

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

for anyone who wishes to make their Stewardship giving contribution by Direct Debit, or for giving a donation to the Parish.

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DIARY THIS WEEK

Wednesday 23rd. October 10.00 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's
James of Jerusalem, brother of our Lord, martyr (d.c. 62)

Thursday 24th. October 10.00 am. Playgroup at St. Linus'
United Nations, inaugurated 1945

Friday 25th. October 11.00 am. Gospel Reflection group at St. Matthew's

Saturday 26th. October 10.00 am. Card Making Workshop in meeting room
at St. Matthew's

Sunday 27th. October 9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's,
12.30 pm. Lunch with the Vicar, venue to be
announced

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday 26th. October - Card Making workshop at St. Matthew's

Saturday 2nd. November - Secondhand books and Craft/bric-a-brac
at St. Matthew's

Sunday 3rd. November - ALL SAINTS / ALL SOULS SUNDAY
9.00 am. & 10.30 am.

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

Sunday 17th. November - Parish Annual Meeting at St. Linus'

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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**Nineteenth Sunday
after
Pentecost**

**20th. October
2019**

WE WELCOME

through the Holy Waters of Baptism

PRIMROSE JOY SALTER

Please pray for her and parents Tristan & Prue,
with Godparents Rhyan and Catherine.

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.*

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: Will not God grant justice to those who cry to him day and night ? Will he delay long in helping them ?

Collect: Lord, tireless guardian of your people, teach us to rely, day and night, on your care. Drive us to seek your justice and your help, and support our prayer lest we grow weary, for in you alone is our strength. We make our prayer through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Readings

Jeremiah 31. 27-34;

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. In those days they shall no longer say: 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.' But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Psalms 119. 97-104;

97 Lord, how I love your law;

it is my meditation all the day long.

98 Your commandment have made me wiser than my enemies;

for they remain with me for ever.

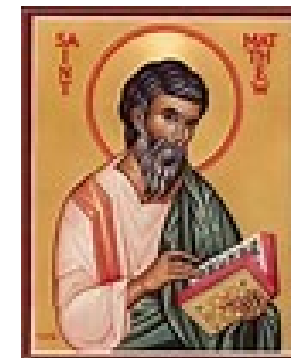
99 I have more understanding than all my teachers;

for I study your commands.

**TRINITY COLLEGE
Theological School**

**UNIVERSITY
of DIVINITY**

THE YEAR OF MATTHEW STUDY DAY



A day for clergy and lay people to be enriched by the Gospel readings from Matthew for the forthcoming Church year, and to explore some of the Old Testament texts to be read at Eucharists in the Year of Matthew.

Come and join us for study,
Reflection and discussion led by
The Rev'd Dr. Robert (Bob) Derrenbacher,
Dean of the Trinity College Theological
School, and the Frank Woods Associate
Professor in New Testament, and
Dr. Rachelle Gilmour, the Bromby
Lecturer in Old Testament at the
Trinity College Theological School.

SATURDAY 16th. NOVEMBER 2019

10.00 am. - 3.30 pm., Old Warden's Lodge, Trinity College, Parkville

\$40 / \$30 concession

For more information and to register:

www.trybooking.com/546413

Alternatively email: theologyevents@trinity.edu.au or call 03 9348 7127

Pew Leaflet Notices:

Please give to, or phone Glenda Owen,
or e-mail: - gonana7@bigpond.com - by 7.00 pm. Wednesday

BROADMEADOWS and DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

SPRING SHOW

TODAY

Sunday October 20th. 10.00 am. - 3.00 pm.

In Wiseman House - Entry \$4.00, children free

Plant sales

Garden Ornaments

Devonshire Tea

Sausage Sizzle

Raffles

Craft Shop



**MORNING TEA WILL NOT BE SERVED IN THE MEETING ROOM
AT ST. MATTHEW'S TODAY**

**MORNING TEA - SAUSAGE SIZZLE
will be available for purchase at the Garden Show**

CARD MAKING WORKSHOP & CHRISTMAS STALL ITEMS

Saturday 26th. October - 10.00 am. to Noon

In the meeting room at St. Matthew's Anglican
Church



Please bring your ideas for making items to sell at



the Parish Christmas Stall

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,

MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

Saturday 16th. November 2019

3.00 pm. - 6.00 pm.

Glen Waverley Anglican Church 800 Waverley Rd. Glen Waverley

Archbishop's Welcome
Cultural Dancing Face Painting Cultural Food
Praise and Worship Jumping Castle
Funds raised will support Multicultural Mission work

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

100 I am wiser than the aged;

because I have kept your precepts.

101 I have held back my feet from every evil path;

that I might keep your word.

102 I have not turned aside from your judgements;

for you yourself are my teacher.

103 How sweet are your words to my tongue;

sweeter than honey to my mouth.

104 Through your precepts I get understanding;
therefore I hate all lying ways.

2 Timothy 3. 14 to 4. 5;

Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

GOSPEL Luke 18. 1-8;

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'



NINETEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

20th. OCTOBER 2019

SPEAK TO BE HEARD

We are in a church season of growth. We celebrate the church maturing in its teachings and living out Christ's call on its life. As it matures, the church and its members must wrestle with the complexities of God's love for creation, in a world that encourages ambivalence at best and violence at worst towards those who live on the margins. The scriptures this week reveal how when God writes truth on our hearts, we are compelled to both speak and to be heard.

Focus scripture

Luke 18:1–8 It is hard to know what to do and how to get things done when it comes to justice and the common good. The web that connects our communities to the larger world keeps getting thicker and more complex. Power has a global reach. We see that countries and corporations with the most power are likely to gain more, and those with the least lose it. So how does one person make a difference? Jesus tells a story of a judge who had enough power that he did not feel he needed to fear God nor respect others, and of a woman who had nothing to lose. Having enough power to meet his own needs, the judge had no need to believe in justice, only the power to act as he saw fit. The woman had given up all her needs except for the need for justice and the belief it was possible. A lawyer who worked with Thurgood Marshall on the legal cases to desegregate schools in Mississippi during the 1960s civil rights movement of the United States reflected on his experience saying, "Everyone talks about justice, but it is those who have known it the least that believe in it the most." The story of the judge and the widow illustrates the shifting reality of justice in our lives and in our beliefs according to how easily we can access it, and how much power we are afforded each day. The judge's job was to mediate justice to the people, yet the power of his job enabled him to ignore two ways of assessing justice: divine mercy and respect for others. The widow, who had little status, believes justice is eternal; it cannot be ignored. She is resolved in her pleas and breaks the judge's callousness with her persistence. Verse seven concludes that justice is granted to those who persist. We learn that God empowers us to speak and be heard. And yet, verse eight leaves us with a question that only we can answer in our hearts. Will God's response to us translate into faith? Justice, love, and faithfulness are at the heart of the new covenant that God makes with the people in **Jeremiah 31:27–34**. As the prophet describes the covenant that leads the people out of slavery, but was eventually broken by their unfaithfulness, the writer distinguishes the nature of this new covenant written on their hearts. God empowers the people, engraving justice and the promise of God-faithfulness in their very core. The writer of **2 Timothy 3:14–4:5** has a similar lesson to the early church. In reminding the people of the instruction in the scriptures and its usefulness in communal life, this letter encourages its readers that they know what to do – now, go do it! We toe a line between empowerment and pride, between benevolence and boasting. **Psalms 119:97–104** teaches the role that gratitude plays in discerning justice.


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There are many responses to being reassured that God has given us the knowledge and the power to speak out and act for justice. Laws, commandments, understanding come from God alone. We are held back from false ways, only through the mercy God instills in us.

REFLECTION

Enduring Spirit, who does not break in suffering, nor wander from truth, empower us to follow your bold commands; to know God, to love God's way, to hold back from evil, to hate false ways, to proclaim the gospel, and to carry out our ministry fully. Like the widow who asks Jesus for justice, "help us to pray always and to not lose heart." Amen.

NOTICES

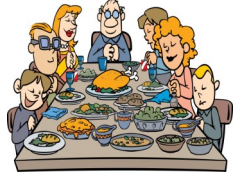


LUNCH WITH THE VICAR

12.30 pm. Sunday 27th. October

Venue to be announced

Choose and pay for your own selection of lunch



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.

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY 17th. NOVEMBER 2019 at ST. LINUS' MERLYNSTON
To all who need to submit a report for Annual Meeting, please give or email to the Secretary, Glenda Owen, by Sunday 3rd. November, so that these can be compiled and photocopied for distribution on Sunday 10th. November.

THANK YOU

LOOKING AHEAD - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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.