

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.*

DIARY THIS WEEK

Monday 7th. October
School Term 4 commences

Wednesday 9th. October 10.00 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's,

Thursday 10th. October 11.00 am. Reserved Sacrament at Plumpton Villa
Aged Care Facility

Friday 11th. October 11.00 am. Gospel Reflection group at St. Matthew's

Saturday 12th. October 9.00 am. Working Bee at St. Matthew's
Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer, England (d.1845)

Sunday 13th. October 9.00 am. 'Noah's Ark' Pageant at St. Linus'
10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday 16th. to Saturday 19th. October - Diocesan Synod

Saturday 19th. October and Sunday 20th. October
Broadmeadows and District Garden Club Spring Show in Wiseman House

Saturday 26th. October - 10.0 am. Card Making Workshop at St. Matthew's

Saturday 2nd. November - 10.00 am. - Noon
Secondhand Books and Craft / Bric-a-Brac at St. Matthew's

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

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



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with

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Feast of Francis of Assisi

Blessing of the Animals

6th. October
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,

A Litany for Animals

We give thanks to God for animals, for their inspiration
and the reflection they offer our inner selves:

Birds for inspiring us to fly;

Spiders for teaching us patience in spinning their webs;

Fish for beckoning us to the sea;

Sloths for teaching us to let go, to hang on in life;

Giraffes for teaching us to reach out for what we need;

Kangaroos for inspiring us to cover great distances in a single bound;

Possums and owls for teaching us to be unafraid of the dark.

Fruit bats, platypuses and zebras for teaching us
that God has a sense of humour;

Echidnas for showing us that it is all right to be prickly;

Crickets, cicadas and frogs for inspiring our string quartets and orchestras;

Stampeding elephants, cattle, horses for teaching us the power
of drumming the earth;

Dogs and Cats for their unconditional love;

Dingoes and wolves for absorbing shadows;

Chameleons for showing us things are not always as they seem.

For all God's creatures, we give thanks.

(Alice Wheeler 2000)

WE ARE INVITED

To attend Choral Evensong on Thursday 28th. November at 5.10 pm.
at St. Paul's Cathedral
when the Parish of St. Matthew's Glenroy/Hadfield
with St. Linus' Merlynston will be upheld in prayer during the service from the Book of
Common Prayer.

We are requested to send to the Dean of the Cathedral 2 or 3 items of concerns or
thanks, to be included in the prayers during Choral Evensong.
Please pass any thoughts on to Glenda Owen.

BROTHERHOOD of ST. LAURENCE

Building Better Lives newsletter

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY

'Boundless'
Quarterly magazine

'Seriously Interested in Mission Community'
'CMS Victoria's Co-Mission partner in Ethiopia'
'Do Missionaries ever live to see the fruit of their labour ?'

'Graeme and Maree Vines have a deep love for indigenous people,
which compelled them to serve in remote indigenous communities
from 1974 onwards

BIBLE SOCIETY

Spring edition of SOWER newsletter

'Saving Souls in South African Jails'

'Pedal Power' 14 cyclists pedalled 1300 kms. around Tasmania,
Raising \$50.000 to support the Bible Society's women's literacy program
in Bangladesh

'Reaching Persians Overseas'
Iran is the only nation on earth that allows Christian worship in any language except
its national language (Farsi) and allows Bibles in any language except Farsi.
However, Iran also hosts the fastest growing hose church movement in the world.
The translation of Today's Persian Version (TPV) launched in 2007, has been well
received among Iranians, with print and electronic copies distributed to more than
500,000 people.

NOTICES

WORKING BEE AT ST. MATTHEW'S

9.00 am. Saturday 12th. October 2019

Morning Tea provided

CARD MAKING WORKSHOP & CHRISTMAS STALL ITEMS

Saturday 26th. October 2019 - 10.00 am.

Please note change of date

In meeting room at St. Matthew's Anglican Church
Please bring your ideas for making items to sell at
the Parish Christmas Market

to be held on Saturday 7th. December 2019

In conjunction with Second hand Books and New Craft / Bric-a-Brac

*If you cannot come to the workshops, please make items at home,
that can be sold on the Christmas Stall*

LOOKING AHEAD - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday **7th. December** - 10.00 am. to 2.00 pm. Christmas Mini Fete
at St. Matthew's - Christmas items Stall, Craft / Bric-a-Brac,
Secondhand Books, Sausage Sizzle

Carols in the Park - Saturday **14th December** an Ecumenical endeavour.
We are combining with The Hope Centre, The Salvation Army, Uniting Church
and Baptist church in Glenroy, to be held at Sewell Reserve Glenroy Rd.

Christmas pageant will be held in the park at Merlynston as part of
a Carols in the Park community event Saturday **21st December**.
Salvation Army will provide music.

Blessing of the Animals

St Francis Sunday

We worship with the creatures we love

Prayer of the Day:

God our Creator, help us to love all creatures as our partners on Earth, all birds as messengers of praise, all frogs as voices of hope and all small beings as expression of your mysterious design. **Amen.**

READINGS

Genesis 2:18-25; 'Animals created as partners'

Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

Gospel Matthew 6: 25-29

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?' And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.

Blessing of the Animals



Francis of Assisi

Saint Francis of Assisi, born Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone, informally named as Francesco, was an Italian Roman Catholic friar, deacon and preacher. He founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of Saint Clare, the Third Order of Saint Francis. Saint Francis of Assisi, born Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone, informally named as Francesco, was an Italian Roman Catholic friar, deacon and preacher. He founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of Saint Clare, the Third Order of Saint Francis and the Custody of the Holy Land. Francis is one of the most venerated religious figures in history.

Born: 1181 · Assisi, Italy **Died:** 3 Oct 1226 · Assisi, Italy

Founded: Franciscans

Compositions: Canticle of the Sun

Timeline

1181:

Francis of Assisi was one of seven children born in late 1181 or early 1182 to Pietro di Bernardone, a prosperous silk merchant, and his wife Pica de Bourlemont, about whom little is known except that she was a noblewoman originally from Provence.

1209:

In 1209 he composed a simple rule for his followers ("friars"), the Regula primitiva or "Primitive Rule", which came from verses in the Bible.

1209:

In 1209, Francis led his first eleven followers to Rome to seek permission from Pope Innocent III to found a new religious Order.

1218:

The Sultan, al-Kamil, a nephew of Saladin, had succeeded his father as Sultan of Egypt in 1218 and was encamped upstream of Damietta, unable to relieve it.

1223:

In 1223, Francis arranged for the first Christmas live nativity scene.

1224:

According to Christian tradition, in 1224 he received the stigmata during the apparition of Seraphic angels in a religious ecstasy making him the first recorded person in Christian history to bear the wounds of Christ's Passion

NOTICES

PLEASE NOTE

Many years ago, posts and a chain with padlocks were installed at the entrance to driveway at St. Matthew's, but the chain was never placed across driveway and locked.

Because the Car park is now being used for other than car parking, when there are no hall hirers present, the chain is now being placed across the driveway and locked.

To those who are on the Church cleaning roster, Brass cleaning roster, Gardening / Mowing , or regularly need access to St. Matthew's grounds or buildings, please ask May Admans for a key.

OR

Park your car on the street, and walk into the property.

From Treasurers report to Parish Council meeting 26-09-2019

August income - \$13,146.89
August expenditure - \$14,324.06
Loss for August - \$ 1,177.17

Total income Oct. 2018 to Aug. 2019 - \$139,219.31
Total expenses Oct. 2018 to Sep. 2019 - \$171,133.50
Loss for Oct. 2018 to Sep. 2019 - \$ 31,913.80

Not included in the above, is that recently, because of tree roots invading the sewerage pipes at St. Matthew's, extensive work was needed to clear the blockage - cost \$3,754.00.

