

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 Gods' 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.*

EMERGENCY FOOD DONATIONS at ST. MATTHEW'S

Please bring donations of non-perishable foods for people in need.

Suggested foods - Rice (Basmati) Soup Stock; Canned Vegetables & Tomatoes;
Canned fruits; Breakfast cereal; Honey; Jam; other non-perishable items.

Place your donation in the basket. Thank You

AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDAR 2022

The order form will be on the Noticeboard at St. Linus' and St. Matthew's Australia Post has raised postage charges this year, therefore Calendars will Cost **\$14. each**
Please order by 24th. October 2021

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Tuesday 31st. August

*John Bunyan, preacher and spiritual writer (d.1688)
Aidan of Lindisfarn, bishop and missionary (d.651)*

Thursday 2nd. September
Martyrs of New Guinea (d.1942)

Friday 3rd. September 10.00 am. Playgroup at St. Linus' (*pending easing of
Gregory of Rome, bishop and teacher (d.604) restrictions from lockdown*)
Eliza Darling, pioneer social reformer in NSW (d.1868)

Saturday 4th. September 10.00 am. Book and Craft rooms open in Wiseman House,
(*pending easing of restrictions from lockdown*)

Sunday 5th. September *online service* 9.00 am. Eucharist at St.Linus'
15th. Sunday depending on Covid OR 10.30 am. Eucharist at St.Matthew's
after Pentecost restrictions

Prayer for Afghanistan

O God of mercy and of peace, We hold before you the peoples of Afghanistan.
Be living bread to those who are hungry each day Be healing and wholeness to
those who have no access to health care amidst the ravages of pandemic
Be their true home to all who have been displaced Be open arms of loving
acceptance to those who fear because of their gender, ethnicity, religious or political
views Be peace to those engaged in armed conflict and those who live within its
shadow. Turn our hearts and minds to your ways of just and gentle peace,
Open our eyes to see you in all acts of compassionate care
Strengthen our hearts to step out in solidarity with your suffering people and
Hold us all in your unfailing love. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who emptied
himself of all but love in order to bring life in all its fullness. AMEN

The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield / Merlynston



St. Matthew's
cnr. Widford St.
& Melbourne Ave.
Glenroy 3046

with

St. Linus'
cnr. Glyndon
& Delta Aves.
Merlynston 3058



LOCUM PRIEST: The Reverend Carmel Hunter

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WELCOME

The service today is online at - www.matthewlinus.org.au

**Wherever you go , please register using the QR Code,
Face masks must be worn indoors and outdoors**



**FOURTEENTH
SUNDAY
after
PENTECOST**

**29th. August
2021**

Pew Leaflet Notices:

Please give to, or phone Glenda Owen,
or e-mail: - gonana7@bigpond.com - by 5 pm. Wednesday

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: Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.
James 1. 17;

Collect: Cleanse our consciences, O Lord, and enlighten our hearts, through the daily presence of your Son Jesus Christ, that when he comes in glory to be our judge, we may be found undefiled and acceptable in his sight; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Readings

Song of Solomon 2. 8–13:

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: 'Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.'

Psalm 45. 1–2, 6–10;

- 1 My heart is astir with fine phrases, I make my song for a king;
my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.
- 2 You are the fairest of men, grace flows from your lips;
therefore has God blessed you for ever and ever.
- 6 Your throne is the throne of God, it endures for ever;
and the sceptre of your kingdom is a righteous sceptre.
- 7 You have loved righteousness and hated evil;
therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows.
- 8 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes and cassia;
music from ivory palaces makes you glad.
- 9 Kings' daughters are among your noble women;
the queen is at your right hand in gold of Ophir.
- 10 Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear;
forget your own people and your father's house.

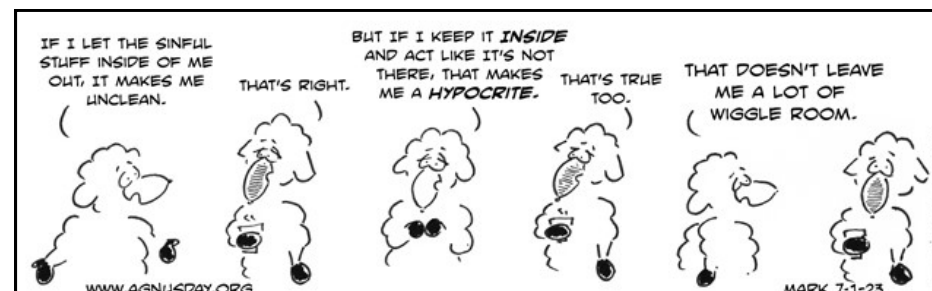
James 1. 17–27;

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are

like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

GOSPEL Mark 7.1–8, 14–23;

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' Jesus said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.' Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. When he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable. He said to them, "Then do you also fail to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes into the sewer?" (Thus he declared all foods clean) And he said, "It is what comes out of a person that defiles. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'



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.**