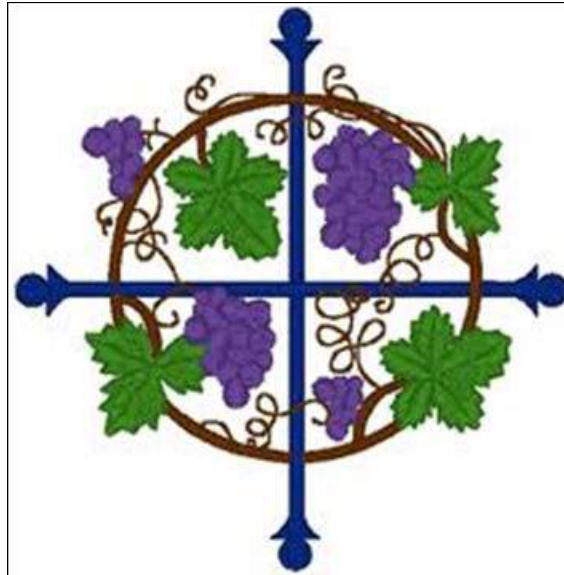


ST MATTHEW'S GRapeVINE



PARISH OF ALBURY

MARCH 2016

Fr Peter writes :

Dear People of St Matthew's

*Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!*

*Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!*



Charles Wesley's hymns, are written against a background of his personal faith adventure often paddling against the tide of disapproval of the established church ,Lent continues to be an adventure of faith with the themes of ashes to Easter ,addressing community challenge and outreach to our community ,and care of the vulnerable, being explored by prominent community commentators and leaders

Sunday 14th February - Cathy McGowan AO, MP—

Australian politician and independent MP, Member for Indi

Sunday 21st February - Rodney Croome AM—

Former Tasmania of the Year, Human Rights and Marriage Equality Advocate

Sunday 28th February - 'Mo' Mohammed El-leissy—

Journalist, Broadcaster and News 24 Commentator and Former member Islamic Youth Council

Sunday 6th March at 9am - Noel Debien—

ABC Producer/Presenter/Reporter/RN Religion and Ethics Report

Sunday 6th March at 5pm Evensong— Jeremy Jones AM—

Director of International and Community affairs for AIJAC (Australian/Israel & Jewish Affairs Council.

(With Farewell to Principal Steven O'Connor— acknowledgement of your achievements at Trinity)

Sunday 13th March - Hon Sussan Ley MP—

Australian politician and Liberal MP, Member for Farrer and Minister for Health and Sport.

Lent Musical Recitals find us back at St Matthews from 11.30 to 12 midday on Wednesday 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd March

Donations in Lent will assist St Matthews crisis care and the purchase of a defibrillator for central Albury. All welcome

Other dates include—

21st Feb – Friends of Nolan House, with members from St Matthews, walking in the 'City2City.'

27th Feb - Dragon Boat Racing to assist cancer research and care, with a strong, enthusiastic, though not necessarily very fast St Matthews team!

4th March - World Day of Prayer at St Matthews at 10am.
 5th March - another monster garage sale for our Lenten appeal from 9am to 1pm.
 6th March - Evensong farewells Trinity A.C. Principal Stephen O'Connor at 5pm
 20th March - Palm Sunday with Tilley and her new baby 'Puzzle'.
 22nd March - Organ recital with concert organist Daniel Moulton at St Matthews at 7pm.
 23rd March – Easter service for Seniors/Aged Care at 10.30am.

Lent has also been a time of outreach and sharing with members of the Bhutanese community being tutored weekly at the rectory, and a garden being established for their use on the southern side of the church yard, also being assisted by the Mothers Union.

Our much loved Music Director John Ross will be stepping down from his regular St Matthews commitment, more on this later in the month, suffice it to say that we look forward to a time of refreshment and continued musical inspiration, and most grateful for your amazing ministry to Albury I am also glad to announce that our Principal organist Malcolm Halford will step forward with the assistance of David Luxon and choral conductors from the St Matthews choir and continued assistance from Rowena Ginns.

By collaboration with Reverend Maureen Beattie, Reverend Bryn Jones from TAC, Hospital Chaplain Reverend Catherine Dawson, new Scots School Chaplain Reverend Beth and others, we will embark on a new adventure of engagement with younger members of our community through other service styles and opportunities.

Holy week will include –

24th March - Maundy Thursday 7:00pm – Eucharist with washing of hands
 25th March - Good Friday 9:00am – Passion Hymns and Readings
10.30am – Walk the Witness – Stations of the Cross starting at St Mark's.
3pm - Good Friday Musical Meditation "From darkness to light" under the direction of Helena Kernighan and Kaori Sparkes, members of the Orpheus piano trio and great friends of the St Matthews music foundation.
6.30pm - Movie 'Oddball' at St Matthews. Entry \$5 per person. Bring your bean bag, camping chair or just pull forward some pews. Proceeds to Friends of Nolan House – supporting and advocating improvements for patients in Nolan House – Albury Hospitals Mental Health Ward.
 27th March - Easter Sunday 9:00am – Eucharist with Baptism and Easter egg hunt.



Fr Peter

The new baby donkey 'Puzzle'!

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Our February meeting was held in the Martin Centre at St Matthew's Village.

Land Behind Church. Albury City has advised that they will continue to maintain the land that they didn't purchase. Also the church will need to give them 12 months notification if we wish to develop our own land.

Screen. Fr Peter would like to have an electronic screen in the church that could be used for concerts, organ recitals, funerals etc. He would like one that could be pulled down when needed.

Security in Church. Parish Council is looking at ways of making the church more secure and that the same time keeping the church open.

Website Nearly ready to go. We are reviewing the information that is on it.

New computers. We are going to purchase new computers. When this happens Fr Peter will be able to work from his home as his computer will be linked to the office one. This will save him from coming down to the office in the evenings.

Anglican food Room 29 hampers were given out, 3 fuel cards and the shower was used twice during January. Also 50 frozen meals. It has been very busy.

Bhutanese Garden. A garden is to be set up on the land on the south side of the church. They will plant vegies to share with the parish.

Church cleaning. This will be held on the 12th March 8am to Noon. Light globes will need to be replaced.

Good Friday. There is to be a film shown in the church on Good Friday evening. The film is 'Oddball', entry is \$5. Proceeds to go to improving conditions at Nolan House.

Defibrillator. During Lent we will be asking for donations towards the cost of purchasing a defibrillator to be used in the church.

Finances. At the beginning of January the balance in the account was \$27242.25 less accounts to be paid \$15812.77. Expected balance at end January \$11729.48

Kaye Kennedy Secretary

Evening Group News - MARCH 2016

The members of St Matthew's Evening group held their first meeting for the year last month. At this meeting we planned activities for the year. We are only a small group but we have planned lots to do this year.



In March Pam Thorman one of our members, is going to talk to us on the Evolution of the Evening Group which commenced in 1962.

If you would like to come and hear this talk you would be most welcome. Our meetings start at 7 pm and are held in the sun room of the rectory.

In April we are holding a Trivia Night on the 29th April at Adamshurst. Proceeds raised will go towards the payment for the rental of the office photocopier.

Kaye Kennedy President

St Matthew's evening Group

*Invites you to a **TRIVIA NIGHT***

to be held at **ADAMSHURST**, 603 DAVID ST ALBURY

on 29TH APRIL COMMENCING AT 6 PM

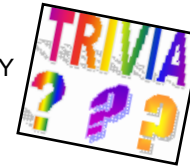
get together with family & friends and book a table
individuals will be most welcome.

Cost \$15.00 includes Lucky Door Ticket & Supper

Please bring your own nibbles and drinks

RAFFLE TICKETS FOR \$1.00 WILL BE ON SALE

RSVP Helen 6021 2869 Essie 6021 5646 by the 20th April get in early as numbers are limited.



CHURCH CLEANING WORKING BEE

SAT 12TH MARCH

8am - 12noon

Please come, and help -many hands make light work!



St Matthew's Monster GARAGE &

CAR BOOT Sale

**rear Adamshurst
603 David St
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**Saturday
5 March**

8:00 am-1:00 pm

\$20.00 per site. Entry-Gold Coin Donation

Proceeds to St Matthew's Homeless Appeal

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and make some money***

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Plants, Homemade cakes,
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Car Parts, Furniture, Bric-a-Brac,
Homemade Goodies, Books, Toys**

MEDITATION
THE PARABLE OF THE LOST SHEEP

Then Jesus told them this parable. "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them....." (St Luke Chapter 15 verse 3)

The trigger for this parable was that the Pharisees and the teachers of the law were muttering, "this man welcomes sinners and eats with them". (Verse 2) In other words, if this man Jesus is the true Messiah who has come from God, then he would not associate with such people who have no place in God's Kingdom. He would associate with the leaders of Israel, who regarded themselves as good and righteous.

If Our Lord should unexpectedly pay us a visit today, I wonder where/with whom we would find him.

We can understand this parable when we realise that strict Jews maintained NOT that there will be joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, but there will be joy in heaven over one sinner who is destroyed. So Jesus told them the parable of the Lost Sheep, and the Shepherd's joy at finding the lost sheep, in order to correct their false belief.

The shepherd was personally responsible for the flock of sheep and quite often these were flocks belonging to the local village. Because of the treacherous countryside, and presence of marauding animals, it was quite common for a shepherd to risk his life while taking care of the sheep. If a sheep went missing, the shepherd would search as long as necessary to find it, with the villagers watching and waiting for the return of the missing sheep. There would be shouts of joy and thanksgiving when the sheep was brought home alive and well.

This is the background to Our Lord's parable- based as it was on every day life in his times. This parable shows us what God is like. He is glad when a lost sinful person changes their ways and is truly sorry and turns to Him – just as the shepherd is glad when a sheep which has strayed, is found and brought home. While Our Heavenly Father loves those who are faithful to Him, He is also more than joyous when someone who has rejected or avoided Him in the past, turns to Him in penitence, faith and trust.

Francis Thompson has immortalised this Parable of the Lost Sheep in his poem, "The Hound of Heaven". It begins – "I fled Him down the nights and down the days

I fled Him down the arches of the years

I fled Him down the labyrinthine ways

I hid from Him from those strong feet
that followed after..."

The poem concludes – "Halts by me that
footfall..

Ah, fondest, blindest, weakest

I am he whom you seek

Rise, clasp my hand and come".

It is well worth reading the whole poem which can be accessed online.(Just Google it !)

Fr Colín





Children's Church IN FEBRUARY

A 'Teddy Bear's picnic' was the theme of the day.

The children were invited to bring along a loved teddy, and the church was decorated with teddies and balloons. Reverent Maureen told the children the story of how the 'teddy bear' came into being. President of the USA 'Teddy Roosevelt' refused to shoot an old bear, tied to a tree, which was the only bear to be found during a hunting expedition. The press then remarked about the "teddy bear' saved by the president, and little bears were made to remember the President's kindness, and they became a child's toy, and symbol of love and kindness.



Action songs were sung, and the song 'Teddy Bears Picnic' was played by David Luxon, (as was all the music for the service.) Not a lot of the younger people were familiar with it.

As a sister of one of the children was in hospital, and the sibling suggested a teddy bear from the display be given to her, the kindness was rewarded by the bear going to hospital to cheer the young patient!


The 18 children enjoyed the 'Tiny teddy' biscuits, fruit, and other goodies which were consumed in the forecourt, after the usual musical procession.

Our willing helpers were as usual, on hand to serve the drinks and goodies.

***Julie Scott** Children's church spokesperson for M.U. Albury.*



Pancake night fun!



Fundraiser Movie



On Good Friday (25 March)
6:30pm

On the **BIG** Screen at
St Matthews Church!

520 Kiewa St Albury
Food and Drink Available
Entry \$5 Per Person

Bring your bean bag, camping chair
or just pull forward some pews.

Proceeds to:
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**DIOCESE OF WANGARATTA
LADY DAY**



TO BE CELEBRATED ON THE

16TH MARCH 2016

At Holy Trinity Cathedral Wangaratta.

10 am Morning tea

11 am Eucharist and presentation of long service certificates & badges.

Followed by 'bring your own lunch.'

After lunch—Guest speaker

The Dean of Wangaratta - Rev. Ken Goodger.

Please bring your MU and Parish Banners.

Entry fee \$5.00 with the proceeds to go to ABM



M.U. Sponsored get-together in Botanic Gardens



Friends of Nolan House in the City2City



Harvest Festival



Our Bhutanese friends



Cathy McGowan, AO, MP, 1st.Lenten speaker



Rodney Croome AM, 2nd Lenten speaker



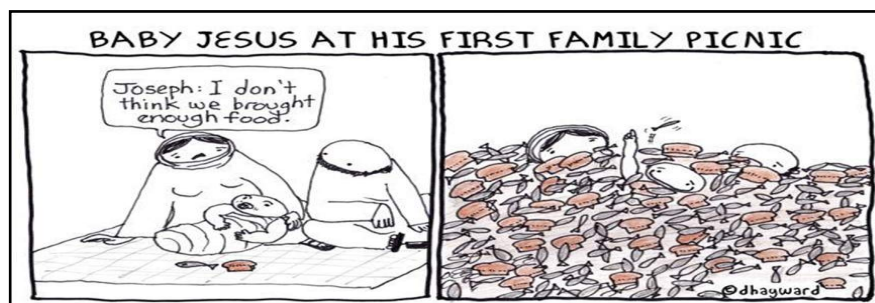
Induction of Scots School Chaplain Reverend Beth Donnelly

YOU ARE INVITED

St Matthews' MU (Mothers' Union) invites all the St Matthews' family to attend our March Gathering, of a Family friendly tea in the Church Gardens.

On Tuesday the 15th of March starting at 5:30pm we welcome everyone to come for a chat, relax in the beautiful garden and to **bring a plate to share** and enjoy with others.

MU supports many church activities, a short list includes Children's Church, Baptisms, Confirmation, and Pancake night. We would love to get the chance to meet those who participate (or just appreciate) some of these activities!



PANCAKE NIGHT PROCEEDS -

Although Pancake night is not run as a fund-raiser, it was decided that the money from the Mother's Union sponsored pancake night will go to buying plants for the Community garden, and to the Nolan House Appeal.



Mother's Union **CARD STALL**

Good Quality Christian greeting cards \$2 ea for special occasions will **now** be available for purchase, before and after the Wed. 10.30am Eucharist, and during church sitting hours.

STAMPS Donations of local stamps would be appreciated to cover posting of 'Anniversary of Baptism cards' sent out by M.U. Stamps can be given to Julie Scott, Stephanie Stephenson or Janette Ketyle



H U M O U R

On a bitterly cold winter morning a husband and wife in Dublin were listening to the radio during breakfast. They heard the announcer say, "We are going to have 8 to 10 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the even-numbered side of the street, so the Snow ploughs can get through. "So the good wife went out and moved her car.

A week later while they are eating breakfast again, the radio announcer said, "We are expecting 10 to 12 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the odd-numbered side of the street, so the snow ploughs can get through. "The good wife went out and moved her car again.

The next week they are again having breakfast, when the radio announcer says, "We are expecting 12 to 14 inches of snow today. You must park...." Then the electric power went out. The good wife was very upset, and with a worried look on her face she said, "I don't know what to do. Which side of the street do I need to park on so the snow ploughs can get through?"

Then with the love and understanding in his voice that all men who are married to blondes exhibit, the husband replied,

"Why don't you just leave the damn car in the garage this time!

A small error

A new business was opening, and one of the owner's friends sent flowers for the occasion.

But when the owner read the card with the flowers, it said. **"Rest in Peace."**

The owner was little upset and called the florist to complain.

After he had told the florist about the obvious mistake, the florist said, "Sir, I'm really sorry for the mistake, but rather than getting angry, you should imagine this: somewhere there is a funeral taking place today, and they have flowers resting on a casket with a note saying,

"Congratulations on your new location!"

FOR THE KIDS -

Q. What did one maths book say to another maths book?

A. "I've got more problems than you."

T. "Johnny, I hope I didn't see you looking at Mary's work then"

S. "I hope you didn't too, Miss"

Q. What do you get if you blow a hair-dryer down a rabbit hole?

A. Hot-cross bunnies

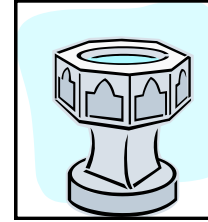


ON THE RECORD

Baptisms

We welcome into Christ's family

24 January	Tarliah Rose RING Braxton John BORMANN-RING Evie Elizabeth ROBINSON
31 January	John Paul McCORMACK
7 February	Jason Michael BURKE Maddison Rae GREEN Summer Elizabeth KITE
14 February	Vann Thomas PRESTON Frankie Sarah Eden ROBERTSON



Weddings

We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony

6 February	Ali Masoud IQBAL & Megan Cherie GILES
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Funerals

We pray for those who have died and extend our sympathies to those who mourn

18 February	Mavis 'Jean' WRIGHT
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Years Mind—March

We pray for those whose anniversary falls at this time

'Jim' James Charles EVANS (2nd), Benjamin PARKER (3rd), James Roy MONK (3rd), Joan THOMAS (5th), Gwen Elizabeth McDONALD (5th), Jeff HOLLAND (6th), Penny SNELL (6th), Aimee Lea KOEHLER (7th), Michael HEALY (8th), Gloria GORBAN (11th), Phyllis STEPHENS (12th), Henry KNOBLE (13th), Minnie EISENHAUER (13th), Sr Clare (13th), Joanne Lesley NESBIT (14th), Roy WINSTANLEY (17th), Matthew CRAWFORD (18th), Allan Keith MOREY (22nd), Frank GIBBS (23rd), 'Doll' Dorothy WEIDNER (23rd), Leonard LEMKE (26th), Mildred WINSTANLEY (28th), Frank HARDY (30th), Nita KLOSE (30th), Brian Marcus CLIFF (30th), Joan DAVIS (31st)



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No services

FRIDAY

10.00 a.m. Eucharist at Riverwood (except 1st Friday). All welcome

SUNDAY

9.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Last Sunday of every month—Matins with Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. Children's Church 3rd Sunday every month

5.00 p.m. Evensong (Only 1st Sunday of every month)

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