

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 THS WEEK

Monday 22nd. February 2.00 pm. Parish Council at St. Matthew's

Tuesday 23rd. February
Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, martyr (d.c.155)

Wednesday 24th. February 10.00 am. Ash Wed. Service OR Morning Prayer at
MATTHIAS, St. Matthew's
APOSTLE and MARTYR pm. Lenten Study ?

Saturday 27th. February
George Herbert, parish priest, poet (d.1633)

Sunday 28th. February 9.00 am. Eucharist at St.Linus'
SECOND SUNDAY 10.30 am. Eucharist at St.Matthew's,
IN LENT

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday 5th. March - World Day of Prayer 10.30 am. at St. Matthew's
6.00 pm. at St. Linus'

Sunday 14th. March - 4th. Sunday in Lent (Laetare Sunday) Mothering Sunday

Sunday 28th. March - Palm Sunday

Thursday 1st. April - Maundy Thursday

The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield / Merlynston



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with

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WELCOME

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

Prayer Books and Booklets are not to be shared.

MASKS must be worn at all times outdoors and indoors, especially while singing.
except when leading during the service.

PLEASE OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING REGULATIONS



FIRST SUNDAY
In
LENT

21st. February
2021

PARISH LENTEN STUDY

Lauren and Isabel Dale will lead the Study 'The Final Week' a five part Lent Bible study.

If you desire to participate, a copy of the Study notes can be emailed to you,
or a printed copy will be available.

Please contact Glenda Owen to order Study notes.

Because of restrictions after the 'snap lockdown' Study Groups are restricted to 5 people,
Further information will be announced on Sunday at both services.

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: The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.
Mark 1. 15;

Collect: God of the new and eternal covenant, as the forty days of the great flood, swept away the world's corruption, and watered new beginnings of righteousness and life; grant to us, who are washed clean and born again, in the saving flood of baptism, the well spring of your grace, that your gift of new life may flourish once again; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Genesis 9. 8–17;

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

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.
- 6 Call to mind your compassion and your loving-kindness;
for they are from 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.

1 Peter 3.18–22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

GOSPEL Mark 1.9–15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'



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 REFLECTIONS Colours of Lent

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. The colour grey is the colour of ashes, and in many Christian traditions ashes are imposed on the forehead as a sign of penitence. In the Bible there are many references to the wearing of sackcloth and ashes as a mark of repentance. Ashes are also a sign of our own mortality. As the classic funeral liturgy goes, 'ashes to ashes, dust to dust'

For most people, grey is a gloomy colour redolent of melancholy and mourning. It reminds us of the storm clouds that gather. But grey is also the wisdom of experience, a crown of splendour (Proverbs 16. 31) And that wisdom surely knows that the clouds will pass.

In a passage closely associated with Jesus, the prophet Isaiah speaks of one who is anointed to comfort those who mourn.

He will bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair (Isaiah 61.3) While it is important that we should have a realistic view of our own failings, we can also know with certainty that our God is merciful.