

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

Today 3rd. February - First Anglican Service at Sydney Cove, Conducted by Richard Johnson, Sydney 1788.

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

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

Wednesday 6th. February 10.00 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's, including M U prayers and fellowship

Thursday 7th. February 10.45 am. Reserved Sacrament at Colton Close Aged Care Facility

Friday 8th. February 11.00 am. Gospel Reflection group at St. Matthew's

Sunday 10th. February 9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'
FIFTH SUNDAY 10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's
AFTER EPIPHANY

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday 16th. February - Working Bee at St. Matthew's

Friday 1st. March - World Day of Prayer

Saturday 2nd. March - Books & Craft rooms open at St. Matthew's

Tuesday 5th. March - Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday 6th. March - ASH WEDNESDAY

Pew Leaflet Notices:

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

The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield / Merlynston



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

St. Linus'
Cnr. Glyndon &
Delta Aves.
Merlynston



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**Fourth Sunday
after
Epiphany**

**3rd. February
2019**

PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONE BEFORE THE SERVICE COMMENCES. THANK YOU

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

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: Now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.
1 Corinthians 13. 14;

Collect: Righteous God, you confound the world's wisdom by giving your blessing to the lowly and pure in heart: give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds, the world may see the promise of your kingdom, which has been revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Readings

Jeremiah 1. 4–10;

The word of the LORD came to me saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.' Then I said, 'Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' But the LORD said to me, 'Do not say, "I am only a boy"; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.' Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, 'Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.'

Psalms 71. 1–6;

- 1 To you, Lord, have I come for shelter;
let me never be put to shame.
- 2 In your righteousness, rescue and deliver me;
incline your ear to me and save me.
- 3 Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me;
for you are my high rock, and my stronghold.
- 4 Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the pitiless and unjust.
- 5 For you, Lord, are my hope,
you are my confidence, O God, from my youth upward.

Continuing - ABM Projects for 2019

THE SOLOMON ISLANDS

Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change This year the ABM aim is to demonstrate Backyard Gardening in 5 communities vulnerable to natural disaster and climate change, and to improve drainage at Selwyn College to reduce the impact of flash flooding on the school population.
\$25,911 needed in 2019.

Positive Parenting Program This year the ABM aim is to roll out training in 2 Dioceses and make the program manual more 'Solomon Islands friendly'
\$17,101 needed in 2019.

Church Capacity Building for Development This year the ABM aim is to provide the Anglican Alliance Agents of Change course to 15 development workers in the Solomon Islands, equipping them with the skills and knowledge to lead local development projects.
\$8,809 needed in 2019.

VANUATU

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (wash) Project This year the aim of ABM is to build 10 community water tanks, provide hygiene training to 1,070 people in 13 communities, and support construction of toilets and bathrooms in 50 households. This will lead to a reduction in water-borne diseases amongst both children and adults.
\$26,366 needed in 2019.

Literacy, Language and Numeracy Project This year the aim of ABM is to support 30 Language, Literacy and Numeracy classes serving 200 people in largely remote communities.
\$48,622 needed in 2019.

ZAMBIA

Gender and Governance Project This year the aim of ABM is to see -

- 30% decrease in gender-based violence across four villages comprising 12,795 people.
- 300 people accessing legal advice about gender-based violence.
- 40% of all reported cases of GBV successfully closed.
- 225 men trained and actively involved in the Men Engage Network aimed at preventing Gender-based Violence.
- 95 people accessing micro loans to establish small businesses.
- \$71,315 needed in 2019.

St. John's Anglican Seminary This year the aim of ABM is to support clergy training and formation in the Anglican Church in Zambia through contributing to the funding of St. John's Seminary's new local diploma and degree in Theology.
\$20,000 needed in 2019.

**To Contribute to any of the Projects which have been included in Mission News in past weeks - contact - www.abmission.org/projects
OR Anglican Board of Mission - Australia Ltd.
Locked Bag 04005, Queen Victoria Building, NSW 1230**

NOTICES



WORKING BEE AT ST. MATTHEW'S

9.00 am. Saturday 16th. February

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

Morning Tea provided



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 1st. March

10.30 am. at Glenroy Uniting Church, Wheatsheaf Rd. Glenroy

This venue as yet unconfirmed

6.00 pm. at St. Linus' Anglican Church, cnr. Glyndon & Delta Aves. Merlynston (North Coburg)

Service prepared by the people of SLOVENIA Theme 'Come - Everything is Ready'

TRINITY COLLEGE Theological School

UNIVERSITY of Divinity



TODAY'S MUSIC FOR TODAY'S CHURCH

Saturday 2nd. March 2019 10,00 am. to 4.30 pm.

Trinity College, Old Warden's Lodge, 100 Royal Parade, Parkville.

\$40 adult; \$30 concession

Hymns, songs, hymnbooks, screens, online music - much has happened in the world of church music over the past 20 to 30 years. So how do we navigate through the possibilities and find the best for our worshipping communities.



For more information and to register: www.trybooking.com/340836

OR

Email: theologyevents@trinity.edu.au

OR

Call 03 9348 7127

6 On you have I leaned since my birth; you are he that brought me out of my mother's womb, and my praise is of you continually.

1 Corinthians 13. 1-13;

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

GOSPEL Luke 4. 21-30;

Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah. Then he began to say to those in the synagogue, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' Jesus said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum."' And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.' When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

3rd. February 2019

CALLED TO WISDOM

What are we meant to do with our lives? How is it that we learn to live the wise ways of God? The readings for the week provide examples of what it means to be called to trust God and practice God's wise ways. In Jeremiah 1:4–10, the prophet is called to ministry with the comforting recognition that he was always known by the Creator. The poet of Psalm 71:1–6 speaks of a life-long journey with God. In the epistle, Paul identifies gifts which enhance the living of call. In Luke 4:21–30, Jesus acknowledges his call to prophesy in a community expecting miracles. Each of these scriptures challenge us to decide how we will live out our calls.

Focus scripture

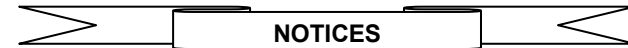
Luke 4:21–30 This week's gospel continues directly from the one read last week. Jesus visits his hometown synagogue where he takes leadership in reading and discussion of the meaning of the message from the prophet, Isaiah. Jesus was met with open arms until his commentary challenged the status quo. His statement that the prophecies had been fulfilled, today, and in their hearing challenged their traditional beliefs. Many who heard him preach were amazed by what he said. "This is Joseph's son, isn't it?" they asked. Luke isn't clear whether their question was celebratory, or critical. In either case, Jesus cites a proverb suggesting that the hearers might well be asking why he didn't practice his good deeds at home, rather than in a foreign country. His response to his own question was that "no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown." Jesus' comments are echoed today in the sentiment – held by some – that the church is too self-centred and self-serving rather than outward oriented. If it's going to live up to the gospel, it better fix itself first. The fact that it was outsiders with whom Jesus worked, initially, maddened the crowd – they felt robbed and betrayed. Their furor increased when Jesus cited the works of their own prophets, Elijah and Elisha, who brought healing to Gentiles when many Israelites were suffering. The ethics of Jesus' time required a person to take care of family first, then their hometown, and, only then, to care for foreigners. The mood of the synagogue turned from celebration to rage. Jesus was driven from the temple to the brow of a hill from which plans were afoot to throw him to his death on the rocks below. Throwing a person on rocks was seen as a method of stoning. Somehow, Jesus "passed through the midst of them and went on his way." Luke doesn't tell us how Jesus escaped; perhaps it was because he was wearing a shawl that looked like so many others in the synagogue. In any case, Jesus "went on" in his prophetic ministry that exercised radical inclusion of others. It takes multiple visions to see life's paths, to understand its wisdom and to recognize our own calls. Paul maintains in **1 Corinthians 13:1–13** that the ways of love, faith, and hope are interwoven and serve as signs for followers of the Christ.

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Hearing God and being known by God are important themes in this week's readings. The images of knowing are intimate and imaginative. God's expectation for our care for those deemed "outsiders" by others as a first step in our ministries is challenging and reminds us of the multiple faces of faith toward which we are called, and which demonstrate the expansive love of the Creator. In what ways do we discern for ourselves, and with others, these wise ways of God – and then practice them with love?

REFLECTION

A poet of long ago describes you, Creator God,
as being the giver of life, one who knows us, and who brings us hope.
While in our heads we know we are known, we still find ourselves wondering,
in our hearts, what it really means to be known by you.
We are reminded that in knowing comes recognition of wisdom,
and that wisdom echoes your call to us to live filled with love
because of the Christ. Amen.



THANK YOU

to all who assisted with moving furniture and goods in relocating
Craft Room and Parish Office

and to those who assisted yesterday with Book and Craft rooms
at St. Matthew's

In the change-over of the Parish Office and Craft room,
several items from the office are obsolete, and with only 1/3 cupboard space available
to what was in room 1, these need to be disposed of in an appropriate manner.

Other items seem to have been left in various rooms, and it is not known if they
are St. Matthew's property, or someone's personal property.

Are YOU the owner of an orange electrical extension lead left in Room 4. or does this
belong to St. Matthew's. Also, a long yard broom, and a metal scraper. (Gavin ?)

If not claimed they will become St. Matthew's property

Also in room 4, a carton of plastic bottle tops,
are these being saved for a purpose ?

If I do not receive an answer they will go in to the Recycle bin.

Because the desire has been expressed for the Parish Office to double as an
Interview/Counselling room, the space MUST be kept tidy,
although, it does not look tidy now, with all the folders of Parish records on the
bookshelves, because of insufficient cupboard space for storing them.

Therefore PLEASE DO NOT 'dump' goods which you are donating,
in the Office or Room 4,

Room 4 is temporarily, but may become permanent way, to access the Office, this way is
very convenient when the Hall is in use, particularly on a Saturday when the Hall is used
by the Seventh Day Adventists.

THANK YOU, from Glenda, Secretary to Parish Council.