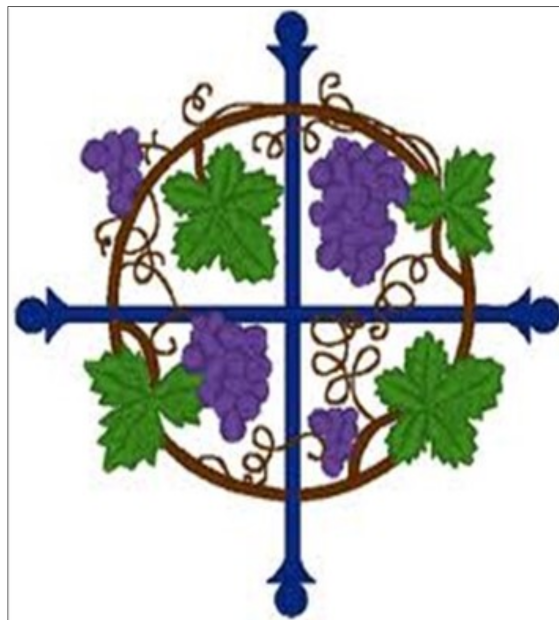


# ST MATTHEW'S GRAPEVINE



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**AUGUST 2016**

**Fr Peter writes :**

***Dear People of St Matthew's***

When I needed a neighbour

Were you there, were you there?

When I needed a neighbour

**Were you there?** Grapevine and Advocate August 2016

When I needed a neighbour

Were you there, were you there?

When I needed a neighbour

**Were you there?**

**And the creed and the colour**

**And the name won't matter**

**Were you there?**



Sydney Bertram Carter, poet, songwriter and folk musician, (born May 6 1915; died March 13 2004) is most famous as the creator of the song "Lord of the dance", Carter said he saw Christ as "the incarnation of the piper who is calling us. He dances that shape and pattern which is at the heart of our reality. By Christ, I mean not only Jesus; in other times and places, other planets, there may be other lords of the dance. But Jesus is the one I know of first and best. I sing of the dancing pattern in the life and words of Jesus." His own faith was informed by a rejection of war and as a committed pacifist and humanitarian was interested in "outsiders and refugees, his own faith with its rejection of dogma, and its reliance on personal experience and social activism, and its affirmation of God's presence in every human being has real resonances for the faith that connects contemporary communities in our own region •

"Bibles, legends, history are signposts: they are pointing to the future, not the past. Do not embrace the past or it will turn into an idol." Jesus was central to his experience, but not, in his words, "the official Jesus - but the Jesus who is calling you to liberty, to the breaking of all idols including the idol which he himself has become." His words continue to challenge today as we reach out to those with complicated realities and different understandings

Your holy hearsay is not evidence

Give me the good news in the present tense ...

So shut the Bible up and show me how

The Christ you talk about is living now.

As Homelessness week commences we think of the way that locals embrace a global challenge of noticing the outsider congratulations to” Northern Folk”, associated musicians and all those who supported “three Dog Night “concert for st Matthews crisis care last Friday Night raising thousands of dollars and a pile of blankets sleeping bags Local printers, graphic designers. media and the Albury entertainment centre enabled a concert on one of the coldest nights of the year that was warmed by over 500 people and outstanding local musical talent all pulling together to help the homeless and those doing it tough

“st Matthews Crisis care op shop” popped up in the Globe arcade opposite st Matthews on Kiewa street is still looking for donations of goods and volunteers as Albury works together to help a continuing community challenge

“Interfaith meeting gets national coverage”, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> of July saw a meeting of faith communities schools, chaplains and the city council with Jeremy Jones a national interfaith commentator and Noel Debien ABC Producer and broadcaster speaking about building communities of cooperation and understanding and establishing an interfaith council to promote ideas of harmony ([www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/religionandethicsreport/a-new-mosque-in-albury/7665536](http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/religionandethicsreport/a-new-mosque-in-albury/7665536))

Christmas in July at Adamshurst once again was an “heartwarming sold out success” raising much needed funds for the daily running of all that makes st Matthews the heart of our community

Congratulations to rev Maureen and Kevin Beattie on a successful move to Wangaratta and we look forward to continuing our friendship and ministry adventures in the future

The choir of Christ college Cambridge was also a famous success , with a reception at MAMA art gallery before and wonderful musical experience never to be forgotten also raising funds for our music foundation to help local kids and train church musician for the future

“Albury chamber music festival” hits the high notes of musical excellence with first rate ensembles and soloists from 11<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> of November 2016 and in conjunction with our music foundation and association that builds toward better musical futures for young local people [www.alburychambermusicfestival.com.au](http://www.alburychambermusicfestival.com.au)

*Fr Peter*



## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

**The Christ Church Choir** was a major success, thanks to the hard work of Fr Malcolm, Jenny, Lyn and all their helpers. Every month something major happens in the church. Congratulations to everyone!

**Rectory Hallway.** Joe is waiting for the timber to arrive so that he can repair the damaged floorboards.

**Sound systems.** Still waiting on quotes. We hope to be able to record sermons, services etc.

**Chamber Music Festival** will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> November. More details later.

**Anglican Food Room** In June 40 hampers were given out, 2 fuel vouchers, numerous cups of coffee each day. The shower is being used daily.

**Op shop.** The takings have been between **\$150 & \$200 per week.** At the moment it is rent free.

It is great outreach for those who help. Book sales have been good. A lot of the clothes are being given to the homeless.

**Fire Extinguishers** are to be tested.

**Defibrillator.** It was decided will go ahead and purchase one.

**Rail on lectern.** Looking at putting another rail on the lectern, to make it easier to alight from it.

**Lady Chapel.** We are going to apply for a faculty to remove the platform in the Lady Chapel.

**Finances.** At the end of June -\$75.96.

*Kaye Kennedy* Secretary



NAIDOC Week





## **EVENING GROUP NEWS**

Instead of holding a meeting in July, Eleven members enjoyed lunch in the Red Room at the Commercial Club.

Our next meeting will be on the 18<sup>th</sup> August which will commence at 5.30 pm in the Rectory. New members will be welcome.

**On 23<sup>rd</sup> September we will be holding another Trivia Night at Ad-amshurst.**

**More details will be in the September issue of the Grapevine.**

Kaye Kennedy President



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Kaye Kennedy

**MEDITATION**  
**THE PARABLE OF THE VINEYARD AND THE TENANTS**

**There was a landowner who planted a vineyard.....he rented it to some farmers ... and sent his servants to collect his rent. (St Matthew Chapter 2: 33-46)**

Once again Jesus takes circumstances of the day and weaves them into a story/parable, teaching us about God and ourselves. Every detail was founded upon fact, with the Jewish nation depicted as the vineyard of God. "The vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel". (Isaiah 5:7) Even the action of the farmers was not uncommon. The country was racked by economic unrest, people were discontent and rebellious, and the action of the farmers was not an unlikely scenario.



**Firstly the parable tells us about God-**

**1. God's trust in us.** The owner of the vineyard entrusted it to the farmers. He went away leaving it to them. Our Heavenly Father pays us the compliment of entrusting us with His work in this world-to speak and live a life which honours Him and care for the world He created.

**2. God's patience** - the owner sent messengers to collect his dues. Even though they were badly treated, he didn't respond with vengeance. He gave the farmers chance after chance to respond to his appeal. Our Heavenly Father bears with us in our sin, and gives us many opportunities.

**3. God's Judgement** – At last the owner gave the farmers their just retribution. (St Matt 25:31-35)

There will come a time when we face Our Heavenly Father. "When Jesus comes in His glory He will sit on the throne and all the people will be gathered before Him."

**Secondly the parable tells us about ourselves -**

**4. We must answer to God** –for all of us there will be a day of reckoning..."for all must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, that each may receive what is due to them for things done while in the body, whether good or bad". (2 Corinthians Chapter 5 verse 10)

**5. Human Sin** – there is a tendency for humans to deliberately go their own way. To feel they know better than Our Heavenly Father and have no need of Him in their lives. Sin is deliberate opposition to God when we know quite well what the way of God is for us. In this parable it is clear that Jesus knew what lay ahead for Him. (The parable relates how the farmers killed the owner's son.) Our Lord didn't die on the cross because He was compelled to die there. He went willingly to a death orchestrated by the so called representatives of God.

"God wants all people to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth...there is one mediator between God and people....Christ Jesus who gave Himself as a ransom for all". (1 Timothy 2: 4-5)

**"He died that we might be forgiven, He died to make us good,  
That we might go at last to heaven, saved by His precious blood."**

*Father Colin*



## Children's Church IN JULY

BAPTISM was the theme of the day, and it was great to welcome the many supportive relatives and friends of HAILEY MARREE MITCHELL into the children's church service! The church was a

happy group of the children's church children, welcoming the children from the baptism group, and they all were involved in the short talk Fr. Peter gave about what 'Baptism' is all about, with the action songs, and coming around the font to watch the action! Little Hailey enjoyed the proceedings, and warmed everyone with her gorgeous 1 year old smile, and was undaunted by the actual pouring on of the baptismal water during the baptism!

The communion service in a shortened form continued, and the congregation were comfortable to come up for the elements, which were distributed as usual, in front of the children's altar.

What a **loud** procession happened at the conclusion of the service, with the children relishing the march around the church with instruments, to our theme tune!

Luckily we had plenty of morning tea, as quite a few of the baptismal party stayed to enjoy a drink, tasty food and a chat, served by our wonderful ladies!

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



Christmas In July

## **CHOIR PRESENTATIONS**

Sunday 26 June was a very special day for two of St Matthew's Albury treble choristers. RSCM Voice for Life ribbons were presented by Fr Peter Macleod-Miller. Olivia Fowler received her Dark Blue Ribbon and Clarisse Summerfield her Light Blue Ribbon.

St Matthew's Music Foundation certificates were also presented to Music Scholar Broc Fowler for guitar and piano and his sister and fellow scholar Olivia Fowler for piano.

**The Music Foundation helps provide tuition in all genres of music to country kids.**



Olivia Fowler, Clarisse Summerfield and Broc Fowler with Fr. Peter after presentations

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### **Kerry Renews Her Vows**

Many of you will be aware that parishioner Kerry Wilkinson has had a special connection for some years with the Community of Christ the King at Taminick, south of Wangaratta. Her association with this Benedictine enclosed community began in 2007 through the encouragement of Fr Paul West. Since the death of Mother Rita Mary last year and the relocation of Sister Patience to St John's Village, there is no longer a functioning Community at the Taminick property. However, there is a group of 17 Oblates, located in Victoria, SA, ACT and Kerry in NSW, who are directly linked with this Community. The word 'Oblate' means 'offering'. Benedictine Oblates live in the outside world but are affiliated with a Benedictine Community and commit to living an enriched Christian life according to the Rule of Benedict.

Kerry was made an Oblate of CCK in 2013, taking the name Kerry Thérèse. On Wednesday 13 July, during the 10.30 Eucharist, she again renewed her vows. This part of the service was led by Fr Malcolm Crawley, who has had a close association with both CCK and the property. In his homily he spoke about St Benedict's life and the huge influence 'the Father of Monasticism' had had in the life of the Church's history. Kerry was supported both by the regular 10.30 congregation and by several friends who came especially for the occasion. She would value your continued encouragement and prayers.

**Sue Fyfe**



Kerry with Fr. Peter and Rev. Malcolm Crawley

## **H U M O U R**

*Time is like a river. You cannot touch the water twice, because the flow that has passed will never pass again. Enjoy every moment of life.....*

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As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a pauper's cemetery in the Nova Scotia back country.



**As I was not familiar with the backwoods, I got lost and, being a typical man, I didn't stop for directions.**

I finally arrived an hour late and saw the funeral guy had evidently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight. There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch. I felt badly and apologized to the men for being late.

I went to the side of the grave and looked down and the vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play. The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends.

I played like I've never played before for this homeless man. And as I played "Amazing Grace", the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together. When I finished, I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car, although my head hug low, my heart was full.

*As I opened the door of the car, I heard one of the workers say,  
"Well, I've never seen anything like that before, and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years!!".....*

### **FOR THE KIDS**

**Q. What does it mean when the barometer is falling?**  
**A. Whoever put it up didn't do a very good job!**

**Q. Why did the man wear only one glove?**  
**A. Because the weather lady said it was going to be hot, but on the other hand it could be cold.**

**Q. What is the difference between a horse and the weather?**  
**A. One is reigned up, and the other rains down.**



## **ON THE RECORD**

### ***Baptisms***

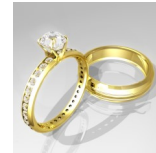
*We welcome into Christ's family*

10 July     Laney May CHESHIRE  
              Helena Grace SELL  
17 July     Hayley Maree MITCHELL  
31 July     Nikita Joy ROGALSKI  
              George Benjamin SHIPP  
              Shiloh Maria Louise WILLIAMS-MOREY



### ***Weddings***

No Weddings for July



### ***Funerals for July***

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

4     July     Evelyn Elizabeth Maslen



### ***Years Mind—August***

*We pray for those whose anniversary falls at this time*

Matela Constance STAR (1st) Ray Charles WALKER (2nd) Noel Walter GOULD (3rd) Stan HEPPNER (3rd) Norman William SEMMLER (4th) Shannon James Robert READ (4th) Patrick O'DONOGHUE (4th) Malcolm Sidney WHITE (4th) Louise Irene PIPER (6th) Dorothy Edith STAR (8th) Warwick PALFRAMAN (9th) Gregory Charles HOWARD (10th) (baby) Anne COLEMAN (11th) Carl James HUNICHEN (13th) George EISENHAUER (14th) Michael John CLARKE (priest) (14th) Neville "Harley" MCALLISTER (14th) Norman EISENHAUER (15th) Aden James DEVINE (15th) Lillian Jean HILLAS (16th) Earnest Francis GRANT (18th) Eric SEIDEL (19th) Reginald Otto KREUTZBERGER (19th) Harry LORD (21st) Charlie Robert John LAPPIN (21st) Brian Hector GILL (priest) (22nd) Robert Charles BECKHURST (23rd) John Michael MILES (23rd) Del READON (23rd) Dorothy May OCKENDEN (23rd) Henry Anzac POWELL (25th) Thora PIKE (25th) Henry Keith ROCK (27th) Eileen May FRAUENFELDER (28th) Arthur George COWLES (31st)



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No services

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10:00 a.m. Eucharist at Riverwood (except 1st Friday). All welcome

#### **SUNDAY**

9:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist  
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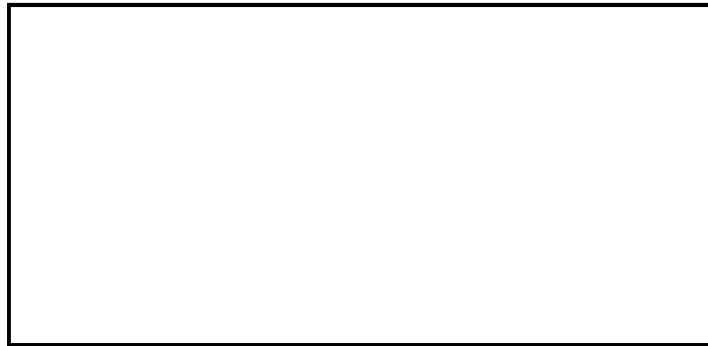
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