

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.*

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

for anyone who wishes to make their Stewardship giving contribution by Direct Debit, or for giving a donation to the Parish.

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DIARY THIS WEEK

Tuesday 20th. August

Bernard of Clairvaux, abbot and teacher (d.1153)

Wednesday 21st. August 10.00 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's

Thursday 22nd. August 10.00 am. Playgroup at St. Linus'

Friday 23rd.. August 10.45 am. Reserved Sacrament at Craicare
Aged Care Facility
11.00 am. Gospel Reflection group at St. Matthew's

Saturday 24th. August

BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE AND MARTYR

Sunday 25th. August

Stewardship 3

9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'
10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's,
12.30 pm. for 1.00 pm. Glenroy College Chaplaincy
Lunch in Wiseman House

LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday 29th. August - Parish Council at St. Matthew's

Sunday 1st. September - 'Sausage Sizzle' at Bunnings North Coburg for the Wiseman House Community Garden.

Saturday 7th. September - Secondhand Books & New Craft & Bric-a-Brac at St. Matthew's

Saturday 14th. September - Working Bee at St. Linus'

Saturday 21st. September - Working Bee at St. Matthew's
- Card Making workshop at St. Matthew's

The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield / Merlynston



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

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



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WE GIVE TO GOD

Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God,
For it is He who gives you power to get wealth.

Deuteronomy 8. 11,18;



Stewardship 2

**18th. August
2019**

The services today focus on the specific responses we make to God, and the impact of our giving of money to the Church.

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.

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.

**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

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; Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth.
Deuteronomy 8. 11, 18;

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 26.1-11;

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

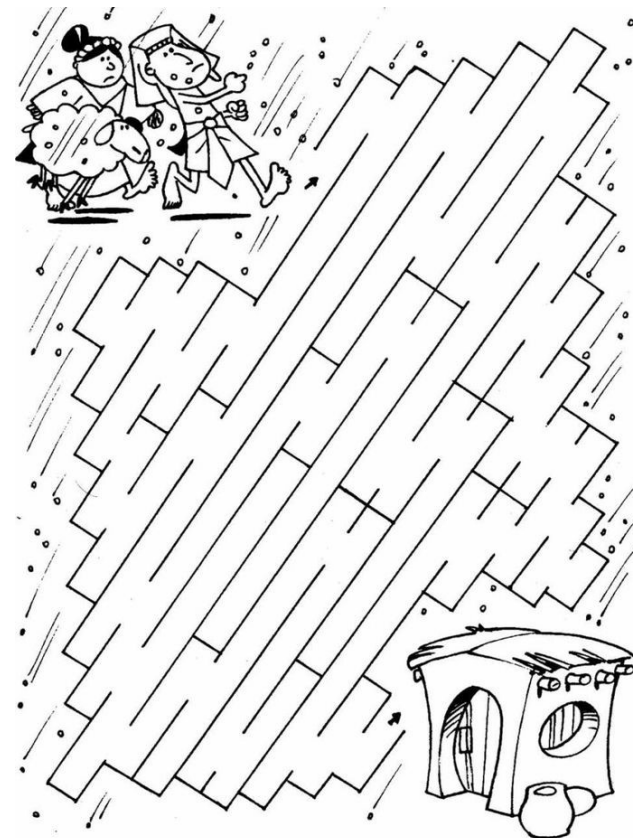
SONGS OF PRAISE

Saturday 19th. October 2019
A joint Australian Anglican Church Calendar and St. Peter's Choir
fundraising event
at St. Peter's Anglican Church, Eastern Hill, Melbourne

\$35. per person.
Join in singing favourite hymns, plus a couple of choir items.

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**THE ORDER FORM FOR
THE AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDAR 2020
WILL BE AVAILABLE AT EACH CENTRE, IN A FEW WEEKS.**



SPECIAL PARISH EVENT

TODAY - 18th. August 2018
following the 10.30 am. Service at St. Matthew's

If you did not RSVP to your invitation, please check with the Churchwardens, if you desire to join in this event. Thank You.

FUNDRAISING LUNCH

FOR SCHOOLS CHAPLAINCY FUND

Sunday 25th. August 2019 in Wiseman House

12.30 pm. for 1.00 pm. Lunch

Two Course meal, roast of choice, vegetables and dessert

\$25.00 per person,

The Immanuel Singers Chorale will entertain

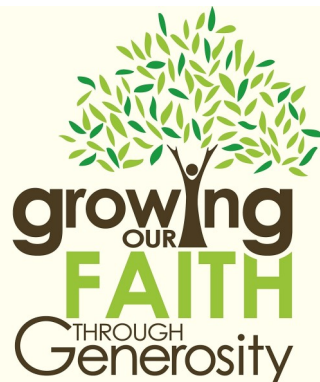
'SAUSAGE SIZZLE'

at Bunnings Coburg North

Sunday 1st. September
for Wiseman House Community Garden

Please offer to assist on the day,
2 hour shifts will lighten the load for all,

and will help Robyn to realize her vision for Wiseman House garden.



Psalms 115. 1-7, 16-17;

- 1 Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give the glory,
for the sake of your faithfulness and your loving-kindness.
- 2 Why should the nations say, 'Where is their God?'
Our God is in heaven, he does whatever he wills.
- 3 As for their idols, they are silver and gold,
the work of human hands.
- 4 They have mouths, but speak not;
they have eyes, but they cannot see.
- 5 They have ears, yet hear nothing;
they have noses, but cannot smell
- 6 Hands they have, but handle nothing, feet but they do not walk
they make no sound with their throats.
- 7 Those who make them shall be like them;
so shall everyone that trusts in them.
- 16 The dead do not praise the Lord;
nor do any that go down to silence.
- 17 But we will bless the Lord;
both now and for evermore. O praise the Lord.

2 Corinthians 8. 1-9;

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints—and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

Matthew 5. 21-24;

'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.



STEWARDSHIP 2

18th. AUGUST 2019

WE GIVE TO GOD

Focus scripture:

There are two ways to read **Deuteronomy 26:1–11**. One is to use it for power and possession, claiming a faith story that stamps our ownership on the land we want because “God has given it to us.” The alternative is to let the text remind us that all land we travel across is God’s. God dwells in the land and the people of Israel who enter it are reminded of this: the land is God’s and God dwells here. Yet this story has become part of a religious metanarrative (a narrative about a narrative) to prove particular land has been given to particular people. It is in the background of the Palestine/Israel conflict, and the many places where invading cultures have tried to claim that their God has given them the land, which the original inhabitants believed belongs to all. The text however does not necessarily allow that claim. The description of an offering from the land may have been a one-off event, or an annual ritual. “First fruits” giving reflects an ancient tradition that the land and its produce belong to God. Those who live in the land have a responsibility to share that gift with others, and preserve it for future generations. God’s gifts are universal. If this was an annual offering then the lesson is for each generation to remind itself of the gifts God has given, not for possession but as a place to live, a place that offers life, a place that shapes the reign of God as a just sharing of the gifts of God. The wilderness journey of Lent calls us to the one place where all belong, the Commonwealth of God.

Corinthians 8: 1-9; Paul speaks on behalf of another community’s need for help and support. Urging the Corinthian community to put their faith into action for the sake of making whole another’s need.

Matthew 5:21–24; Known for his puzzling parables, Jesus takes a more practical approach here as he addresses a crowd. He addresses the difficult topics of their daily lives and deepens the meanings they have for an ethical life. As he discusses anger, adultery, divorce and true speech Jesus is telling his audience not just how to act but how to be – be in the image of God. On first hearing, the rules Jesus sets out seem like stricter replacements for the commandments given in Deuteronomy, but at closer look they deconstruct mere actions of murder, retribution, betrayal, abandonment, and lying into being symptoms of our hard- heartedness and refusal to be reconciled to each other. In holding up the vision of each person with hearts reconciled to God and one another, Jesus claims personhood for all parties involved. The judged and the judge are not bound in the past but together liable for the justice and reconciliation of the future. Adultery, thought as well as deed, challenges our tendency to treat others as objects rather than subjects. This idea, along with his coming down on the accepted practice of men divorcing their wives, furthers Jesus’ campaign for the equal personhood of women. The lesson on oath-taking seeks not merely to get rid of an antiquated practice but to open our eyes to the insidiousness of our self-interest. We are either too concerned with being liked or accepted, or so unconcerned with the hearer of our words and the receiver of our pledges and vows that we do not take care in speaking words that are true, nor in making sure they stay true. Life is full of opportunities, especially for those living in an industrialized and technologized society, but options aren’t the same as the choices we make that change the course of our lives

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As we search to speak with more truth, to live with more integrity, and to seek reconciliation with neighbours and nations, it helps to know it is not ours alone to plumb the depths of the human heart and the heart of God. The spirit of God is unveiling the truth that lies at the heart of our matters in the words of Moses, the ministry of Jesus, the wrestling of the psalmists, the pastoral advice of Paul, and the interpreting of the Spirit itself.

REFLECTION

**Explorer of our hearts, discerner of our souls,
we invite you into the depths of our struggles.
We open the locked doors.
With words of love and the boldness of truth,
we ask you to knock on the hardest places in our hearts
and to soften them so that we may love you and love our neighbours. Amen.**



IMPORTANT NOTICE

**TO ALL WHO ACCESS Room 4 or the Office in WISEMAN HOUSE.
WHEN YOU LEAVE ROOM 4,
PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU LOCK THE DOOR.
YOU MIGHT NEED TO USE THE KEY TO LOCK THE DOOR PROPERLY.
*Thank You.***

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

Pew Leaflet Notices:

Please give to, or phone **Glenda Owen,**
or e-mail: - gonana7@bigpond.com - by 8 pm. Tuesday