

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 all who wish to contribute their giving for God's work in this Parish, the Community, and the World, by making a direct debit / deposit

Indue Ltd. BSB 703122 Account No. 05004414

DIARY THIS WEEK

Monday 26th. August
Day of Prayer for Refugees

Tuesday 27th. August
Monica, mother of Augustine (d.387)

Wednesday 28th. August 10.00 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's
Augustine of Hippo, bishop and teacher (d.430)

Thursday 29th. August 10.00 am. Playgroup at St. Linus'
Beheading of John the Baptist 3.00 pm. Parish Council at St. Matthew's

Friday 30th. August 11.00 am. Gospel Reflection Group at St. Matthew's

Saturday 31st. August
John Bunyan, preacher, spiritual writer (d.1688)
Aidan of Lindisfarne, bishop and missionary (d.651)

Sunday 1st. September 'Sausage Sizzle' at Bunnings Coburg North, for
Wiseman House Community Garden
9.00 am. Eucharist at St.Linus'
10.30 am. Eucharist at St.Matthew's

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday 7th. September - Book & Craft rooms open at St. Matthew's

Sunday 22nd. September - Patronal Festivals - St. Linus & St. Matthew

The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield / Merlynston



St.Matthew's
Cnr. Widford St.
& Melbourne Ave.
Glenroy 3046

with

St.Linus'
cnr. Glyndon Ave.
& Delta Ave.
Merlynston 3058



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GIVING THANKS

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive honour and glory and power, for you created all things, and by your will they have their being.
Revelation 4. 11;



Stewardship 3

**25th. August
2019**

**A thanksgiving
for the generosity shown**

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.

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

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

Sentence: You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive honour and glory and power, for you created all things, and by your will they have their being.
Revelation 4. 11;

Collect: O God, giver of life and health, whose Son Jesus Christ has called us to hunger and thirst for justice; refresh us with your grace, that we may not be weary in well-doing, for the sake of him who meets all our needs, Jesus Christ our Saviour; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Readings

1 Chronicles 29. 6-13;

Then the leaders of ancestral houses made their freewill-offerings, as did also the leaders of the tribes, the commanders of the thousands and of the hundreds, and the officers over the king's work. They gave for the service of the house of God five thousand talents and ten thousand darics of gold, ten thousand talents of silver, eighteen thousand talents of bronze, and one hundred thousand talents of iron.
⁸Whoever had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of the LORD, into the care of Jehiel the Gershonite. Then the people rejoiced because these had given willingly, for with single mind they had offered freely to the LORD; King David also rejoiced greatly. Then David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly; David said: 'Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of our ancestor Israel, for ever and ever. Yours, O LORD, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. Riches and honour come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name.

MISSION NEWS

ANGLICARE VICTORIA

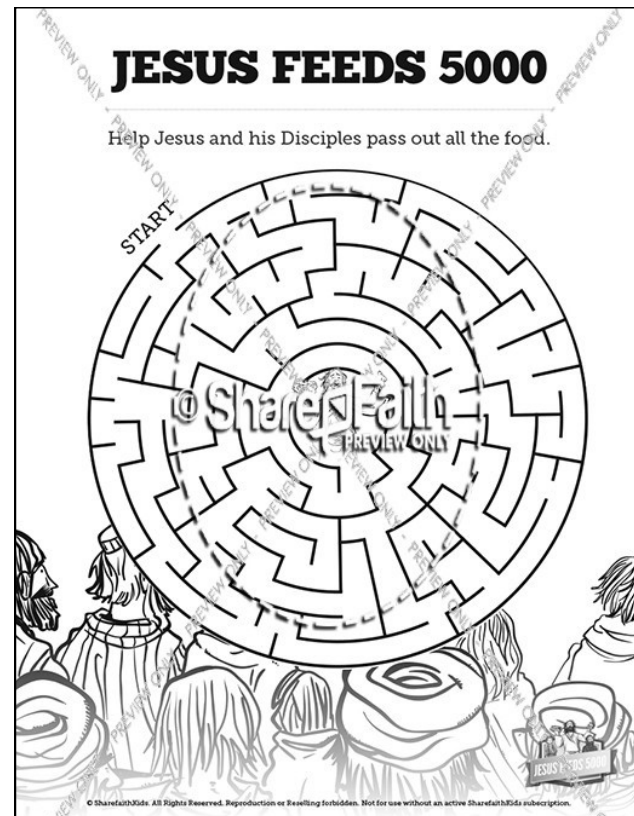
"To hold hope for families when they've lost hope for themselves.
That's what this work is about."

Jacqueline, Anglicare Family Therapist

Children are only removed from their family if there are serious fears for their safety. Child safety is not the only reason a child might end up in the out-of-home-care system - but in Victoria today, that is the main reason.

Donations toward Family Therapy and Support Programs are helping Victoria's families to become stronger, healthier.

P O Box 45, Abbotsford 3067 Vic. or call 1800 809 722
Or donate online at www.anglicarevic.org.au/donation



THANK YOU

A huge Thank You to Rev'd Jo-Anne, the Churchwardens - Bev. Tom and Beryl and members of Parish Council, for organising the lunch on Sunday to outline to the Parish the work that has been done on the finances and the position the Parish is in at the moment.

The presentations given by the wardens both in church and at the lunch were clear and helpful for the congregation to know what is happening with buildings and finances. Jo-Anne and the Wardens have expended a considerable amount of energy and time with phone calls, emails, conversations etc. with the Diocese and Onemda. Their hard work is very much appreciated.

Please continue to pray that the Diocese will support the Parish in moving forward so that ONEMDA can be long term tenants on 1st. Floor of Wiseman House.



WORKING BEE AT ST. MATTHEW'S
9.00 am. Saturday 21st. September 2019
Morning Tea provided
'MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK'





CARD MAKING WORKSHOP & CHRISTMAS STALL ITEMS
Saturday 21st. September - 10.00 am. to Noon
In Wiseman House at St. Matthew's Anglican Church

Please bring your ideas for making items to sell at
the Parish Christmas Stall



to be held on Saturday 7th. December 2019

In conjunction with Second hand Books and New Craft / Bric-a-Brac

If you cannot come to the workshops, please make items at home, that can be sold on the Christmas Stall

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.
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Psalm 150.

- 1 Praise the LORD! O praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in the firmament of his power.
- 2 Praise him for his mighty acts;
praise him according to his abundant goodness.
- 3 Praise him in the blast of the ram's horn;
praise him upon the lute and harp.
- 4 Praise him with timbrel and dances;
praise him upon the strings and pipe.
- 5 Praise him on the high-sounding cymbals;
praise him upon the loud cymbals.
- 6 Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!
O praise the LORD!

Hebrews 11. 8-16;

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.' All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Matthew 14. 13-21;

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.



**STEWARDSHIP 3
25th. AUGUST 2019**

GIVING THANKS

Focus Scripture

In the old hymn we are joyously told to “count our blessings, name them one by one.” This is easy to do during “good times,” but there are moments in all of our lives when it is hard to see where and how God is at work. Sometimes, it is too hard to even name a blessing, let alone count them! In the scripture readings this week, we are given an opportunity to wrestle with the concept of blessings and how they affect our lives and ministry.

Hebrews 11: 8–16 The letter to the Hebrews is an unusual bibli-cal book. We have no idea who wrote it (other than being readily agreed that it was not St. Paul), and we do not know exactly who the intended audience was – other than presum-ably a group of Jewish Christians. The Jewish Annotated New Testament claims this book has “the New Testament’s most sophisticated Greek” and yet the lectionary only includes it a handful of times.

Both this week and next the focus text comes from Hebrews 11, an astounding essay on faith. Some scholars note that chapter 11 is such a self-contained unit that it may have been written on its own and inserted later. While probably doubtful, and seemingly trivial, this is strong support for it being a rather complete piece that can stand on its own.

The overwhelming theme is faith. Indeed, Hebrews 11:1 is well known: “Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” Using a device not unlike call and response preaching, the writer employs a total of 18 times the phrase “by faith...” and then proceeds to list actions and attributes of great people from the past. The bottom line seems to be that, when we are in despair – not uncommon in the era in which the book was written – we can recall the faith of those who went before, who did not look back but looked forward. They trusted (the real sense of the Greek word *pistis*, or “faith”) God and so were able to focus on what was/is to come. Clearly the implication is that we can do the same.

In Matthew 14:13–21, Jesus is willing to sacrifice his need for rest to meet the needs of the crowds; and Christ’s blessing on a meagre meal results in a crowd being fed. Jesus shows that a gift blessed can be multiplied.

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Some blessings, like the feeding of the 5000, are a result of struggles. Yet all of God’s blessings are good news, even if they result from bad circumstances. This does not mean that bad things happen for a reason, or that God creates such

hardship so that we can search for God’s grace and blessing. Rather, in our struggles and hardships, God will always be with us providing and sharing a blessing. How might we help others, who are in times of struggle, experience God’s blessing?

REFLECTION

**God, when we are hungry, feed us with bread and fish for the journey.
When we struggle, sustain us with words of wisdom and stories of hope.
When we wrestle with unknown forces, touch us with companionship and love.
Amen.**

NOTICES

‘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.



WORKING BEE at ST. LINUS’

Saturday 14th. August 2019

at 9.30 am.

**There are many chores to do in readiness
for the Patronal Feast Day of St. Linus**



Pew Leaflet Notices:

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