

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



TO DONATE TO ST. LINUS' WINDOW FUND

By Internet Transfer -

Account name - St. Matthew's with St. Linus Designated Funds Account
BSB - 703 122 Account Number - 05009906

A form is available at each Church for other ways of donating

The Stained Glass window will be in Memory of Lois Erickson and The Rev'd Jo-Anne Wells

DIARY THIS WEEK

Wednesday 10th. February 10.00 am. Morning Prayer at St. Matthew's

Sunday 24th. January 9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'
LAST SUNDAY 10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's,
AFTER EPIPHANY - TRANSFIGURATION

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday 17th. February - ASH WEDNESDAY

Thursday 18th. February - Holy Communion at Colton Close Aged Care Facility

Monday 22nd. February - Parish Council meeting at St. Matthew's

Friday 5th. March - World Day of Prayer 10.30am. at St. Matthew's, Glenroy

ALSO 6.00 pm. at St. Linus' Merlynston

Saturday 6th. March - Craft and Book Rooms open for sales, at St. Matthew's

THANK YOU to Colleen Wetzel and her sister-in-law, Jan, who took part in a Car-boot Sale last week-end, with goods from the Craft / Bric-a-Brac room.

Unfortunately, attendance at the event was very poor, so only \$20. was made for Parish Funds.

The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield / Merlynston



St. Matthew's
cnr. Widford St. &
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Glenroy 3046

with

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



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WELCOME

If you have your own Prayer Book, the service begins on page 119

Prayer Books and Booklets are not to be shared.

Masks do not have to be worn, however The Diocese recommends to continue wearing masks especially while singing, except for people leading during the service.

PLEASE OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING REGULATIONS

**PLEASE OBSERVE SILENCE
PRIOR TO OUR SERVICE, DURING THE SERVICE and HOLY COMMUNION
and UNTIL THE SERVICE HAS CONCLUDED. Thank You.**



**FIFTH SUNDAY
after
EPIPHANY**

**7th. February
2021**

GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION WAFERS ARE AVAILABLE

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

Acknowledgement of Land

(An act towards reconciliation by the Parish of Glenroy/ Hadfield / Merlynston)

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation,
the Traditional Owners of the land on which we are gathered,
and pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging.

Sentence: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles.
Isaiah 40. 31.

Collect: Saving God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, healed the sick, and brought them wholeness of body and mind; inspire us, his disciples, so that we may constantly proclaim his gospel by our words, and by the dedication and integrity of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 40. 21-31;

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God'? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Psalms 147.1-11;

- 1 O praise the Lord, for it is good to sing praises to our God;
and to praise him is joyful and right.
- 2 The Lord is rebuilding Jerusalem;
he is gathering together the scattered outcasts of Israel.
- 3 He heals the broken in spirit;
and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the stars;
and calls them all by name.
- 5 Great is our Lord, and great is his power;
there is no measuring his understanding.
- 6 The Lord restores the humble;
but he brings down the wicked to the dust.
- 7 O sing to the Lord a song of thanksgiving;
sing praises to our God upon the harp.
- 8 He covers the heavens with cloud, and prepares rain for the earth;
and makes the grass to sprout upon the mountains.
- 9 He gives the cattle their food;
and feeds the young ravens that call to him.
- 10 He takes no pleasure in the strength of a horse,;
nor does he delight in anyone's legs,
- 11 But the Lord's delight is in those that fear him;
who wait in hope for his mercy,

1 Corinthians 9. 16-23;

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

GOSPEL Mark 1. 29-39;

As soon as Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons



A PRAYER AT THE TIME OF CHOOSING AN INCUMBENT

Bountiful God, bring to this parish, a faithful pastor, who will speak your word, and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will prayerfully equip your people for ministry, enabling all within this parish to fulfil their calling.

May those who will choose, do so with wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**



WORLD DAY of PRAYER

Friday 5th. March 2021

10.30 am. at St. Matthew's Glenroy

6.00 pm. at St. Linus' Merlynston

This year's service has been prepared by the people in VANUATU