

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	22nd. May	2.00 pm.	Ecumenical service at Federation Village
Wednesday	23rd. May	10.00 am.	Eucharist at St. Matthew's
		1.30 pm.	Home Group at Merlynston
Thursday	24th. May	10.00 am.	Playgroup at St. Linus'
Friday	25th. May	10.45 am.	Reserved Sacrament at Craiggcare Aged Care Facility
		11.00 am.	Gospel Reflection group at St. Matthew's
Sunday <i>Trinity</i>	27th. May	9.00 am.	Eucharist at St. Linus'
		10.30 am.	Eucharist at St. Matthew's
		12.30 pm.	Confirmation Preparation at Vicarage
		5.00 pm.	Newcomers Church at St. Linus'

LOOKING AHEAD

BISHOP'S VISIT 24th June 2018

This will be Bishop Philip's last visit to the parish prior to his retirement later in the year.

Saturday 7th. July 10.00 am. to Noon -
Book and Craft rooms open at St. Matthew's

Sunday 29th. July Lunch 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



St. Matthew's
Cnr. Widford St.
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Glenroy 3046

with

St. Linus'
cnr. Glyndon Ave.
& Delta Ave.
Merlynston



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**PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONE BEFORE
THE START OF THE SERVICE.**

Thank You



PENTECOST Sunday

**20th. May
2018**

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.

GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION WAFERS ARE AVAILABLE

If you require Gluten free wafer,
please speak to the Lay Assistant or a Welcomer, BEFORE the Service,

**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

Sentence: 'A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you,' says the Lord God; 'I will put my spirit within you and you shall live.'
Ezekiel 36.26; 37.14;

Collect: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive 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

Saturday 2nd. June 2018

9.00 am.— Noon



CAR BOOT SALE

Please bring your unwanted goods in your car boot

\$15 per car boot

Enquiries and Book a space,
Ph. Colleen 0438 673 779

also

**Garage Sale - Books - Craft
at St. Matthew's**

Please note - This is a PARISH Fund-raiser

UNCOVERING the COVER-UPS

We know from recent history of the Church's secrecy and avoidance of open process. But the Church is not the only institution to need scrutiny, as shown by the current Royal Commission into Banking. Government also should not be immune from scrutiny, as here too there is the temptation to conceal. The case for a national anti-corruption commission with real powers seems overwhelming. Meanwhile, the Government has proposed national security legislation that would criminalise much journalism that is now legal and vital, and thereby make it much harder to expose abuses.

Former Supreme Court Judge **David Harper AM**, a member of the National Integrity Committee, and award-winning journalist and academic **Margaret Simons** join Melbourne Archbishop **Philip Freier** to discuss these vital issues.

When: **Wednesday 23 May at 7.30am (Morning, please note)**

Where: **Deakin Edge, Federation Square**

Admission is free, and there is no need to book.



We welcome through the
Holy Waters of Baptism at St Matthew's
this Pentecost Sunday

HARPER KATHLEEN GRIEVE

We give thanks for her and her parents
Belinda & Nathan,
and
Godparents Rachel, Brendan & Rebecca,
Proxies Ray & Diane.

Harper stands in a long line of those baptised here at St Matthew's,
notwithstanding she is the great grand daughter of Bev Lacock.
May all Harper's family receive abundant blessings in your celebrations
today, grounded in our wonderful God,
through His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.



Anglican Church
of St Linus' Merlynston



SUNDAY 27th. May at 5.00 pm.

Informal service at St Linus'
corner Delta Ave & Glyndon Ave, Merlynston
No church experience necessary!
Last Sunday of the month 5-6 pm.
Includes a light meal in our community hall.

For questions or more information, contact
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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 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.'"

Psalms 104. 26-36;

- 26 Lord, how various are your works;
**in wisdom you have made them all,
and the earth is full of your creatures.**
- 27 There is the wide, immeasurable sea;
there move living things without number, great and small.
- 28 There go the ships, to and fro;
**and there is that Leviathan,
whom you formed to sport in the deep.**
- 29 These all look to you;
to give them their food in due season.
- 30 When you give it to them, they gather it;
when you open your hand they are satisfied with good things.
- 31 When you hide your face, they are troubled;
**when you take away their breath,
they die and return to their dust.**
- 32 When you send forth your Spirit they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.
- 33 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works.
- 34 If he look upon the earth, it shall tremble;
If he but touch the mountains, they shall smoke.
- 35 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have any being.
- 36 May my meditation be pleasing to him;
for my joy shall be in the Lord.

Romans 8. 22-27;

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not

hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

GOSPEL John 15:26–27, 16:4b–15

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.'

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

20th. May 2018

In the readings for this week, we experience moments of re-creation when God's Spirit is present in new and often surprising ways, bringing life. In fact, we can say along with John 6:63 that the Spirit gives life and that wherever the Spirit is present, life always bursts forth. It is this new and abundant life that we seek this week.

Focus scripture

Two important things for the future of the new church stand out in **Acts 2:1–21**. The first can easily be overlooked in this dramatic story: the followers of Jesus were all together. Presumably "all" means the 120 or so men-mentioned in Acts 1:15. Why was this group all together? We know enough of the actions of Jesus to know that he attracted people from across the social, racial, and gender divides. The new community had probably only one thing in common – they all had an experience of Jesus. The second thing of great importance

to the future of the church is that everyone in the crowd heard about "God's deeds of power" (v.11) in their own language. No one had to change languages or cultures to hear the good news, no one had to become a different person to experience the presence of Christ. The Spirit of God, working in and through the believers came to people where they were in the language of home and heart.

In Acts, the believers speak in the power of the Spirit. In the Hebrew story of creation, the Spirit of God or a wind from God sweeps over the face of the waters and God speaks creation into being. In Acts, "a sound like the rush of a violent wind" gives the believers the power to speak a new, inclusive church into being.

The poet of **Psalms 104:24–34, 35b** does not subscribe to the giant clockmaker theory of God – a God who winds the world up, and lets it run without further involvement. Instead, God is intimately and continually engaged with creation. The life and death of every creature and the rhythms of nature are all things to which God is continually attentive.

In **Romans 8:22–27**, the language of God and the language of creation go much deeper than words can express. All of creation experiences the broken relationship between human beings and each other, between God and creation. The re-creations in Ezekiel and Acts are signposts to a great and universal re-creation, the hope for which sustains all those who wait in faith.

In **John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15** Jesus encourages his disciples four times with the news that the Advocate/the Spirit will come to be with them. The Spirit will be a teacher to them and tell them the truth. The truth about sin is that it is a deeper malaise than simply the individual actions or inactions of a person (see John 9). The truth about righteousness is that it is a deeper thing than doing the right thing; it comes from the heart that is in tune with God's purposes (see John 1:24, 7:24, and 8:16). The truth about judgment is the good news that Jesus does not judge the world but saves it (see John 12:47).

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Jesus promises an advocate that will speak the truth, and the Spirit of God flows out upon the early church, empowering Peter to make a bold sermon. Clearly God's truth is not to be hidden or kept down, but shared and spread throughout the world. Even in times when it seems difficult and pointless, we are always reminded that the power of God's spirit is ultimately greater than the powers of the world. Where do you experience God's spirit in your life? Where is God calling you to proclaim the spirit of truth?

REFLECTION

God, we thank you that you did not wind up the world like a clockwork machine and leave it to wind down. We thank you that you are present with us continuing to create and renew life and that our lives truly are a gift from you. Amen.