

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 WEEEK

Today	5th. August	5.00 pm. Newcomers Church at St. Linus'
Monday	6th. August	1.30 pm. Home Group at Glenroy
Wednesday	8th. August	10.00 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's
Thursday	9th. August	10.00 am. Playgroup at St. Linus' 11.15 am. Reserved Sacrament at Plumpton Villa Aged Care Facility
Friday	10th. August	NO Gospel Reflection Group at St. Matthew's because there is a 'Sausage Sizzle' fund raiser at Bunnings, Coburg
Saturday	11th. August	2.00 pm. High Tea at St. Matthew's
Sunday	12th. August	9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus' <i>Pentecost 12</i> 10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's,

LOOKING AHEAD

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

Sunday 16th. September - following 10.30 am. service & Morning Tea,
WORKING BEE at St. Matthew's

Sunday 23rd. September - Patronal Festivals - 9.00 am. at St. Linus
10.30 am. at & St. Matthew, followed by catered Lunch at St. Linus'

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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Cnr. Widford St.
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Glenroy 3046

with

St. Linus'
cnr. Glyndon Ave.
& Delta Ave.
Merlynston 3058



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

Thank You



**Eleventh Sunday
after
Pentecost**

**5th. August
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: Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy ? Eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Isaiah 55. 2;

Collect: Living God, whose Son Jesus fed the hungry with the bread of life, and the word of the kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness, sustain us with your true and living bread, Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Readings

2 Samuel 11. 26 – 12.13a;

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD, The LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, 'There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meagre fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveller to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.' Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, 'As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.' Nathan said to David, 'You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed

THANK YOU

to Colleen and all who helped with setting-up and cleaning-up for
the Lunch at St. Matthew's
on Sunday 29th. July.



WORKING BEE at ST. M ATTHEW'S

Sunday 19th. August 2018

after the 10.30 am. service



**Followed by soup and rolls lunch for those who participate
in the working bee**

**There are many chores to do to keep the grounds and buildings
in good order.**

FRIDAY 24th. AUGUST - 7.30 pm.

for

GLENROY SCHOOLS

CHAPLAINCY FUND

**TRIVIA
Night**

I Knew That!



at Holy Trinity Anglican Church
cnr. Pleasant and Gyles Sts. Pascoe Vale

\$10. admission

Tea and Coffee provided,

Please bring your own nibbles

REFLECTION

Come, Holy Spirit. Forgive us for the ways in which we have failed to be the people and the community you call us to be. Fill us with your humility, gentleness and patience, that we may bear one another with love as we bear your presence in the world. Amen.

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We welcome today
through the waters of Holy Baptism
at St Matthew's

RORY DANIEL SMITH

Please pray for parents Nathan & Lucie,
and godparents Ivan and Mark.

NOTICES

SATURDAY 11th. AUGUST - 2.00 pm.

HIGH TEA

at

ST. MATTHEW'S

***Please bring family and friends - \$35 per person
Includes a large variety of delicious foods and entertainment
To Book, Contact Marie Brennan - 0438 098 613 TODAY, PLEASE***



him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the LORD: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbour, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.' David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the LORD.' Nathan said to David, 'Now the LORD has put away your sin; you shall not die.'

Psalm 51. 1-12;

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, in your enduring goodness;
**according to the fulness of your compassion,
blot out my offences.**
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness;
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I acknowledge my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your eyes;
**so you will be just in your sentence,
and blameless in your judging.**
- 5 Surely in wickedness I was brought to birth;
and in sin my mother conceived me.
- 6 You that desire truth in the inward parts;
O teach me wisdom in the secret places of the heart.
- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 Make me hear of joy and gladness;
Let the bones which you have broken rejoice.
- 9 Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 11 Do not cast me out from your presence
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 12 O give me the gladness of your help again;
And support me with a willing spirit.

Ephesians 4. 1-16;

I, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' (When it says, 'He ascended,' what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of

Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

GOSPEL John 6. 24–35;

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were at the place where Jesus had given the bread, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

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PENTECOST 11 5th. August 2018

WHAT WE EXPERIENCE

The life of Jesus reminds us that physical bodies, and what we do with them, matter to God. The writer of Ephesians exhorts community members to follow their sense of calling, not for personal fulfillment, but for the sake of unity in Christ. As they each follow God's call, they will come together to achieve God's vision of unity. All of today's readings give insight into individual feelings and responses to events in our lives. Yet, as we do that we are ever mindful that our own actions have an effect on the greater community.

Focus scripture

Ephesians 4: 1–16; An often-ignored yet ubiquitous theme in the New Testament is the embodiment. God becomes embodied in human form in Jesus. In today's reading, as well as in many other Pauline and Deutero-Pauline letters, the Christian community is called to be Christ's body. Just as Christ embodies God in the world, so does the Christian community embody Christ in the world, ultimately extending God's physical presence with us into the present.

The writer begins this passage by noting that he is a "prisoner in the Lord." Next, the writer invites the community to "lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called" (Ephesians 4:1). What does the worthy life look like? It is characterized by an attitude of humility and grace, not just for virtue's sake, but for the sake of the unity of the community – that its unity may serve to maintain the unity of the Spirit. The unity of the people has an important function; it reflects and teaches about the unity of the Trinity: God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. (Paul reflects on God's unity in 1 Corinthians 8:6.) In Ephesians 4:8–9, the writer draws a quotation from Psalm 68:18, a psalm that was likely written to a king returning to Jerusalem in victory. Jewish tradition later interpreted it as rehearsing the story of Moses receiving the Law at Mount Sinai with the "gifts" being the blessings of the Law. In this, a prophecy of Christ is read into the text. The writer notes that Jesus descended from heaven into "the lower parts of the earth" before ascending again to be with God, reinforcing the cosmic unity of creator and creation through the embodiment of Christ.

When reflecting on the solidarity of the community, unity should not be confused with conformity; God's glory is reflected through a diversity of gifts, from prophecy to teaching. Such gifts complement one another in the work of building up Christ's body. The ability to work as a unified body is equated with maturity that is set apart by solid doctrinal understanding and the ability to see through deception. Such a body speaks the truth in love. In Ephesians 4:15, Christ is framed as the head of the faithful body. As the people respond to God's call to be the people that God created them to be, both as individuals and as a group, they will become knit together as one body that grows together in love. As the Ephesians reading outlines an ideal vision for life in Christian community, the other lectionary readings for this week touch on the complications of life in our broken world and a hopeful vision for God's future realm.

Bathsheba mourns Uriah in **2 Samuel 11:26–12:13a**, and then becomes David's wife. David confesses his sin and moves back into relationship with God. When the prophet Nathan calls David to accountability, God's wrath appears to be poured out on the whole community; our actions have wide-reaching effects. In a prayer of confession, the poet of **Psalms 51:1–12** calls upon God to cleanse the writer's sins and to create a clean heart. Here again, contrition leads to the possibility of restored relationship and unity with God.

In a reminder of the importance of nourish-ing the spirit with food that draws eternal life, Jesus calls himself the bread of life in **John 6:24– 35**, bread that sustains the Body of Christ.

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Contemporary culture places a strong emphasis on personal fulfillment, even at the expense of community. Today's readings provide an antidote to such individualism by connecting individual vocation with cosmic fulfillment, and by reminding us that our individual lives are not lived in isolation, but as part of community. Such vocation is different from a secular sense of individual achievement – rather, it is the embodied response to God's gifts and the ways in which God seeks them to work within the creation. When individuals who are living as God calls them to live come together in community, they have the ability to grow together in truth and love as they engage in the work of ministry. Indeed, they become the embodiment of Christ in the world. How does your living embody Christ in the world? How does it interact with the communities of which you are a part?