. Playgroup at St. Linus'
Ember Day		
Friday	30th. November	10.45 am. Reserved Sacrament at Craigcare Aged Care Facility
ANDREW, APOSTLE and MARTYR		11.00 am. Gospel Reflection group at St. Matthew's <i>This will be the last reflection group for 2018, resume in Feb. 2019</i>
Saturday	1st. December	10.00 am. Craft & Book Rooms open at St. Matthew's
Sunday	3rd. December	9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'
ADVENT SUNDAY		10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's 5.00 pm. Newcomers Church at St. Linus'

Ember Days and Ember Weeks,

in the [liturgical calendar](#) of the [Western Christian churches](#), **Ember days** are four separate sets of three days within the same week — specifically, the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday — roughly equidistant in the circuit of the year, that are set aside for [fasting](#) and prayer. These days set apart for special prayer and fasting were considered especially suitable for the ordination of clergy. The Ember Days are known in [Latin](#) as the **quattuor anni tempora** (the "four seasons of the year"), or formerly as the *jejunia quattuor temporum* ("fasts of the four seasons").

The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield / Merlynston



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Glenroy 3046

with

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CHRIST the KING

Last Sunday after Pentecost

25th. November 2018

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: Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing. *Revelation 5. 12;*

Collect: Everlasting God, whose will is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King: grant that the people of earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**


Readings

2 Samuel 23. 1-7;

These are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favourite of the Strong One of Israel: The spirit of the LORD speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land. Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

Psalm 132. 1-12;

- 1 Lord, remember David and all his trouble;
**how he swore an oath to the Lord,
and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob:**
- 2 'I will not enter the shelter of my house;
nor climb into the comfort of my bed;
- 3 'I will not give sleep to my eyes;
or slumber to my eyelids.
- 4 'Till I find out a place for the ark of the Lord,
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob.'
- 5 Lo, we heard of it at Ephrathah;
we found it in the fields of Ja-ar.
- 6 Let us go to the place of his dwelling ;
let us fall upon our knees before his footstool.'



SUNDAY 2nd. December at 5.00 pm. to 6.00 pm.
Informal service at St Linus' corner Delta Ave & Glyndon Ave, Merlynston

No church experience necessary!
Includes a light meal in our community hall.

MISSION NEWS

TEAR AUSTRALIA Useful Gifts Shop
At St. Matthew's a display and the catalogue will be available at Morning Tea

The TEAR Useful Gift catalogue is the original way to buy a goat or other poverty-fighting gifts. Every item in the Useful Gifts catalogue represents a contribution to a long term poverty fighting project run by 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.

National Council of Churches - Act for Peace - CHRISTMAS BOWL.

'Love your neighbour as yourself'
Christmas Bowl envelopes are available. The tradition of the Christmas Bowl is incredibly important, it is about family and friends coming together, pausing to be grateful for what we have, and thoughtful about how we can share this with others

MAF - Mission Aviation Fellowship

Please help bring urgent relief to tsunami affected communities.

Maf.org.au/Indonesia-appeal

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Branch Matters newsletter, Prayer Diary and donation request.

cms.org.au/vic

FRONTIER SERVICES

Donation request to help bring hope and relief to people in the bush.

ANGLICARE VICTORIA

Toys and Food Christmas Appeal

Gifts needed for Teenagers - Sporting equipment such as -
footballs, soccer balls, cricket items.

Gift Vouchers, Musical Instruments,
Jewellery, Make-up, Perfume, Aftershave,

Toys for Children -
Lego, Arts and Crafts, Board Games,
Bikes, Dolls - BUT NO Teddies please.

For babies - bottles, educational toys, bath toys and walkers.

New items only, thank you, and unwrapped.

Because Anglicare need to distribute gifts to their clients during early December,

please bring your donations
before **Sunday 2nd. December** for collection next day. *Thank You.*

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday 8th. December - 10 am-2.00pm. Children's Christmas Fair at St. Linus'

CHRISTMAS in the PARISH

THE FOLLOWING DATES AND TIMES WILL NEED TO BE CONFIRMED WHEN JO-ANNE RETURNS FROM LEAVE

Sunday 16th. Dec. - 7.00 pm. Nine Lessons & Carols at St. Matthew's

Advent 4

Sunday 23rd. December - 9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'

Sunday 23rd. December - 10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's

Monday 24th. December - 5.00 pm. All age Christmas Eve service
with a Eucharist, at St Linus'

Monday 24th. December - 11.30 pm. Midnight Mass at St Matthew's

Tuesday 25th. December - 10.00 am Christmas Day Eucharist at
St Matthew's.

Pew Leaflet Notices:

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

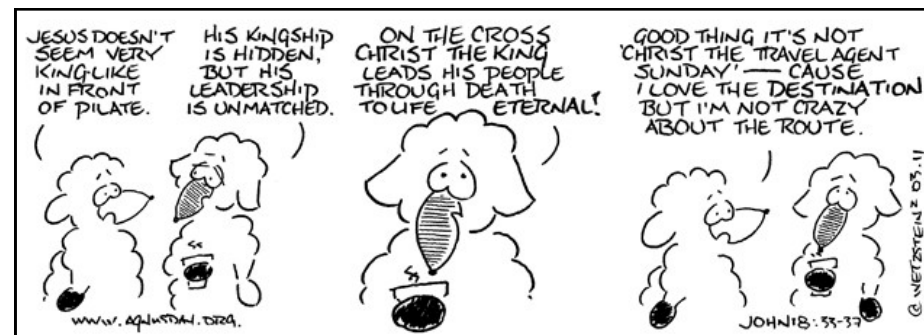
- 7 Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place,
you, and the ark of your might.
- 8 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness;
and let your faithful ones shout for joy.
- 9 For the sake of David your servant;
do not turn away the face of your anointed.

Revelation 1. 4b-8;

Grace to you and peace from God who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

GOSPEL John 18.33b-37:

Pilate asked Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'



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REIGN OF CHRIST

On this last Sunday of the church year, observed as Reign of Christ or Christ the King Sunday, we are called to think about truth, about Jesus, who is identified as the Truth, and about the response we are invited to make to the One who speaks truth to us. Witness to the truth of God's reign of justice may unsettle those in power who presume a way of authority that is not of God; but the wisdom and power of God's realm overarches all

Focus scripture

John 18:33–37; The humorist Mark Twain once remarked that, “In America, the secret of success is sincerity. If you can fake that, you’ve got it made.” In today’s gospel passage, we encounter a conversation between one whose sincerity seems forced, and one whose reputation for truthfulness puts him in great danger. What a contrast John offers to us in this scene. On one side is “the man” who, with a word, can send troops anywhere he desires; on the other side, is a wordsmith who, with parables about lost children and enemies who rescue us from the harm inflicted on us by the world, upsets notions about God and how God operates. The patrician who commands the might of the greatest nation on earth comes face-to-face with a simple peasant who refuses to be controlled. The governor who holds life and death in his hands meets the one who offers his life for the life of all.

Pilate represents an empire whose foundation is might, whose reality is power, whose leader is a god. Jesus offers the vision of a different realm, one which is grounded in seeming powerlessness, whose leader is a servant. This is the truth to which Jesus gives testimony, he was born to usher in this reign. Truth cannot be accessed by any rational understanding or turning to some textbook, but by revelation. This truth is not a philosophy Jesus offers, but is grounded deep within his being as God’s son. This truth is not a static belief, but is dynamically lived out in faithfulness, in actions such as calling the marginalized to his side, in obedience to God that seeks to do God’s will, not one’s own. This way of life is so engrained in Jesus, is so important to who he is and what he does, that he is willing to give his life for this truth.

As he comes to the end of his reign, David must face the truth that he has been strong, as well as weak, as Israel’s king. In **2 Samuel 23:1–7**, he turns to the comfort of music to express his hope that those who follow him might do better at being the just ruler God seeks for God’s people.

Psalms 132 is one of the “royal psalms,” and it may have been a liturgical re-enactment of David’s moving the ark of God from Kiriath-jearim to Jerusalem when he established it as the royal city. It reminds us of the truth that we can remember God’s promises while we await the fulfillment of such words.

Unlike his ancestor, Jesus is simply a powerless preacher from Galilee. But, according to **Revelation 1:4b–8**, he is “ruler of the kings of the earth.” Here at the end of the Bible we find that truth, which sees the One who stands at both the beginning and end of time, as bringing in the fulfillment of God’s reign.

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Jesus’ realm is not of this world! At least, not of this world which is seduced by a lust for power, usually at the cost of truth; this world which is so willing to barter truth for the latest political slogan; this world which is willing to give allegiance to those who end up demon-strating absolutely no loyalty towards it; this world which places more credence in false sincerity, than simple truth telling. Jesus speaks truth to power about ultimate power. Jesus’ witness invites us to take our part in the wise reign of God by living out the truth of that witness. How do these passages illuminate or challenge our observance of Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday? Where do we hear and see the reign of God given witness and embodiment today?

REFLECTION

**God of our lives, in your truth the marginalized are role models,
the voiceless sing words of hope the world needs to hear,
the power-less gain strength from your faithful witness.
Reign over us, tender God, so we may dwell in the beauty of your realm. Amen.**

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING 2018

The following parishioners are Members of Parish Council for the next 12 months

Churchwardens	- Thomas Bowery - Beryl Davis - Beverley Lacock
Parish Council	- Susan Brennan - Vinay Dass - Trevor Leach - Glenda Owen - Kerryn Pratchett

At the discretion of the Incumbent other members might be appointed.

Thank you to Marie Brennan, Beverly Gray, Katherine Rawlings, Avril Salter and Colleen Wetzel for their contribution to Parish Council.

Some of these parishioners have served their 6 years as a member of Parish Council, therefore to comply with Diocesan ruling have to ‘step down’ for at least one year.

ADVENT in AUSTRALIA

An Advent Reflection

From Anglican Overseas Aid

There are numerous aspects of our life in Australia for which we can be thankful. Our diverse multicultural society enjoys a high standard of living and Advent provides opportunity for deeper reflection on both our blessings and responsibilities as Christians living in Australia.

This year, as we joyously anticipate the coming of Christ, **Anglican Overseas Aid** examines some features of Australian society that may deepen our experience of Advent.

For AOA, Advent is a season that matters, providing inspiration for their mission and the careful reflection and review that so characterises its work.

Around the world, AOA seeks to mirror the traditional themes of hope, love, joy and peace by delivering development programs of the highest standard. It is also encouraged in these endeavours by the promise of God’s kingdom to come.

Take a moment to be still this Advent and reflect on the simple beauty of Christmas.

Booklets are available in the Narthex of each centre.

The Most reverend Dr. Philip Freier is the Archbishop of Melbourne and president of Anglican Overseas Aid. He is also the Primate of the Anglican Church in Australia.