

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 24th. March 10.00 am. Morning Prayer at St. Matthew's

Thursday 25th. March
THE ANNUNCIATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Mothers' Union Lady Day)

Friday 26th. March 10.30 am. Palm Cross folding in St. Matthew's meeting room

Saturday 27th. March 9.30 am. Working Bee in Vicarage and Wiseman House Garden

Sunday 28th. March 9.00 am. Blessing of Palm Crosses, Passion Gospel,
Eucharist at St.Linus'
PALM SUNDAY 10.30 am. Blessing of Palm Crosses, Passion Gospel,
Eucharist at St.Matthew's,

LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday 1st. April - 7.30 pm. Foot Washing, Institution of the Last Supper ,
Stripping of the Altar at St. Matthew's

Friday 2nd. April - Good Friday service at St. Linus' with Stations of the Cross

Sunday 4th. April - Easter Day 6.00 am. at St. Matthew's
9.00 am. at St. Linus'
10.30 am. at St. Matthew's

Saturday 10th. April - Craft and Book Rooms open for sales, at St. Matthew's

The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield / Merlynston



St.Matthew's
cnr. Widford St. &
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with

St.Linus'
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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
in
LENT**

**21st. March
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: 'This is the covenant I will make with them,' says the Lord God: 'I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God and they shall be my people.'
Jeremiah 31. 33;

Collect: O God, our Redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope; renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings

Jeremiah 31. 31–34 ; The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Psalm 119. 9–16;

- 9 How shall the young keep their path pure;
unless they hold to your word ?
- 10 I have sought you with my whole heart;
let me not stray from your commandments.
- 11 I have treasured your words in my heart;
that I might not sin against you.
- 12 Blessed are you, Lord God;
O teach me your statutes.
- 13 With my lips I have been telling;
all the judgements of your mouth.
- 14 And I find more joy in the way of your commands;
than in all manner of riches.
- 15 I will meditate on your precepts;
and give heed to your ways.
- 16 For my delight is wholly in your statutes;
and I will not forget your word.

Hebrews 5. 5–14;

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek. About this we have much to say that is hard to explain, since you have become dull in understanding. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic elements of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food; for everyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is unskilled in the word of righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, for those whose faculties have been trained by practice to distinguish good from evil.

GOSPEL John 12. 20–33;

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.



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.**

ANGLICAN OVERSEAS AID - LENTEN REFLECTION

Colours of Lent

SILVER: In the story of Jesus' passion we read of people who betray him in different ways. While Peter immediately springs to mind, all the disciples abandon Jesus at his arrest and on other occasions. How realistic are we about our own commitment to Christ? It is very easy to judge others, especially characters from another time and place. But are we attuned to our own weaknesses? We can deny Jesus so easily. This may be out of convenience, to avoid consequences, or to stop having to explain ourselves. The path of least resistance is certainly attractive, and we are often naïve about what it means to truly follow Christ. For Judas, silver was the colour of betrayal. In the end, his thirty pieces bought him no satisfaction at all. What bargains have we made in our lives that betray Jesus? Silver is also the mirror we look into each day that reveals who we are. What things have we learned during this Lent about our commitment to Jesus, ourselves and to others?

YOUR ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED PLEASE

with Palm Cross folding in meeting room at St. Matthew's

Working Bee in Vicarage and Wiseman House Gardens. Robyn Panopoulos has been working very hard in both areas, and will appreciate help to move the garden rubbish into green bins and rubbish bags for disposal.

ASLO, if you are unable to garden, unpacking and sorting Books in Rooms 6 and 2.