

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 WEEEK

Wednesday 11th. July 10.00 am. Morning Prayer at St. Matthew's
Benedict of Nursia, abbot (d. 550)

Thursday 12th. July 11.15 am. Reserved Sacrament at Plumpton Villa
Aged Care Facility

Friday 13th. July
*Sydney James Kirby, bishop, pioneer of outback ministry
and the Bush Church Aid (d.1935)*

Sunday 15th. July 9.00 am. Eucharist at St.Linus'
Pentecost 8 10.30 am. Eucharist at St.Matthew's, followed by
Working Bee at St. Matthew's,

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 29th. July - Catered Lunch at St. matthew's

Saturday 4th. August - Book & Craft rooms open at St. Matthew's

Saturday 11th. August - High Tea at St. Matthew's

Saturday 1st. September - Produce & Plant Market, Books & Craft
t St. Matthew's

Sunday 23rd. September - Patronal Festivals - St. Linus & St. Matthew

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



**Seventh Sunday
after
Pentecost**

8th. July 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: Of Jesus many said, 'What is this wisdom that has been given to him ? What deeds of power are being done by his hands !' Mark 6.2;

Collect: O Lord our God, you are always more ready to bestow your good gifts upon us, than we are to seek them; and more willing to give than we desire or deserve ; in our every need, grant us first and best of all your gifts, the Spirit who makes us your children. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Readings

2 Samuel 5. 1-5, 9-10;

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, 'Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years. David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inward. And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

Psalm 48;

- 1 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
in the city of our God is his holy hill.
- 2 High and beautiful is his holy hill;
it is the joy of all the earth.

TODAY 12 noon at ST MATTHEW'S

PARISH MEETING RE WISEMAN HOUSE

Following the letter that all parishioners received,
there is an opportunity for questions on the proposal
of the installation of a lift, and updates regarding our application to
the building committee of the diocese.

SATURDAY 11th. AUGUST - 2.00 pm.

HIGH TEA

at

ST. MATTHEW'S

Please bring family and friends - \$35 per person

Includes a large variety of delicious foods and entertainment



MISSION NEWS

- ACT for PEACE - order form for CHRISTMAS BOWL APPEAL KIT
- L'ARCHE - Newsletter and donation request
- YOUTHWORKS - newsletter and donation request

REFLECTION

Merciful God, when we experience moments of weakness and rejection in your name, help us recall not only your power and might but your compassion for your people. Grant us the courage and the faith to continue our fight against suffering, injustice, and hatred in our world. Amen.

NOTICES

WORKING BEE at ST. M ATTHEW'S

Sunday 15th. July 2018

after the 10.30 am. service



Followed by soup and rolls lunch for those who participate in the working bee



FAMILY LUNCH at ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday 29th. July

following the 10.30 am. service

Please invite your family to join us for a 'catered' lunch

\$25 per person, 5-12years \$10, under 5's free

Please pre purchase tickets from Colleen or Sue today



LOST PROPERTY at ST. MATTHEW'S

A Black wrap/ short cape was left at St. Matthew's following the Pentecost Day 10.30 am. service. To claim, please contact Bev. Lacock

- 3 On Mount Zion, where godhead truly dwells, stands the city of the Great King;
God is well known in her palaces as a sure defence.
- 4 For the kings of the earth assembled;
they gathered together and came on;
- 5 They saw, they were struck dumb;
they were astonished and fled in terror.
- 6 Trembling took hold on them, and anguish;
as on a woman in her travail.
- 7 Like the breath of the east wind;
that shatters the ships of Tarshish.
- 8 As we have heard, so we have seen in the city of the Lord of hosts;
In the city of our God, which God established for ever.
- 9 We have called to mind your loving-kindness, O God;
in the midst of your temple.
- 10 As your name is great, O God, so also is your praise;
even to the ends of the earth.
- 11 Your right hand is full of victory—let Zion's hill rejoice;
let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of your judgements.
- 12 Walk about Zion, go round about her, and count all her towers;
consider well her ramparts, pass through her palaces.
- 13 That you may tell those who come after that such is God;
our God for ever and ever, and he will guide us eternally.

2 Corinthians 12. 2-10;

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows – was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

GOSPEL Mark 6. 1-13;

Jesus came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him

were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. 7 He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.



PENTECOST 7
8th. July 2018

WHAT WE ACCOMPLISH

During the Season after Pentecost, we are reminded of how much we can accomplish when empowered by God, but it is not uncommon to experience frustration and fail-ure. After Jesus experiences rejection in his ministry, he leaves his disciples open to the same as he sends them out without him. Even in these times of frustration, disappoint-ment, and rejection, we are to act, trusting in God's eternal faithfulness.

Focus scripture

Mark 6: 1–13; In stark contrast to last week's episode in Mark 5:21–43, where Jesus' miraculous gift of healing was powerfully demonstrated, the gospel passage for this week shows us the limits of Jesus' power in ministry. These two stories of Jesus returning to his hometown and send-ing out the

disciples to further his work show Jesus placing God's work within some very human constraints.

In the first story, Jesus is teaching at the synagogue in his hometown. Like those in other villages around the Galilee, the villagers are amazed at his teaching. Yet here, the amazement of the villagers is shaded with hostile and offended feelings. Not in spite of, but because of their social and familial connection to Jesus, the villagers view Jesus as an upstart.

We learn quite a few details about Jesus' life here, including the names of members of his family and his former profession as a carpenter. It is often assumed that Mary was by this point a widow, but even though Jesus had many brothers who could help care for her, as the eldest son it was probably regarded unfavourably for him to leave her to pursue ministry. In addition, while as a skilled carpenter Jesus was most likely not a member of the impoverished labouring classes, his status was still lower than that of the educated classes. Thus, behaviours such as teaching at a synagogue could have been viewed as an attempt to elevate his own position above his fellow villagers. Because of the attitude of those in his hometown, Jesus is unable to do much here. Moreover, just as these villagers are amazed and offended at Jesus, he is amazed at their unbelief, and leaves in search of welcoming areas.

After this, Jesus decides to send out some of his disciples in pairs, to continue his ministry in the region. The instructions he gives them, however, challenge them to trust in God's provisions during their journey. They are to take nothing beyond what they are immediately wearing – not even an extra tunic which would keep them warm in case they were left without lodgings for the night. In short, the disciples are left dependent on the hospitality of those they seek to serve. They are to honour this hospitality by not leaving their initial hosts in search of better accommodations once they become established in a town. However, after the rejection Jesus just experienced in his hometown he is also aware that his disciples will not always be welcomed wherever they go. In those instances, he instructs the disciples not to waste their efforts in these places but shake the dust off their feet as they leave. This does not imply their rejection of the inhospitable folks, but in its time is more a way of saying "I don't want to bother you; I'm even giving you your dirt back." In contrast to the rejection and obstacles even Jesus and his followers often faced, we find in **2 Samuel 5:1–5, 9–10** an affirmation of God's faithfulness and authority over all. Similarly, the psalmist in **Psalms 48** also affirms God's power, majesty, and faithfulness. Finally, in **2 Corinthians 12:2–10**, Paul reassures us that even when we are weak and encounter failure, God's power is still present in our weakness.

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Trusting in the power and love of God, who desires us to experience justice, wholeness and peace, often does not translate into the miraculous transformation of the world around us. Instead, our efforts are often met with rejection, suffering, and failure. Yet God continues to work in and through our weaknesses and human limitations. Our call is to continue to follow God's lead and continue to work towards a more loving and peaceful world. In what areas are you suffering from discouragement and how is God asking you to respond?