

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

by Direct Debit - BSB 703122 Indue Ltd. Account 05004414
The account is in the name of - St. Matthew's Glenroy Hadfield with St. Linus' Merlynston

DIARY THIS WEEK

*Pray for the Defence Forces of Australia
today being the nearest Sunday to Remembrance Day*

Tuesday 10th. November
Leo of Rome, bishop and teacher [d.461]

Wednesday 11th. November 10.00 am. Morning Prayer on Zoom
MARTIN, BISHOP of TOURS [d.461] and Remembrance Day

Thursday 12th. November
Charles Simeon, priest and evangelist [d.1836]

Sunday 15th. November 10.30 am. on-line service
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 29th. November - Parish Annual Meeting at St. Matthew's,
following the 10.30 am. service.

You are reminded that -

All reports = Churchwardens; On-Line ministry; Home Group; Gospel reflection group;
St. Linus' Playgroup; St. Linus' Kindergarten; Hall Hire; St. Linus' Hall committee;

to be given to Hon. Secretary by **14th. November, thank you.**

Electoral Roll closes **14th. November 2020**,
To be eligible to vote at Annual Meeting, parishioners must be enrolled
on Parish Electoral Roll.

Nominations for Churchwardens, Parish Council Member,
Incumbency Committee, - **close 21st. November**

The November issue of The Melbourne Anglican is available online at
www.anglicanmediamelbourne

Printed copies will be available at each Church during this coming week.

The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield / Merlynston



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with

St. Linus'
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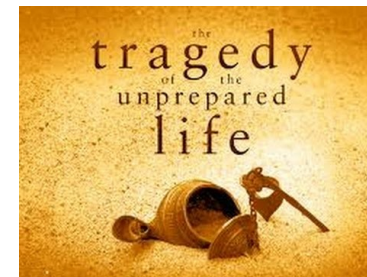
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WELCOME

*During this time of online services,
Please feel free to follow along if you have a prayer book at home.
The service begins on page 119 of A Prayer Book for Australia*

Following the service, please join in the Morning Tea on Zoom



**Twenty-Third Sunday
after
Pentecost**

**8th. November
2020**

NAIDOC WEEK 8th. to 15th. November

NAIDOC stands for - National Aborigines and Islanders Day
Observance Committee. Its origins can be traced to the emergence
of Aboriginal groups in the 1920's which sought to increase
awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.



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.

Sentence: Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.
Matthew 24. 42, 44;

Collect: Eternal God, you have taught us that the night is far spent, and the day is at hand: keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, so that when Christ, the bridegroom, comes, we may go out joyfully to meet him, and with him enter into the marriage feast, that you have prepared for all who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings

Joshua 24. 1–3a, 14–25;

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors – Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor – lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.' Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.' But Joshua said to the people, 'You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.' And the people said to Joshua, 'No, we will serve the LORD!' Then Joshua said to the people, 'You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.' And they said, 'We are witnesses.' He said, 'Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.' The people said to Joshua, 'The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.' So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Psalm 78.1–7;

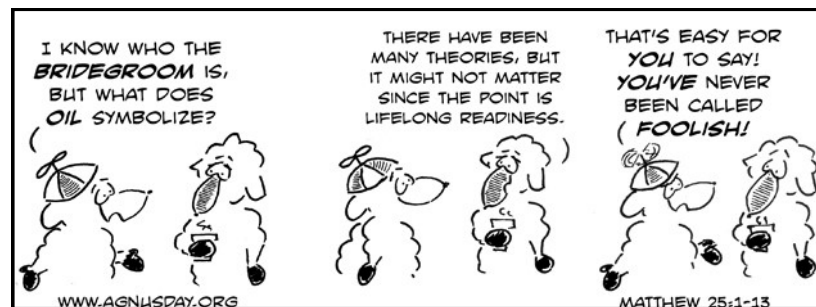
- 1 Give heed to my teaching, O my people;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 For I will open my mouth in a parable;
and expound the mysteries of former times.
- 3 What we have heard and known;
what our forebears have told us,
- 4 We will not hide from their children, but declare to a generations yet to come;
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, his mighty and wonderful works.
- 5 He established a law in Jacob and made a decree in Israel;
which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children;
- 6 That further generations might know, and those yet unborn;
that they in their turn might teach it to their children;
- 7 So that they might put their confidence in God;
and not forget his works, but keep his commandments.

1 Thessalonians 4. 13–18;

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

GOSPEL Matthew 25. 1–13;

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'



PLEASE NOTE

The Rev'd Carmel Hunter has been appointed by Archbishop Philip Freier and Bishop Kate Prowd for 2.5 days each week, to be Locum Vicar during the Interregnum of this Parish. [generally - Wednesday morning; Thursday and Friday]

Carmel is also Locum in the Parish of St. Peter's Fawkner.

Please support Carmel in whatever way you are able, during her time of ministry with us.

When Sunday Services do commence again in either Church, in order to comply with DHHS and Diocesan regulations, surfaces such as Pews, Seats, Chairs, Tables, Door Handles / Knobs, Light Switches & Toilets will need to be wiped, after each Service.

Please assist the PARISH COVID SAFETY OFFICERS - Avril Salter and May Admans by volunteering to take your turn with cleaning after a Service. *Thank You.*