

*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.*

### STEWARDSHIP GIVING

Please consider using Direct Deposit for your Stewardship giving.

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*The account is in the name of - St. Matthew's Glenroy/Hadfield with St. Linus' Merlynston*

### DIARY THIS WEEK

Monday 30th. January  
*Charles, King of England ( d.1649 )*

Wednesday 1st. February 10.00 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's, including Mothers' Union prayers and fellowship

Thursday 2nd. February  
*THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE*

Friday 3rd. February  
*FIRST ANGLICAN SERVICE AT SYDNEY COVE, conducted by Richard Johnson, Sydney 1788*

Saturday 4th. February 10.00 to 12.00 pm. Book Room at St. Matthew's open for sales  
*Anskar, missionary bishop in Sweden (d.865)*

Sunday 5th. February 9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'  
*Fifth Sunday* 10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's  
*after Epiphany* 4.00 pm. Praise, Proclamation and Thanksgiving service at St. Matthew's (non Communion)

### LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 6th. February 1.30 pm. Interest Connect group at St. Matthew's  
'Guided Spiritual Meditation' All Welcome, this group is not limited to 3 people.  
*Please bring a cushion and/or rug/blanket.*

Tuesday 21st. February 6.00 pm. Parish Pancake Fellowship Gathering at St. Matthew's  
*Help need please, to make pancake mixture and toppings, and cook pancakes.*

Wednesday 22nd. February 10.00 am. Ash Wednesday Service at St. Matthew's  
6.00 pm. Ash Wednesday Service at St. Linus'  
7.00 pm. Ash Wednesday Service at St. Matthew's

## Australia Day service 29-01-2023



### WELCOME

*The services within our parish can be seen on the screens during the service.  
Please see one of our welcomers if you would like to use the complete prayer book.  
Morning tea will follow the service.  
Please join in our fellowship time.*

### The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield with St. Linus' Merlynston



St. Matthew's  
30 Widford St.  
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Glenroy 3046

with

St. Linus'  
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*This week*

Rev. Rob can be found at:  
St. Linus' - Mon. & Thurs 9 am. to 3 pm.  
St. Matthew's Wed & Fri 9 am. to 3 pm.  
NOT available Tuesday

PARISH WEBSITE - [www.matthewlinus.org.au](http://www.matthewlinus.org.au)  
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Kerryn Pratchett 0409 306 818



## Love. Grow. Serve.

### Acknowledgement of Country

From time immemorial the Wurundjeri people have cared for this land, nurtured it, depended on it and given honour and thanks to the Creator.

As we acknowledge their faithful custodianship of the land, and the sacred stories they have told; as we offer our respect to their elders, past, present and emerging, guide us Lord in caring for them, this land, and each other with the help of the Holy Spirit of Dreaming.

### Sentence:

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7.14

**Collect:** Bounteous God, we give thanks for this ancient and beautiful land, a land of despair and hope, a land of wealth and abundant harvests, a land of fire, drought and flood. We pray that your Spirit may continue to move in this land and bring forgiveness, reconciliation, and an end to all injustice. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Readings

*The first reading is from the book of Deuteronomy 8. 5-14a:*

Know then in your heart that as a parent disciplines a child so the LORD your God disciplines you. Therefore keep the commandments of the LORD your God, by walking in his ways and by fearing him. For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery,

*Hear the Word of the Lord;      Thanks be to God*

**Psalm 125:** A Song of Ascents.

<sup>1</sup> Those who put their trust in the LORD shall be as Mount Zion;

**which cannot be shaken, but endures for ever.**

<sup>2</sup> As the mountains stand about Jerusalem, so stands the LORD about his people,  
**from this time forward for evermore.**

<sup>3</sup> For the sceptre of wickedness shall have no sway over the land apportioned to the righteous,  
**lest the righteous set their hands to do evil.**

<sup>4</sup> Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,  
**to those that are upright in heart.**

<sup>5</sup> As for those who turn aside to crooked ways let the LORD lead them away with the evildoers.  
**and in Israel let there be peace.**

*The second reading is from the letter to the Hebrews 11. 8-16;*

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and

Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

*Hear the Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God*

*The Lord be with you; and also with you*

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 5. 1-12:      Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord      Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ*

### Faith Matters!! Australia Day reflection

Jesus begins his sermon on the mount with words that were as counter cultural then as they are now.

We have a perception on how we are blessed, but the way we see that we are blessed might be very different to how Jesus sees our blessings. We are blessed when we are humble and lowly; deeply convince that we will break relationships with God and those around us and need God to help us. We are blessed we mourn because we see our short comings and the effect on others. We are blessed when we are meek, being patient and content in our spirit, not bearing resentment towards God or others because of where things are at, but waiting for the good things which come in God’s own timing. We are blessed when we hunger and thirst for righteousness and seek our mind to be conformed to see things in the way God would see them. We are blessed when we show merciful compassion to those that are suffering from sin or sorrow, and make it an intentional action to desire to make the sufferings of those around them less. We are blessed when our hearts are pure and do not merely aim to have an outward appearance of righteousness but who strive for an inward holiness. Blessed are the peacemakers who use their influence to promote peace and charity in both private and public. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake and laughed at, mocked, despised and persecuted for following the way of Christ, because great is the reward for confessing Christ and being Christ-like before God the Father, angels and other people.

The very characteristics that the Lord praises are the very ones that the world despises. Pride, thoughtlessness, anger, worldliness, selfishness, unlovingness which are found thriving in many places. Earlier this week we had Australia Day and there are many views that are brought up, not least that there are those in our community who mourn sinful actions that dispossessed them from their land, a land that was never ceded.

As a nation that wishes to move forward with the Holy Spirit, how does the start of the sermon on the mount speak into our actions? Do we strive to live up to the pattern we read about in the gospel or do we do things that show we are ignorant of the gospel? Our individual actions affect our collective consciousness. Let us continue to strive to be filled, not by prosperity and financial gain, but by living out righteousness in all we do and never become desensitised to the feelings of trauma and hurt that we find in other citizens, but like Jesus, seek to allow the actions of the “one” to have a godly impact on the “many”.

**Shrove Tuesday**

6pm Fellowship Gathering for all at Wiseman House  
Help needed to do the pancakes and toppings.

**Ash Wednesday Services – 22nd February 2023**

6pm at St Linus'  
10am and 7pm at St Matthew's

**Holy Week Services 2023**

**2nd April 2023 - Palm Sunday**

9.00am at St Linus'  
10.30am at St Matthew's

**6th April 2023 - Maundy Thursday**

7pm Service at St Linus'  
7pm Service at St Matthew's

**7th April 2023 - Good Friday**

9am Service at St Linus'  
9am Service at St Matthew's

10.30am Stations of the Cross Service at St Matthew's

3pm Vigil Service at St Matthew's

**9th April 2023 - Resurrection Sunday**

8am Service of the Light at St Matthew's

10am Service at St Matthew's with renewal of vows  
combined service at St Matthew's

Children's Easter Egg Hunt will follow the service  
Help needed to organise and put this together.

**Connect Group Information:**

Please find below the information for the connect groups that are actively running within the parish.

Connecting with Meditation: Meditation following the seasons of the Church Year or using scripture. 1st Monday of the month @ 1.30pm. This coming month it is being held on Feb 6@ 1.30pm. Contact Glenda for further details 0448 821 218.

Connect with Journalling: Journalling explores ideas, thoughts and might even record a prayer. 3rd Wednesday of the Month @ 1pm. This month it is Feb 15@ 1pm. Contact Marie for further details 0459 953 658.

Connect Men's Group: Dinner fellowship for our men. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month @ 7pm. This month we are meeting at My Mates Pizza, 847 Pascoe Vale Road Glenroy. Contact Ivan for further details 0432 401 446.

If you would like to run a connect group and add it to the list, please see Rev. Rob. Fellowship outside of the service is vital to allowing the gospel to work in our lives.