

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

Tuesday 2nd. February
THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

Wednesday 3rd.. February 10.00 am. Morning Prayer at St. Matthew's including M U
**FIRST ANGLICAN SERVICE AT SYDNEY COVE,
CONDUCTED BY RICHARD JOHNSON, SYDNEY 1788.**

Thursday 4th. February
Anskar, missionary bishop in Sweden (d.865)

Friday 5th. February
Martyrs of Japan, crucified at Nagasaki (d.1597)

Saturday 6th. February 10.00 am. Craft and Books - Sale

Sunday 7th. February 9.00 am. Eucharist at St.Linus'
**FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY**

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday 16th. February - Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday 17th. February - ASH WEDNESDAY

Monday 22nd. February - Parish Council meeting at St. Matthew's

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

The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield / Merlynston



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cnr. Widford St. &
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with

St.Linus'
cnr. Glyndon Ave. &
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Merlynston 3058



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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.

Although Masks do not have to be worn at all times. The Diocese recommends continuing to wear masks in the Church, and must be worn while singing. except when leading during the service.

PLEASE OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING REGULATIONS



**FOURTH SUNDAY
after
EPIPHANY**

**31st.JANUARY
2021**

**PLEASE OBSERVE SILENCE
PRIOR TO OUR SERVICE, DURING THE SERVICE and HOLY COMMUNION
and UNTIL THE SERVICE HAS CONCLUDED. Thank You.**

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: Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness.
Matthew 9. 35;

Collect: God of compassion, You have shown us in Christ, that your love is never ending; enable us both to love you with all our heart and to love one another as Christ loved us. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Readings

Deuteronomy 18. 15–20;

Moses spoke to the people; he said: The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.' Then the LORD replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak – that prophet shall die.'

Psalm 111

- 1 O praise the Lord. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart;
in the company of the upright, and among the congregation.
- 2 The works of the Lord are great;
and studied by all who take delight in them.
- 3 His deeds are majestic and glorious;
and his righteousness stands for ever.
- 4 He marvellous acts have won him a name to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.
- 5 He gives food to those that fear him;
he remembers his covenant for ever.
- 6 He showed his people the power of his acts;
in giving them the heritage of the heathen.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithful and just;
and all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand firm for ever and ever;
they are done in faithfulness and truth.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people, he ordained his covenant for ever;
holy is his name, and worthy to be feared.
- 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
and of good understanding are those that keep his commandments;
his praise shall endure for ever.

1 Corinthians 8. 1–13;

Concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that 'all of us possess knowledge.' Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that 'no idol in the world really exists,' and that 'there is no God but one.' Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth – as in fact there are many gods and many lords – yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. 'Food will not bring us close to God.' We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling-block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Mark 1.21–28

The disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, John entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching – with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee



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.**