

*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.*

#### PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Please consider the continuation of your Stewardship giving by Direct Debit - BSB 703122 Indue Ltd. Account 05004414  
The account is in the name of -  
St. Matthew's Glenroy Hadfield with St. Linus' Merlynston

#### DIARY THIS WEEK

Monday 21st. September  
MATTHEW, APOSTLE and MARTYR

Wednesday 23rd. September 10.00 am. Morning Prayer on Zoom

Friday 25th. September  
Sergius of Moscow, abbot and teacher ( d.1392)

Sunday 27th. September  
PATRONAL FEAST DAY of ST. LINUS (23rd. September)

#### PARISH ANNUAL MEETING 2020

Advance Notice - The provisional date for Annual Meeting is Sunday 29th. November, at St. Matthew's ( following the 10.30 am. service; dependent on Covid restrictions )

The Churchwardens will present the following proposal of a modified rule at the Annual Meeting 2020 -

*'that we adopt the modified rule within Schedule 1, (page 40) of 10.1, G.2, (page 43) of Parishes Act 2013'*

*This means the Parish Council would consist of -*

- [b] three churchwardens; and*
- [c] 6 other persons, one-third nominated by the Vicar (1 warden & 2 other persons) and two-thirds elected by the parishioners. ( 2 wardens & 4 other persons )*

#### Pew Leaflet Notices:

*Please give to, or phone Glenda Owen,  
or e-mail: - gonana7@bigpond.com - by 7 pm. Tuesday*

### The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield / Merlynston



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with

St. Linus'  
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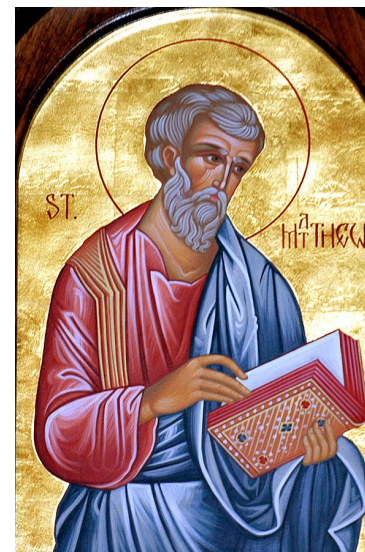
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#### WELCOME

*During this time of online services,  
Please feel free to follow along if you have a prayer book at home.  
The service begins on page 119 of 'A Prayer Book for Australia' (green book)*



Patronal  
Feast Day  
of  
**Matthew,**  
Apostle,  
Evangelist,  
Martyr  
(21st. September)  
**20th. September  
2002**

**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.

**Sentence:** Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have come not to call the righteous, but sinners. *Matthew 9. 13;*

**Collect:** Almighty God, who through your Son Jesus Christ, called Matthew from the selfish pursuit of gain, to become an apostle and evangelist: free us from all greed and love of riches, so that we may follow the steps of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the way of self-giving love; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Readings**

**Proverbs 3. 1-6;**

My child, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare they will give you. Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favour and good repute in the sight of God and of people. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

**Psalms 19. 1-6;**

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God,  
**and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.**
- 2 One day tells it to another,  
**and night to night communicates knowledge.**
- 3 There is no speech or language,  
**nor are their voices heard,**
- 4 Yet their sound has gone out through all the world:  
**and their words to the ends of the earth.**
- 5 There he has pitched a tent for the sun:  
**which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber;  
and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.**
- 6 Its rising is at one end of the heavens  
and its circuit to their farthest bound:  
**and nothing is hidden from its heat.**

**Ephesians 4. 1-14;**

I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' (When it says, 'He ascended,' what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God,

to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming.

**GOSPEL Matthew 9. 9-13;**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but the sinners.

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**ST. MATTHEW - APOSTLE, EVANGELIST, MARTYR**

Matthew was a first century Galilean (presumably born in Galilee, which was not part of Judea or the Roman Judaea province) and the son of Alphaeus. During the Roman occupation (which began in 63 BC with the conquest of Pompey), Matthew collected taxes from the Hebrew people for Herod Antipas, the tetrarch of Galilee. His tax office was located in Capernaum. Jews who became rich in such a fashion were despised and considered outcasts.

However, as a tax collector he would have been literate in Aramaic and Greek. It was in this setting, near what is today Almagor, that Jesus called Matthew to be one of the Twelve Disciples. After his call, Matthew invited Jesus home for a feast. On seeing this, the Scribes and the Pharisees criticized Jesus for eating with tax collectors and sinners. This prompted Jesus to answer, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners" (Mark 2:17)

When Matthew is mentioned in the New Testament, he is sometimes found paired with Thomas. The New Testament records that as a disciple, he followed Jesus, and was one of the witnesses of the Resurrection and the Ascension. Afterwards, the disciples withdrew to an upper room (Acts 1:10-14)[13] (traditionally the Cenacle) in Jerusalem. The disciples remained in and about Jerusalem and proclaimed that Jesus was the promised Messiah. Matthew may also be mentioned in the Talmud.[15]

Later Church fathers such as Irenaeus and Clement of Alexandria claim that Matthew, for 15 years, preached the Gospel in Hebrew to the Jewish community in Judea, before going to other countries. Ancient writers are not agreed as to what these other countries are. The Anglican, Roman Catholic, Lutheran and the Orthodox Church each hold the tradition that Matthew died as a martyr.

Like the other evangelists, Matthew is often depicted in Christian art with one of the four living creatures of Revelation 4:7. The one that accompanies Matthew is in the form of a winged man.

