

*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

Wednesday 8th. May 10.00 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's  
*Julian of Norwich, holy woman and mystic (d.1417)*

Thursday 9th. May 11.30 am. Reserved Sacrament at Plumpton Villa  
Aged Care Facility

Friday 10th. May 11.00 am. Gospel Reflection group at St. Matthew's

Sunday 12th. May 9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'  
10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's

*Mothers' Day  
( commercial date )*

### LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday 18th. May - Working Bee at St. Matthew's

- Hand-made Card making Workshop at St. Matthew's

Sunday 19th. May - St. Matthew's Care Groups leaders meeting

Saturday 25th. May - Parish Council at St. Matthew's

Saturday 1st. June - New Craft and Second-hand Books for sale at St. Matthew's

Sunday 9th. June - PENTECOST

Wednesday 12th. June - Eucharist at St. Matthew's and Mothers' Union Deanery gathering - M U Executive speakers - 11am.-noon & 1 pm.-2pm. Listening, Observing, Acting  
All Welcome - BYO Lunch - Tea & Coffee supplied

### Pew Leaflet Notices:

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

## The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield / Merlynston



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Melbourne Ave.  
Glenroy

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



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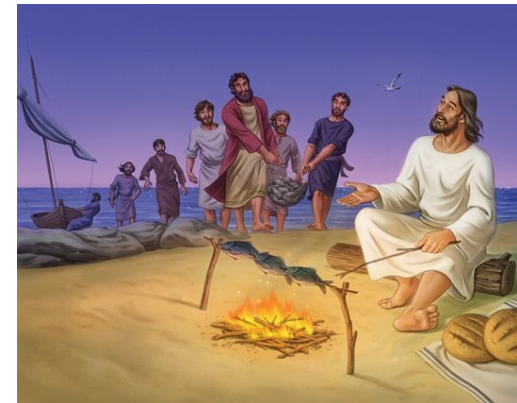
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Third Sunday  
of  
Easter

5th. May  
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:** To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb, be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever. Revelation 5. 13;

**Collect:** Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death, and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection, may, through the renewing power of your Spirit, rise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Readings**

**Acts 9.1-6 (7-20)**

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' ( 7 The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul

**WORKING BEE at ST. LINUS'**

**Saturday 11th. May from 9.30 am.**

**The May issue of *The Melbourne Anglican (TMA)* is now available in the foyer/narthex. This issue includes:**

- Reaction from church leaders to the bombings at Sri Lankan churches and hotels on Easter Day, which Archbishop Philip Freier has condemned as "appalling" and "reprehensible"
  - Anglican agencies push for a fairer Australia in the lead-up to the May federal election
  - Navy chaplain the Revd Kate Lord talks about life at sea and evangelism
  - Reports on two parish projects – the Carlton Debt Centre, run by St Jude's Church in partnership with Christians Against Poverty, and the refugee and community ministries of St Andrew's Corio – that are providing practical help to people in need
  - A special four-page Melbourne Anglican Foundation supplement highlighting ministry and mission initiatives
  - An interview with women's ministry pioneer the Revd Dr Colleen O'Reilly, who retired last month after 12 years as vicar of St George's Malvern
  - "Strengthening life' for Kenyan women, children": special reports on two Anglican Overseas Aid projects in Kenya, including a new project to address gender-based violence and child abuse and build safer communities
  - A viewpoint by Oaktree Anglican vicar the Revd Dr Mark Durie on Pentecostalism's increasing influence in Australia
  - In the wake of the fire which seriously damaged Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, the Revd Canon Ken Letts, who served for 20 years in France, reflects on a place of worship which he says is "for the French nation specifically, and for the world generally, a sacramental, that is, a potent sign of the sacred in our midst"
- \* In our Heroes of the Faith series, a tribute to John Wesley.

**HYMN SING-A-LONG**

**Sunday 19th. May 2019 at 2.00 pm.  
Pascoe Vale South Uniting Church  
10 Cumberland Rd. Pascoe Vale South Vic. 3044**

**Compere: Rev. ian Collings      Organist: Geoffrey Anderson**  
*Please come along, and bring your friends*

Afternoon Tea to follow

## NOTICES



### CARD MAKING WORKSHOP

**Saturday 18th. May - 10.00 am. to Noon**

In front room of Wiseman House at St. Matthew's Anglican Church

Concertina / Multi-fold card will be demonstrated

Kit to make your own will be available for \$5.

**RSVP to Marie Brennan 0438 098 613, to reserve your kit**

*If interest is sufficient, future workshops will include -  
Knitting, Crochet, Smocking, Macrame*



**SUNDAY 19th. May 2019**

**9.00 am. Pageant**

**Presented by the Children**

at St Linus' - corner Delta Ave & Glyndon Ave, Merlynston Service  
followed by Morning Tea

ALL WELCOME



Please join us for a  
**TRIVIA AFTERNOON**  
to support

**GLENROY COLLEGE CHAPLAINCY**

**On SUNDAY May 26th.**

**@ 2.30 pm.**

St. Matthew's Anglican Church  
Cnr. Widford St. & Melbourne Ave.

Glenroy

BYO Nibbles ( and friends )

Tea / Coffee supplied



ADMISSION \$10. DOOR PRIZE TRADING TABLE

and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' ]

### Psalm 30

- 1 I will exalt you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up from the depths;  
**and have not suffered my foes to triumph over me.**
- 2 O Lord my God, I cried to you,  
**and you have made me whole.**
- 3 You brought me back, O Lord, from the land of silence;  
**you saved my life from among those that go down to the Pit.**
- 4 Sing praises to the Lord, all you his faithful ones;  
**and give thanks to his holy name.**
- 5 For if in his anger is havoc, in his good favour is life;  
**Heaviness may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.**
- 6 In my prosperity I said 'I shall never be moved;  
**Your goodness, O Lord, has set me on so firm a hill.'**
- 7 Then you hid your face from me;  
**and I was greatly dismayed.**
- 8 I cried to you, O God;  
**And made my petition humbly to my Lord.**
- 9 'What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit?  
**Can the dust give you thanks, or declare your faithfulness?**
- 10 Hear, O Lord, and be merciful;  
**O Lord, be my helper.'**
- 11 You have turned my lamentation into dancing;  
**you have put off my sack-cloth and girded me with joy.**
- 12 That my heart may sing your praise and never be silent;  
**O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.**

### Revelation 5. 11-14;

I, John, looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!' Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!' And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

### GOSPEL John 21.1-19;

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter

heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God. After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'



**3rd. SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**5th. May 2019**

**THE WAY FORWARD**

Christ calls and restores disciples through times of dramatic turning and times of quiet unfolding. In the midst of uncertainty and risk, the Risen Christ stands over and above all rival claims to allegiance. The Spirit shows the way forward, commissioning individuals and communities to this witness.

**Focus Scripture**

**Acts 9:1–6, (7–20)** We are first introduced to Saul in Acts 7:58, where those who gathered to witness the stoning of Stephen “laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul” (Acts 7:58). Saul approves of this killing, and then takes a leading role in “ravaging” the church (8:1–3). This persecution scatters the community. The reading opens with Saul seeking out the dispersed followers of “The Way.”

“The Way” refers to the Christian community. In Hebrew Scriptures, “the way” is an expression that suggests living in conformity with the Law of Moses. The author’s use of this term in Acts suggests that these early Christians continued to regard themselves as part of the Jewish community. Saul’s encounter with the risen and ascended Jesus begins with a flash of light that puts Saul on the ground. There is a voice, identified as coming from “Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” that calls Saul by name and directs him to Damascus. He is to wait there until he is “told what you are to do.” When Saul gets up, he can see nothing and is led by his companions to Damascus. Sometimes overlooked in the drama of Saul’s experience is the story of the call of Ananias, described as “a disciple in Damascus.” Christ appears to Ananias in a vision, telling him to go to Saul. Like the rest of the dispersed Christian community, Ananias had good cause to mistrust Saul. Saul had done “much evil” to the church, and had authority from the chief priests in Jerusalem to “bind all who invoke” the name of Jesus Christ. Yet, Christ assures Ananias that Saul “is an instrument whom I have chosen.” Ananias is challenged to a turning of his own, and accepts the risks of going to Saul to bring healing to this former enemy. The Spirit brings restoration to Saul through Ananias’s word (“Brother Saul”) and touch. The narrative ends with Saul’s proclamation of Jesus as the Christ. Both Saul and Ananias have encounters with Christ that transform them for bold witness, and will later transform their communities and the others they meet. While tradition includes a name change for Saul in this encounter, Acts does not begin using Paul – the Greek form of Saul – until reporting Paul’s witness in Cyprus (Acts 13:9). Today’s additional scriptures depict transforming encounter with God in other ways. In **Psalm 30**, the psalmist speaks from a near-death experience and celebrates God who is able to transform weeping into joy.

In **Revelation 5:11–14**, the community of the faithful encounters God in worship, praising the Lamb – once slaughtered, but now standing beside the throne of God. Peter, in **John 21:1–19**, reverses his threefold denial of Jesus (John 18:15–27) with a threefold affirmation of love. Peter’s transformation and restoration comes through encounter with the Risen Christ.

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Christ calls, restores, and commissions individuals and communities to serve as witnesses to transforming and enduring ways of love. In following this way forward, we encounter God, in whose presence we live and serve. In what ways, and through what persons, have you encountered Jesus? What is required for a person to risk changing? How do you and your church understand the mission you have received from Christ?

**REFLECTION**

**Show us the way forward, O Christ.**

**Send us the Spirit, that we might perceive you in the words and deeds of others.  
Journey with us while we are becoming faithful witnesses  
to your wise and transforming ways. Amen.**

**TODAY - SUNDAY 5th. May 2019 at 5.00 pm. to 6.00 pm.**



Informal service at St Linus’  
corner Delta Ave & Glyndon Ave, Merlynston  
No Church experience necessary  
Includes a light meal in our Community Hall.