

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 at St. Matthew's - Working Bee after 10.30 am. Service

Monday	16th. July	School Term 3 commences 1.30 pm. Home Group at Glenroy
Wednesday	18th. July	10.00 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's
Thursday	19th. July	10.00 am. Playgroup at St. Linus' 10.45 am. Holy Communion at Colton Close Aged Care Facility
Friday	20th. July	11.00 am. Gospel Reflection group at St. Matthew's
Sunday	22nd. July	9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus' 10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 29th. July - Lunch at St. Matthew's (catered)

Saturday 4th. August - Book & Craft rooms open at St. Matthew's

Saturday 11th. August - High Tea at St. Matthew's

Saturday 1st. September - Produce & Plant Market, Books & Craft rooms open at St. Matthew's

Pew Leaflet Notices:

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

The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield / Merlynston



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with

St. Linus'
cnr. Glyndon Ave.
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Merlynston



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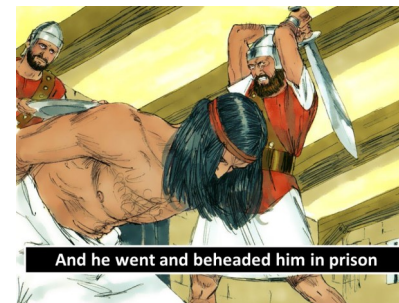
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**PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONE BEFORE
THE START OF THE SERVICE.**

Thank You

Today we welcome The Venerable Jan Crombie
who is Preacher and Celebrant as Locum for both Parish services



And he went and beheaded him in prison

**Eighth Sunday
after
Pentecost**

**15th. July
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; Who shall stand in the Lord's holy place ? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their hands to what is false'
Psalm 24. 3-4;

Collect: Eternal God , open our eyes to see your hand at work, in the splendour of creation, and in the beauty of human life. Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us, to share our blessings with our sisters and brothers, and to experience the joy of life in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Readings

2 Samuel 6. 1-5, 12b-19;

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David. Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart. They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. When David had

FAMILY LUNCH at ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday 29th. July

following the 10.30 am. service

Please invite your family to join us for a 'catered' lunch

\$25 per person, 5-12years \$10, under 5's free

Please pre purchase tickets **TODAY** from Colleen or Sue

Numbers attending **MUST** be known and paid for, by 22nd. July



SATURDAY 11th. AUGUST - 2.00 pm.

HIGH TEA

at

ST. MATTHEW'S

Please bring family and friends - \$35 per person

Tickets being pre-sold today

Includes a large variety of delicious foods and entertainment



ARCHDEACONS' AND INTERIM ARCHDEACONS' COLLATION

Appointment of three Archdeacons;
The Reverend Gavin Ward – La Trobe Archdeaconry
The Reverend Howard Langmead – Stonnington Archdeaconry
The Venerable Edwin Lang – Geelong Archdeaconry
The Venerable Edwin Lang will serve as Interim Archdeacon for the next three months, commencing on 19 July, 2018.

You are invited to attend their Collation at St Paul's Cathedral on Thursday 19 July, 2018 at the 5.10pm Evensong.

to celebrate the uniting of Israel under God's chosen king, David. As the writer of Ephesians praises God for the unity of creation, the psalmist in **Psalm 24** celebrates God's ownership of and rule over all of creation. While Ephesians focuses on the unity of human relationships through Christ, **Mark 6:14–29** speaks to the brokenness of the human family through the story of the beheading of John the baptizer. Yet even this event brings the disciples together.

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We live in a time of heightened sensitivity to both religious conflict and religious tolerance. New media technology facilitates the flourishing of religious extremism and discrimination, yet it also creates new opportunities for ecumenical (inter-denominational) and inter-faith relationships to thrive. How do we help those who gather in community grapple with the frustration that can emerge from interaction with Christians whose viewpoints reflect deep-seated differences to ours? How can today's reading from Ephesians inform our understanding of the unity of all people, even amid difference?

REFLECTION

**Creator God, you have created a family,
and you invite all people to become brothers and sisters
with one another, and with Christ.
May we heal the brokenness that divides us.
May we grow in love for one another and the earth,
and reflect the unity of your creation. Amen.**



SUNDAY 29th. July at 5.00 pm.
Informal service at St Linus'
corner Delta Ave & Glyndon Ave, Merlynston
No church experience necessary!
Last Sunday of the month 5-6 pm.
Includes a light meal in our community hall.
For questions or more information, contact
The Rev'd Jo-Anne Wells Mobile: 0414 822095
Email: priest@matthewlinus.org.au

APPOINTMENT OF NEW BISHOP OF THE OODTHENONG EPISCOPATE

Reverend Kate Prowd is to become a bishop in the Diocese of Melbourne. Kate was ordained a deacon in the first ordination of women as deacons in the Diocese of Melbourne in 1986. She has served in a variety of parish and chaplaincy contexts in Australia and New Zealand. She is a Clinical Psychologist and will bring unique gifts to her role as a bishop. I

finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

Psalm 24;

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it;
the compass of the world and those who dwell therein.
- 2 For he has founded it upon the seas;
and established it upon the waters.
- 3 Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord;
or who shall stand in his holy place ?
- 4 Those who have clean hands and a pure heart;
**who have not set their souls upon idols,
nor sworn their oath to a lie.**
- 5 They shall receive blessing from the Lord;
and recompense from the God of their salvation.
- 6 Of such a kind as this are those who seek him;
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O you gates,
and be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 Who is this King of glory?;
the Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.
- 9 Lift up your heads, O you gates;
and be lifted up. you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 Who is the King of glory?
the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.'

Ephesians 1.3–14;

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you

also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

GOSPEL Mark 6.14–29;

King Herod heard of the healings and other miracles, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.' For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the Baptist.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.



PENTECOST 8
15th. July 2018

WHAT WE CONTRIBUTE

Today's readings recall ways in which God's grace and Jesus' love bring people together. Jesus' followers are compared to God's adopted children; David and the Israelites throw a party celebrating God's faithfulness; the psalmist sings praises to God; and the disciples come together to bury the body of John the baptizer.

Focus scripture

Ephesians 1:3–14; Today and in the coming weeks, several of our focus passages will come from the letter to the Ephesians. This letter is attributed to Paul, though scholars think someone else probably wrote it. However, it brings together Paul's key teachings and, because of its parallels with other Pauline letters, it serves as a kind of introduction to Paul's theology, despite concerns regarding its authorship.

The letter begins with an extended blessing. In the original Greek version, today's entire reading is one long sentence that strings together praises for God and the unity of all of creation through Christ. The Ephesians – and, indeed, all people – are included in this vision of a united cosmos bringing together heaven and earth in the presence of the Christ. The integration of these many ideas into a single sentence reflects God's vision of cosmic unity.

What does this unity actually mean for the Ephesians? The people of Ephesus were Gentiles, so according to Jews, they were not among God's "chosen." Yet Paul's theology is clear that God's grace is for Jews and Gentiles alike (Galatians 3:28). The writer tries to explain God's plan for the whole world. All are chosen as God's loving people before the beginning of time (1:4). The passage makes three key points about God's plan for the right ordering of things: its motivation and source is God's great love; it has been in existence for all eternity; it encompasses all creation. At the fulfillment of this plan, all that exists will live in the context of relationship with God, and all will be children of God.

The hearers of the letter to the Ephesians also lived in an era of new technology. The expansion of the Roman Empire connected formerly isolated people through the building of roads, ports, and more. These connections facilitated an explosion in the spread of new ideas. It is because of the trade routes of the Roman Empire that Paul was able to engage in his mission and ministry to Gentiles and to encourage Jews to expand their understanding of the scope of God's family. Paul and those who wrote in his name used their words to draw together people from vastly different perspectives, helping them to recognize and celebrate their sameness in Christ. Ephesians 1:10 outlines God's divine plan: "to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth" (1:10). In the ancient Greek, this "plan" alludes to the stewardship or management of a household. All things are part of God's household, and God has planned a universal family reunion. Ephesians describes a time when all of heaven and earth will unite in celebration of God's glory, and today's reading from **2 Samuel 6:1–5, 12b–19** describes a time when the people come together