

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.*

The Crazy Quilt of Life

In the pattern of God's purpose we are stitched together in caring and communion: scraps of the lingering past, fragments broken from future's dearest hopes; textures of disappointment and dreams, prints of pain and promise: calico and corduroy, stripes, silks and satins---- of the colours of emotion and experience are sewn into a crazy quilt of life, patched together and transformed into a blanket of love. . . and our compassion comforts a cold and hurting world.



Barbara Battin

DIARY THIS WEEK

Tuesday	2nd. March	
<i>Chad, bishop of Lichfield, missionary (d.672)</i>		
Wednesday	3rd. March	10.00 am. Morning Prayer at St. Matthew's including M U 4.00 pm. Lenten Study on Zoom
Friday	5th. March	10.30 am. World Day of Prayer at St. Matthew's 6.00 pm. World Day of Prayer at St. Linus'
Saturday	6th. March	10.00 am. Craft and Books - on sale at St. Matthew's
Sunday	7th. March	9.00 am. Eucharist at St.Linus' THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 14th. March - 4th. Sunday in Lent (Laetare Sunday) Mothering Sunday
Sunday 28th. March - Palm Sunday, Blessing of Palm Crosses, Passion Gospel
Thursday 1st. April - Good Friday 10.00 am. Service at St. Linus'
Sunday 4th. April - Easter Day
6.00 am. Lighting of New Fire and Eucharist at St. Matthew's
9.00 am. Lighting of New Fire and Eucharist at St. Linus'
10.30 am. Eucharist and Renewal of Baptismal Vows at St. Matthew's

The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield / Merlynston



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with

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WELCOME

If you have your own Prayer Book, service begins on page 119

Prayer Books and Booklets are not to be shared.

MASKS Must be worn at all times inside the Church buildings, especially while singing, except when leading during the service.

PLEASE OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING REGULATIONS



SECOND SUNDAY
in
LENT

28th. February
2021

PLEASE OBSERVE SILENCE
PRIOR TO OUR SERVICE, DURING THE SERVICE and HOLY COMMUNION
and UNTIL THE SERVICE HAS CONCLUDED. Thank You.

Acknowledgement of Land

(An act towards reconciliation by the Parish of Glenroy/ Hadfield / Merlynston)

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, the Traditional Owners of the land on which we are gathered and pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging.

Sentence: If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow him.
Mark 8. 34;

Collect: God of all times and all places, in Jesus Christ, who was lifted up on the cross, you opened for us the path to eternal life: grant that we, being born again of water and the Spirit, may joyfully serve you in newness of life, and faithfully walk in your holy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings

Genesis 17. 1–7, 15–16;

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.' God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Psalms 22. 24–32;

24 O praise the Lord, all you that fear him;
**hold him in honour, O seed of Jacob,
and let the seed of Israel stand in awe of him.**

25 For he has not despised nor abhorred the poor man in his misery;
nor did he hide his face from him, but heard him when he cried.

26 From you springs my praise in the great congregation:
I will pay my vows in the sight of all that fear him.

27 The meek shall eat of the sacrifice and be satisfied;
**and those who seek the Lord shall praise him -
may their hearts rejoice for ever!**

28 Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to the Lord;
and let all the families of the nations worship before him.

29 For kingdom is the Lord's;
and he shall be ruler over the nations.

30 How can those who sleep in the earth in the earth do him homage;
or those that descend to the dust bow down before him ?

31 But he has saved my life for himself;
and my posterity shall serve him;

32 This shall be told of my Lord to a future generation;
and his righteousness declared to a people yet unborn.

Romans 4. 13–25;

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants,

not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') – Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations,' according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, 'being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him,' were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25 who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

GOSPEL Mark 8. 31–38;

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'



A PRAYER AT THE TIME OF CHOOSING AN INCUMBENT

Bountiful God, bring to this parish, a faithful pastor, who will speak your word, and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will prayerfully equip your people for ministry, enabling all within this parish to fulfil their calling. May those who will choose, do so with wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**

ANGLICAN OVERSEAS AID - LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Colours of Lent - Week 2: Purple .

Purple is the colour of kings. In the passion narrative Jesus endures a mock coronation in which he is draped in purple robes and made to wear a crown of thorns. Above him on the Cross is placed a sign in three languages, 'Here is the King of the Jews' Jesus' tormentors wanted everyone to relish their sarcasm. They do not realise that Jesus really was a king, though of a very different kind.

Purple is the colour of bruises, from his scourging and from carrying his own cross. What kind of king is this to whom we must pledge our loyalty ? The gospel reading for this week poses a difficult challenge: 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.' (Mark 8.34)

Jesus came to serve us, and we are called to serve others. Take time to consider how you can demonstrate loyalty to our king through acts of service.