

## NOTICES

**TODAY - 6.00 pm. Festal Evensong & Lecture**  
at  
Christ Church Anglican Church, Glenlyon Rd. Brunswick

### CHILD SAFETY

*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

Wednesday 12th. February 10.00 am. Morning Prayer at St. Matthew's  
Thursday 13th. February 11.15 am. Reserved Sacrament at Plumpton Villa  
Aged Care Facility  
Friday 14th. February 11.00 am. Gospel Reflection group at St. Matthew's  
*Cyril (d.869) and Methodius, bishop (d.885) missionaries to the Slavs*  
Sunday 16th. February 9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'  
*Sixth Sunday after The Epiphany* 10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's

### LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday 25th. February - Shrove Tuesday  
Wednesday 26th. February - ASH WEDNESDAY  
Friday 6th. March - World Day of Prayer  
Glenroy/Pascoe Vale area - 10.30 am. Kent Rd. Uniting Church, cnr. Cornwall Rd. Pascoe Vale  
Coburg/Fawkner area - 6.00 pm. St. Linus' cnr. Glyndon & Delta Aves. Merlynston  
Saturday 7th. March - **Books & Craft at St. Matthew's**  
Wednesday 25th. March - Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary  
(Mothers' Union Lady Day 2.30 pm. Sunday 22nd. March at St. Paul's Cathedral)  
Sunday 5th. April - PALM SUNDAY  
Thursday 9th. April - MAUNDY THURSDAY  
Friday 10th. April - Good Friday  
Sunday 12th. April - Easter Day

## The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield / Merlynston



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

with

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



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### WELCOME

At St. Linus', the service begins on page 119 of 'A Prayer Book for Australia' (green book)  
Hymns are found in 'Together in Song' (red book)  
At St. Matthew's the service can be followed on the screens.

Please join us for morning tea, following the service.



**Fifth Sunday  
after  
Epiphany**

**9th. February  
2020**

**PLEASE OBSERVE SILENCE  
PRIOR TO OUR SERVICE, DURING HOLY COMMUNION  
AND AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SERVICE**

### 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.

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.

### 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:** Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.  
*Matthew 5. 6*

**Collect:** Faithful God, you have appointed us your witnesses, to be a light that shines in the world; let us not hide the bright hope you have given us, but tell everyone your love, revealed in Jesus Christ the lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### Readings

#### Isaiah 58. 1-9a;

Thus says the LORD: Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?' Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear-guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

#### Psalms 112.1-9, (10)

- O praise the Lord! Blessed are they that fear the Lord;  
**and greatly delight in his commandments**
- Their children shall be mighty in the land;  
**an upright race who will be blessed.**
- Riches and plenty shall be in their house;  
**and their righteousness will last for ever.**
- Light arises in darkness for the upright;  
**gracious and merciful are the righteous.**
- It goes well with those who act generously and lend;  
**who guide their affairs with justice.**
- Surely they shall never be moved;  
**the righteous shall be held in everlasting remembrance.**
- They will not fear bad tidings;  
**their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord.**
- Their hearts are confident and will not fear,  
**they will see the downfall of their enemies.**

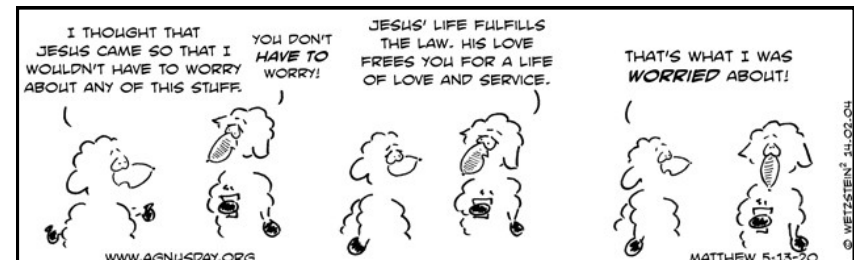
- They give freely to the poor;  
**their righteousness stands for ever, their head is uplifted in glory.**
- The wicked will see it and be angry;  
**they shall gnash their teeth and consume away,**  
**and the hope of the wicked shall fail.**

#### 1 Corinthians 2. 1-13;

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him' – these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

#### GOSPEL Matthew 5. 13-20;

Jesus went up the mountain and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to teach them: 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.'



### MISSION NEWS

**Act for Peace** - requesting donations to enable girls in Afghanistan to be equipped with a backpack which contains vital school supplies and hygiene items including a ruler, pencils and exercise books, soap and a towel.

www. actforpeace.org.au Locked Bag Q199, QUEEN VICTORIA BUILDING, NSW 1230, Australia

**Anglican Overseas Aid** - Thank you to Parishes and those who donated individually during 2019. Your generosity contributed to lives being transformed all around the world in 2019. We literally could not do this without you.