

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	11th. March	<i>Labour Day public holiday</i>
Wednesday	13th. March	10.00 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's 1.00 pm. Lenten Study at St. Linus' Church
Thursday	14th. March	10.00 am. Playgroup at St. Linus' 11.15 am. Reserved Sacrament at Plumpton Villa Aged Care Facility
Friday	15th. March	11.00 am. Lenten Study at St. Matthew's
Saturday	16th. March	9.00 am. WORKING BEE at St. Matthew's
Sunday LENT 2	17th. March	9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus' 10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's 12.30 pm. Lenten Study at St. Matthew's

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday	16th. March	- Working Bee at St. Matthew's - Card Making Workshop at St. Matthew's
Saturday	6th. April	- Secondhand Books & New Craft items for sale at St. Matthew's
Saturday	13th. April	- Working Bee at St. Matthew's to prepare for Palm Sunday & Easter
Sunday	14th. April	- PALM SUNDAY
Thursday	18th. April	- MAUNDY THURSDAY
Friday	19th. April	- GOOD FRIDAY
Sunday	21st. April	- EASTER DAY

Pew Leaflet Notices:

*Please give to, or phone Glenda Owen,
or e-mail: - gonana7@bigpond.com - by 8 pm. Tuesday*

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**First Sunday
in
Lent**

**10th. March
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.*

*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*



DAILY DEVOTIONAL & GROUP REFLECTION

Lent began with Ash Wednesday, on 6th March. What would you say to someone who asked, 'What is Lent?' The simple response is that it is a season of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self examination and reflection. It is the forty days, counting Sundays, that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. However, I think Lent invites us to so much more.

This year I am inviting everyone in the parish to undertake a daily lenten devotion or study. There are numerous devotionals available but I have chosen 'The Sanctuary for Lent' by Juan Huertas. The paper edition is \$4 (due to difficulty in obtaining copies, a price increase was unavoidable) There is also a kindle edition I have to share – when I work out how ! If you would like a copy of this book in either form please put your name on the sheet in the narthex.

Each day has a verse and a thought provoking reflection that relates to our every day lives. You may know someone for whom this may be helpful so you may also consider giving one as a gift.

Oftentimes these types of devotionals give us pause to think and we find ourselves asking questions. I am always available to talk about your thoughts and/or your journey.

Group studies are always an opportunity to learn from others. This year, studies will be offered at -

St Linus' 1.00 pm. Wednesdays in St. Linus' Church

St Matthew's 11am Fridays (1hr only)

St Matthew's following church on Sundays at 12.30 and/or at a local café .

Each group will determine time for the study but I will attempt to restrict to 1hr 30min.

Material will be provided for the group sessions. Donation toward cost of Photocopying will be appreciated. Please put your name on the list if you would like to participate in one of the groups.

I hope to see all of you enter Lent 2019 with a purpose and a passion. Let us journey this year together. *Rev'd Jo-Anne*

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: Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him. *Luke 4. 8;*

Collect: O saving God, who led your people through the wilderness, and brought them to the promised land: so guide us that, following our Saviour, we may walk through the wilderness of this world, and be brought to the glory of the world which is to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings

Deuteronomy 26. 1–11;

Moses spoke to the people, saying: When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - URGENTLY PLEASE

**to assist Primary age children at a new Homework Club
which will commence at St. Matthew's
on Wednesday 6th. March,
3.30 - 4.30 pm.
during School term.**

The more people who offer to assist, the less often you will be required.

**For further details, Please speak with Bev. Lacock
9309 2775 0409 255 443**

***Your involvement with this new venture will be a step toward raising the
profile of this Parish within the wider Community.***

ANGLICAN OVERSEAS AID

An Armchair Pilgrimage - A Lenten Reflection

Packing your Rucksack

Every pilgrim thinks about what they are going to need for the journey. Travel lightly is usually very good advice. Take only the essentials. A journey with too much to carry will be burdensome and slow. You will be weighed down, restricted, and constantly anxious about your belongings. Packing your rucksack can involve very difficult choices about what to bring and what to leave behind. We each make those choices differently.

Consider the last five years of your life. What are the things that have weighed down your journey and made it more burdensome? What aspects of your life have been most helpful or filled you with enthusiasm, life and energy? If you were retracing those years, what choices would you make differently? Is there some aspect of those years that you would leave behind?

Looking ahead, what do you imagine for yourself in the years to come? Have you made any goals or plans? Lent is a season for paring back and trimming down. Could you make a journey less cluttered and more God-centred? What might you change for the future.



ABM's 2019 Lent Appeal

Envelopes are available in the Narthex of St. Matthew's and St. Linus'

This year's appeal focuses on ABM's projects in Australia and Zambia where there is a real need to boost support for the work of our Partners. We hope that the envelopes have been well received and are enjoyed throughout your community.

Psalm 91. 1-2, 9-16;

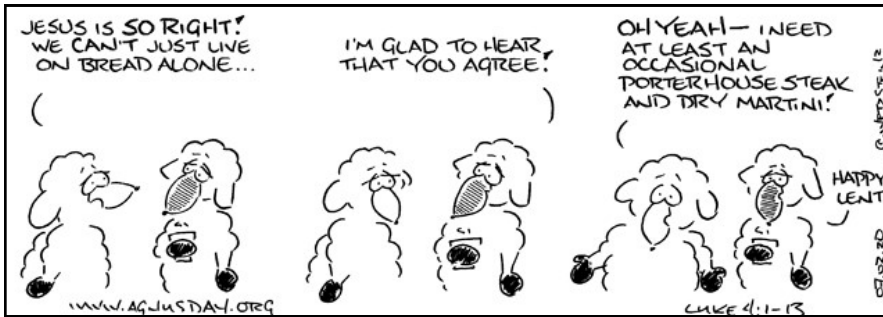
- 1 Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 They will say to the Lord, 'You are my refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust.'
- 9 The Lord himself is your refuge;
You have made the Most High your stronghold.
- 10 Therefore no harm shall befall you,
Nor will any scourge come near your tent
- 11 For he will command his angels;
to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They will bear you up in their hands,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You will tread on the lion and the adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.
- 14 'You have set your love upon me,' says the Lord,
'and therefore I will deliver you;
**I will lift you out of danger,
because you have known my name.**
- 15 When you call upon me I will answer you;
**I will be with you in trouble,
I will rescue you and bring you to honour.**
- 16 'With long life I will satisfy you, **and fill you with my salvation.**

Romans 10. 8b-13;

What does scripture say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

GOSPEL Luke 4. 1-13;

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone." Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you," and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.



1st. SUNDAY IN LENT
10th. March 2018

PRACTICE GRATITUDE

Moving into the Season of Lent offers a different landscape after the growing confidence of Epiphany. The colours and mood change with the destination becoming more focused in our minds. The dust of the earth seems a little foreign, indeed even alien, for this is land through which we do not always choose to travel.

Focus scripture

There are two ways to read **Deuteronomy 26:1-11**. One is to use it for power and possession, claiming a faith story that stamps our ownership on the land we want because "God has given it to us." The alternative is to let the text remind us that all land we travel across is God's. God dwells in the land and the people of Israel who enter it are reminded of this: the land is God's and God dwells here. Yet this story has become part of a religious metanarrative (a narrative about a narrative) to prove particular land has been given to particular people. It is in the background of the Palestine/Israel conflict, and the many places where invading cultures have tried to claim that their God has given them the land, which the original inhabitants believed belongs to all. The text however does not necessarily allow that claim. The description of an offering from the land may have been a one-off event, or an annual ritual. "First fruits" giving reflects an ancient tradition that the land and its produce belong to God. Those who live in the land have a responsibility to share that gift with others, and preserve it for future generations. God's gifts are universal. If this was an annual offering then the lesson is for each generation to remind itself of the gifts God has given, not for possession but as a place to live, a place that offers life, a place that shapes the reign of God as a just sharing of the gifts of God. The wilderness journey of Lent calls us to the one place where all belong, the Commonwealth of God.

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16 asserts that we find our true dwelling place in God who is our refuge and strength. But before we feel this is just another piece of selfish theology, we can read it against those other passages that invite us to break out of a "just for us" or "chosen few" theology and bring it into a more universal context. This is the very point **Romans 10:8b-13** makes when it claims there is no distinction between Jew and Greek (10:12). Yet even here some who write our theology can't help themselves but put exclusive clauses into Christian doctrine.

When we meet Jesus in the wilderness in **Luke 4:1-13** we find ourselves once more in no one's land, and learn from Jesus' experience whom to trust. It is a place of wilderness and we can choose whom to serve. It is our choice this Lenten time. Choose wisely.


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Lent is about choices, either to put down roots, or to journey. This is not just a practical question but a theological one – to push our doctrinal roots into a land and claim who is in and who is out, or to let ourselves wander through the land, knowing the only one who ultimately owns anything is the God who created all and who calls us to journey and travel as foreigners in a new land, trusting the one who guides us and calls us through. What might be some practices or rituals of gratitude in response to all God gives and provides?

REFLECTION

Travelling God, as we leave what is familiar and find ourselves moving through a wilderness land, may we gather as a community of trust, and set out, holding to your call, your longing and your love that will bring us through. Amen.






WORKING BEE AT ST. MATTHEW'S
9.00 am. Saturday 16th. March

Please come and help with shrub trimming, weeding, cleaning windows and more, much more or whatever you see that needs attention

Morning Tea provided



CARD MAKING WORKSHOP

Saturday 16th. March - 10.00 am. to Noon

In front room of Wiseman House at St. Matthew's Anglican Church

All materials required to make cards will be available

Donation only toward cost