

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

- Monday 1st. July
THE COMING OF HE LIGHT first missionaries to the Torres Strait (1871)
- Tuesday 2nd. July 2.00 pm. Ecumenical Service at Federation Residential Village
- Wednesday 3rd. July 10.00 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's including Mothers' Union prayers and fellowship
- Thursday 4th. July 10.45 am. Holy Communion at Colton Close Aged Care Facility
- Saturday 6th. July 8.30 am. Setting up for GARAGE SALE at 9.00 am.**
John Fisher, bishop, plus Secondhand Books & New Craft/Bric-a-Brac and Thomas More, martyrs (d.1535)
- Sunday 7th. July 9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'
10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's,

LOOKING AHEAD

- Saturday 20th. July - Working Bee at St. Matthew's
- Card Making and Christmas Stall items in Wiseman House
- Sunday 25th. August - Schools Chaplaincy Lunch in Wiseman House
- 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

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
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Melbourne Ave.
Glenroy

St. Linus'
Cnr. Glyndon &
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Merlynston



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PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONE BEFORE THE SERVICE COMMENCES. THANK YOU



**Third Sunday
after
Pentecost**

**30th. June
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.

**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: Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for
Jesus' sake will find it. Matthew 10. 39.

Collect: O God, the light of the minds that know you, the life of the souls that love
you, the strength of the thoughts that seek you: help us to know you that we may truly
love you, and so to love you that we may fully serve you, whose service is perfect
freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings

2 Kings 2. 1–2, 6–14;

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. 'Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, 'Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?' When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

Psalms 77. 1–2, 11–20;

1 I call to my God, I cry out toward him;
I call to my God, and surely he will answer.

**PLEASE COME AND HELP
WITH THIS FUNDRAISER**

**GARAGE
SALE**

**RUMMAGE
SALE**

SATURDAY 6th. July 2019

9.00 am. to Noon

**in Wiseman House & Church Grounds
cnr. Widford St. & Melbourne Ave.
Glenroy**

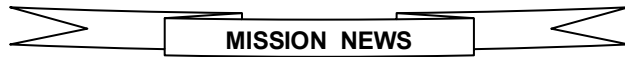
COME BROWSE

COME BUY

Secondhand Books

**New Craft
& Bric-a-Brac**

**If you have any fresh ideas for fundraising,
please speak with the Churchwardens,
Bev. Lacock, Beryl Davis, Tom Bowery**



ANGLICAN OVERSEAS AID

Antoinette and Joanna have been on a sacred journey of transformation.

In Vanuatu, our partner Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACOM) teaches women how to save money through Saving and Education Groups. Through these groups hundreds of women are learning to save money and are able to start their own businesses. Antoinette and Joanna are two of these women.

Antoinette is a women's mentor, a leader in her community, and a business leader.

As soon as Antoinette heard about the idea of the savings groups, she was interested and joined. That was in 2016. Now, three years later, she has proven that not only can she save money, but she also has established herself as an entrepreneur. She has built a business selling coconut oil, cassava flour, opened a timber yard with her son, and is also looking at developing an aquaculture business.

Before joining the savings group was a "time when everything was hard," but now she says that "her dreams have become a reality." Thanks to you, she and her family are not financially secure. Now she mentors the women around her in the community to also save and pursue their dreams.

Antoinette also volunteers as a facilitator, which means that she is instrumental in setting up new savings groups. So far, she has formed 20 groups with around 500 members. She has seen many of her members using money more wisely, affording to start new projects that would normally be out of their financial reach.

Her message to you; "Thank you! You have done a lot for our community. Before, people didn't save and life was hard, but now they do. It has improved our standard of living!"

Joanna is passing on her knowledge of saving and business to her children.

Joanna has been a part of a savings group in her community on the island of Espiritu Santo in Vanuatu since 2016. As a member of the savings group, she was not only taught how to save money, but also give herself a goal. For some it is a savings goal; Joanna wanted to start a business.

From the money she was saving, Joanna started her own business making woven baskets from pandanus leaves, which she then sold to tourists who would arrive by boat.

Now, three years later, Joanna has been able to increase her offering, selling dresses and beach bags that she sews. She also runs a mobile phone top-up business, which her daughter Emma helps with. She says that now, from helping her and attending group meetings, Emma also has the skills to build her future. It's not only Emma that she has passed her knowledge on to; Joanna has eight children in total and has brought every one of them along to her savings group so that they can learn about financial literacy as well.

Joanne says that there are many benefits for women and families from being involved in the savings groups, however it is the feeling of having control over her life and finances that she appreciates most; "we [women] no longer only depend on the men – we can do things on our own. I can contribute now."

The additional income generated from her new businesses have "helped her and her family a lot," making everyday expenses like bus fares and quality food less of a worry.

- 2 In the day of my distress I seek the Lord, I stretch out my hands to him by night;
My soul is poured out without ceasing, it refuses all comfort.
- 11 I will declare the mighty acts of the Lord;
I will call to mind your wonders of old.
- 12 I will think on all that you have done;
and meditate upon your works.
- 13 Your way, O God, is holy;
who is so great a god as our God ?
- 14 You are the God that works wonders;
you made known your power among the nations.
- 15 By your mighty arm you redeemed your people,
the children of Jacob and Joseph.
- 16 The waters saw you, O God, the waters saw you and were afraid;
the depths also were troubled.
- 17 The clouds poured out water, the heavens spoke;
and your arrows darted forth.
- 18 The voice of your thunder was heard in the whirlwind;
your lightnings lit the world, the earth shuddered and quaked.
- 19 Your way was in the sea, your path in the great waters;
and your footsteps were not seen.
- 20 You led your people like sheep;
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Galatians 5. 1, 13–25;

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

GOSPEL Luke 9. 51–62;

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' To another Jesus said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

THIRD SUNDAY after PENTECOST
30-06-2019

MINISTER'S of GOD'S LOVE

We are all called to ministry, and all have received gifts of God for that task. But sometimes we scratch our heads, or we are timid, or we are busy, and so we turn away. But that does not excuse us. In today's readings we learn of aspects of ministry and how we are equipped, and challenged, to participate.

Focus scripture:

2 Kings 2: 1–2, 6–14; On his way back from Mt. Horeb, Elijah encounters Elisha, ploughing a field, and commissions (ordains) him by throwing his cloak over him. However, we do not hear about Elisha again until 2 Kings 2. The story this week begins with the prophet Elijah at the end of his ministry, passing his ministry on to Elisha. The key focus is on how we perceive the transfer of leadership, how we receive it, and what we do with it. The two prophets are on a journey from Gilgal to Bethel. While there are many places called Gilgal, and this is probably not by the Jordan, the one occupied by Joshua when the people first entered the promised land, there is a parallel to the transfer of leadership from Moses to Joshua several centuries before (Exodus 14:15–31). This gets affirmed when Elijah and Elisha encounter the Jordan – Elijah strikes the water with his mantle, and it parts to enable them to walk through on dry land; an action that recalls the crossing of the Sea of Reeds in Exodus, and of the people crossing the Jordan to enter the Promised Land. In verse 3, other prophets tell Elisha that Elijah is going to die, and Elisha – clearly in denial – responds “I don't want to talk about it,” a rather classic human response. Yet, curiously, Elijah does not in fact die but is taken up into heaven, allowing for later (and modern) Jewish theology and liturgy to await for his return. (There are those who, according to the gospels, wonder if John the Baptizer is in fact Elijah.) As the end nears, Elisha asks Elijah for a double portion of the elder prophet's spirit. This is a reference to the inheritance rights of a first-born son, who receives double the share of his younger brothers. In other words, Elisha wants to be treated as Elijah's primary heir and successor, but Elijah replies that it is not really his place to decide – it is God's. Elisha grieves the departure of Elijah in a chariot of fire. In the Bible, fire is often associated with numinous things (such as in Exodus 3:2; 19:18; 24:17; Deuteronomy 4:12; 9:3) and vehicles such as this chariot were seen to be vehicles for God. When Elisha can no longer see Elijah, he tears his clothing (a traditional Jewish act of grief), and picks up Elijah's mantle. This is clearly a sign of choosing to continue Elijah's ministry, and is affirmed when Elisha strikes the water and he is able to pass through on dry land. This is a sign to the prophets who wait on the other side that Elisha has indeed inherited Elijah's spirit. He will return to the land from whence they came and be the prophet he has been called and ordained to be.

As Elisha called out to Elijah so too the writer of **Psalms 77:1–2, 11–20** calls out to God. The psalm begins in distress and anxiety, but recalling God's miracles from earlier times the writer comes to an awareness of God's presence. We, too, seek God, and learn God is there.

Paul calls the people to serve one another in love in **Galatians 5:1, 13–25**. “The whole law,” Paul writes, “is summed up in a single commandment, ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’”

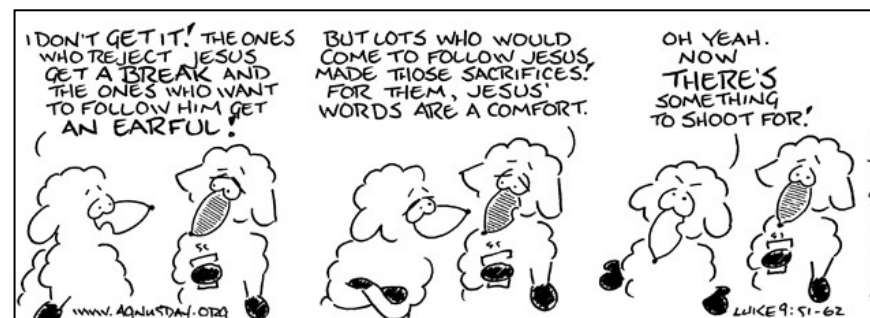
Some of the disciples offer to follow Jesus anywhere in **Luke 9:51–62**, but Jesus reminds them that this is a difficult task. Ministry is seldom easy – rewarding, yes, but seldom easy. However, as in the words of Psalm 77, recalling God's presence in the past strengthens us as we become increasingly aware of God's presence with us now.

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Like Elisha, we are called to pick up the mantle of discipleship offered to us and participate in the work of God. Fortunately, as in his case, there are others there to help us. This is a part of being in the church, to support one another in our mutual ministry. What mantle are you called to pick up? How have you received it? Who are those who have gone before you, and who pass unfinished tasks of ministry along to you now?

REFLECTION

God of transition and change, be with us in those crazy and scary moments of life, when we find our lives being altered and reshaped by the world around us. People enter our lives, and people leave our lives, and in all this you are still present. May we feel that presence always, be strengthened by it and guided by it. May we dare always to move forward as you would have us do.



NOTICES

CARD MAKING WORKSHOP & CHRISTMAS STALL ITEMS
Saturday 20th. July - 10.00 am. to Noon
In front room of 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



WORKING BEE AT ST. MATTHEW'S
9.00 am. Saturday 20th. July 2019
Morning Tea provided
'MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK'

