

*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

Please consider the continuation of your Stewardship giving by Direct Debit - BSB 703122 Indue Ltd. Account 05004414  
The account is in the name of St. Matthew's Glenroy Hadfield with St. Linus' Merlynston

#### DIARY THIS WEEK

**No Wednesday or Sunday Services or face to face meetings / activities this week. PLEASE OBSERVE Stage 4 Covid Restrictions , which includes - you must have a 'Permitted Worker Permit' signed by The Rev'd Carmel Hunter, to enter any building at St. Matthew's or St. Linus'**

Thursday 20th. August  
*Bernard of Clairvaux, abbot and teacher (d.1153)*

Sunday 23rd. August  
*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

#### AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDAR 2021

The order form has arrived \$13 per calendar

If you wish to order a copy, please contact Glenda

#### From Archbishop Philip Freier -

Message for church communities re: family violence and stage 4 restrictions

"Even with stage 4 restrictions, you will NOT be fined for leaving your home to escape family violence." You are allowed to leave your home at any time to escape family violence. If you need to leave your home because you are unsafe, the curfew will not apply to you, and if you need to travel further than 5km to be safe, you will not be fined. Help is still available.

Contact safe steps Family Violence Response Centre on: • 1800 015 188 • safesteps@safesteps.org.au • or use their webchat function between 9am - 9pm Monday to Friday - In an emergency, call 000.

For more information available here. If you have any questions, please contact Robyn Boosey, Preventing Violence Against Women Program Manager on rboosey@melbourneanglican.org.au

## The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield / Merlynston



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#### WELCOME

*During this time of online services,  
Please feel free to follow along if you have a prayer book at home.  
The service begins on page 119 of A Prayer Book for Australia*

#### ELEVENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

16th. August 2020



Sincere condolences, prayers and thoughts to  
Tim Erickson, David, Chris, Paul, Matthew and families  
in their sad loss of Lois

### 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.

**Sentence:** Thus says the Lord. 'Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.'  
Isaiah 56. 1;

**Collect:** God of freedom, you have broken the tyranny of sin, and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts; give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Readings

#### Genesis 45.1–15;

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there – since there are five more years of famine to come – so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.' Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

#### Psalms 133;

**R** How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity.

- 1 O how good and pleasant it is, when a family lives together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe. **R**
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore. **R**

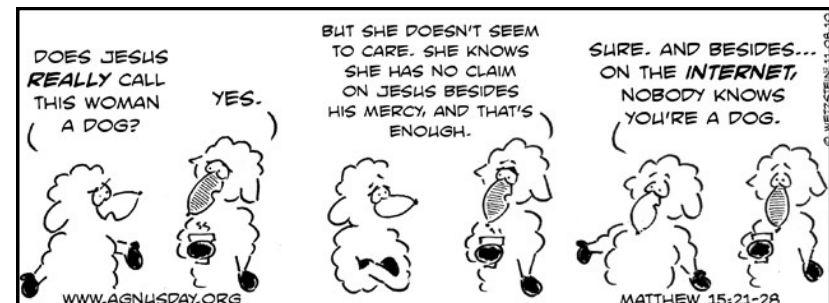
#### Romans 11. 13–32;

Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry in order to make my own people jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead! If the part of the dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; and if the root is holy, then the branches also are holy. But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in their place to share the rich root of the olive tree, do not vaunt yourselves over the branches. If you do vaunt yourselves, remember that it is not you that support the root, but the root that supports you. You will say, 'Branches were

broken off so that I might be grafted in.' That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand only through faith. So do not become proud, but stand in awe. For if God did not spare the natural branches, perhaps he will not spare you. Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity towards those who have fallen, but God's kindness towards you, provided you continue in his kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off. And even those of Israel, if they do not persist in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. For if you have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree. So that you may not claim to be wiser than you are, brothers and sisters, I want you to understand this mystery: a hardening has come upon part of Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved; as it is written, 'Out of Zion will come the Deliverer; he will banish ungodliness from Jacob.' 'And this is my covenant with them, when I take away their sins.' As regards the gospel they are enemies of God for your sake; but as regards election they are beloved, for the sake of their ancestors; For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

#### GOSPEL Matthew 15. 21–28 ;

Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.



#### SMILING AT ONE ANOTHER FROM AFAR

The following poem is credited to Spike Milligan

*Smiling is infectious, You catch it like the flu,  
When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too.  
I passed around the corner, and someone saw my grin,  
When he smiled I realized I'd passed it on to him.  
I thought about that smile, then I realized its worth.  
A single smile, just like mine, could travel round the earth.  
So, if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected.  
Let's start an epidemic quick, and get the world infected.*

Although more difficult when wearing masks,  
let's start a smiling movement, to help end the Corona Virus Pandemic