

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 13th. February 10.00 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's

Thursday 14th, February 10.00 am. Playgroup at St. Linus'
*Cyril (d.869) and Methodius, 11.15 am. Reserved Sacrament at Plumpton Villa
Bishop (d.885) missionaries Aged Care Facility
to the Slavs*

Friday 15th. February 11.00 am. Gospel Reflection Group at St. Matthew's

Saturday 16th. February 9.00 am. WORKING BEE at St. Matthew's

Sunday 17th. February 9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'
*Sixth Sunday 10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's
after Epiphany*

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday 1st. March - World Day of Prayer 10.30 am. at Glenroy Uniting Church
6.00 pm. at St. Linus'

Saturday 2nd. March - Book and Craft rooms open at St. Matthew's and Craft
Classes

Sunday 3rd. March - Newcomers Church 5.00 pm. at St. Linus'

Tuesday 5th. March - Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday 6th. March - ASH WEDNESDAY

Saturday 16th. March - Working Bee at St. Matthew's

Saturday 6th. April - Craft and Book rooms open at St. Matthew's

Saturday 13th. April - Working Bee at St. Matthew's

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



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

St. Linus'
Cnr. Glyndon &
Delta Aves.
Merlynston



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**Fifth Sunday
after
Epiphany**

**10th. February
2019**

**PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONE BEFORE THE SERVICE
COMMENCES. THANK YOU**

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

ANGLICAN OVERSEAS AID

Now is the time to dig in

As we were putting together our latest issue os ABUNDANCE, we have been reminded of the importance of digging in - of never giving up and staying the course. Reflecting on the past year, and also over the last 30 years, looking back at our history, we have been helped to refocus our efforts and remind ourselves of the good that comes from never backing down.

2 Timothy 4.7;

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

The good fight, for AOA, is not just about personal faith., but the fight for freedom and abundance for every person in the world. The disasters that befall communities strip away not only belongings, but also hope and basic dignity. With your help we have been helping those affected by such disasters.

In the latest issue of Abundance, you can read of AOA emergency appeal updates. These updates include the Ambae volcano in Vanuatu, the Indonesian Tsunami, and the East Africa Food Crisis. We trust that our supporters will be inspired by the work that has been done to alleviate suffering in these emergency situations. There is, of course, more work to do - but your support has given many people the help to make it through a tough situation.

Other stories of hope and change, include -
AOA disability project in India which has changed lives;
How women in Gaza are getting the medical help they need;
How women are accessing financing to increase their incomes in Vanuatu.

AOA send their thanks for the continued support from people in parishes and schools.

The Rev'd Bob Mitchell, CEO of Anglican Overseas Aid, has been made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for significant services to the community through charitable organisations and to the Anglican Church of Australia, in the 2019 Australia Day Honours.

On receiving this honour, Bob Mitchell said - "We are all called to use the gifts we have, in service to others. There is really nothing exceptional about this. I am delighted to receive this award, but it should be seen more as a reflection on the many wonderful organisations that I have had the privilege to be involved with."

www.anglicanoverseasaid.org.au

Bible Society - put life-changing words into empty hearts.
Donations to the Bible Society helps give Bibles to disadvantaged people, locally and overseas.

biblesociety.org.au/empty

Barnabas Aid - Aid Agency for the persecuted Church - bringing hope to suffering Christians - Saudi Arabia and Iran; The Maldives; Myanmar (Burma);

P.O. Box 3527, Loganholme Qld 4129

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: Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, and was buried, and was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and appeared to many.
1 Corinthians 15. 3-4;

Collect: Most holy God, in whose presence angels serve in awe, and whose glory fills all heaven and earth; cleanse our unclean lips, and transform us by your grace, so that your word spoken through us, may bring many to your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Readings

Isaiah 6. 1-8, (9-13)

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

Psalms 138;

- 1 I will give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
even before the gods will I sing your praises.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name;
**because of your faithfulness and loving-kindness,
for you have made your name and your word supreme over all things.**
- 3 At a time when I called to you, you gave me answer;
and put new strength within my soul.

NOTICES

DO YOU APPRECIATE SEEING THE BRASSWARE LOOKING BRIGHT AND SHINY ON SUNDAY MORNINGS at ST. MATTHEW'S



You can help to keep this being so, by offering to be part of the Brass Cleaning Roster.

Please speak to Jeanette Keeble TODAY. Thank You



WORKING BEE AT ST. MATTHEW'S

9.00 am. Saturday 16th. February

Please come and help with shrub trimming, weeding, cleaning windows in the Church and more, much more

or whatever you see that needs attention

Morning Tea provided



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 1st. March

10.30 am. at Glenroy Uniting Church, Wheatsheaf Rd. Glenroy

6.00 pm. at St. Linus' Anglican Church, cnr. Glyndon & Delta Aves.

Merlynston (North Coburg)



SUNDAY 3rd. March at 5.00 pm. to 6.00 pm.

Informal service at St Linus' corner Delta Ave & Glyndon Ave, Merlynston

No church experience necessary!
Includes a light meal in our community hall.

And 1st, Sunday of each month

- 4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord;
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 5 And they shall sing of the ways of the Lord;
that the glory of the Lord is great.
- 6 For though the Lord is exalted, he looks upon the lowly;
and he comprehends the proud from afar.
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of danger, yet will you preserve my life;
**you will stretch out your hand against the fury of my enemies,
and your right hand shall save me.**
- 8 The Lord will complete his purpose for me;
**your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever,
do not forsake the work of your own hands.**

1 Corinthians 15. 1-11;

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

GOSPEL Luke 5.1-11;

While Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
10th. February 2015

The Pressing Crowd

The story in Luke 5:1-11 is about the beginning of a life-changing journey for Jesus and his future disciples, including you and me. After the temptation of the devil in Luke 4, Jesus began to teach in the synagogues. He reveals what he is going to do in his ministry, reading the scroll of the prophet Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor" (Luke 4:18-19). After he proclaims that this Scripture is fulfilled, he teaches the crowd, heals the sick, casts out the demons, and preaches the good news of the kingdom of God. Thus, the pressing crowd gathers around Jesus in Luke 5.

From Synagogue to Marketplace

This transition challenges us to move from the church to the marketplace. Unless we move to the marketplace, we can't see the crowd. The gospel also should not be confined inside the temple, the synagogues, or the churches, but it must be heard in the marketplace where the people are. Jesus always welcomed and spoke to people about the kingdom of God. He fed the crowd of 5,000 men at one time (Matthew 14:21) and the crowd of 4,000 men at another time (Matthew 15:38). Today's passage didn't mention how many people had gathered, but we could imagine a huge crowd. I often wonder how Jesus could have preached to the multitude without a microphone or any audio systems. Jesus is so creative in articulating the messages into their lives in the parables. We don't know what message Jesus taught in this passage, but Luke describes how Jesus creatively uses this circumstance to meet the needs of the crowd and of the very exhausted Simon Peter: "He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat." Jesus is probably the only one who preached to the crowds from the boat. Our Christian DNA is to preach the word of God creatively in any circumstance, as John Wesley preached on his father's graveyard at Epworth, England. Wesley used his father's tombstone in the churchyard as a pulpit. For Jesus, his church is the lakeside and the open road, and his pulpit is a boat. Jesus and John Wesley challenge us not to wait for people in the church, but to see all the people beyond the church walls.

See What Matters

A striking moment came after Jesus' preaching. He turned to Peter and said, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." What we know in this story is that Peter worked hard all night and caught nothing. At such a time of loss, he would not have let Jesus use his boat, but he took Jesus on his boat. After preaching, Jesus asked him to cast the nets. As a Galilean, Peter, a fisherman, might have known that Jesus was a carpenter. He might have thought that a carpenter did not know anything about fishing. But he surrendered his prejudice and let down the nets. Peter was the one who sat on the boat with Jesus while he was preaching and heard the good news of Jesus. Peter thought he could rely on him, so he said, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." We experience God's miracles when we rely on the word of God beyond our prejudice and profession. The catch Peter had might be unprecedented. Because of the large number of fishes, their nets were beginning to break.

This miracle brought Peter to understand both his own sinfulness and Christ's holiness.

A faith journey starts with a confession, proclaiming who Jesus is and knowing who we are. Peter would say he is a fisherman when people asked who he was. You might say to people, "I am a businessman or a businesswoman, a technician or an engineer, a farmer, or a fisherman" based on your profession. But what would tell Jesus who you are?

Called to a Higher Purpose

It is up to us whether the encounter with Jesus is a one-time event or an eternal one. Jesus' answer to Peter, who asked him to leave, is an invitation: "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." Then Simon Peter and his partners, James and John, left the fishes and everything else and followed Jesus. Among the crowd, many who heard the preaching of Jesus and saw the power of Jesus, considered this event a time of amazement only. But a few knew the higher purpose beyond the blessings as the call to discipleship. What is your purpose in life, in business, and in ministry? Discipleship is not adding something, but subtracting to focus on the higher purpose of "catching people."

The challenges for the churches and congregations in Luke 5:1-11 was to go to the marketplaces to see all the people, preach the good news of Jesus Christ, and invite them to the higher purpose. It was to dream big for God, see what people don't see, find the meaning of life, change the priority in life, and become a disciple of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

Rev. Dr. Kwangki David Kim

REFLECTION

**Lord, here we are, not at all confident that we are ready to be sent.
Give us the courage that only you can give,
when we are called to a new task in your service.
Strengthen us not to fear the deep water of life, for in its depth,
shall we find new challenges and new mercies. Amen.**

