

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

Tuesday 14th. May
MATTHIAS, APOSTLE AND MARTYR

Wednesday 15th. May 10.00 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's

Thursday 16th. May 11.30 am. Reserved Sacrament at Colton Close
Aged Care Facility

Friday 17th. May 11.00 am. Gospel Reflection group at St. Matthew's

Saturday 18th. May 9.00 am. Working bee at St. Matthew's
10.00 am. Card making workshop in Wiseman house

Sunday 19th. May 9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'
10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's,
followed by St. Matthew's Care Groups
leaders meeting

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday 18th. May - Working Bee at St. Matthew's
- Hand-made Card making Workshop at St. Matthew's

Sunday 19th. May - St. Matthew's Care Groups leaders meeting

Saturday 25th. May - Parish Council at St. Matthew's

**Saturday 1st. June - GARAGE SALE, New Craft / Bric-a-Brac and
Second-hand Books at St. Matthew's**

Sunday 9th. June - PENTECOST

Wednesday 12th. June - Eucharist at St. Matthew's and Mothers' Union Deanery
gathering - M U Executive speakers - 11am.-noon &
1 pm.-2pm. Listening, Observing, Acting
All Welcome - BYO Lunch - Tea & Coffee supplied

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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Mother's Day Blessings....

for the brokenhearted...

the lonely and grieving...

...and the joyful!



**Fourth Sunday
of
Easter**

**12th. May
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

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: The Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.
Revelation 7.17;

Collect: Gracious Gos, you sent Jesus, the good shepherd, to gather us together: may we not wander from his flock, but follow wherever he leads us, listening for his voice and staying near him, until we are safely in your fold, to live with you for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings

Acts 9. 36–43;

In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Psalms 23;

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd;
therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He will make me lie down in green pastures;
and lead me beside still waters.
- 3 He will refresh my soul;
and guides me in right pathways for his name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
for you are with me, your rod and your staff, comfort me.

**GARAGE
SALE**

**RUMMAGE
SALE**

SATURDAY 1st. June

9.00 am. to Noon

**in Wiseman House & Church Grounds
cnr. Widford St. & Melbourne Ave.
Glenroy**

COME BROWSE

Secondhand Books

COME BUY

**New Craft
& Bric-a-Brac**

NOTICES

CARD MAKING WORKSHOP



Saturday 18th. May - 10.00 am. to Noon

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

Concertina / Multi-fold card will be demonstrated

Kit to make your own will be available for \$5.

RSVP to Marie Brennan 0438 098 613, to reserve your kit

*If interest is sufficient, future workshops will include -
Knitting, Crochet, Smocking, Macrame*



SUNDAY 19th. May 2019

9.00 am. Pageant

Presented by the Children

at St Linus' - corner Delta Ave & Glyndon Ave, Merlynston Service
followed by Morning Tea

ALL WELCOME



Please join us for a
TRIVIA AFTERNOON
to support

GLENROY COLLEGE CHAPLAINCY

On SUNDAY May 26th.

@ 2.30 pm.

St. Matthew's Anglican Church
Cnr. Widford St. & Melbourne Ave.

Glenroy

BYO Nibbles (and friends)

Tea / Coffee supplied



ADMISSION \$10. DOOR PRIZE TRADING TABLE

- 5 You spread a table before me in the face of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
- 6 Surely your goodness and loving kindness will follow me all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Revelation 7. 9-17;

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

GOSPEL John 10. 22-30;

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'



**FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER
12th. MAY 2019**

LIFE-GIVING ACTS

In scripture, we encounter role models of discipleship that is expressed in compassionate words and deeds. Such life-giving acts take shape in ministry with those in our communities and outside our circles. Such life-giving acts wipe away tears, restore life, and testify to God's love. As we open our lives to the Spirit and follow God's leading, we are able to offer such witness.

Acts 9:36-43; This story begins with the author of Acts identifying Tabitha (from an Aramaic word meaning "gazelle") as a mathetria, the feminine form of the Greek word for "disciple." This designation is given to no other person in the New Testament. Tabitha serves among the widows of her community. Acts does not tell us whether Tabitha is, herself, a widow. The emphasis is on her work among them, witnessing to the Risen Christ in word and deed. In many places, the Bible declares God's desire for widows to be treated with kindness and justice. The frequency of these urgings suggests that such mandates were not always heeded. Widows remained vulnerable. Thus, Tabitha ministers with women routinely overlooked. In so doing, she weaves a community who grieves her death, celebrates her gifts, and witnesses her restoration to life. Her acts are life-giving, following the example of Jesus. Designating Tabitha as a disciple affirms what is reported in Acts 9:31: the church "throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was built up." The community of Jesus' followers had become an ever-widening circle.

Peter travels from Jerusalem "down also to the saints living in Lydda" (Acts 9:32), about 35 miles northwest of Jerusalem. In Lydda, Peter is able to heal in the name of Jesus Christ. From there Peter is summoned by the disciples in Joppa when Tabitha dies. Peter comes to the upper room, where Tabitha's body has been laid. The narrator blends words and memories from Jesus' ministry into this story. The raising of Tabitha strongly resembles Jesus' raising of a little girl in Mark 5:35-41. The parallel is striking between the words of Peter ("Tabitha, get up") and Jesus ("talitha cum," Aramaic for "little girl, get up"). "Showing" Tabitha to be alive uses the same word as in Acts 1:3: "[Jesus] presented himself alive." Peter, too, engages in ministry, following the example of Jesus.

News of Tabitha's raising spreads, and "many believed in the Lord." This account illustrates the unfolding theme in Acts of the ever-widening circle of the church. Tabitha and Peter witnessed through life-giving acts. The psalmist in Psalm 23 speaks of the life-giving acts of God's shepherding, which restore human life. The verbs reveal the nature of God's work: makes to lie down; leads; comforts; prepares; anoints.

Revelation 7:9-17 offers the witness of those whose praise of God grows directly out of God's saving action.

In **John 10:22-30**, Jesus reveals that his works testify to his identity. Jesus' actions reveal who he is. Similarly, Tabitha's character is revealed in her ministry with the widows and Peter's is revealed in his preaching and healing. Some traditions observe this day as Good Shepherd Sunday. Psalm 23 has direct thematic connections with that observance. John 10:22-30 is set in an entire chapter that explores Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Consider Tabitha's story. In what ways might her ministry provide another perspective into this observance and our own ministries of "shepherding"?

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Disciples of every time and place are called to witness to Christ's saving love through their compassionate words and deeds. Such life-giving acts send ripples through the ever-widening community of those who follow the Good Shepherd. What might you and your church learn from Tabitha and Peter about serving that is life-giving?

REFLECTION

Fill us with the presence of your Spirit, God, and help us grow as disciples. Help us seek those who show us how to serve neighbours through life-giving words and deeds, and make us bold to follow their example. Amen.

**If an event is not going to happen, eg. Gospel Reflection Group
Please let me know,
so that I do not publish the date in the Pew Leaflet.**

Thank You, from Glenda

A young friend of Marie Brennan is collecting empty Aluminium drink cans.
The money raised from selling the cans he gives to a charity.

**PLEASE SAVE EMPTY ALUMINIUM CANS
DO NOT CRUSH THE CANS**

There will be a collection bag or box in Narthex at St. Matthew's



WORKING BEE AT ST. MATTHEW'S

9.00 am. Saturday 18th. May 2019

Morning Tea provided



HYMN SING-A-LONG

Sunday 19th. May 2019 at 2.00 pm.
Pascoe Vale South Uniting Church
10 Cumberland Rd. Pascoe Vale South Vic. 3044

Compere: Rev. Ian Collings Organist: Geoffrey Anderson
Please come along, and bring your friends

Afternoon Tea to follow

Pew Leaflet Notices:

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