

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

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### DIARY THIS WEEK

Monday 16th. September  
*Ninian of Galloway, bishop and missionary (d.c.432)*

Tuesday 17th. September 2.00 pm. Ecumenical Service at Federation  
*Hildegard of Bingen, abbess and spiritual writer (d.1179)* Village

Wednesday 18th. September 10.00 am. Morning Prayer at St. Matthew's  
*John Ramsden Wollaston, priest and missionary of WA (d.1856)*

Thursday 19th. September 10.00 am. Playgroup at St. Linus'  
10.45 am. Holy Communion at Colton Close  
Aged Care Facility

Friday 20th. September 10.45 am. Reserved Sacrament at Craigcare  
*John Coleridge Patteson, first bishop of Melanesia, Aged Care Facility  
martyr (d. 1871) 11.00 am. Gospel Reflection Group at  
St. Matthew's*  
**School Term 3 ends**

Saturday 21st. September 9.00 am. Working Bee at St. Matthew's  
**MATTHEW, APOSTLE EVANGELIST and MARTYR**

Sunday 22nd. September 9.00 am. Patronal Eucharist at St.Linus'  
10.30 am. Patronal Eucharist at St.Matthew's

#### 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



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with

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## Season of Creation

## STORM SUNDAY

## 15th. September 2019

### 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**



**ANGLICAN OVERSEAS AID**

A Spring in our Step

As the cold weather gradually subsides, we are looking forward to seeing some sun in the next few weeks - welcome to Spring! Winter can be long and dreary, but along with warmer sunny weather, Spring heralds a time of renewal and hope.

Anglican Overseas Aid embrace this and draw inspiration from it to continue life-changing work in sometimes very difficult places. Thank you for being part of our journey. As always, AOA cannot do it without prayers and support of congregations.

- AOA celebrate Archdeacon Alan Nichols AM and Denise Nichols OAM, who have recently been awarded life membership of AOA. We are challenged and encouraged by the long commitment they have made in supporting our work. Their dedication, commitment and service, was recognised at a special gathering at Bishops Court,
- Friend and AOA partner Valerie Browning from Afar Pastoralist Development Association ( APDA ) came from Ethiopia to visit AOA , and told about the situation in remote Ethiopia, where life is becoming increasingly insecure as rain becomes more unpredictable, a yearly decrease over the past 12 years, and what can be done to help. Ie. more water storage facilities.
- The work of the Mission Director of Nampula, Muassite, in Mozambique. She has an amazing story of dedication to others in the aftermath of Cyclone Kenneth.

Social Media channels have been posting news about poverty issues, and climate change issues.

**THE LEPROSY MISSION**

You are invited to hear 3 remarkable stories of God's transforming power !

God's transforming Grace in Amar's life  
Tuesday 8th. October 10.20 am. at Sydenham Baptist Church.

Eradicating Leprosy in Timor Leste  
Tuesday 8th. October 10.00 am. The Leprosy Mission Office, Box Hill.

International Partners Day  
Saturday 12th. October 10.45 am. to 5.00 pm. \$35.  
OR 6.00 pm. to 9.00 pm. \$45. Both sessions \$70.  
Eva Burrows College, Ringwood.

**Storm Sunday sentence:** "You make the clouds your chariots, you ride on the wings of the wind and you make the winds your messengers" Ps. 104.3-4;

**Storm Sunday collect:** God, our Creator, as we face the storms of this world, we celebrate the wonders of the wind and the weather. Help us to see your presence, not only in the forces of nature, but also among those who suffer from natural disasters. Teach us to recognise that your Wisdom is imbedded in all natural forces, a Wisdom that guides, controls and limits them. In the name of Christ who is the Wisdom of God renewing all things in creation. **Amen.**

**Readings**

**Job 28:20-27;**

"Where then does wisdom come from? And where is the place of understanding? It is hidden from the eyes of all living, and concealed from the birds of the air. Abaddon and Death say, "We have heard a rumour of it with our ears." 'God understands the way to it, and he knows its place. For he looks to the ends of the earth, and sees everything under the heavens. When he gave to the wind its weight, and apportioned out the waters by measure; when he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the thunderbolt; then he saw it and declared it; he established it, and searched it out. And he said to humankind, "Truly, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding."

**Psalms: Ps 29;**

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven:

**ascribe to the Lord glory and might.**

2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name:

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.**

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:

**the God of glory thunders,**

**the Lord upon the great waters.**

## NOTICES



**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 28th. September - 10.00 am. to Noon**

*Please note change of date*

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*



### LOOKING AHEAD - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 5th. October - 10.00 am. Secondhand Books and Craft / Bric-a-Brac  
at St. Matthew's

Sunday 13th. October - Noah's Ark Pageant - 9.00 am. at St. Linus'

Saturday 7th. December - 10.00 am. to 2.00 pm. Christmas Mini Fete  
at St. Matthew's - Christmas items Stall, Craft / Bric-a-Brac,  
Secondhand Books, Sausage Sizzle

Carols in the Park - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December an Ecumenical endeavour.  
We are combining with The Hope Centre, The Salvation Army, Uniting Church  
and Baptist church in Glenroy, to be held at Sewell Reserve Glenroy Rd.

Christmas pageant will be held in the park at Merlynston as part of  
a Carols in the Park community event Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December.  
Salvation Army will provide music.

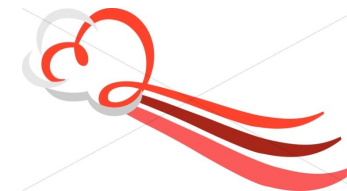
- 4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation:  
**the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.**
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees:  
**the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.**
- 6 He makes them skip like a calf:  
**Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.**
- 7 The voice of the Lord divides the lightning-flash:  
**the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert,  
the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.**
- 8 The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees,  
and strips bare the forests:  
**I n his temple all cry 'Glory.'**
- 9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood:  
**the Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever.**
- 10 The Lord will give strength to his people:  
**the Lord will give to his people the blessing of peace.**

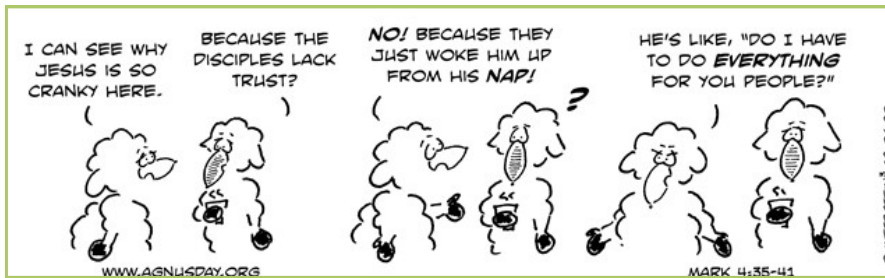
### 1 Cor 1: 21-31;

For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

### Gospel: Luke 8:22-25

One day Jesus got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'





**Season of Creation  
STORM SUNDAY  
15th. September 2019**

Storm Sunday Creation imagines and reflects the divine characteristics of God. The ocean examines God's depths. The fauna and flora sing God's abundance. Today we celebrate the storm. Words do not capture the power of God in the way thunder, lightning and strong winds can. In the storm, we confront how divine wisdom is beyond what we can describe and explain. We ask ourselves how we might move with the patterns of the weather and the Spirit, and follow the wisdom that creates, sustains, and redeems creation

**Focus scripture**

**Psalms 29** When we talk about God, we often talk about the role God plays in our lives. Psalm 29 is thought to be one of the earliest psalms, perhaps adapted by a similar poem dedicated to the Canaanite storm god, Baal. It praises God who is omnipotent and demonstrates this in the way nature bends and breaks at the sound of God's voice. The book of Psalms as a whole offers many roles for God: creator, healer, provider, saviour, judge, protector. Divine balance and fullness are found in the book as a whole, as in the diversity of human experience over a lifetime. Psalm 29 challenges us in the midst of our fear, our pain, our celebration, not to forget that God is sovereign – "enthroned over the flood." This is difficult for modern readers to grasp; we observe floods and storms not just in our community but all over the world. At times, it seems recovery is just begun in one site when, across the globe, another place is hit. The sovereignty of God is important because it houses within it many other roles the psalms and Ancient Near Easterners experienced from the Divine: law-giver, warrior-saviour, judge, shepherd, provider, protector. The Psalter as a whole describes God's throne as one welded from righteousness, mercy, justice, and faithful love. While an all-powerful monarch is problematic for modern readers, the values that made the enthronement of God a standard for Israelites should resonate with us, too. Psalm 29 honours the storm king, the lord of the flood. The poet lauds God's power to call creation to bow at divine presence and to contain the flood. The poet does not describe actual events but praises divine control over potential chaos; hence the praise rather than lament. Like thunder that calls us to attention and warns us to seek shelter, the voice of God contains the chaos. Wisdom is "the voice over many waters," (verse 3b). The waters of Psalm 104 fled from God's rebuke to settle into streams that nourished the valleys where creatures then thrived. The writer of Psalm 29 asks that the people be so strengthened and blessed by the God enthroned over the flood. The calf and ox may flee, the wilderness shake, the cedars

break and the oaks whirl; but even the branches that fall to the ground and the topsoil that is washed away will reveal and create new fertility for creation's regeneration, and call the creatures to heed the warning signals earlier and to create better shelters for future generations. It is through the harnessing of water that Job 28:20–27 attributes God's discovery and establishment of Wisdom's voice, asking the overarching question of the book, "Where then does wisdom come from?" The answer: "from the storm"(v. 23–27). As God sets limits on the atmosphere, the wind, the waters, the rain, and lightning that may push a storm into chaos, God discovers the mediating nature of Wisdom and sets the cycle of creation, placing Wisdom as an arbiter of proportion over the elements and creatures that can drive creation to extremes.

**1 Corinthians 1:21–31** looks back at the tradition of wisdom in the psalms and in Job and agrees with Job that the fullness of wisdom is hidden from human minds. Only God has the power to understand it and to find a place for it among us. With the incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection, Jesus the Christ became "righteousness, sanctification, and redemption" for us but also "the wisdom of God" (v. 30). We see Jesus embody the power and wisdom of the creator in **Luke 8:22–25** as he "rebukes" the wind and waves back into their place.

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Throughout the scriptures, we see God's people ask questions about Wisdom's source, role, and present location. God answers through the unleashing of creation's power and its harnessing, through the community's response to suffering in their midst, and with the powerful witness of Jesus the Christ. We see glimpses of divine wisdom, enough to hope in its enduring presence and path towards our redemption, but it is God's domain to know wisdom in its eternal fullness.

**REFLECTION**

**O Wisdom, your power is unlimited and unceasing.  
Call us, wake us, bring our imaginations to and for life.  
Push us. Move us.  
Remove the barriers of our apathy and fill us with the courage  
to act with your guidance, and to trust in the wise and powerful Spirit  
that made and loved creation. Amen.**



Matthew 08 - Jesus calms a storm



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