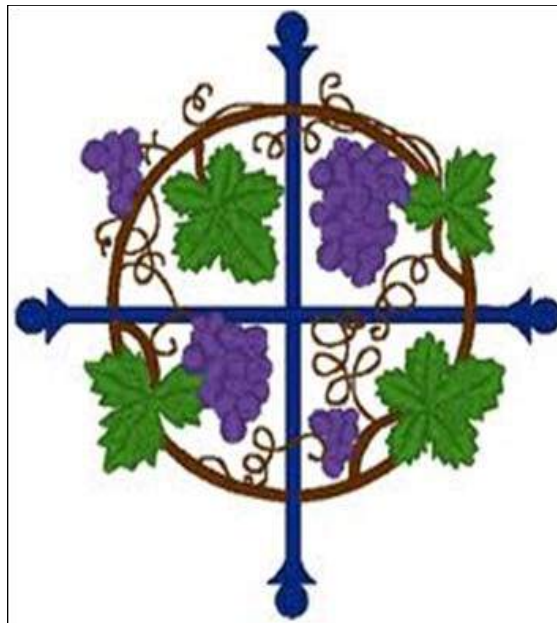


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MAY 2016

Fr Peter writes :
Dear People of St Matthew's

*Spirit divine, attend our prayers,
and make this house thy home;
descend with all thy gracious powers,
O come, great Spirit, come!*

*Come as the dove, and spread thy wings,
the wings of peaceful love;
and let thy Church on earth become
blest as the Church above.*

*Come as the wind – with rushing sound,
And Pentecostal grace;
That all of woman may see
The glory of Thy face.*

*Spirit divine, attend our prayers,
make a lost world thy home;
descend with all thy gracious powers;
O come, great Spirit, come!*



L-R: Rev'd Christine Moimoi,
School Chaplain Rev'd Beth
Donnelly, Rev'd Maureen
Beattie, Scots School Principal
Peggy Mahy and Fr Peter

**A woman's touch? Credit not often
where it is due.**

**This Pentecost hymn was written by
Andrew Reed** 1787 –1862) was an
[English Congregational](#) minister and hymn
writer, who became a prominent
[philanthropist](#) and [social reformer](#). His Wife

Elizabeth Holmes Reed appears a long way down in his life credits, but it was **due
to her financial capacity and support** that he was able to make a difference

The Spirit of God moved Andrew and Elizabeth Reed to move beyond the limits of
institutional religious structures and permissions of their day to provide practical good
news for Orphans, widows and outcasts, to work for the changing of social structures in
the abolition of slavery and to make assistance available for all regardless of creed.

It is the sort of inspiring ministry that asks what we may do with our present opportunity
and step forward to” **get the idea off the paper**” and into present reality.

This is the Hallmark of Christian witness in Albury and comes about through shared
information and decision making. Challenging government policy on asylum, and
discrimination, moving from “the service” to serving the community is such a work of the
spirit The Bhutanese garden emerging at the side of st Matthews, the “Pop up op shop”,
Friends of Nolan house and “St Matts at the Movies” the presence of the rovers and
scouts recently, all a result of outreach beyond the current agenda not by a congregation
but by a community.

**Often it has been realised through the ministry of women within a denomination
that has been a proper “boys club”.** The heroic ministry of the Mothers Union, the
movement for the ordination of women and the pastoral care of women within
communities has often been “unsung”.



L: Betty White



R: Nola Merkel

Some of our Greatest Hymns have words by women, sometimes under a man's name in order to have them accepted. All Things Bright and Beautiful (Mrs Alexander). Now Thank We All Our God, and Praise to the Lord the Almighty the King of Creation: translations from German by Mrs Gaskell's friend, the Manchester poet Catherine Winkworth, who brought nearly 400 German hymns into English. Nearer, My God, to Thee, by Robert Browning's good friend, the radical London Unitarian Sarah Flower Adams. In Heavenly Love Abiding by the Welsh Quaker turned Anglican, Anna Laetitia Waring. Just As I Am Without One Plea by Charlotte Elliott.

Congratulations to proud grandparents on the recent birth of Babies Barbara Hoodless and Vicki Chick-we are considering a pop up bus shelter at the front of St Matthews so that parish council members can ambush strangers with pictures of their new arrivals I'm glad to offer a picture of puzzle the donkey to the list of little darlings.

The Queen's 90th Birthday, was celebrated on the 24th of April with special Royal music chosen from special moments in the Queens life. There was a special display of Royal memorabilia including the hat she wore at the Silver Jubilee designed by local Freddie Fox. And with special celebration morning high tea after the service. All wearing red, white and blue and the Rover Scouts in attendance celebrating St Georges' Day and the Queen is their patron.

Saturday 23rd April was the 400th anniversary of the death of William Shakespeare 'The Bard', and it was also his birthday, he has influenced language, novels, movies, operas, everything from Iron maiden to the Lion King. There was a display of Shakespeare related items and artworks from famous productions and designers from the collection from Adamshurst which will be lent to the Albury Library Museum. Including the 16th century edition Beza Bible that was used by Shakespeare in his plays.

Our new interim school Principal Sue Shaw at Trinity Anglican College has started and she has already been to choir practice and the Sunday service and we look forward to organizing a welcome reception for the school council at Adamshurst in the near future

Pray for the SYNOD – 13th & 14th May as we explore ministry developments and opportunities in the diocese.

Friends of Nolan House continue to meet at St Matthews making a difference to mental health facilities.

St Matthews Music Foundation is making possible a series of masterclasses and Adamshurst Ballroom concerts -

Dr Donna Coleman –Saturday 7th May at 2pm, a celebrated American Pianist with some noted ragtime recordings who will also lead a masterclass at the Scots school Albury on the 5th, tickets \$25.

Tenor Kent McIntosh – Sunday 29th May at 2pm , returns after rave reviews from his last visit and between opera engagements in Sydney and Melbourne Opera Australia seasons tickets \$25.

Advance notice Celtic Festival – 4th and 5th June with Celtic cocktail party, music and liturgies.

Martin Setchell celebrity Organ Recital – 26th June at 2.30pm

Wednesday July 13th, the famous choir of Christs College Cambridge returns to St Matthews Albury at 7.30pm with a reception at MAMA Albury Art Gallery. Tickets from the St Matthews Office

Fr Peter



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

After the opening prayer, we were given a demonstration on how to use a defibrillator. Firstly we watched a DVD followed by a demonstration on a dummy. The machine is very easy to use it tells you what to do. It comes in its own carry bag. We will hold a meeting for interested people in the near future, with the defibrillator being demonstrated. It would be good if you could come along.

Floor in the Rectory. Joe has started to mend the broken floor boards in the rectory.

Bhutanese Garden. The members of the Bhutanese have started their garden on the Post office side of the church. Thank you to the people who donated the wood for the beds & the soil.

Storage Shed. The embroidery group have donated a shed for storage of tools etc. The Bhutanese will be able to store their garden tools in it.

A cupboard has been put in the area on the south side where the donkeys come in. This cupboard will store the buckets, mops & brooms. Thank you to David Martin for installing this cupboard.

Website. The new computer is working well.

Anglican Food Room 30 hampers handed out in March, numerous cups of tea, coffee & muffins.

Pop up op shop. During winter the shop will be in the church. The shop also supports the Anglican church at Yackandandah by sending the excess clothes to them.

Pastoral Care. Looking at the possibility of paying someone to be coordinator of the pastoral care team.

Finances Balance at end March \$5357.56.

Kaye Kennedy **Secretary**

Bhutanese Garden





Evening Group News

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 19th May at the Rectory commencing at 7pm. Catherine Dawson the hospital chaplain will be our guest speaker.

Our June meeting will commence at 5.30pm with a meal of soup & bread followed by musical bingo.

For your diaries, we are hoping to have a Candlelight Dinner at Adamshurst on the 16th September, more details later.

New members are always welcome.

Kaye Kennedy President

Easter —Seniors Service, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday Film Night and Easter Day



MEDITATION

THE PRODIGAL SON

“There was a man who had two sons. The younger son said to his father, Father give me my share of the property that is mine.” (St Luke Ch 15 verse 10)



This story of Jesus has been called one of the greatest short love stories in the world. Why ? In a nutshell it explains the relationship between humanity and Our Heavenly Father. On the one hand it shows the demand for independence from God by people, and on the other the patient kindness and loving nature of Our Heavenly Father.

“Give me now the part of the Estate I will get when you die, and let me get out of this”. There is a certain heartless callousness in that demand of the son. Yet isn't that the sort of attitude we find in society today ? God is largely forgotten. eg. Civil naming and marriage ceremonies in a setting without Our Heavenly Father. The father in the parable (who represents God)did not argue. He knew that if his son was ever to learn, he must do it the hard way – the same as us. So that son took what was his and left home. He soon spent all his money and ended up feeding pigs. Sitting in the pig pen, head down and full of self pity, Our Lord tells us that **“he came to himself”**. He realised what he had done. Like a person once said to me, “I have made a mess of my life”. But they hadn't been living a real life until they ‘came home’, and embraced life as it is meant to be with Our Heavenly Father. The same applies to us. Until Our Heavenly Father is the guiding force in our life, and present in all we say and do, we are not living the true life. The Old Testament prophet Isaiah expressed this nicely .. **“all we like sheep have gone astray. We have turned every one to his own way, and the Lord has laid the sin of us all on my servant.”**

So the young man returns home, pleading to be restored to the household as a hired hand. But no – the father rushes to greet him, holds a party and restores him. He is overjoyed that the wanderer has returned. Instead of being angry, the father shows his undying love. He had waited and hoped, and his son had returned. The father also shows forgiveness. In spite of losing a great deal he forgives his son unreservedly – no strings attached !!! **It is the wonder of the love of Our Heavenly Father that he also treats us like that.** In spite of turning our back on him and rebelling against him.....**God showed how much He loved us by sending His only Son into this world to bring us to eternal life through his death. This is real love.**

The elder brother couldn't understand his father's love towards his wasteful, unloving son.

Consider what St Augustine said...**“God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us to love.”**

Father Colin



Children's Church APRIL

The theme for the day was *The Good Shepherd*, and there were plenty of sheep-centred teaching aids at hand! Fr. Peter and Rev. Maureen explained to the children how in Jesus' time, shepherds had an important job, keeping wild animals from the flocks of sheep they were hired to tend, how the 3 shepherd's crooks that were available were used, and their role is keeping the sheep safe. He said that Jesus likened himself to a good shepherd, who knows each sheep and wants the best for each, that is ourselves as his 'sheep'.

David Luxon was the pianist, and played the action songs, and also played an extra song 'baa baa black sheep' several times, in his special, jaunty way! It was school holidays, so there were less children than normal, but those that attended took part enthusiastically!

The figure-8 procession around the church with musical instruments is always a favourite, and at the conclusion of the service, there was a delicious morning tea awaiting the congregation!

Julie Scott Spokesperson for M.U. Albury.

Easter Sunday



Good Shepherd Sunday



Moving Outside to be Inclusive

It was a daring time: ecumenical church services! Who would have believed such things were possible! The late 1960s and early 1970s. I remember as a Catholic boy, my mother taking me to St Patrick's presbytery to get permission for me to attend the first ecumenical service for those in cubs and scouts. The gathering was being held in St David's Presbyterian Church (now the Uniting Church) in Olive Street. I remained in the car while mum went to speak with one of the priests. She came back very chastened, having been told that no "good" Catholic mother should ever think of allowing her children to enter a Protestant church! I was rather sad at this turn of events, as my faith as a Christian was important to me, one of my best friends in cubs was the son of the local Lutheran pastor, and many of the children from my neighbourhood with whom I was friends were Anglicans (I was already living ecumenically!). This ban by my church must have been inflicted upon others (perhaps some non-Catholics were also being forbidden to attend on the ground that Catholics might be in attendance), as I seem to recall the following year this service, known as a 'Scouts Own' was being held outdoors so all could attend – more daring (dangerous?) thinking!

I also recall seeing job advertisements in 'The Border Morning Mail' (as it was then known) for the CBC Bank with the wording somewhere in the ads: Protestants need not apply. I'm also told that a well-known furniture store and also a department store advised something similar in their ads: Catholics need not apply.

While my parents were strong in their faith, I'm also glad they could, at least at times, think for themselves as I wonder how diminished my childhood and life would have been without those friendships, fun and celebrations I had with children from other denominations.

In inviting us to come forward to receive communion each Sunday, Fr Peter reminds us that it is Christ's table we gather around, and not our own: we don't get a say in who can or can't receive the sacrament or a blessing. How fortunate we are that times have changed; everyone of every background and circumstance is welcome to approach the sanctuary. Everyone is acknowledged as a sister and brother, no one is excluded. And that acknowledgment isn't just for other Christians, but for anyone of any spirituality!

Or are they? Sad to say that there are still some churches where people are informed that if they are not of that faith, or aren't in a 'state of grace', whatever that means, they aren't welcome, they are excluded. How many of us invite someone to our home for a meal, but then inform them: you can sit around the table, but you can't eat, you can only watch?! How ridiculous a situation. How tragic and divisive. How totally opposed to everything that sharing a meal with someone entails!

Let us be proud, then, that in our saintly community, "we who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread"!

by a fellow traveller

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Celtic Mass

St Matthews Anglican Church Albury

5th June

9:00 am



**Join us for a Celtic Mass
to celebrate the Winter Solstice
and afterwards for
Morning Tea in the church grounds
where you will be entertained by
The Albury Wodonga Pipes & Drums
&
Cathies Celtic Dancers**

H U M O U R

A woman was flying from Seattle to San Francisco. Unexpectedly, the plane was diverted to Sacramento along the way.

The flight attendant explained that there would be a delay, and if the passengers wanted to get off the aircraft the plane would re-board in 50 minutes...

Everybody got off the plane except one lady who was blind...

A man had noticed her as he walked by and could tell the lady was blind because her guide dog lay quietly underneath the seats in front of her throughout the entire flight...

He could also tell she had flown this very flight before because the pilot approached her, and calling her by name, said, "Kathy, we are in Sacramento for almost an hour, would you like to get off and stretch your legs?"

The blind lady said, "No thanks, but maybe Buddy would like to stretch his legs."

All the people in the gate area came to a complete stand still when they looked up and saw the pilot walk off the plane with a guide dog for the blind! Even worse, the pilot was wearing sunglasses!

People scattered. They not only tried to change planes, but they were trying to change airlines!

Two tips for the day...

1. Things are not always as they appear and -
2. A day without laughter is a day wasted.



FOR THE KIDS

Q. 'Doctor, doctor, can you give me anything for wind?'

A. 'Sure, here is a kite'

Q. 'What does the buffalo say when he sends his son to school in morning.'

A 'Bison'

ON THE RECORD

Baptisms

We welcome into Christ's family

26 March	Lawrence Langley PEARCE
31 March	Rupert Radcliffe TEHAN
3 April	Madeline Lee YOUNGER
10 April	Hugh James COLLINS
	Scarlett Rose RICE
23 April	Trent VAN VEEN
24 April	Benji Ronald BARBER



Weddings

We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony

9 April	Robert Steven RICE & Molly Pauline LEWIS
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Funerals

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

5 April	'Chappy' Eric John Kevin WEIDNER
26 April	Dulcie May NICHOLS



Years Mind – May

We pray for those whose anniversary falls at this time

Daphne Merle CLARKSON (1st), Dorothy May SCHNEIDER (3rd), Gary Ernest PLUMMER (3rd), 'Sally' Sara Margaret REID (5th), Rupert Douglas ROSS (6th), Sandra Kathleen FELTON (7th), Steve BREY (8th), Thelma Zena ROCK (9th), Geoff COLE (9th), Dulcie Esther BROMLEY (10th), Patricia Mary WHITE (10th), Lawrence Ernest TURNBULL (Priest) (12th), Dulcie Adelaide MURPHY (12th), Joyce STAR (13th), Valerie BOWEN (13th), Sarah WHYSALL (14th), Myra HEALY (15th), Violet READ (16th), Thelma Kirsten SCOTT (17th), Albert Edward BERRY (18th), Margaret MONTE (20th), Shannon Cherie HUTTON (21st), Stuart MENZIES (21st), Edwin RIDE (23rd), Stella BLEASDALE (25th), Leslie John SHORT (27th), Irene Jessie SEYMOUR (27th)





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SUNDAY

9.00 am. Sung Eucharist

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

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

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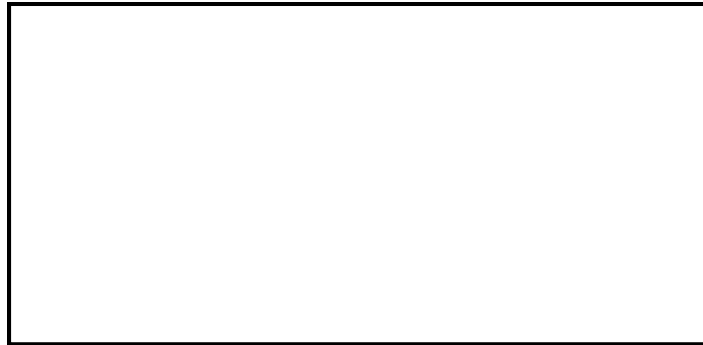
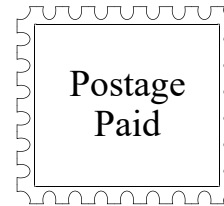
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