

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

Monday	15th. July	School Term 3 commences
Wednesday	17th. July	10.00 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's
Thursday	18th. July	10.00 am. Playgroup at St. Linus' 10.45 am. Holy Communion at Colton Close Aged Care Facility
Friday	19th. July	11.00 am. Gospel Reflection group at St. Matthew's
Saturday	20th. July	9.00 am. Working Bee at ST. MATTHEW'S 10.00 am. Card Making workshop and Christmas ideas in WISEMAN HOUSE
Sunday	21st. July	9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus' <i>Mary Magdalene & Pastoral Care Sunday</i> 10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's, 12.30 pm. Lunch with the Vicar at 'THE HANGAR'

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday	3rd. August	- Secondhand Books & New Craft / Bric-a-Brac at ST. MATTHEW'S - Working Bee at ST. LINUS'
Sunday	4th. August	- Bp. Kate Prowd, Parish visit 9.00 am. & 10.30 am.
Saturday	17th. August	- Working Bee at St. Matthew's - Card Making and Christmas Stall items in Wiseman House
Sunday	25th. August	- Schools Chaplaincy Lunch in Wiseman House
Sunday	1st. September	- 'Sausage Sizzle' at Bunnings North Coburg for the Wiseman House Community Garden.

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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GIVING TO GOD

From Proverbs 22. 9 - we read:

The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor



**Fifth Sunday
after
Pentecost**

**14th. July
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.

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: Do to others as you would have them do to you. Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. *Luke 6. 31, 35;*

Collect: Eternal God, you have taught us through Christ, that love is the fulfilment of the law: help us to love you with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength. **Amen.**

Readings

Deuteronomy 30. 9-14;

and the Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

Psalms 25.1-10

- 1 In you, O Lord my God, have I put my hope:
**in you have I trusted, let me not be ashamed,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
- 2 Let none who wait for you be put to shame:
but let those that break faith be confounded and gain nothing.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord:
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in the ways of your truth, and teach me:
for you are the God of my salvation.
- 5 In you have I hoped all the day long:
because of your goodness, O Lord.



SUNDAY 4th. AUGUST 2019

CHILDREN'S PAGEANT - 9.00 am. at St. Linus'

also

Parish Visit - Bishop Kate Prowd

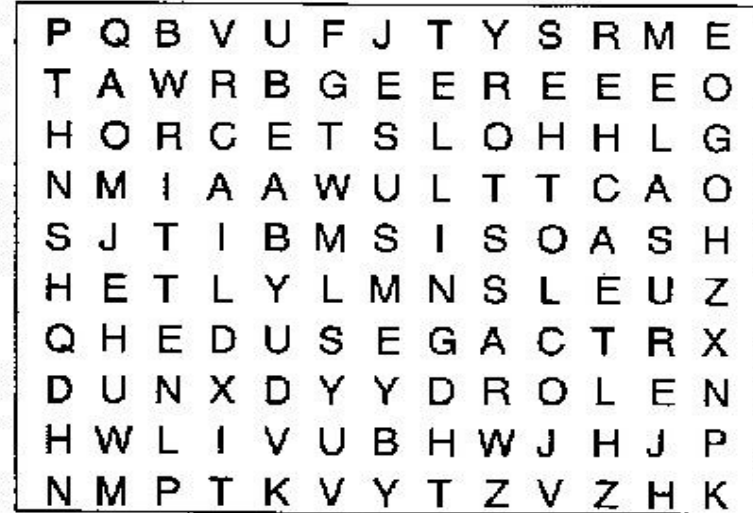
9.00 am. and 10.30 am. services



PUZZLE 7

THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Find the hidden words.



PARABLE

ANSWER

JESUS

TELLING

TEACHER

STORY

WRITTEN

JERUSALEM

LORD

CLOTHES



LUNCH with the VICAR

including a time of discussion

Sunday 21st July— 12.30 pm. at 'THE HANGAR'
Gaffney St. Coburg North

Choose and pay for your own meal



CARD MAKING WORKSHOP & CHRISTMAS STALL ITEMS

Saturday 20th. July - 10.00 am. to Noon

In front room of 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



MISSION NEWS

ANGLICARE VICTORIA

Copies of 'IMAGINE' newsletter are available in the Narthex.

Read about the 'Home Stretch' program, the success of the 'Compass' program,
And other programs which Anglicare oversee or support to assist vulnerable families
and people in our Communities.

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. LAURENCE

'Building Better Lives Together' newsletter is also available in the Narthex.

Read about 'Education First Youth Foyer in Broadmeadows; How can we learn from the
past, to prevent poverty in the future ? ; Volunteering with the Brotherhood; Breakfast
Club connects the local community; Banksia Social Connection Hub in Carrum Downs;
The Brotherhood Community Stores.

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

6 Call to mind your compassion and your loving-kindness:

for they are from of old.

7 Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions:

but according to your mercy think on me.

8 Good and upright is the Lord:

therefore will he direct sinners in the way.

9 The meek he will guide in the path of justice:

and teach the humble his ways.

10 All the paths of the Lord are faithful and true:

for those who keep his covenant and his commandments.

Colossians 1. 1-14;

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

GOSPEL Luke 10. 25-37;

A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.' But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'



5th. Sunday after Pentecost

14th. July 2019

Neighbourly Love

The story of the Samaritan is told by Jesus to a teacher of the law, who is simply trying to determine who his neighbour is. This is no trivial question: until the time of Jesus, neighbour simply meant fellow Jew. But Jesus has widened that understanding to include people of other races as well as Jews who have been on the margins of society. It would appear the lawyer is serious in his intent. But is he ready for the response Jesus gives?

Focus Scripture

As we shift from focusing on readings about the prophets Elijah and Elisha, the similarities with the life of Jesus can leap out for us. The role of a prophet was to turn people back to God's ways of justice, love, and compassion – clearly Elijah, Elisha, and Jesus do this. Additionally, as both the former prophets expanded the "boundaries" of God's love, offering healing to Gentiles, so now in today's focus reading Jesus challenges his listeners to redefine who they see as their neighbour. An effective parable allows us to place ourselves directly in the story. Another feature is a shocking element that makes the listener stop in their tracks and go, "huh?" Remember, too, that this is a "once upon a time" story – the very nature of a parable is a made-up story that packs several meanings. By way of answering the question, "who is my neighbour?" Jesus begins, "a man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho." Listeners are immediately drawn in – they know that road, or at least those place names. Imagine Jesus telling a story about someone coming to your town from one down the road. It's also not surprising for the man to be beaten up, for the road was notorious as a place frequented by thieves. Fortunately, a priest comes along. One readily assumes the priest will offer assistance. Similarly, when a Levite follows him the same expectation is there. Thus, the listeners would be shocked to hear that neither of them stops – indeed, they cross the road and continue on. Reasons as to why the priest did not stop are probably not terribly relevant to the point of the story. (Suggestions that the priest and Levite did not want to risk becoming ritually unclean by touching a dead body are probably not applicable – burying a body would have been expected of them.) The point seems to be the shock that the priest and Levite scurry along. Are they afraid? Do they really not care? Are there other reasons? We might also wonder if the injured person is Jewish or Gentile – by not being told, we can assume they are like "us" and perhaps relate to them. The bottom line may be simply that the person has been stripped of everything, even his identity, and is quite alone. Then comes the shocker: a Samaritan. In making the Samaritan the central

character of the parable, Jesus challenges prejudices held by both the Samaritan and Jewish people. Both groups held to the practices and beliefs of Judaism but Jews centred their faith in the temple in Jerusalem and the Samaritans focused theirs at Mount Gerizem. The rift was deep and longstanding. Mentioning the Samaritan, though, would have drawn a gasp from those listening. The lawyer "gets it," recognizing that the one who showed mercy is the one who is the neighbour. Jesus tells him – and the rest of us – that we must be no less; neighbourliness involves crossing boundaries and breaking through walls of prejudice – being a neighbour to the one who is in need. This is the reality of the realm of God. Amos 7:7–17 contains some similar elements. Amos defends the fact that he never saw himself destined to be a prophet, but when God called he felt the need to speak out. This is not unlike the Samaritan who simply responds to the situation he finds himself in. Picking up on the idea of caring for others, Psalm 82 emphasizes how God cares for and defends the disadvantaged or those in need. In Colossians 1:1–14 Paul offers a prayer for believers to "go forth and bear good fruit in the world." The key here, as in the parable of the good Samaritan, is to go and do the will of God.


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"Go and be like the Samaritan," Jesus tells the lawyer. Go and respond to the needs of those you encounter; treat every human being with love and justice. Great ideas; how realistically might we do that? What are some places where it takes work in order to be able to embrace others who are different? When have you received love, compassion, care, attention from a surprising source?

REFLECTION

**Compassionate, grace-filled God,
help us to see ourselves as those who live in a neighbourhood;
filled with some who are like us, and some who are not,
and yet all of whom are loved equally by you.
As you love all our neighbours, so may we. Amen.**

GIVING TO GOD




During the Offertory hymn, our personal gifts will be received. This helps to resource the ministry of this Parish, and also provides us an opportunity to symbolise the offering of ourselves by the offering of food and money.

If you do not wish to contribute, just let the plate pass by.

Many members arrange their giving via direct deposit to Parish bank account, so do not put anything in the plate.

————— **NOTICES** —————



WORKING BEE AT ST. MATTHEW'S

9.00 am. Saturday 20th. July 2019

Morning Tea provided

'MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK'

