

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 anyone who wishes to make their Stewardship giving contribution by Direct Debit, or for giving a donation to the Parish.

Indue Ltd. BSB 703122 Account 05004414

DIARY THIS WEEK

Tuesday 29th. October 10.30 am. Churchwardens and Treasurer Budget meeting
2.00 pm. Ecumenical Prayer and Praise Service at Federation Residential Village

Wednesday 30th. October 10.00 am. Morning Prayer at St. Matthew's

Thursday 31st. October 10.00 am. Playgroup at St. Linus' *Martin Luther (d. 1546)*
3.30 pm. Parish Council at St. Matthew's *and other Continental Reformers*

Friday 1st. November 11.00 am. Gospel Reflection group at St. Matthew's
ALL SAINTS

Saturday 2nd. November 10.00 am. Craft / Bric-a-Brac and Secondhand Books at St. Matthew's

Sunday 3rd. November 9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'
ALL SAINTS / ALL SOULS SUNDAY 10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's,

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 27th. October - Lunch & Time of Discussion, with the Vicar, venue to be announced

Saturday 2nd. November - Secondhand books and Craft/bric-a-brac at St. Matthew's

Sunday 17th. November - Parish Annual meeting at St. Linus'

The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield / Merlynston



St. Matthew's
cnr. Widford St. &
Melbourne Ave.
Glenroy

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



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**Twentieth Sunday
after
Pentecost**

**27th. October
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: For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.

Luke 18:14b

Collect: O God, who alone can probe the depths of the heart, you hear the prayer of the humble, and justify the repentant sinner; grant us the gift of humility, that, seeing our own faults clearly, we may refrain from judging our neighbour, but rely solely upon your saving grace. We make our prayer through your Son, our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Readings

Joel 2. 23–32;

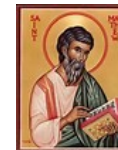
O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterwards I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

Psalm 65;

- 1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be paid, you that answer prayer.
- 2 To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins;
When our misdeeds prevail against us, you will purge them away

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**THE YEAR OF MATTHEW
STUDY DAY**

A day for clergy and lay people to be enriched by the Gospel readings from Matthew for the forthcoming Church year, and to explore some of the Old Testament texts to be read at Eucharists in the Year of Matthew.

SATURDAY 16th. NOVEMBER 2019

10.00 am. - 3.30 pm., Old Warden's Lodge, Trinity College, Parkville

\$40 / \$30 concession

For more information and to register: www.trybooking.com/546413

Alternatively email: theologyevents@trinity.edu.au or call 03 9348 7127



ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION

AL AHLI HOSPITAL RECEIVES GLOBAL MINISTRIES AWARD

ABM is proud to share the exciting news that the Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza has received an award in recognition of its work and commitment. Visit our website to read the update we received from Sawsan Aranki-Batato, Al Ahli's Program Development Officer.

NEW ABM STUDIES TO BE RELEASED FOR ADVENT & LENT

Songs from a Strange Land is a new study for Advent written by Celia Kemp, author of *Into the Desert*.

You can download the free app for Android and Apple devices [here](#). Printed copies of the study will be available in November.

In 2020 ABM will offer a new Lent study on mission focusing on the book of Acts. The study called *Where do we go from here?* has been co-written by Rev'd Dr Associate Professor Matthew Anstey and Rev'd Canon Stephen Daughtry. More details will be available soon

TONY NAAKE'S MYANMAR WATER CHALLENGE

Find out about Tony Naake, a long-time ABM supporter, and his challenge to raise \$50,000 for ABM's Integrated Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Project in Myanmar.

"Mission is finding out what God is doing and joining in."

- Rowan Williams

If you enjoyed reading the above stories, tell us what you are doing for ABM's mission within your groups, parishes and dioceses and share it with others. Please send your photos and stories to Vivienne at vivienne.for@abmission.org.au.

Pew Leaflet Notices:

Please give to, or phone Glenda Owen,
or e-mail: - gonana7@bigpond.com - by 7.00 pm. Wednesday

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY 17th. November at ST. LINUS'

To all who need to write a report for Annual Meeting, please give or email to the Secretary, Glenda Owen, by Sunday 3rd. November, so that these can be compiled and photocopied for distribution on Sunday 10th. November.

Eg. Incumbent; Churchwardens; Secretary; Treasurer; Aged Care Facilities; St. Matthew's Care groups; Gospel Reflection Group; Home Groups; Mission; Mothers' Union; St. Linus' Playgroup; St. Linus' Kindergarten; St. Matthew's and St. Linus' Hall Hire; Book & Craft Rooms; Synod; Chaplaincy in Schools; Homework Tutoring; St. Linus' Hall Committee;

If a written report is not received, then a Verbal report will have to be given at the Annual Meeting **THANK YOU**

PARISH FUNDRAISER

On the 1st, Saturday of every month, except January, a few dedicated Parishioners give of their time, to open the Book and Craft Rooms in Wiseman House, to raise much needed funds for the Parish.

PLEASE come and assist on the day, or browse and buy, and encourage your family, friends, neighbours to come. Lots of items suitable for gifts, plus toys, children's books

The next opening days for 2019 are -

SATURDAY 2nd. NOVEMBER - 10.00 am. to Noon
SATURDAY 7th. DECEMBER - 10.00 am. to 2.00 pm.
CHRISTMAS MARKET

THANK YOU to Colleen Wetzel
for opening the Craft Room on the Saturday and Sunday of the Broadmeadows and District Garden Club Spring Show. Colleen raised \$265 toward Parish funds.

THE AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDAR 2020

The order form is on the noticeboard at St. Linus' and St. Matthew's

Calendars are \$12. each
Please place your payment in an envelope, marked 'calendar' your name and amount, and place in offertory bowl

Your last opportunity to order Calendars will be Sunday 10th. November

Every Calendar purchased supports the work of the Anglican Church in Australia with preservation of important church items such as Artworks, Vestments, Sacred vessels etc.

- 3 Blessed are those whom you choose and take to yourself to dwell within your courts;
we shall be filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.
- 4 You will answer us in your righteousness with terrible deeds, O God our saviour;
you that are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the distant seas.
- 5 Who by your strength made fast the mountains;
You that are girded with power.
- 6 Who stilled the raging of the seas, the roaring of their waves,
and the tumult of the peoples.
- 7 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth are afraid at your wonders;
the dawn and the evening sing your praises.
- 8 You tend the earth and water it;
you make it rich and fertile.
- 9 The river of God is full of water;
And so providing for the earth, you provide grain for us all.
- 10 You drench its furrows, you level the ridges between;
you soften it with showers and bless its early growth.
- 11 You crown the year with your goodness,
and the tracks where you have passed drip with fatness.
- 12 The pastures of the wilderness run over;
and the hills are girded with joy.
- 13 The meadows are clothed with sheep;
And the valleys stand so thick with corn, they shout for joy and sing.

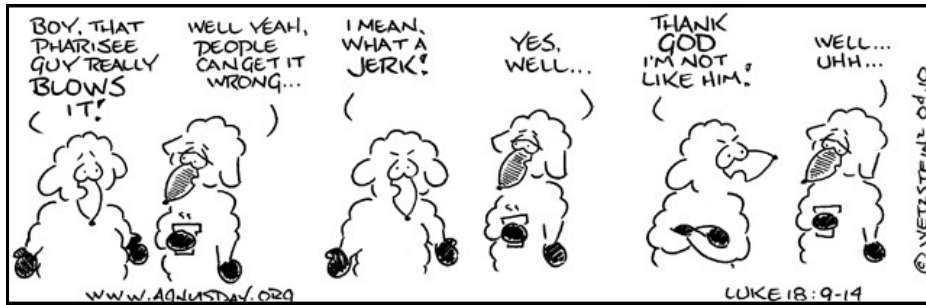
2 Timothy 4. 6–8, 16–18;

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL Luke 18. 9–14;

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'





20th. Sunday after Pentecost
27-10-2019

NO DISTANCE TOO GREAT

As the church year draws to a close and culminates in the glory of Christ's reign, we celebrate the transformative power that God gives to the church, the body called to live together as disciples of Christ. As we delve deeper into what it means to live as one, we often grapple with internal and external barriers, histories of shame, and feelings of unworthiness. The scriptures this week celebrate how nothing stands in the way of God's love, and no distance is too great for God's grace to reach promise.

Focus scripture:

Luke 18:9-14; The American writer, Anne Lamott, wrote in her spiritual memoir that there are only two actual prayers; "Help, help" and "Thank you, thank you." Are there really only the two extreme postures: humiliated or beyond reproach? Or can we find the meaning of God's grace in the lives of both men as they learn how to trust God, both in the act of being humbled and of being exalted? As we listen to the parable Jesus tells and consider the context of his teaching, let us look for a way beyond the duality of these two praying people towards a balanced view of what it means to know oneself as a child of God in the large, extended family of creation. Shame keeps us isolated in community. Often we are not aware of its voice telling us we are not enough, that we aren't like everyone else, or that we need a little more knowledge, sobriety, or selflessness to truly be a part of the group. We look around and compare ourselves to what we think others already are. Either we come out on top or on the bottom; either way, comparing ourselves creates a false separation. Verses nine and ten describe the audience of Jesus as people who have contempt for others, like the Pharisee. Jesus concludes with a reversal of fortune to provoke them into recognizing the ways they have separated themselves. But there is also good news of humility and exaltation to be explored in the concepts mentioned here and echoed throughout scripture. These are not states we reach in isolation but in communion with God. We are free from shame and united with one another when we walk humbly with God and are exalted in God's divine love.

Joel 2:23-32 juxtaposes images of abundance with memories of shame. God's promise of a hopeful freedom includes freedom from our own prisons. In the prophetic imagination visible in the Hebrew Bible, shame scorches the world with images of hunger, drought, and plagues, separating human beings from the sources of life. Shame works internally, too, to cut us off from our hopes, our relationships, our communities, and God. Psalm 65 rejoices in the recognition that God saves us when sins threaten to overwhelm. God's gift of abundance extends not just to people, but to rivers, hills, pastures, meadows and valleys whose verdant growth "shout and sing together for joy."

The writer's estimation of his life of righteousness in **2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18** echoes that of the Pharisee in this week's gospel lesson, but in this case the estimation is coming from

prison not a place of comfort. Even in a time of trial, forgiveness is extended to those who have abandoned him and credit is given to God so that the true source of righteousness will be glorified.

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Today's scriptures reveal the contrasts in lives, between certain types of people, between one way of living and another, between our history and our future, between the life we look back on and the death we anticipate. Repentance means "to turn back." There is a sense in which turning away or towards something is powerful and identifying contrasts is helpful for this. There are other times when contrasting ourselves and our lives with others can damage our estimation of the present and our possibilities for the future. With what human dynamics do you, as an individual and as a community, identify?

REFLECTION

**God, thank you for making us who we are – unique and unified.
May we grow in mercy to heal the separations between us. Amen.**

WE ARE INVITED

To attend Choral Evensong on Thursday 28th. November at 5.10 pm.

at St. Paul's Cathedral

when the Parish of St. Matthew's Glenroy/Hadfield

with St. Linus' Merlynston will be upheld in prayer during the service from the Book of Common Prayer.

We are requested to send to the Dean of the Cathedral 2 or 3 items of concerns or thanks, to be included in the prayers during Choral Evensong.

Please pass any thoughts on to Glenda Owen.



LOOKING AHEAD - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Glenroy Christmas Carols - Saturday **14th. December** - 7.00 - 9.00 pm. in the front grounds of Wiseman House An Ecumenical endeavour of combining with The Hope Centre, The Salvation Army, Baptist and Uniting churches

Christmas pageant will be held in the park at Merlynston as part of a Carols in the Park community event Saturday **21st. December.** 5.00 - 7.00 pm. Salvation Army will provide music.

MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

Saturday 16th. November 2019 3.00 pm. - 6.00 pm. Glen Waverley Anglican Church 800 Waverley Rd. Glen Waverley Archbishop's Welcome Cultural Dancing Face Painting Cultural Food

Praise and Worship Jumping Castle
Funds raised will support Multicultural Mission work