

*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.*

#### PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

for anyone who wishes to make their Stewardship giving contribution by Direct Debit, or for giving a donation to the Parish.

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#### DIARY THIS WEEK

Sunday 29th. September  
**MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS**

Monday 30th. September  
*Jerome, priest and biblical scholar (d.420)*

Wednesday 2nd. October 10.00 am. Morning Prayer at St. Matthew's including  
M U Prayers and fellowship

Thursday 3rd. October 10.00 am. Playgroup at St. Linus'  
10.45 am. Holy Communion at Colton Close  
Aged Care Facility

Friday 4th. October  
*Francis of Assisi, friar and preacher (d.1226)*

Saturday 5th. October **10.00 am. Secondhand Books & New Craft /  
Bric-a-Brac at St. Matthew's**

**Daylight Savings commences at 2.00 am. Please turn your clocks /watches  
FORWARD one hour, before you go to bed**

Sunday 6th. October 9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'  
**FRANCIS OF ASSISI** 10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's,  
**BLESSING of the ANIMALS at 9.00 am. & 10.30 am.**

#### LOOKING AHEAD

**Sunday 13th. October - 'Noah's Ark' Pageant at St. Linus'**

Saturday 12th. October -- Working Bee at St. Matthew's

Saturday 26th. October - Card Making workshop at St. Matthew's

### The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield / Merlynston



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

St. Linus'  
Cnr. Glyndon &  
Delta Aves.  
Merlynston



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**Season of Creation**

**COSMOS  
SUNDAY**

**29th. September  
2019**

#### 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.

**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**

GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION WAFERS ARE AVAILABLE

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

**Cosmos Sunday sentence**

“Praise him you highest skies” Ps.148.1

**Cosmos Sunday Collect**

God, our Creator, as we reflect on the mysteries of the cosmos, we celebrate the wondrous design of the universe and the Wisdom that guides its course.

Help us to discern how we are connected with living members of the cosmic community.

Teach us to sense the presence of the cosmic Christ, whose presence fills and reconciles all forces in creation. **Amen.**

**Readings**

**First Reading: Prov 8:22-31 (Wisdom’s Part in Creation)**

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills I was brought forth— when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world’s first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

**Ps 148**

1 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven:

**O praise him in the heights.**

2 Praise him, all his angels:

**O praise him, all his host.**

3 Praise him, sun and moon:

**praise him, all you stars of light.**

4 Praise him, you highest heaven:

**and you waters that are above the heavens.**

**MISSION NEWS**

**ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION**

**CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF PARTNERING WITH THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
OF THE PHILIPPINES IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORK**

This year ABM celebrates 25 years of cooperation with the Episcopal Church of the Philippines (ECP) on an extraordinary range of programs in an extraordinary set of communities.

Over those 25 years, the nature of the partnership has blossomed in ways that could not have been expected at the beginning. Perhaps most significantly it is the fact that the ECP has now moved to a place where it no longer requires financial support from ABM as the principal means of partnership. In its place, the ECP seeks to work closely with ABM in supporting the capacity building of other partners.

ABM looks forward to a continued and mutually rewarding partnership with the ECP.

**COMMEMORATION OF THE NEW GUINEA MARTYRS**

The ABM Sydney Committee hosted an event, *The Feast of the Commemoration of the New Guinea Martyrs*, on Saturday 7 September, 2019, at St Paul’s Anglican Church in Burwood, Sydney.

**NEW ABM STUDIES TO BE RELEASED FOR ADVENT AND LENT**

*Songs from a Strange Land* is a new study for Advent written by Celia Kemp, author of *Into the Desert*.

You can download the free app for Android and Apple devices [here](#). Printed copies of the study will be available in November.

Watch this space for more information about a new Mission Study that will be launched for Lent 2020

**MARTYRS APPEAL 2019**

There’s still time to donate to the 2019 Martyrs Appeal - your gift will help staff, students and families at Newton theological College in Papua New Guinea, as well as families and communities through the Positive Parenting Program in the Solomon Islands.

To Donate

[www.abmission.org](http://www.abmission.org)

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**ANGLICAN OVERSEAS AID**

“Worth Their Weight in Gold” Spring Appeal

AOA partner in Myanmar, Akhaya, are teaching women Silversmith skills, to enable women, especially the vulnerable women who are at risk of domestic violence, to have money to support themselves and their children, and improve their self-esteem.  
DONATE - [anglicanoverseasaid.org.au](http://anglicanoverseasaid.org.au) OR P.O. Box 389, Abbotsford 3067

## BROADMEADOWS and DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

### SPRING SHOW

Saturday 19th. October - Noon - 4.00 pm.

Sunday October 20th. 10.00 am. - 3.00 pm.

In Wiseman House - Entry \$4.00, children free



Plant sales  
Garden Ornaments  
Devonshire Tea  
Sausage Sizzle  
Raffles  
Craft Shop



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## LIONS CLUB of GLENROY    DIABETES AWARENESS

Half Day Family Event

Free testing for Diabetes, Seminars on Nutrition, Health and Well-Being.

Saturday 26th. October  
9.00 am. to 1.30 pm.  
Glenroy Neighbourhood Learning Centre  
5B Cromwell St. Glenroy

Community Stalls - If anyone is interested in having a stall, please talk with Colleen or Glenda

Chair Aerobics, Line Dancing,  
Demonstrations, Thai Chi, Face Painting

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## SONGS OF PRAISE

Saturday 19th. October 2019  
A joint Australian Anglican Church Calendar and St. Peter's Choir  
fundraising event  
at St. Peter's Anglican Church, Eastern Hill, Melbourne

\$35. per person.  
Join in singing favourite hymns, plus a couple of choir items.

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- 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord:  
**for he commanded and they were made.**
- 6 He established them for ever and ever:  
**he made an ordinance which shall not pass away.**
- 7 O praise the Lord from the earth:  
**praise him, you sea-monsters and all deeps;**
- 8 Fire and hail, mist and snow:  
**and storm-wind fulfilling his command;**
- 9 Mountains and all hills:  
**fruit trees and all cedars.**
- 10 Beasts of the wild, and all cattle:  
**creeping things and winged birds,**
- 11 Kings of the earth, and all peoples:  
**princes, and all rulers of the world,**
- 12 Young men and maidens:  
**old folk and children together.**
- 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord:  
**for his name alone is exalted.**
- 14 His glory is above earth and heaven:  
**and he has lifted high the horn of his people.**
- 15 Therefore he is the praise of all his servants:  
**of the children of Israel, a people that is near him. Praise the Lord.**

### Colossians 1:15-20

He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, 19 and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

### Gospel: John 6:41-51

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."



**Season of Creation  
29th. September 2019**

**COSMOS SUNDAY**

Wisdom expands our horizons. It opens our spirit to the limitlessness of possibilities in creation. It broadens our understanding of reconciliation and invites us to see past our small definitions of inclusion. What better way to culminate our celebration of wisdom and creation than to experience praise within the cosmos. God is creator of all, founder of the infinite, redeemer of the heavens and earth, sustainer of the cosmos; all that has its matter and spirit within these boundless realms, sing God's praise.

**Focus scripture**

**Proverbs 8:22–31** Wisdom comes to us in everyday life. Proverbs is a collection of thoughts about what is good or true in life. What is ethical behaviour. What is valuable and why. How to judge good character. What holds power in the marketplace and relationships. How to teach children to be wise and truthful. Proverbs finds Wisdom in the everyday life but celebrates Wisdom's origins in the creations of the cosmos. The writer juxtaposes the grandeur of the universe with the minutiae of urban life, to show the great reach of God's wisdom in our lives. In a similar fashion, these humble sayings, which come out of a diversity of socio-economic experiences, are attributed to the great sage, Solomon. In the post-exilic period, Solomon equalled wisdom, and these proverbs gleaned from the ordinary lives of ordinary folk are worthy of the wisdom Solomon represents. Proverbs 8 takes shape in a poem, indulging in the details of our shared origins. Throughout the book, the sage explains wisdom can be seen everywhere, great and small, in the ant as much as the eagle. In Proverbs 8, Wisdom is personified as a being who was in the "beginning of days" and in the "day-by-day." There is no stage in the history of creation where Wisdom was not delighting and interacting with it. We began this Season of Creation with Job and God asking, "Were you there?" and we end it with Wisdom saying "I was there." During this fourth Sunday of the Season of Creation, we celebrate, like the cosmos, in wisdom that is open-ended, continuous, and infinite. The vast experience of creation and the ongoing search of humans for wisdom is also the topic of the book of Psalms. The Psalter culminates its exploration with a collection of praises.

**Psalms 148** presents a cosmology of praise, where everything created is made with the instinct to praise. Everything like the shining of the stars is given its own way of praising the creator.

Born before creation is a theme that **Colossians 1:15–20** picks up as it draws on the influence of Proverbs and its understanding of divine wisdom. Christ embodies Wisdom, as Christ is "made in the image of the invisible God." Christ is both "before all things" and in Christ "all things hold together." In this letter, written to followers of Christ a generation or so after the Resurrection when confusion and uncertainty marked the present and future of their message and community, the reconciling nature of God's wisdom comes to life in Christ. The borders between heaven and Earth, between past and present, between matter and spirit evaporate as Jesus delivers the good news of his origin and purpose in the redemption of creation, in **John 6:41–51**. Born in heaven to live on earth, sent by God to deliver us to the creator, made of matter to give eternal life, John's gospel describes how Jesus the Christ is both the substance and the way of Wisdom and its reconciling nature in creation.

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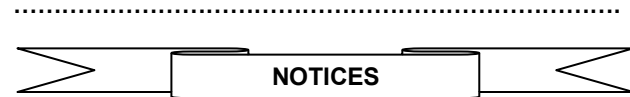
It's easy to confine ourselves to our small worlds and busy ourselves tending only to the needs of daily life. Today's scriptures remind us that the goodness of creation began light years away from where we live; that each star and planet was created to

praise God as is each mountain, tree, and animal on earth. Take time to notice the glory of the night sky and of the grass soaked in morning dew. Their beauty is not God wooing us to faith but each created body praising God. As you consider your relationship with the environment, imagine you are one voice in a celestial choir. What are you doing to make room for the other voices of praise?

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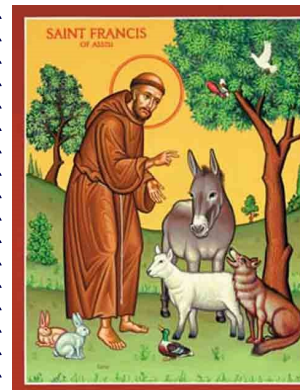
**Wisdom, you shine from the heavens and call from the depths.  
You light up the world with the passion of a flame  
and gently cover it in frost.**

**The mountains and hills portray your peaks,  
the animals and birds your boundless realm.  
Wisdom, draw nearer to us so we may experience your boundless  
and limitless wildness as freedom and love. Amen.**



**HAVE YOU COMPLETED AND RETURNED YOUR STEWARDSHIP  
GIVING, AND TIME AND TALENTS FORM**

***IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THESE FORMS ARE COMPLETED  
AND RETURNED SO THAT THE WARDENS AND TREASURER  
CAN FORMULATE A BUDGET FOR THE 12 MONTHS OF  
OCTOBER 2019 to SEPTEMBER 2020, TO BE PRESENTED AT  
THE AGM, TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER 2019***



**BLESSING of the ANIMALS**  
**Please bring your pets for a Blessing,  
in honour of St. Francis of Assisi  
SUNDAY 6th. October 2019  
9.00 am. & 10.30 am. services**  
**Please confine your pet on a lead or in  
a cage,  
but NO 'creepy-crawlies' such as  
Snakes,**

**Thank you.**