

CHILD SAFETY

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

Wednesday 19th. February 10.00 am. Morning Prayer at St. Matthew's

Thursday 20th. February
William Grant Broughton, first bishop of Australia (d.1853)

Sunday 23rd. February 9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'
Last Sunday after Epiphany - Transfiguration 10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's

You are invited to CMS's special Evensong service.

Evensong is an opportunity to gather as the Church Missionary Society celebrate our Anglican heritage and be challenged to work for a world that knows Jesus.

It is also a beautiful, contemplative service held at St. Paul's Cathedral.

This year's theme is 'Don't love your life: Praise amid persecution', to be delivered by Bishop Paul Barker. Come and be both inspired and challenged.

The date is Sunday 23 February, 4pm for afternoon tea in the Barbara Darling room, and the service will commence from 6pm. During afternoon tea, we'll hear encouraging stories about how the gospel is being shared in Melbourne. We'll also pray!

The event is free, however you need to RSVP so we can know how much food to provide! RSVP is only available through 'TryBooking'

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday 25th. February - Shrove Tuesday, Pancake meal at St. Matthew's

Wednesday 26th. February - ASH WEDNESDAY

Friday 6th. March - World Day of Prayer

Saturday 7th. March - Books & Craft at St. Matthew's

Wednesday 25th. March - Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Mothers' Union Lady Day)

Sunday 5th. April - PALM SUNDAY

Thursday 9th. April - MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield / Merlynston



St. Matthew's
cnr. Widford St. &
Melbourne Ave.
Glenroy

with

St. Linus'
Cnr. Glyndon &
Delta Aves.
Merlynston



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WELCOME

*At St. Linus', the service begins on page 119 of 'A Prayer Book for Australia' (green book)
Hymns are found in 'Together in Song' (red book)
At St. Matthew's the service can be followed on the screens.*

Please join us for morning tea, following the service.



**Sixth Sunday
after
Epiphany**

**16th. February
2020**

**PLEASE OBSERVE SILENCE
PRIOR TO OUR SERVICE, DURING HOLY COMMUNION
AND AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SERVICE**

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.

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

GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION WAFERS ARE AVAILABLE

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

Sentence: Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.

Psalm 119. 1;

Collect: Almighty God, you gave the law to guide our lives; grant that we may never shrink from your commandments, but, as we are taught by your Spirit, may fulfil your law in perfect love; through Christ our Lord and Master, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings

Deuteronomy 10. 12-22;

So now, O Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you? Only to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the LORD your God and his decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being. Although heaven and the heaven of heavens belong to the LORD your God, the earth with all that is in it, yet the LORD set his heart in love on your ancestors alone and chose you, their descendants after them, out of all the peoples, as it is today. Circumcise, then, the foreskin of your heart, and do not be stubborn any longer. For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them with food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the LORD your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen. Your ancestors went down to Egypt seventy persons; and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars in heaven.

Psalm 119.1-8;

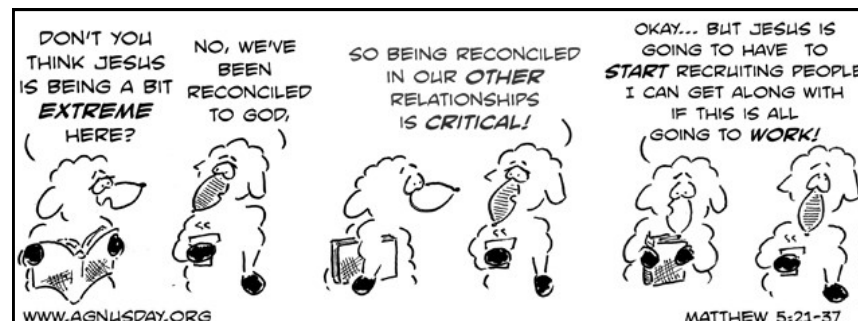
- 1 Happy are those whose way is blameless;
who walk in the law of the Lord!
- 2 Happy are those who keep his commands;
and seek him with their whole heart.
- 3 Those who do no wrong;
but walk in the ways of our God,
- 4 For you, Lord, have commanded us;
to persevere in all your precepts.
- 5 If only my ways were unerring;
towards the keeping of your statutes!
- 6 Then I should not be ashamed;
when I looked on all your commandments.
- 7 I will praise you with sincerity of heart;
as I learn your righteous judgements.
- 8 I will keep your statutes;
O forsake me not utterly.

1 Corinthians 3.1-9;

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, 'I belong to Paul,' and another, 'I belong to Apollos,' are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

GOSPEL Matthew 5. 21-37;

On the mountain, Jesus gathered his disciples around him and taught them, saying: 'You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not murder"; and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgement." But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, "You fool," you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. It was also said, "Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce." But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord." But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be "Yes, Yes" or "No, No"; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'



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