

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.*

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

please consider the continuation of your Stewardship giving by Direct Debit - BSB 703122 Indue Ltd. Account 05004414

Although the Church building is not open for services or prayer, due to Government restrictions to curb the spread of the Corona Virus,

WE ARE THE CHURCH -

WE ARE OPEN TO GOD AND EACH OTHER

DIARY THIS WEEK

Thursday 14th. May
MATTHIAS, APOSTLE and MARTYR



MISSION NEWS

ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION

During this global pandemic, ABM has been fortunate enough to remain open and operational and will continue to do so. Thankfully staff have been able to work from home ensuring that we are able to keep serving our partners and supporters during this difficult time. Unfortunately for our partners, it is not "business as usual" by any means. Most are living under varying levels of government restrictions on contact and movement. These restrictions are unavoidably causing increasing levels of hardship in the churches and communities you support. That is why ABM has mounted a COVID-19 appeal, in order to help our partners to show Christ's **love, hope and justice** to those who are suffering the most. Visit <https://www.abmission.org/covid-19-global-emergency-response> to find out how our partners are helping their communities at this time, and how you can help them.

RESPONDING TO CYCLONE HAROLD IN VANUATU Many of you will have read reports of how Tropical Cyclone Harold devastated parts of the Pacific during early April, and how, on the Monday of Holy Week, ripped through northern Vanuatu, destroying food gardens and homes in its wake. The Vanuatu government waived some COVID-19 restrictions so that disaster responders, such as ABM's partner, the Anglican Church of Melanesia, could travel to remote communities to make vital damage assessments. ABM has launched an appeal to assist the Anglican Church of Melanesia's response. Your donation will go towards rehabilitating damaged or compromised water and sanitation systems on Pentecost, Ambae, Santo, Malo and Aore islands.

The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield / Merlynston



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WELCOME

During this time of online services,

*Please feel free to follow along if you have a prayer book at home.
The service begins on page 119 of A Prayer Book for Australia*



**Fifth Sunday
of
Easter**

**10th.
May 2020**

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.

Sentence: 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life,' says the Lord. 'No one comes to the father except through me.'

Collect: Everliving God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one god, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings

Acts 7. 55-60;

Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

Psalms 31. 1-5, 17-18;

- 1 To you, Lord, have I come for shelter;
let me never be put to shame.
- 2 O deliver me in your righteousness;
incline your ear to me and be swift to save me.
- 3 Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me;
for you are my high and my stronghold.
- 4 Lead me and guide me for name's sake;
**bring me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my strength.**
- 5 Into your hands I commit my spirit;
you will redeem me, O Lord God of truth.
- 17 All my days are in your hand;
O deliver me from the power of my enemies and from my persecutors.
- 18 Make your face to shine upon your servant;
and save me for your mercy's sake.

1 Peter 2. 11-25;

Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. Conduct yourselves honourably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honourable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge. For the Lord's sake accept the authority of every human institution, whether of the emperor as supreme, or of governors, as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. For it is God's will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish. As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil.¹⁷ Honour everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honour the emperor. Slaves, accept the authority of your masters with all deference, not only those who are kind and gentle but also those who are harsh. For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that,

free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

GOSPEL John 14. 1-14;

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'



Mother's Day Blessings....

for the brokenhearted...

the lonely and grieving...

...and the joyful!

