

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.*

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DIARY THIS WEEK

Prayers for the ordained ministry of the Church are appropriate this week

Today - 19th. May 4.00pm. Hindi Eucharist

Monday 20th. May 1.30 pm. Connect Meditation: Guided Spiritual Meditation at St. Matthew's. Please bring A cushion or rug or both.
All welcome. Enquiries - Glenda 0448 821 218

Thursday 23rd. May 10.00am. to 11.30am. Playgroup at St. Linus' All welcome to attend

Friday 24th. May
John (d.1791) and Charles (d.1788) Wesley, evangelists

Saturday 25th. May
Bede of Jarrow, priest and teacher (d.735)

Sunday 26th. May 9.00am. Eucharist at St. Linus
TRINITY SUNDAY 10.30am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's
National Reconciliation week commences

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 26th. May and Sunday 2nd. June National Reconciliation Week will be held at both centres, using the Australian Liturgy

Friday 7th. June 12.00 to 1.00pm. Foodbank Pantry open at St. Matthew's

Sunday 16th. June 4.00pm. Hindi Eucharist at St. Matthew's

Saturday 15th. June 10.30 am. Parish Council meeting at St. Matthew's

Monday 17th. June 1.30pm. Connect Meditation :
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DAY OF PENTECOST 19-05-2024



WELCOME

*The services within our parish can be seen on the screens during the service.
Please see one of our welcomers if you would like to use the complete prayer book.
Morning tea will follow the service.
Please join in our fellowship time.*



The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield with Merlynston
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St Linus' Church - 21 Glyndon Ave Merlynston 3058

Where you find yourself in Christ

PARISH PRIEST: The Reverend Robert Koren

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This Week,

Rev Rob can be found at:

St. Linus' Mon. 9 am. to 3 pm. St. Matthew's - Fri. 9 am. to 3 pm.

Available at other times by appointment only.

PARISH WEBSITE - www.matthewlinus.org.au

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PARISH PODCAST - www.buzzsprout.com/1974085

Authorised Honorary Lay Minister
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Love. Grow. Serve.

Acknowledgement of Country

From time immemorial the Wurundjeri people have cared for this land, nurtured it,
depended on it and given honour and thanks to the Creator.

As we acknowledge their faithful custodianship of the land, and the sacred stories they have told;
as we offer our respect to their elders, past, present and emerging, guide us Lord in caring for them,
this land, and each other with the help of the Holy Spirit of Dreaming.

Sentence: : ‘A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you,’ says the Lord God;
‘I will put my spirit within you and you shall live.’ *Ezekiel 36; 37. 14;*

Collect: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy and peace through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2. 1-21;

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in their native language. Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: “In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”’

Hear the Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God

Psalm 104. 26-36; said by alternate half verse

- 26 Lord, how various are your works;
in wisdom you have made them all, and the earth is full of your creatures.
27 There is the wide immeasurable sea;
there move living things without number, great and small.
28 There go the ships, to and fro;
and there is that Leviathan whom you formed to sport in the deep.
29 These all look to you;
to give them their food in due season.
30 When you give it to them, they gather it;
when you open your hand they are satisfied with good things.
31 When you hide your face, they are troubled;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.
32 When you send forth your spirit they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

33 May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

may the Lord rejoice in his works.

34 If he look upon the earth, it shall tremble;

if he but touch the mountains, they shall smoke.

35 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will praise my God while I have any being.

36 May my meditation be pleasing to him;

for my joy shall be in the Lord.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans 8. 22-27;

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Hear the Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God

The Lord be with you; **And also with you**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 15.26-27, 16. 4b-15;

Glorify to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus spoke to his disciples “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, “Where are you going?” But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord; Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Faith Matters: Jesus is the hope of the world!

When I think of my relationship with Jesus, I seek Him to be as close to me as He can be. Yet, in today’s gospel reading, Jesus says it is to our advantage that He goes away so that the Holy Spirit can be released. At Pentecost, God descends in a rushing wind, alighting the friends of Jesus with the fire of heaven, empowering them “to speak in other tongues” (Acts 2:4). There, on the streets of Jerusalem, foreigners hear the gospel in their own languages. The people are astonished at the sounds of their homeland in the mouths of these strangers. God does not speak in a universal language. The release of the Holy Spirit does not impose or coerce unity. Instead, the Spirit of God communicates in every tongue. Every dialect is holy, every accent revelatory—the incarnation of God’s living Word expressed in a plurality of mouths and tongues. God indwells differences without converting the multitudes into sameness. You and I were created to have individuality, and as such bring the Hope of Christ into the world in diverse ways offering different perspectives.

Today we are launching Hope25 throughout the Anglican Communion in Australia. We have one year to come up with a way to proclaim and witness to the world that Jesus is the hope for the world and to have this proclamation event between Resurrection Sunday and Pentecost Sunday 2025.

This journey begins today and I am asking you to take the step of asking for the Holy Spirit’s fire in your life. Proverbs 16:9 reminds us that whatever we plan, we need the Holy Spirit to help us put the steps in place. Recommit the Holy Spirit to your life today. *Blessings, Rev. Rob.*