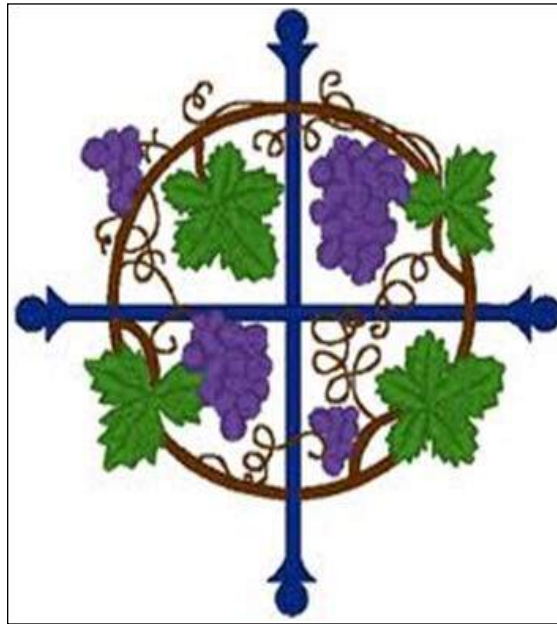


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JUNE 2016

Fr Peter writes :
Dear People of St Matthew's

*For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord,
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.*

*All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow brief life's span.*

*You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.*

Fred Kaan (1968)



Fred Kaan's hymn writing reflects life experience marked by Nazi occupation and injustice, and social action

Justice has become like an oil painting recognized from a distance, Churches cry for transparency and action from foreign governments, demanding political change for refugee and environmental issues but perhaps we can't see the wood for the trees.

Justice for Farmers is an international issue, Governments weigh in on so many parts of community life, regulate so much but they have allowed farmers to wear the cost of mismanagement and bad corporate decisions and our own communities are suffering. Dairy Farmers are compromised by government inaction and corporate greed and the proposed package of loans and counselling is like being hugged by the perpetrator after being hit in the face. Home grown justice is a great theme for every community. We cannot with any integrity ask governments to act when we are silent in areas over which the church has direct control such as discrimination and inclusion.

During the recent Synod we were represented by Angela Braybrooks, Kaye Kennedy and Robyn Slade. The Strategic Plan was presented, real questions of viability raised and Vicki Chick elected to Bishop in Council, congratulations and thanks to all.

Trinity Anglican College gave us a great gift in their company and representatives of staff, council, students, families and chaplain. Reverend Bryn gave a very engaging sermon on the inclusiveness of the Trinity, not either/or but this/that and His thoughts knocked out a few walls in our thinking about choices and faith, gave us all more room to grow. Reverend Christine Moimoi from St David's and Reverend Maureen Beattie also created Albury church history when they swapped churches on a Sunday morning for Pentecost and again helped us understand more about the movement of the Spirit. Reverend

Christine's hair colour moved to bright red on the day but local word is that the colour may have moved back by now.

The Celtic model of spirituality is an antidote to the remoteness of church government, it gives responsibility and decision making back to local communities and asks how our faith can be locally expressed.

We look forward to the Celtic service, the music and prayers but also to the local action and vitality that it releases.

Tax time is also an opportunity and the st Matthews Music foundation for country kids and National Trust (St Matthews) are opportunities to make a local difference. The recent masterclass and concert by Dr Donna Coleman was an outstanding success and we look forward to her return.

The Music Foundation is making possible the benefit concert for Shanul Sharma 18th June at 3pm, Martin Setchell, Celebrity Organist 26th June at 2.30pm and Wednesday 13th July we welcome the famous Choir of Christ College Cambridge.

Exciting news - The Bhutanese Garden continues to flourish in the church grounds as does our relationship with the Bhutanese community.

Friends of Nolan House are making great strides in the area of mental health.

St Matthews crisis care and our Pop up op shop has found a home for the winter in the Globe Arcade opposite the church in Kiewa Street, donations of winter clothing, jumpers and coats are urgently needed at the office and volunteers are needed!!!

Youth Mental health and Suicide prevention support in the winter Solstice event on Tuesday 21st June is well supported by the st Matthews Team and Albury community

Albury Chamber Music Festival. Friday 11th November - Sunday 13th November 2016 is the next amazing event made possible by the Music Foundation with a series of outstanding concerts from International performers and ensembles more details next month.

Fr Peter



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

National Trust. Letters to be sent reminding people that as the end of the financial year is approaching it would be a great time to donate to the Trust. All donations are tax deductible.

Cheques to be made out to National trust.

Rectory hallway repairs. Joe has the necessary materials to do the repairs.

Hailstorm Damage. Still looking into this matter.

Rising Damp Ken Curnow has the paint. The wet weather has hindered this work.

Highgrove. Lots of problems, but we are working thru them. Building will need to be sprayed for white ants. The heater will have to be replaced.

Bhutanese Garden Three vegie beds have been planted. These have been covered with wire netting so that the possums cannot eat the seedlings. The Bhutanese to build another bed and plant more seedlings.

Storage Shed. This has been erected and will store garden equipment and some other items.

Cleaning Equipment. The buckets, mops, brooms are now stored in a cupboard in the porch on the southern side of the church.

Morning Tea Trolley. The embroidery group is going to purchase a new tea trolley to be used whenever required..

Music. We are hoping to hold a Chamber music festival later in the year. More details later.

Anglican Food Room. Have been doing lots of shopping. Generous donations have come in. 31 hampers were given out in April and the shower was used 6 times.

Victory College is hoping to hold another soup day in June.

Concert. Shanul Sharman will give a concert on 18th June. Shanul has won a scholarship to Wales to study. He has to raise \$30,000 so all money raised for this concert will be given to Shanul.

Finances At the end of April the balance was \$2218.08

Kaye Kennedy
Secretary



Evening Group News

.Last month we held a very successful Trivia Night. \$1160 was raised, thanks to everyone who came along. Also thank you to Sandra MacLeod Miller &

Fr Peter for allowing us to use their home.

Glenn Boyd did a great job as quiz master and he has agreed to run another Trivia night probably in September.

The money raised will go towards paying the lease for the photocopier.

In May we were going to have Catherine Dawson as our guest speaker, but was decided to postpone her talk until later in the year.

Evening Group meets on the third Thursday of each month in the Rectory. This month we are going to meet at 5.30 for a meal of soup & bread followed by Musical Bingo.

NEW MEMBERS ARE MOST WELCOME!

Kaye Kennedy
President



Trivia Night at Adamshurst

MEDITATION

THE PARABLE OF THE SHREWD MANAGER (St Luke Ch:16 verse 1)

Jesus told his disciples -**There was a rich man whose Manager was accused of fraud..... “give an account of your management because you cannot be manager any longer.”** (verses 1 & 2)

There is no doubt that this Manager was dishonest. He was an intelligent scoundrel who, when he realised he was about to be audited, made provision for life after he was sacked. A smart “cookie”.

In Palestine in the time of Our Lord there were many absentee Landlords. In this Parable it is most likely that the Manager in question had an absentee Landlord as his employer – and now the Manager was being accused of embezzlement.

But he wasn't the only dishonest one. The sharefarmers who owed the owner rent were also involved in this fraud. The Manager knew he would be sacked, so he hatched up a brilliant idea. He falsified the entries in the books of account so that the share farmers were charged less than they actually owed. This was done for 2 reasons:-

1. The debtors would be grateful to the Manager for owing a smaller debt and may reward him in some way.

2. If the Manager ended up in trouble in the future, he could maybe blackmail the share farmers and earn some money for himself in that way.

Instead of being shocked, the Landlord (owner of the vineyard) actually praised the Manager for his astute response. He seems to be a bit of a scoundrel himself.

The main point of this parable is that material possessions (wealth) can be used for good purposes.

The Jewish Rabbis had a saying – “the rich help the poor in this world, but the poor help the rich in the world to come.” In other words, assistance given to others in the spirit of self-sacrifice, and love, following the example of Our Lord, would stand a person in good stead in the world to come.

The use or abuse of wealth can affect our world too. People who use their wealth unselfishly can really make a difference to the well being of those who are struggling.

We need to be reminded that wealth in itself is not to be condemned, but those who are wealthy have a responsibility to use it wisely for the good of others and not just on themselves. St Ambrose wrote, “the bosoms of the poor, the houses of widows, the mouths of children are the wealth which lasts forever.”

A person's true wealth consists not in the possessions they have, but in what they give away. Jesus says, “do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth where thieves break in and steal... but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven” (St Matthew ch:6 verse 19-20)

Father Colin





Children's Church IN MAY

The theme of the day was Pentecost-birthday of the Church. The church was decorated with red helium balloons, birthday sign, and looked very festive, there was a small altar decorated in red near the Chancel steps, which worked well for Children's Church, and Communion taken there.

There were 18 children who were keen to hear about birthdays, and Jesus being up in heaven., and coming down as Holy Spirit flames on the disciples heads, to show that he was with them always, although he was not physically with them any more. The children wore crowns with flames on them, waved streamers in red and yellow, and were each given cards with one word on them, being a fruit of the spirit, enthusiastic action songs were sung, and Tom Summerfield supervised by David Luxon, played for the service. Oscar, 8 year old Grandson of one of the congregation at one point, gave a short rendition of 'Happy Birthday' on his guitar, assisted by the congregation.



The children enjoyed the figure 8 procession around the church at the conclusion, and then the children crowded around the altar on which stood a 'Church's birthday' cake. After many time of lighting and blowing out the candles, giving everyone a go! we all congregated at the front of the church, where our terrific helpers served drinks, cup cakes, (some gluten-free) birthday cake, and other goodies in bright sunshine. Many of the helium balloons were taken by delighted children!



Julie Scott

Children's church spokesperson for M.U. Albury.



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H U M O U R

For those of us who have seen many summers...

A penny saved is a government oversight.



The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat have got to be good friends.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

He who hesitates is probably right.

Did you ever notice: The Roman Numerals for forty (40) are XL.

The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.

Did you ever notice: When you put the 2 words 'The' and 'IRS' together it spells 'Theirs!'

Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know 'why' I look this way.... I've travelled a long way ,and some of the roads weren't paved.

When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to your youth, think of Algebra.

One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young. Ah, being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable!

Lord, keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth!

Grandpa— When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure". "Look in your underwear Grandpa " he advised, "Mine says I'm 4 - 6"

A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story. "What's the story about?" he asked. "I don't know", she replied, "I cant read"

For the Kids

Q. What did the light say when it was turned off?
A. "I'm delighted"

Q. Is it hard to spot a leopard?
A. No,they come that way

Q. What do you get if you cross an elephant with a sparrow?
A. Broken telephone lines!

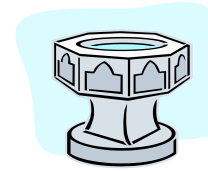


ON THE RECORD—MAY

Baptisms

We welcome into Christ's family

1 May Mason Xavier LAZAROU
 Evelyn Hazel TREBLEY
8 May Caleb Peter Stanley ROBINSON



Weddings

We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony

23 April Anthony Carolus DUFTY
 and Catherine Frances KIRK
20 May 'Doug' Dragoslav VUKASINOVIC
 and Sandra Jayne WORRELL



Funerals

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


2 May Marlene Janice KENNEDY
19 May 'Jim' Hector James LYALL
20 May Gladys Denise SLATTERY
27 May George Edmund WEBSTER



Years Mind – June

We pray for those whose anniversary falls at this time

Naldrett Phyllis CORNELL (1st), Pearl BLEASDALE (2nd), Beatrice WEBB (2nd), Roy CLAY (3rd), Jack NICHOLS (3rd), Marjorie Boyd MOORE (3rd), Beatrice SLOAN (4th), Jim FARRINGTON (4th), John Charles McINTYRE (Priest)(6th), John RIDE (7th), Elizabeth Rose DALLINGER (7th), Enid Caroline NORMAN (9th), Albert Clarence SEARLE (11th), 'Ted' Walter Edward HAMILTON (11th), Kevin BOWTELL (12th), Isabel Mary RICHARDSON (13th), Dorothy Jean DUNWOODIE (19th), Peter Salmon COLCLOUGH (19th), 'Bob' Robert Sydney BYE (20th), Wilfred COLLICOAT (21st), Joan PETERS (21st), Horace OGILVIE (21st), Reginald WHITE (22nd), Jean KENNEDY (23rd), Robert BEAL (Priest) (24th), Valerie Dare TOMKINS (24th), Nick WELCH (25th), Jean HANMER (26th), Shirley McELROY (27th), Joyce KRIEGER (28th), Eddie BARNEY (28th), Ella Florence FORBES (30th)



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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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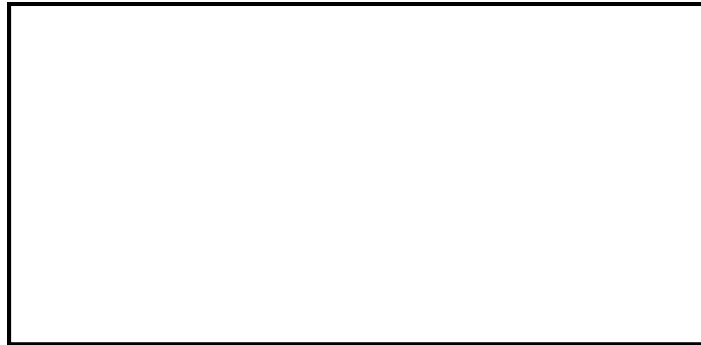
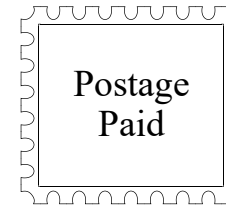
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