

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

On week days this week - Prayers for the Ordained Ministry of the Church

Monday 10th. June - *Queen's Birthday Public holiday*

Tuesday 11th. June
BARNABAS, APOSTLE and MARTYR

Wednesday 12th. June 10.00 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's and Mothers' Union Deanery / Northern Region gathering - M U Executive speakers -
11am.-noon & 1.15 pm.-2.15 pm.
Listening, Observing, Acting
All Welcome - BYO Lunch - Tea & Coffee supplied

Thursday 13th. June 11.15 am. Reserved Sacrament at Plumpton Villa
Antony of Padua, missionary and preacher (d.1231) Aged Care Facility

Friday 14th. June 11.00 am. Gospel Reflection group at St. Matthew's

Saturday 15th. June 10.00 am. Working Bee at St. Matthew's
Evelyn Underhill, Spiritual writer (d.1941) Card Making Workshop in Wiseman House

Sunday 16th. June 9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'
TRINITY 10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's,
SUNDAY

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday 6th. July - GARAGE SALE, Seconhand Books and New Craft / Bric-a-Brac at St. Matthew's

Saturday 20th. July - Working Bee at St. Matthew's
- Card Making workshop in Wiseman House

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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Glenroy

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Merlynston



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DAY
of
PENTECOST

9th. June
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: God's love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. Romans 5.5;

Collect: O God, who in smoke and fire upon Mount Sinai, gave the law to Moses, and who revealed the new covenant in the fire of the Spirit: grant, we pray, that, kindled by that same Spirit, which you poured forth upon your apostles, we may fulfil with joy your commandment of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings

Acts 2. 1-21;

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in their native language. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to

**PLEASE COME AND HELP
WITH THIS FUNDRAISER**

**GARAGE
SALE**

**RUMMAGE
SALE**

SATURDAY 7th. July 2019

9.00 am. to Noon

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

COME BROWSE

COME BUY

Secondhand Books

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

**If you have any fresh ideas for fundraising,
please speak with the Churchwardens,
Bev. Lacock, Beryl Davis, Tom Bowery**



NOTICES

There is a new Roster for St. Matthew's people to collect from their file. Thank you.

FREE FORUM

to explore implications of

LEGALISED ASSISTED DYING ACT

St. Thomas' Anglican Church 44 Station St. Burwood

7.30 pm. Wednesday 19th. June 2019

For more information please speak with Marie Brennan

CARD MAKING WORKSHOP

Saturday 15th. June - 10.00 am. to Noon

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

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*



WORKING BEE AT ST. MATTHEW'S

9.00 am. Saturday 15th. June 2019

Morning Tea provided

'MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK'



darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Psalm 104. 26-36;

Our God, we cannot count the living things that all pour out from your wisdom;

all creatures that cover the earth are yours.

Around us is the sea, deep and wide, which teems with countless fish,

and living creatures small and huge.

Out there is the restless ocean where the brave ships sail

and enormous whales play..

All creatures depend on you,

they look to you for food

given in the right season.

As you freely give, they gather it;

when you open your hands

they are filled with good things.

If you hid your face, they would be dismayed,

if you took away their breath, they would die

and their bodies return to the dust.

If you breathed again with your Spirit,

they would be created again,

renewing the face of the earth.

Please let your glory, God, last forever,

smile on your handiwork and be happy

For if you frown, the earth will tremble,

at your touch the mountains will smoke.

I will sing to my God as long as I live,

I will give praise while I have being.

May my meditations give you pleasure,

for I delight in you, loving God

With all my being I celebrate God!

O yes, my soul! Praise God!

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Romans 8. 14-17;

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

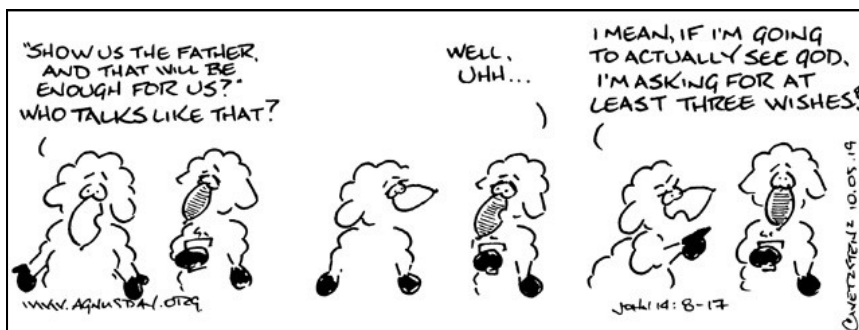
GOSPEL John 14. 8-17, 25-27;

Philip said to Jesus, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied. Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the

Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.'

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1. As you reflect on this story of the birth of the church, how much does it relate to the life of our church today?
2. What are the "languages" that may divide our church, or at least make unity more difficult to achieve?
3. What are the challenges the Spirit presents to us in our own day?
4. What amazing but confounding things is God doing in the life of our church, our community, this nation, and the world?
5. Do we feel like we are "new wine"?



DAY of PENTECOST
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GATHERED AND SCATTERED

Pentecost reveals us to be the gathered and scattered people of God's Spirit. God gathers individuals into community. In that gathering the Spirit names us God's children. God scatters diverse signs and words and disciples-sent-to-witness. In that scattering the Spirit creates life and renews the very earth. God-sent Spirit will show us the way.

Focus Scripture

Acts 2: 1–21; Pentecost, the fiftieth ("pente-") day after Passover, was one of three pilgrimage feasts to which all Jews able to do so were to worship at the temple. Acts 1 narrates the ascension of Jesus and the selection of Matthias to replace Judas among the disciples. The community followed Jesus' direction to stay in Jerusalem and await the "promise of the Father" (Acts 1:4). The community is said to number about 120 people, including Mary, the mother of Jesus, and other women.

The Spirit's gift at Pentecost is signified by the writer as a gathering of the elements of wind and fire. Acts uses metaphors to describe the Spirit's gift: "like the rush of a violent wind" and "as fire." Such language does not limit the gift of God's Spirit to literal description. It points to the Spirit's coming in mystery as related to things we know, yet not identical to them. The crowd gathered for the festival is listed by the author in geographical order, proceeding from east to west. It also includes some groups no longer in existence at that time in history. That may be another metaphor used by the author to show that the Spirit's coming is not bound even by time. Note that this is not the only time that scripture records the giving of the Spirit. John 20:22 narrates the Spirit's gift on the evening of that first Easter.

The languages spoken reflect the dialects of those in the crowd. The text leaves it open as to whether the greater miracle is this speaking in tongues or the hearing that results. The Spirit makes it possible to understand God's word and one another. There are strong undertones here of a reversal of the Babel story in Genesis 11. The judgment of scattering there was not simply the confusion of language – it was the lack of understanding that would result. This Pentecost crowd serves as a microcosm of those scattered peoples. Their gathering now is made possible because of language that is understood. Acts will soon narrate the scattering of the church not as judgment, but in mission.

Peter is the central character in this narrative. There is boldness to Peter's speech so soon after his denial of Jesus and what some describe as his lack of boldness at the empty tomb. Peter's words and ministry will remain at the centre of story in the first third of Acts before giving way to the story of Paul. But whether the focus is upon Peter or Paul or another, the central theme in Acts is that the Spirit cannot be contained. The church now gathered, and soon to be scattered, draws its life from God's Spirit.

Each of the additional readings witnesses to the power of God that generates life and community. In Genesis 11:1–9, intentions to control our own futures are swept away by the scattering of language. Psalm 104:24–34, 35b affirms Spirit as the force set loose and sent forth from God to renew creation. Paul, in Romans 8:14–17, asserts how the Spirit connects with our own spirits in order to bear witness to our common identity as God's children. John 14:8–17 speaks of God sending the Spirit to teach and empower community. The gift of God's Spirit and peace intends to dispel our fears.

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God's Spirit gathers and then scatters the community of the church to bring life to it and to the world. Where and for what purposes do you and your church experience the Spirit's gathering and the Spirit's scattering? How might you celebrate and share the gift of God's Spirit this Pentecost?

REFLECTION

**Come, Spirit, gather us as one. Gather us for worship and praise;
gather us to be formed in your word and your ways.
Come, Spirit, scatter us, one for all.
Scatter us as your Body of Christ for the sake of this God-loved world. Amen.**