

*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

**Sunday 2nd. May - 1.00 pm. Interment of Ashes of Lois Erickson, in St. Linus' Memorial Garden, followed by 'wake' in St. Linus' Hall,**

Wednesday 5th. May 10.00 am. Morning Prayer at St. Matthew's

Thursday 6th. May 10.45 am. Holy Communion at Colton Close Aged Care Facility

Sunday 9th. May 9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'  
10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's,

#### 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.

#### Pew Leaflet Notices:

Please give to, or phone Glenda Owen, 0448 821 218  
or e-mail: - gonana7@bigpond.com - by 5.00 pm. Wednesday

## The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield / Merlynston



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with

St. Linus'  
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Honorary Lay Pastoral Minister  
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#### WELCOME

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

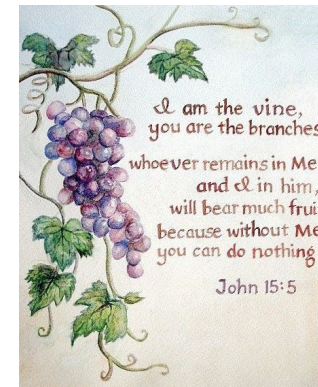
**Prayer Books and Booklets are not to be shared.**

Masks do not have to be worn, however The Diocese recommends to continue wearing masks especially while singing,

**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.**



I am the vine,  
you are the branches.

whoever remains in Me  
and I in him,  
will bear much fruit;  
because without Me  
you can do nothing.

John 15:5

**FIFTH SUNDAY  
of  
EASTER**

**2nd. May  
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:** In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. *1 John 10-11;*

**Collect:** O God, form the minds of your faithful people, that we may love what you command, and desire what you promise, so that, amid the many changes of this world, our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Readings**

**Acts 8. 26–40;**

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

**Psalms 22. 26–32:**

- 26 From you springs my praise in the great congregation;  
**I will pay my vows in the sight of all that fear you.**
- 27 The meek shall eat of the sacrifice and be satisfied;  
**and those who seek the Lord shall praise him—  
may their hearts rejoice for ever!**
- 28 Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to the Lord;  
**and let all the families of the nations worship before him.**
- 29 For kingdom is the Lord's;  
**and he shall be ruler over the nations.**

- 30 How can those who sleep in the earth do him homage;  
**or those that descend to the dust bow down before him ?**
- 31 But he saved my life for himself;  
**and my posterity shall serve him.**
- 32 This shall be told of my Lord to a future generation;  
**and his righteousness declared to a people yet unborn,  
that he has done it.**

**1 John 4. 7–21;**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God,' and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

**GOSPEL John 15. 1–8;**

Jesus said to his disciples: ' I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples'.

