

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 11th. June Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
BARNABAS, APOSTLE and MARTYR

Wednesday 13th. June 10.00 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's
Antony of Padua, missionary and preacher (d.1231)

Thursday 14th. June 10.00 am. Playgroup at St. Linus'
11.15 am. Reserved Sacrament at Plumpton Villa
Aged Care Facility

Friday 15th. June 11.00 am. Gospel Reflection group at St. Matthew's
Evelyn Underhill, spiritual writer d.1941)

Sunday 17th. June 9.00 am. Eucharist at St.Linus'
Pentecost 4
10.30 am. Eucharist at St.Matthew's
12.30 pm. Confirmation Preparation at Vicarage

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday 7th. July - 10.00 am. - noon
Book and Craft rooms open for sales at St. Matthew's

Sunday 29th. July - Lunch at St. Matthew's (catered)

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
Cnr. Widford St.
& Melbourne Ave.
Glenroy 3046

with

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



PARISH PRIEST: The Reverend Jo-Anne Wells
Phone: 9306 9528
Mobile: 0414 822 095
Email; priest@matthewlinus.org.au

PARISH WEBSITE - www.matthewlinus.com please note the change

Honorary Lay Pastoral Minister
Glenda Owen 0448 821 218

Honorary Lay Parish Readers
Bev. Lacock 9309 2775
Lois Erickson 0421 327 159

**PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONE BEFORE
THE START OF THE SERVICE.**

Thank You



**Third Sunday
after
Pentecost**

**10th. June
2018**

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**

Sentence: [Here are my mother and my brothers !] Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and my mother. Mark 3. 34-35;

Collect: Almighty God, give us such a vision of your purpose, and such an assurance of your love and power, that we may ever hold fast the hope, which is in Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Readings

1 Samuel 8.4–20, 11.14–15;

All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. They said to him, 'You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.' But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, 'Give us a king to govern us.' Samuel prayed to the LORD, and the LORD said to Samuel, 'Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only – you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.' So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, 'These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; He will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plough his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day.' But the people refused to listen

SATURDAYS AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Excepting the first Saturday each month, St. Matthew's Church and meeting room will be hired by another church all other Saturday's from 8.00 am. through to 4.00 pm.

This will mean that no cleaning or anything else can occur during these hours on a Saturday.

Parish Council agreed it was beneficial to share our resources. We ask for your patience as we adjust to this new arrangement which is on trial for 3 months.

Churchwardens and Parish Council



PASTORAL LISTENING WORKSHOP



for the Parishes of the Archdeaconries of The Yarra, Maroondah and La Trobe.

Parish Partnerships Ministry, together with Hospital Chaplaincy, The Brotherhood of St. Laurence and Benetas, offer to the people of the Parishes:

Saturday 14th. July - 9.00 am.-3.30 pm.

at

St. Margaret's Eltham (79-81 Pitt St.)

\$10. includes workbook, lunch, morning tea.

This workshop is for those involved in ministry through home visits, aged care, Op shops, playgroups, youth and family work, welcoming, hospitality, including clergy and pastoral teams.

It is through listening to the Holy Spirit, to each other and our own self-knowing that we can bring care to influence people and communities in change for the good of all.

Please RSVP to Rev. Jo-Anne by 26th. June, Jo-Anne will make a 'block' booking.

MISSION NEWS

- * Nungalinga College - newsletter and donation request.
- * Bible Society - newsletter and donation request
- * Bush Church Aid - prayer diary, newsletter and donation request
- * Anglican Overseas Aid - newsletter and donation request.

NOTICES

WORKING BEE at ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday 17th. June

after the 10.30 am. service



Followed by soup and rolls lunch for those who participate in the working bee



There are many chores to do in readiness for the Bishop's visit on 24th. June



BISHOP'S VISIT



Sunday 24th June 2018 - combined service
10.00 am. at St. Matthew's including Confirmations

This will be Bishop Philip's last visit to the parish prior to his retirement later in the year.

Please bring a plate of goodies for refreshments after the service .

If you need transport to St. Matthew's please ask one of the Wardens

HYMN SING-ALONG

Sunday 17th. June at 2.00 pm.

At

Pascoe Vale South Uniting Church

10 Cumberland Rd. Pascoe Vale South 3044

Compere - Rev. Ian Collings Organist - Geoffrey Anderson

Afternoon Tea to follow

to the voice of Samuel; they said, 'No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.' Samuel said to the people, 'Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship.' So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal. There they sacrificed offerings of well-being before the LORD, and there Saul and all the Israelites rejoiced greatly.

Psalm 138;

- 1 I will give thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
even before the gods will I sing your praises.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name;
**because of your faithfulness and loving-kindness.
for you have made your name and your word
supreme over all things.**
- 3 At a time when I called to you, you gave me answer;
and put new strength within my soul.
- 4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 5 And they shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
that the glory of the Lord is great.
- 6 For though the Lord is exalted, he looks upon the lowly,
and he comprehends the proud from afar.
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of danger,
yet will you preserve my life;
**you will stretch out your hand against the fury of my enemies,
and your right hand shall save me.**
- 8 The Lord will make complete his purpose for me;
**your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever,
do not forsake the work of your own hands.**

2 Corinthians 4.13 – 5.1

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture – 'I believed, and so I spoke' – we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

GOSPEL Mark 3.20–35;

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his companions could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from

Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin' – for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.' Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'



**PENTECOST 3
10th. JUNE**

WHAT WE HEAR

The true leader of the community of faith is God. In today's readings, we discover impulses that resist and reject God's good leadership and vision for our lives in the face of human ambition – impulses that may mirror our own challenges in seeking and following God's leadership in our own lives.

Focus Scripture

Today's story begins with the prophet Samuel already retired after serving for many years as Israel's judge – the highest authority in a nation loosely governed by the elders of various tribes. As judge, Samuel had mediated God's leadership over the people, but now the elders of Israel, using the moral failures of Samuel's sons as his successor as an excuse, demand the leadership of a king instead. Samuel reacts to this with displeasure. In his conversation with God, it becomes clear that the immediate issue is the feeling of rejection, which, as God's representative to the people, Samuel feels keenly. But although God may also be disappointed, God seems prepared

for it, noting that from the very time of deliverance of Egypt, the people of Israel had been forsaking God, despite God's great acts on their behalf. God responds by instructing Samuel to deliver a lengthy warning on embracing human power. It is implied that unlike God, earthly kings will rule brutally and exploit them. The people will be conscripted to fight wars and labour in a king's fields, who will also take the best of all of the nation's resources – people, flocks, land, and harvests. Worst of all, God declares that when the people have finally had enough and cry out to God, there will be no response from the God they have rejected. These warnings do not dissuade the elders, which is troubling and puzzling. The key may lie in the phrase "like other nations," which accompanies the request for a king. Other nations had their own gods, but Israel had a unique relationship with God because God was, in effect, also their sovereign. Thus Israel's relationship to their "king" was primarily theological and moral. In contrast, the other nations submitted to a king in a relationship that was more overtly economic and political. God may be more loving and powerful than earthly rulers, but it was on God's terms: the history of the period of judges in Israel shows God periodically letting the people be attacked or conquered as the people stray from God's law. Earthly kings, on the other hand, were constantly in the pursuit of wealth and power. Would the elders, as the elites of the land, feel they might be exempt from the pitfalls of human power and instead benefit from it? In the end, a reluctant Samuel heeds the people's request and anoints Saul as king of the new monarchy. We are left with a disturbing portrait of God going along with the people's demands even as God is aware that it is not in the best interests of the people. As Samuel grapples with the implications of human kingship over Israel, the psalmist in **Psalm 138** affirms God's sovereignty and good rule over all. In **2 Corinthians 4:13— 5:1**, Paul describes our struggle to be renewed and re-created in Christ, praising God who desires us to develop to our glorious full potential as children of God. Finally, in **Mark 3:20–35**, Jesus challenges assumptions of how we are to relate to one another and to God, teaching that it is God who is ultimately at the head of all of our relationships.

.....

The Season after Pentecost is a time to reflect on God's transforming presence, and our scriptures testify to a God who longs to lead us and all of creation into wholeness and peace. Yet it is not always easy to choose to follow God's leading. In what areas of your life do you find God leading you, and when do you resist?

REFLECTION

**We thank you, Creator God,
for your vision for justice and wholeness for our world.
May we grow in your love, wisdom, and presence so that
in the face of injustice and suffering we may become leaders
helping to usher in your peace to all creation. Amen.**