

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 WEEEK

TODAY at St. Matthew's, following Morning Tea - Working Bee

Monday 20th. August 1.30 pm. Home Group - Glenroy
Bernard of Clairvaux, abbot and teacher (d.1153)

Wednesday 22nd. August 10.00 am. Morning Prayer at St Matthew's

Thursday 23rd. August 10.00 am. Playgroup at St. Linus'

Friday 24th. August 11.00 am. Gospel Reflection Group
BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE and MARTYR

Sunday 26th. August 9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'
Pentecost 14 10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's,

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday 1st. September - Produce & Plant Market, Books & Craft
at St. Matthew's

Sunday 23rd. September - Patronal Festivals - St. Linus & St. Matthew
Catered Lunch at St. Linus'

Saturday 6th. October - Book and Craft rooms open at St. Matthew's

Saturday 13th. October - Community Fair at St. Matthew's

Saturday 3rd. November - Book and Craft rooms open at St. Matthew's

Sunday 18th. November - Parish Annual Meeting

Saturday 1st. December - Book and Craft rooms open at St. Matthew's

Saturday 8th. December - Christmas Fair at St. Linus'

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

Thank You

I am
the living
bread
that came
down from
heaven.

John 6:51



**Thirteenth Sunday
after
Pentecost**

**19th. August
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: Jesus said, 'Those who eat of my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.'
John 6. 56;

Collect: Everliving God, your Son, Jesus Christ, gave himself as living bread, for the life of the world: give us such a knowledge of his presence, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Readings

1 Kings 2.10–12; 3.3–14;

David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established. Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt-offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. 7 And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have



Have you excess vegies or fruit in your garden ?

*Please tell family, friends and neighbours
about this event*



Produce and Plant Market

Saturday 1st. September 2018

9.00 am. to 12 noon

**In the front grounds , along the driveway
of
Wiseman House
at
St. Matthew's Anglican Church
Cnr. Widford St. & Melbourne Ave. Glenroy**

Call Colleen on 0438 673 779

Book a site - \$20.

Hire a table extra \$10.

*Also, BOOK and CRAFT rooms open
for sales in Wiseman House,
for the usual 1st. Saturday of each month*

NOTICES

THANK YOU

to Marie Brennan for arranging the HIGH TEA,
and thank you to Colleen and all who helped in setting-up, and cleaning-up
after the very successful event.

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MANY THANKS to all who filled in for me during July.
From Jeanette Keeble

FRIDAY 24th. AUGUST - 7.30 pm.

to support GLENROY SCHOOLS CHAPLAINCY FUND

TRIVIA NIGHT

at Holy Trinity Anglican Church
cnr. Pleasant and Gyles Sts. Pascoe Vale

\$10. admission

Tea and Coffee provided, Please bring your own nibbles

FROM ARCHBISHOP PHILIP FRIER

To mark his retirement and acknowledge the many contributions which Bishop Philip Huggins has made to the Diocese and beyond, a presentation will be made to him at the Synod Eucharist on Wednesday 17th. October.

This acknowledgement will be a monetary gift to the work of The National Council of Churches, (of which Bp. Philip is the President) in the abolition of slavery in all its forms.

Donations are invited from individuals, parishes, schools and agencies, and can be given through an account held at the Anglican Development Fund.

BSB: 703 122

Account no. 05009591

Account Name: MATC - NCCA Anti-slavery fund

THE GIDEONS IN AUSTRALIA

Saturday 6th. October 2018 - 7.00 pm.

at the Celebrity Room, Moonee Valley
Sharing Faith in Australia Tomorrow

Society and Culture are changing, How will we share the gospel ?

Guest Speaker: Karl Faase, CEO of Olive Tree Media

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not asked, both riches and honour all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.'

Psalm 111;

- 1 O praise the Lord, I will praise the Lord with my whole heart;
in the company of the upright, and among the congregation.
- 2 The works of the Lord are great;
and studied by all who take delight in them.
- 3 His deeds are majestic and glorious;
and his righteousness stands for ever.
- 4 His marvellous acts have won him a name to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.
- 5 He gives food to those that fear him;
he remembers his covenant for ever.
- 6 He showed his people the power of his acts;
in giving them the heritage of the heathen.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithful and just;
and all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand firm for ever and ever;
they are done in faithfulness and in truth.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people; he ordained his covenant for ever;
holy is his name and worthy to be feared.
- 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and of good understanding are those that keep his commandments;
his praise shall endure for ever.

Ephesians 5. 15–20;

Brothers and sisters, be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL John 6. 51–58;

Jesus said to the crowd: 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.' The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'



PENTECOST 13
19th. August 2018

WHAT WE DISCERN

Understanding God's ways requires not only opening our heart, but also using our head. Faithful discernment is marked by experience and reason. As we reflect on our experiences, God continues to reveal Godself to us. Today's readings emphasize the importance of wisdom in using our time in Christ-like living.

Focus scripture

Ephesians 5:15–20

The focus readings from the letter to the Ephesians in recent weeks have included instructions for how, and how not, to live. In today's focus passage, the people of the early church are encouraged to live with wisdom, to use their time well, and to reject foolishness. But what does it mean to live with wisdom? The writer of the letter to the Ephesians wants people to make the most of every opportunity they have to live lives that are in keeping with God's hopes and dreams for humankind. Over all else in this passage comes the instruction that we should always give thanks to God.

A concern is raised about drinking alcohol, and we should note that this is not an admonition against the occasional glass of wine but rather a statement about the ways in which people were living at the time. It would seem that people had been getting drunk (which "leads to depravity" we are told in verse 18) and this keeps them from living wise Christian lives. The instruction about not living foolishly really has more to do with common sense. Use your best judgment; don't cloud it with too much liquor or with other ideas that get in the way of worshipping and serving God with joy. From the earliest days of the church, outsiders have confused spiritual ecstasy with drunkenness (see Acts 2:13) but the concern here goes beyond that.

The passage concludes with instruction about worship, singing, and giving thanks at all times and for everything. This is challenging for there are times in which we, rightly, experience frustration and hurt rather than gratitude. This verse speaks to a vision of God's realm, in which brokenness is healed and all can rejoice with integrity. In the meantime, it is a helpful reminder to monitor one's own grievances and to look for opportunities to give thanks.

The importance of wisdom is emphasized in this week's readings from the Hebrew Scriptures. In **1 Kings 2:10–12**; **3:13–14**, Solomon becomes king, and God rewards him for his desire for the gift of discernment. **Psalms 111** notes that wisdom comes through recognizing the place of humanity in relationship to God. People listening to Jesus struggle to discern his message in **John 6:51–58**. Just as God provides

wisdom to Solomon, Jesus provides spiritual nourishment to the people. Together, these passages affirm the centrality of God's gift of wisdom in the life of faith.

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We live in a culture that makes many competing demands on our time, yet we have more leisure time available to us than generations past did. According to the 2008 American Time Use Survey, people in the United States spend an average of 2 hours and 45 minutes per day watching television, but only 8 minutes per day engaged in spiritual activities. Like the recipients of the letter to the Ephesians who easily succumbed to quaffing wine rather than drinking the living water of God, we are inclined to consume stimulating "junk food" for our brains rather than calming our hearts and minds that we might instead consume the "living bread" of Jesus. The readings this week remind us that God calls us to be mindful of the ways in which we spend our time, whether in leisure or in worship. Time is a precious gift and resource to be managed wisely. Faith communities can help people create space in their lives to focus on simpler living, practice thanksgiving and other forms of prayer, and take time to discern God's will. How might you use your time to cultivate wisdom in loving others, doing justice, and worshipping God?

REFLECTION

Great God of wisdom, you patiently offer us wisdom for living.

**You share with us ways in which we can know ourselves,
 each other, and the greater world.**

**Beyond that, when we seek to align ourselves with your will,
 you invite us into new relationship.**

Open us to learn – always – of your goodness and your glory. Amen.

SUNDAY 2nd. September at 5.00 pm.

Informal service at St Linus' corner Delta Ave & Glyndon Ave, Merlynston
 No church experience necessary!
 Last Sunday of the month 5-6 pm.
 Includes a light meal in our community hall.
 For questions or more information, contact

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