

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

Wednesday 11th. September 10.00 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's
Mother Esther CHN,
founder of the Community of the Holy Name (Melbourne) (d.1931)

Thursday 12th. September 10.00 am. Playgroup at St. Linus'
11.15 am. Reserved Sacrament at Plumpton Villa
Aged Care Facility

Friday 13th. September 11.00 am. Gospel Reflection group at St. Matthew's
Cyprian of Carthage, bishop and martyr (d.258)

Saturday 14th. September 9.30 am. Working Bee at St. Linus'
HOLY CROSS

Sunday 15th. September 9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'
Storm Sunday 10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's,

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday 21st. September - Working Bee at St. Matthew's
- Card Making workshop at St. Matthew's

Sunday 22nd. September - Patronal Days of St. Linus & St. Matthew

Saturday 5th. October - Secondhand books and Craft/bric-a-brac at St. Matthew's

Wednesday 16th. October - Synod commences, through to 19th October

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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Glenroy

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Merlynston



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Season of Creation

**FAUNA
(and FLORA)
Sunday**

**8th. 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,

Sentence; "Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!
Praise the Lord!" Ps. 148.10;

Fauna Sunday Collect;

God, our Creator, we celebrate with all living creatures today. Help us to see your presence, not only in human history but also in the stories of our kin in creation, the great fauna family. Teach us to hear the good news of God's loving care ringing through the creatures of the wild. Rejoice with us as we behold the mysteries of your Wisdom implanted in all life. In the name of Christ who fills heaven and Earth. **Amen.**

Job 39: 1-12, 26-30;

Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they fulfil, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them. 'Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling place? It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing. 'Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you? Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labour to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing-floor? 'Is it by your wisdom that the hawk soars, and spreads its wings towards the south? Is it at your command that the eagle mounts up and makes its nest on high? It lives on the rock and makes its home in the fastness of the rocky crag. From there it spies the prey; its eyes see it from far away. Its young ones suck up blood; and where the slain are, there it is.'

Psalms: Ps 104:14-23,30-31;

- 14 You water the mountains from your dwelling on high:
and the earth is filled by the fruits of your work.
- 15 You cause the grass to grow for the cattle:
and all green things for the creatures that serve us.
- 16 You bring food out of the earth:
and wine that makes glad the human heart,

**The September issue of *The Melbourne Anglican (TMA)*
is now available in the foyer/narthex. In this issue:
(if they get delivered to us)**

Delivering the Brotherhood of St Laurence's Gerard Tucker Oration at Christ Church South Yarra in August, Kasy Chambers, Anglicare Australia's Executive Director, has urged the Brotherhood to use its power and influence to develop "democracy with a small 'd'" – inclusive and empowered local communities

Several Melbourne Anglicans who took part in a pilgrimage to the Northern Territory in July led by Bishop Genieve Blackwell reflect on their experience

Melbourne Anglican group the New Cranmer Society warns of "breaking point" over Wangaratta Bishop John Parkes' plans for a service of blessing for married same-sex couples

Interviews with Dr Jude Long, the newly appointed vice-principal at Melbourne's Eastern College and former principal of Nungalinga College, and English New Testament scholar and author Dr Paula Gooder, both of whom spoke at the Evangelical Women in Academia conference at Ridley College in early August

We report on a new TEAR campaign which is encouraging Australians to join the global fight against single-use plastics, after a report found plastic waste mismanagement was killing up to a million people every year

Australian Anglican historian Stuart Piggin and American historian Robert D. Linder have been awarded this year's Australian Christian Book of the Year for their book *The Fountain of Public Prosperity: Evangelical Christians in Australian History 1740-1914*, which was reviewed in August TMA by Archdeacon Emeritus Alan Nichols AM

We have a number of articles that look, from a range of perspectives, at the growing impact of technology in our lives – including on family life – and how we might engage thoughtfully with the digital sphere so that creativity and connection can flourish, and we can find the rest and quiet space we need

A number of local Anglicans respond to a report released earlier this year about how Messy Church is thriving in the UK. The report's positive findings also ring true in the Melbourne diocese, says Children and Families Ministry Facilitator Dorothy Hughes

The Revd Canon Prof Dorothy Lee from Trinity College writes in our regular theology column that the women of Jesus' ministry, and those who worked alongside Paul, need to be re-discovered, as through them, women today can see how they are set free in Christ to become their true selves as daughters of God and sisters of Christ

Melbourne Anglican parishioner Nigel Jackson pays tribute to one of his Heroes of the Faith, writer, theologian and broadcaster Martin Palmer, an explorer of the significance of the sacred in Britain and in China.



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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**THE ORDER FORM FOR
THE AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDAR 2020
IS AVAILABLE AT EACH CENTRE**

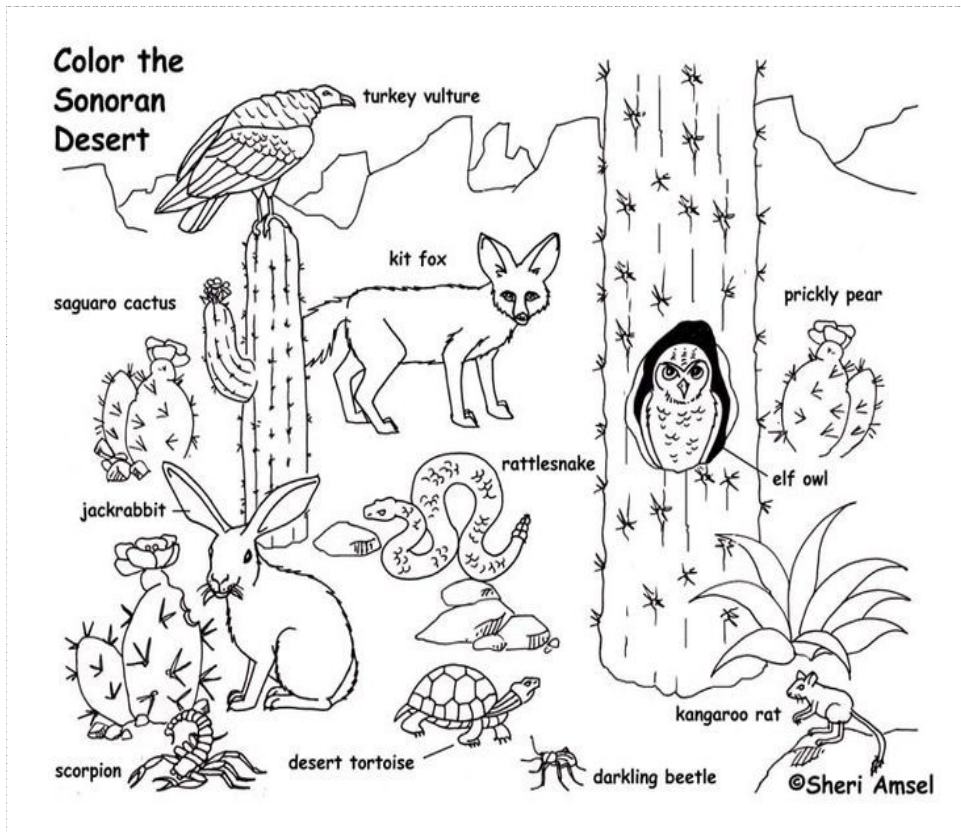
- 17 Oil to give us a shining countenance:
and bread to strengthen the heart.
- 18 The trees of the Lord are well-watered:
the cedars of Lebanon that he has planted,
- 19 Where the birds build their nests:
and the stork makes her home in the pine-tops.
- 20 The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats:
and the crags a cover for the conies.
- 21 You created the moon to mark the seasons:
and the sun knows the hour of its setting.
- 22 You make darkness, and it is night:
in which all the beasts of the forest move by stealth.
- 23 The lions roar for their prey:
seeking their food from God.
- 30 When you give it to them, they gather it:
when you open your hand they are satisfied with good things.
- 31 When you hide your face, they are troubled;
When you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust

1 Corinthians 1: 10-23;

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters,² by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters.³ What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?¹⁴ I thank God² that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,

Gospel: Luke 12: 22-31;

He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?² If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin;³ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his⁴ kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.



SEASON of CREATION

Fauna and Flora Sunday 8th. September 2019

As we celebrate the plants and creatures that inhabit Earth with us, we sink our roots deeper into the ways divine Wisdom sustains and delights in creation. Last week we celebrated the depth and breadth of God's creative power. As we focus on the diversity of species on Earth, we share Wisdom's joy in the details.

Focus scripture

Psalm 104:14–23: As the poet of Psalm 104 sings God's praises, we see God's delight in creation. Each element of Earth is blessed by God and blesses another part of creation. We see the poet's vision of God as a thoughtful provider and God's creation as living symbiotically. Grass is grown for the cattle. Grapes ripen for the wine to gladden human hearts. Water flows abundant for the trees, which offer their branches for the birds to nest. Mountains and rocks give refuge to the goats and small animals. For the psalmist, trees are not cut down and used for lumber and mountains are not climbed and conquered, but both are images of hospitality, made in the image of a divine host. The psalm presents a picture of God sheltering creation and tending to the unique needs and gifts of each creature. Yet, this is not a utopia of eternal life. There is predator and prey. Just as the sun is given a time for setting, lions must seek "their food from God." Human labour is bound to the daytime while the night belongs to nocturnal hunters. There is enough food, space and time for everything, if all depend on God and avoid the hoarding of resources, or the trespassing of territories. In Psalm 104, God's power is in joy not in wrath. Divine wisdom sustains creation not because God covenanted with a chosen people, but because God plays within it and that play is creative. Divine wisdom gives, grows, gladdens, and shines in the fauna and flora that populate the playground. The book of Psalms contains many songs of praise, but only in **Psalm 104** do we see God as the one rejoicing. How much God provides for creation is also the theme of **Job 39:1–8, 26–30**. As God answers Job in a series of questions about the world, God describes the life cycle of beloved creatures. Whereas the images of **Psalm 104:14–23** sound domestic, the images in Job 39 honour the wildness of creation, and celebrate the gift of freedom and the experience of yearning as essential to living things. Like divine wisdom that unites the plants and animals, God's wisdom in Christ unites us. In **1 Corinthians 1:10–23**, Paul encourages the people of Corinth to overcome the splitting into factions and tribes and to see themselves as one in Christ. God's promise to provide for us is highlighted in **Luke 12:22–31** with a description of how the migrating bird is fed and how the seasonal grass is clothed.

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"Endangered species" and "population control" are terms we use to describe opposing effects of imbalance in our environment and the impact humans have. Today's readings celebrate both freedoms and boundaries as we acknowledge our dependence on God. Consider your community: its species, its values, its anxieties, its consumption and its waste. What has become "endangered"? What habits and uses of our environment need to be the focus of more control?

REFLECTION

**O Wisdom, who knows our comings and our goings,
may all God's creatures find freedom in the wilderness;
and as we delight in freedom, may all organisms become joyful hosts
to the life that surrounds them. Amen.**

NOTICES



WORKING BEE at ST. LINUS'

Saturday 14th. September

9.30 am.



CARD MAKING WORKSHOP & CHRISTMAS STALL ITEMS

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

Saturday 28th. September - 10.00 am. to Noon

In Wiseman House at St. Matthew's Anglican Church

Please bring your ideas for making items to sell at

the Parish Christmas Stall

to be held on Saturday 7th. December 2019

In conjunction with Second hand Books and

New Craft / Bric-a-Brac

and a Sausage Sizzle



WORKING BEE AT ST. MATTHEW'S

9.00 am. Saturday 21st. September 2019

Morning Tea provided

'MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK'



THE RECENT 'SAUSAGE SIZZLE' at BUNNINGS COBURG NORTH

Made \$1,500 toward Wiseman House Community Garden.

A very big thank you to all who assisted with this event.