

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.

STEWARDSHIP GIVING

Please consider using Direct Deposit for your Stewardship giving.

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The account is in the name of - St. Matthew's Glenroy/Hadfield with St. Linus' Merlynston

DIARY THIS WEEK

Tuesday 6th. December
Nicholas of Myra, bishop and philanthropist (d.c.342)

Wednesday 7th. December 10.00 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's, including Mothers' Union prayers & fellowship
Ambrose of Milan, bishop and teacher (d.397)

Thursday 8th. December
The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Richard Baxter, pastor and spiritual writer (d.1691)

Sunday 11th. December 9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'
THIRD SUNDAY 10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's,
OF ADVENT



Christmas Carols
on the St Linus Green

You are warmly invited to our
Annual Christmas Carols Event
in Merlynston
@St Linus Church
16th December 2022

We will be singing Carols 6-7pm
There will be social time 7-8pm.

Second Sunday of Advent 4th. December 2022



WELCOME

The service booklet and song sheet can be found in the Narthex at St Linus' worship centre.

The service at St Matthew's worship centre can be seen on the screens during the service.

Please see one of our welcomers if you would like to use the complete prayer book.

Morning tea will follow the service at each worship centre.

Please join in our fellowship time.

Today we Welcome Mr. Nils von Kalm, who will speak with us about his work as Church and Community Engagement Co-ordinator, at Anglican Overseas Aid,

The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield with Merlynston



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30 Widford St.
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with

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This week, Rev. Rob can be found at:

St. Linus' - Mon. & Thurs 9 am. to 3 pm.

St. Matthew's Wed & Fri 9 am. to 3 pm.

Not available Tuesday

PARISH WEBSITE - www.matthewlinus.org.au

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PARISH PODCAST - www.buzzsprout.com/1974085

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Acknowledgement of Country

From time immemorial the Wurundjeri people have cared for this land, nurtured it, depended on it and given honour and thanks to the Creator.

As we acknowledge their faithful custodianship of the land, and the sacred stories they have told; as we offer our respect to their elders, past, present and emerging, guide us Lord in caring for them, this land, and each other with the help of the Holy Spirit of Dreaming.

Sentence: The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.

Mark 1. 15;

Collect: God of all peoples, whose servant John came baptising, and calling for repentance; help us to hear his voice of judgement, that we may also rejoice in his word of promise, and be found pure and blameless in that glorious Day, when Christ comes to rule the earth as Prince of Peace; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings

The first reading is from the Book of Isaiah 11: 1-10;

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

*Hear the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God***

Psalm 72.1–7, 18–21 said by alternate half verses;

- 1 Give the king your judgement, O God;
and your righteousness to the son of a king.
- 2 That he may judge your people rightly;
and the poor of the land with equity.
- 3 Let the mountains be laden with peace because of his righteousness;
And the hills also with prosperity for his people.
- 4 May he give justice to the poor among the people
and rescue the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor.
- 5 May he live while the sun endures
and while the moon gives light, throughout all generations.
- 6 May he come down like rain upon the new-mown fields
and as showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall righteous flourish
and abundance of peace, till the moon shall be no more.
- 18 Let his name live for ever;
and endure as long as the sun.
- 19 Let all peoples use his name in blessing;
and all nations call him blessed.

20 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel
who alone does great wonders

21 Blessed be his glorious name for ever;
and let the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen,

The second reading is from the letter to the Romans 15:4-13;

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Hear the Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God***

Peace be with you; and also with you.

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 3:1-12; **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ***
In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ***

Faith Matters!! Who can bring us peace?

As we explore the gospel of Matthew during the coming liturgical year, we will be looking at how Matthew's gospel helps lift the burdens that affect our spirituality.

In the Jewish tradition at that time, the Pharisees, Sadducees and Priests were the ones responsible for the worship ceremonies. These were leaders, often adorned in grandeur, who wore gold and other fine materials— and it were these people that would do the ceremonies asking for God's peace and grace to fall upon the people.

In the Gospel today, Matthew makes a note of what John the Baptist was wearing. He notes John as a wildman who lived in wild ways and he certainly looked the part. Yet, this wild man, came bearing a very important message—that the Prince of Peace was coming to be amongst his people.

Giving a message that the Messiah was coming very soon would have given a message. A Wildman who was not a Priest shared the message that would bring everyone peace. So who can bring us peace? Jesus is the one that ultimately gives His peace to us, but we can all be part of the peace process by pointing to Jesus with our words, thoughts and deeds. John reminds us that no matter what place we have in society, we can always be the bearers of the Jesus' good news for us.