

*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.*

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#### DIARY THIS WEEK

**No Wednesday or Sunday Services or face to face meetings / activities this week.**

Wednesday 22nd. July  
**MARY MAGDALENE**

Saturday 25th. July  
**JAMES, APOSTLE and MARTYR**

Sunday 26th. July  
**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

Portion of a letter from - The Rev'd Anne Kennedy  
Mothers' Union Provincial President

Over the past few months, I've been joining a Zoom meeting of Provincial Presidents each Thursday night. Around 20 attend (you'll read more about this in Mia Mia), and we share our situations and pray for each other. Covid-19 is not just here, in Australia, in Victoria, but has had a great affect on many of our MU sisters and brothers around the world both as a disease and in the growth of Gender Violence. These are just a few countries -*Antigua; Kenya; South Africa; Congo; Rwanda; Melanesia; Indian Ocean* - other stories are similar - but the figures in some places are much higher than here -

Please keep MU members all over the world in your prayers as we pray also for the researchers seeking a vaccination, those who have lost family and friends, those who are frightened and lonely.

It's been good to see on Facebook how some members are managing through the Pandemic. Remember that you can make a difference and that a phone call to a lonely person might be the only human contact they have for a week or more.

Love and peace,

## The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield / Merlynston



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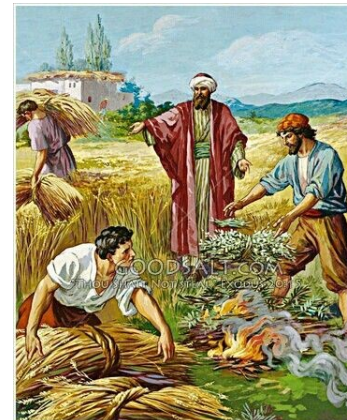
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#### WELCOME

*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*



**SEVENTH SUNDAY  
after  
PENTECOST**

**19th. July  
2020**

Please continue to stay safe,  
observe the lockdown restrictions which have been imposed for Greater Melbourne area  
When out at allowed places, please observe Social Distancing,  
wash your hands frequently, or use hand sanitizer,  
and remember to look out for the health and wellbeing of yourself and others.

The July edition of *TMA* is now available online  
(see <http://tma.melbourneanglican.org.au/this-months-tma>),  
Print copies will be available at the Church, within a few days.

**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:** 'You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.  
*Psalm 86. 15.*

**Collect :** Saving God, in Jesus Christ you opened for us, a new and living way into your presence; give us pure hearts and constant wills, to worship you in spirit and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, **Amen.**

**Readings**

**Genesis 28. 10-19a;**

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, 'I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the LORD is in this place – and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.' So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

**Psalm 139. 1–11, 23–24;**

- 1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me;  
**you know when I sit or when I stand, you comprehend my thoughts long before.**
- 2 You discern my path and the places where I rest;  
**you are acquainted with all my ways.**
- 3 For there is not a word on my tongue;  
**but you, Lord, know it altogether.**
- 4 You have encompassed me behind and before;  
**and have laid your hand upon me.**
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
**so high that I cannot endure it.**
- 6 Where shall I go from your spirit;  
**or where shall I flee from your presence?**
- 7 If I ascend into heaven, you are there;  
**if I make my bed in the grave you are there also.**
- 8 If I spread out my wings towards the morning;  
**or dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**
- 9 Even there your hand shall lead me;  
**and your right hand shall hold me.**

- 10 If I say, 'Surely the darkness will cover me;  
**and the night will enclose me.'**
- 11 Darkness is no darkness with you, but the night is as clear as the day;  
**the darkness and the light are both alike.**
- 23 Search me out, O God, and know my heart;  
**put me to the proof and know my thoughts.**
- 24 Look well lest there be any way of wickedness in me;  
**and lead me in the way that is everlasting.**

**Romans 8. 12–25;**

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For 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. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 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.

**GOSPEL Matthew 13. 24–30, 36–43;**

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!'

