

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 15th. October 1.30 pm. Home Group at Glenroy
Teresa of Avila, teacher (d.1592)

Tuesday 16th. October
Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley, bishops and martyrs (d.1555)

Wednesday 17th. October 10.00 am. Eucharist at St Matthew's
Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr (d.c. 115)

Thursday 18th. October 10.00 am. Playgroup at St. Linus'
LUKE, EVANGELIST 10.45 am. Holy Communion at Colton Close
and MARTYR Aged Care Facility

Friday 19th. October 11.00 am. Reflection group at St. Matthew's
Henry Martyn, missionary
and Bible translator in India and Persia (d.1812)

Sunday 21st. October 9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'
Pentecost 22 10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's

LOOKING AHEAD

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'

Sunday 16th. December - Nine Lessons and Carols at St. Matthew's

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



**Twenty-first Sunday
after
Pentecost**

**14th. October
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: There is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for Jesus' sake, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. Mark 10. 29-30;

Collect: Merciful God, in your Son you call not the righteous but sinners to repentance: draw us away from the easy road that leads to destruction, and guide us into paths that lead to life abundant, that in seeking your truth, and obeying your will, we may know the joy of being a disciple of Jesus our Saviour; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings

Job 23.1–9, 16–17;

Job answered his companions: 'Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted for ever by my judge. If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him. God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!'

Psalms 22.1–15;

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me;
**why are you so far from helping me,
and from the words of my groaning ?**
- 2 My God, I cry to you by day, but you do not answer;
and by night also I take no rest.
- 3 But you continue Holy ;
you that are the praise of Israel.
- 4 In you our forebears trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.



Received in Parish Letter-box or via Email -

Anglican Overseas Aid - 'Rebuilding Lives' Spring Appeal

**and more recently and very urgent, donations to assist
the people in Indonesia**

<https://anglicanoverseasaid.org/indonesia-tsunami/>.

**Anglicare Christmas Gifts Appeal for children, and Christmas
Card Catalogue, and 'Imagine' newsletter**
**PLEASE watch this space for further details regarding
CHRISTMAS GIFTS for CHILDREN**

* **Anglican Board of Mission** - Working for love, hope and justice,
and donation request.

* **Church Missionary Society** - 'Branch Matters' newsletter, prayer
diary and donation request to support the church in Nepal.
Also, to support St. Andrew's Hall (CMS Training facility)
redevelopment project.

* **Bible Society** - 'Sower' newsletter and donation request

* **MAF**-donation request to bring light to Goroka, Papua New Guinea

* **Brotherhood of St. Laurence** - 'Building Better lives' newsletter
and donation request.

* **Frontier Services** - Standing with people in the bush. Donation
request to support the John Flynn Memorial Church and Adelaide
House in Alice Springs.

* **Act for Peace** - International Aid Agency of the National Council of
Churches in Australia - Donation request to assist Syrian refugees.

* **Barnabas Fund Australia** - Aid Agency for the Persecuted
Church, bringing hope to suffering Christians.

* **Bible League Australia** - donation request to supply bibles to every
corner of the world.

WORKING BEE AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday 21st. October - Will NOT be happening due to the
Broadmeadows and District Garden Club, SPRING SHOW

ANYONE WHO HAS SPARE TIME DURING THE WEEK,
YOUR INPUT TO TIDYING THE GARDEN WILL BE MOST APPRECIATED

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday 18th. November at St. Matthew's following the 10.30 am. service

Please start thinking about writing reports and sending them to -
Glenda Owen, gonana7@bigpond.com **before 4th. November.** Thank You.

The following reports are requested -

Locum / Vicar	Churchwardens
Treasurer	Secretary
Aged Care	St. Matthew's Care Groups
Synod	Mission report
Gospel Reflection Group	Fundraising and Fellowship
Home Groups	Mothers' Union
St. Linus' Playgroup	St. Linus' Kindergarten
Hall Hire St. Matthew's & st. Linus'	
Schools Chaplaincy	Homework Tutoring Club

And any others I might have forgotten to note !

AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDAR

\$12. each

There is an Order form on the Noticeboard at St. Linus' & St. Matthew's

PLEASE place your order NOW

Place your payment in an envelope marked
'Australian Anglican church calendar' with your name and no. of Calendars

HYMN SING-ALONG

Sunday 28th. October 2018 - 2.00 pm.
at
Pascoe Vale Uniting Church
10 Cumberland Rd. Pascoe Vale South 3044

Compere: Rev. Ian Collings

Organist: Geoffrey Anderson

- 5 To you they cried and they were saved;
they put their trust in you and were not confounded.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man,
the scorn of all and despised by the people.
- 7 Those that see me laugh me to scorn;
they shoot out their lips at me and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 'He trusted in the Lord-let him deliver him;
let him deliver him, if he delights in him.'
- 9 But you are he that took me out of the womb,
That brought me to lie at peace on my mother's breast.
- 10 On you have I been cast since my birth;
you are my God, even from my mother's womb.
- 11 O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand;
and there is none to help.
- 12 Many oxen surround me;
fat bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.
- 13 They gape wide their mouths at me,
like lions that roar and rend.
- 14 I am poured out like water; and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast is like melting wax.
- 15 My mouth is dried out like a potsherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;

Hebrews 4. 12-16;

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

GOSPEL Mark 10.17-31;

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother."' He said to Jesus, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it

is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.' Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age – houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields – but with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'



PENTECOST 21
14th. October 2018

FAITH ESSENTIALS

This week's readings are challenging. Many commentaries on the gospel try to soften Jesus' commandment about selling all we have and giving the money to the poor. Yet we, like the person in that story, can feel an emptiness when we are caught up in pos-sessions. We can search for God and still come up empty-handed.

Focus scripture:

Mark 10:17–31 Over the years, various explanations have been offered for Jesus' statement about a camel passing through the eye of a needle. Perhaps the most popular is that there was a door in the wall of Jerusalem that a person could get through, but which was not big enough for a camel; it was called "the needle's eye." Given that only the wealthy could afford a camel to carry their worldly possessions, the implication was that one could only enter the city through that gate if one were unencumbered. The only problem is that, if such a gate existed at all, it is not attested to until some 800 years after the time of Jesus. It is an intriguing story, but doubtful that Jesus meant it that way.

Maybe Jesus was trying to make a different point. The idea of a camel going through the eye of a needle is ludicrous, but so is the idea of a wealthy person getting into the realm of God. It's not that God would outlaw or prohibit such a thing, but rather that a person caught up in wealth and the making of more wealth cannot see the way in which God's realm operates. In this story, the rich man seems to recognize that, but fears change.

This person knows the commandments, and knows what is required of all people to be in favour with God. Yet there is something missing, and so he asks Jesus for advice. But Jesus' advice does not sit well: "Go, sell all you have, give it to the poor, and come back and follow me." The rich person cannot do this. The question that begins the conversation with Jesus is one that many would have wondered about in those days. Yet it is not about an afterlife in heaven, but about

living in the new reality that God was about to bring to bear on earth. For too many years the Jews had longed for a day they knew was coming – a time when God's realm would be present on earth; they called this the Age to Come. It is precisely life in that age the person wants to inherit, and they inquire as to how. In addition to giving a commandment, however, notice what Jesus does. We are told in verse 21 that Jesus "loved him" and some scholars have suggested this means Jesus offered a loving gesture, perhaps putting his arm around the other's shoulder. Jesus does not stand in judgment, but enters into the other one's space, implying perhaps that he sees the world through their eyes.

Jesus also suggests that selling all he has and giving the money to the poor will in turn give him an investment with God. It's as if Jesus had said, "You want to invest in God? Invest in those who have need." It is hardly an uncommon theme in the gospels, and yet one that can be a struggle to grasp.

Just as this rich person has questions about how to attain God's favour, so we read in **Job 23:1–9, 16–17** does Job. Caught up in suffering, Job longs not so much for what is missing as simply for the presence of God in his life. Even in pain and grief he knows there is a loving God, yet he simply cannot connect with God. The writer of **Psalms 22:1–15** echoes similar feelings.

In **Hebrews 4:12–16** we are reminded that, even naked and unadorned before God, still God accepts us. Jesus knows all we have gone through, having experienced life just like us, with all its ups and downs, and understands all we go through. Just as he may have done with the rich one, so Jesus reaches out in love and touches us.

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From time to time we all can wonder how we "earn" God's favour. Hebrews reminds us that we need not do that, because of the unde-served goodness – grace – of Jesus Christ. In response to this we are called to give to others as a way of giving to God. How can giving things away bring us closer to God?

REFLECTION

**God of wondrous presence,
when we feel aban-doned and alone, come to us.
Help us to give, that we might receive so much more from you.
Help us to know that, by grace, we are invited into your realm. Amen.**



ST. MATTHEW'S PEOPLE
PLEASE can you help - more people are needed for the

**Tech. Support;
Welcomer / Collection
Morning Tea
and Church Cleaning Rosters**
**Also, Laundering Communion Purificators weekly,
And other Linens as needed.**

Please let Glenda know that you are available to be rostered. Thank You.