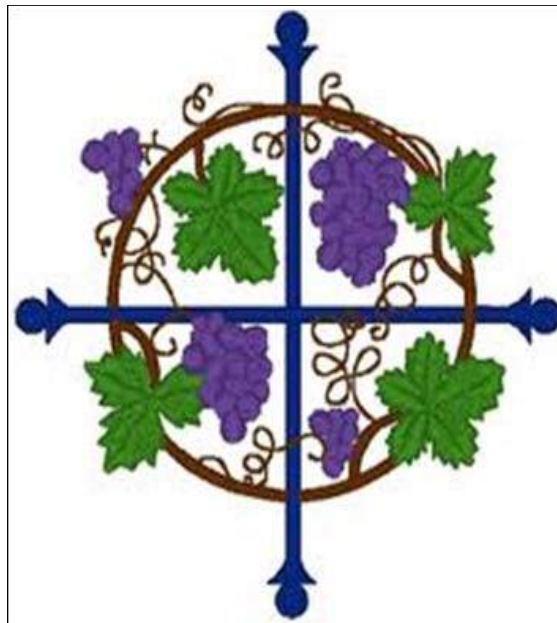


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JULY 2016

Fr Peter writes :
Dear People of St Matthew's

*God gives us a future, daring us to go
into dreams and dangers on a path unknown.
We will face tomorrow in the Spirit's power,
we will let God change us,
for new life starts now.*

*We must leave behind us sins of yesterday,
for God's new beginning is a better way.
Fear and doubt and habit must not hold us back:
God gives hope, and insight,
and the strength we lack.*

*Holy Spirit teach us, how to read the signs,
how to meet the challenge of our troubled times.
Love us into action, stir us into prayer,
till we choose God's life,
and find our future here.*

(Elizabeth Smith -to the tune of" At the name of Jesus")



Farewell to Hospital Chaplain Fr
Arthur Martin

Archbishop Desmond Tutu speaks of the "rainbow people of God" celebrating diversity of cultures and undertakings. Our growing interfaith experiences connect with a wider community in a positive way, but it is a very different way of expressing our faith than in previous generations, but we are so much the richer for it.

New words to old hymns can be challenging, but so important not to sing words that are outdated or die on the page. How valuable it is to be real about our opportunity and to ground our worship tradition in contemporary issues and a contemporary understanding of biblical texts and ancient prayers.

For many of us it is impossible to sing "Amazing Grace" and celebrate the abolition of slavery without being connected to the end of discrimination between races and faiths, support marriage equality and the dignity of women and children and the end of family violence, compassionate policies toward refugees, assistance in education and job creation and Indigenous recognition and reconciliation.

This sounds very political and of course it is. It is possible to hide from real life in bibles and prayer books, drown out the difficult questions with old hymns but it won't be good news for anyone.

To be involved, risks being misunderstood but as we reach out to others across racial, cultural social and faith divides we build up a more complete picture of the world that we share and ways of understanding God's will for his family.

Highlights of the last month included an interfaith commemoration of the tragedy in Orlando, as well as solidarity afternoon with the LGBTBI community in QEII Square, participation in the Border winter solstice youth suicide awareness evening, outstanding lunch event for mental health enabled by Paul

Summerfield, the Hume Bank, friends of Nolan House and mental health assistance, and we are just about to embark on indigenous support in Naidoc week thanks to Aunty Nancy.

Our Celtic weekend was a marvelous success the cocktail party, music, dancers and Celtic service afforded a new way to express faith and community in a homespun and fireside way that will provide a template for some new worship patters for the future.

Rev Maureen Beattie and Kevin Beattie were a driving force behind this and other pastoral and liturgical initiatives, as they go to Wangaratta we wish them well and look forward to all that God has for us in the changing adventure of faith.

Musical highlights have included an organ recital by Martin Setchell from New Zealand, as well as some master classes for our organ scholars under the banner of our music foundation. Shanul Sharma once again was a knock out in a packed farewell concert to benefit his future operatic study with the finest coach in the world in Wales, again this concert enabled under our music foundation and we look forward to his return visit next January.

The choir of Christ College Cambridge returning on the 13th of July will also be an opportunity to use the New Art Gallery (MAMA) for the pre-concert reception that will also guarantee priority seating and make the night complete.

Youth band the Northern Folk presents Three Dog Night Concert at Albury Entertainment Centre Friday 22nd July at 7pm to benefit St Matthews Crisis Care helping the homeless in our community.

Albury Chamber Music Festival is also being planned under the banner of our music foundation and association on the 11th 12th and 13th of November more details to come.

Fr Peter

After Interfaith service for Orlando victims



Rev'd Maureen Beattie,
Farewell service to follow later in the year



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Celtic Cocktail Party & Concert. A lot of work, people came who normally are not involved. \$2507 was banked. Thank you to everyone who were involved, the organisers, people who made & donated food, the men behind the bar, the people at the door, & to everyone who attended.

Fire Extinguishers. There are none in the choir gallery. At least two are needed, these are to be obtained.

Highgrove. The bills are starting to come for the repair work. Some of these will be covered by insurance.

The Bhutanese garden is coming on, radishes ready to be harvested.

Sound System. The church has been left a considerable sum by Lucy McGrath-Cusworth, with this money & a donation of \$5000, we are looking at putting in a new sound system. We are looking at being able to record concerts, sermons etc. that can be put on the website.

Website. Still learning how to use it.

Outreach & Pastoral Care. With Maureen leaving the area, the Pastoral Care team has found someone who has offered to help with home communions. The team hopes to have some functions at Adamshurst for those who have home visits, or live in the retirement villages.

Pop in op shop. This now in the Globe Building arcade. Wednesday, Thursday & Friday from 10 am to 2 pm. \$227.50 was made in May.

Anglican Food Room 31 hampers were handed out during May, along with numerous cups of tea/coffee. Thanks to Joe Nesbit & David Murray who built the clothes racks. Looking at having the official opening on the 21st June,

Shower. This is working well. Thanks goes to Kathy Sutherland and her sisters for donating a shower changing shed.

St. Matthew's Chamber Music Festival. The inaugural festival will take place on the 11th 12th 13th November. More details later.

Cambridge College choir will be at St Matthew's on the 13th July. Tickets for this concert are available at the office.

Finances: At the end of May there was \$2483.73 in the No 1 account.

Kaye Kennedy Secretary



Evening Group News

At our June Meeting the members meet for soup, bread, slice & fellowship before playing musical bingo. Instead of being given a sheet with numbers on they were given a sheet with song titles. They then had to listen to a CD of the songs & when they heard a song which was on their sheet to mark it off. There were some songs they didn't know, but I think they all had a lot of fun!

For our July meeting we are going to the dining room at the Commercial Club for lunch which we are looking forward to.

We will be having another Trivia night on **Friday 23rd September at Adamshurst. More details next month.**

Kaye Kennedy President

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LUNCHEON

for three 90 YEAR OLD MEMBERS OF Mother's Union was held on Friday 17th June, at Cafe Borella's. There was a great turnout to celebrate, and each birthday girl was given a little flowering plant ,by owner George! Mary Cox, Linda Crookham, and Betty White were the birthday girls.



Shanul Sharma Concert with pianist Helena Kernaghan



MEDITATION

THE PARABLES OF JESUS **PARABLE OF THE ROYAL WEDDING**



“The kingdom of heaven is like a King....who arranged a wedding for his son. He sent servants to summon those who had been invited...but they refused to come.” (St Matthew ch:22 verses 1-10)

Will Hopoate plays at Fullback for Canterbury Bankstown (Bulldogs) in the NRL Competition. He recently signed a contract with the club which contained a clause excluding him from playing on Sundays. Why ? To play on Sundays would prevent him from attending church services, study and Christian fellowship. In other words, he put his Christian responsibilities above those of his club responsibilities. How many would do that ?

In the above parable the King issued his final summons for the wedding festivities, but they were refused – an insult to him. The parable is primarily directed at the Jews. They were God’s chosen people, yet when God’s Son Jesus came into the world and invited them to follow him, they refused.

In the parable, the wedding invitation was widened to include people who had previously been left out. Jesus did the same when he invited the Gentiles (people other than Jews) to be part of the Kingdom of God. In their wildest dreams they never expected such an invitation and were pleased to be included.

What about today ? The reaction is rather similar. When people hear the invitation to be part of the kingdom of God, and to love, worship and follow the way of life of Our Lord, the excuses such as “I am too busy”, “I can’t be bothered” “it’s not for me” are the same as in the parable. They didn’t go off to wild parties or become involved in unlawful or immoral activities. They went about the legitimate tasks of their everyday life. It is very easy for us to become so busy with the things of this life that we fail to hear the voice of Our Heavenly Father calling us to follow Our Lord into the real life. We can be so busy making a living that we fail to make a life – and all that it means.

The King finally loses patience and invites everyone. Their invitation came to them from the wide-armed, open hearted hospitality of the King. The same invitation is issued to us today, to be part of the Kingdom and the people of God. St Peter writes that we have been invited **“to an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade, kept in heaven (for us).”** 1 Peter Chapter 1 verses 3-4.

**“Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in his wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of his glory and grace.”**

Father Colin



Children's Church IN JUNE

'The Man who built his house upon a rock'- was the theme for Children's church , and the children gathered around to see the fate of 2 'plastic cup houses', the first placed on a mound of sand, and the other placed on a rock. After rather mixed results, it is hoped the children got the message, about building on solid ground preferable than a sandy base! Jesus said to people that to rely on his help and support was like building on a solid rock foundation.

The 16 children, also gathered around the children's altar for the communion segment of the service. Assisting Fr. Peter.

After the service, the usual goodies were offered to the congregation, gathering to keep warm and have some fellowship.

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



St Matthew's Music Scholars with their family and Choir Director Malcolm Halford

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Winter Solstice—Stan Grant, Stuart Baker
and Fr Peter



Harvest from the Bhutanese Garden



Remembering and lighting candles for Orlando
victims



The Northern Folk helping St Matthews Crisis
Care—helping the homeless in our community



Celtic Evening—Reverend Maureen Beattie,
Vicki Chick and Fr Peter



Celtic Dancers

NEWS FROM THE TOWER



It was with much regret that Christine Watson announced her retirement from bellringing at our last practice night. Esteemed member for twelve years, Christine has decided that it is time to “hang up her rope” and be a listener rather than a ringer. As a late beginner, Christine has been an inspiration to us all and will be sadly missed in the tower. Best wishes for the future Christine; it has been a privilege to have you as part of our band.

Thankfully, we may have a new learner. Kerrie brought a work colleague to observe at a recent practice night, and with a brief try –out she seemed to be quite keen, so we are hopeful to have someone to fill the gap following Christine’s departure.

Another announcement from the tower is the arrival of a son to Christiaan and Fiona, with Chris being the proud new grandfather. (It is a bit confusing with all these Chris’s.) Congratulations and best wishes to the family.

Muffles are used on the bells on solemn occasions such as Anzac Day, and sometimes at funerals. We have had problems with our set of muffles and decided to have them adapted to eliminate these problems. I am pleased to announce that this work has now been completed and the muffles are now back in our possession ready for use.

Another three-tower practice is being organised, this time at the Cathedral, most likely in August. At the end of this month a ladies’ social group will be visiting us on practice night. We were delighted when asked to host them for a talk and demonstration and hope that they may spread the word about bellringing.

Remember, visitors are always welcome either on Sunday at

8.30 AM or on Tuesday from 5- 6.30 PM.

Are you interested in learning? If so, please make yourself known to a bellringer or ring Pam on 60213571.

***Pam Thorman* (Tower captain)**

Jokes for the kids

Q. Why do skeletons hate the winter?
A. The cold goes right through them

Q. What letters of the alphabet remind us of winter?
A. ‘I C’

Q. Where do snowflakes dance?
A. At a snowball



H U M O U R *Puns for the educated mind*

1. The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
2. I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian .
3. She was only a whisky maker, but he loved her still.
4. A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.
5. The butcher backed into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.
6. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
7. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
8. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blowna-part.
9. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
- 10.. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
11. A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.
12. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
13. Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other, 'You stay here, I'll go on a head.'
14. I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then, it hit me.
15. A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said, 'Keep off the Grass.'
16. A small boy swallowed some coins and was taken to a hospital. When his grandmother telephoned to ask how he was, a nurse said, 'No change yet.'
17. A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
18. It's not that the man did not know how to juggle, he just didn't have the balls to do it.
19. The short fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
20. The man who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
21. A backward poet writes inverse.
22. In democracy, it's your vote that counts. In feudalism, it's your count that votes.
- 23 . When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.

ON THE RECORD

Baptisms

We welcome into Christ's family

12 June Sebastian Otto BARNES
Charlie John McCORMACK
Flynn Alfred McCORMACK



Weddings

We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony

No weddings for June



Funerals

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

3 June Glen William SCHUBERT
9 June Margaret Mary KENNEDY
10 June Lorna Mary ANDERSON
21 June Pamela May WHITE



Years Mind – July

We pray for those whose anniversary falls at this time

Marion TAYLOR (1st), Jean Mavis KENNEDY (2nd), Valerie GIBBS (2nd), Debbie Lyn McKEON (3rd), Jean BLACK (4th), Joyce Olive SCHRODER (5th), Barry WILLIAMS (6th), Emily Edith MOREY (7th), Jean OGILVIE (9th), Thelma May WEIDNER (8th), 'Dot' Dorothy Grace SCOTT (8th), Aileen HORE (9th), Maurice Arthur CHICK (9th), Julie-Anne WEBB-MOLE (10th), Norman Alfred REED (11th), Lynnette Margaret AVERY (12th), Ann GORDON (12th), Keith GRAHAM (13th), Alice Irene TREWELLA (13th), Charles William SAUNDERS (14th), Ida Mary MALE (16th), Ron SCOTT (18th), Samantha Trudy BOOTH (18th), Eric Maudsley BROMFIELD (19th), Jennifer Lynn HUTCHINSON (19th), Kenneth George WEBB-WAGG (19th), Marjorie Jean BECKHURST (20th), William Alexander KIRKWOOD (21st), Stephen Holmes (Priest) (21st), Joyce Elizabeth CLARKE (21st), Geoffrey STEWART (22nd), Georgia PALFRAMAN (22nd), Wilma MILLER (25th), 'Lex' Herbert Alexander PIERSSENE (26th), Rodney JOSSELYN (28th), Corey CHURCHILL (28th), Patricia Frances LUND (28th), Lilian Joyce CUNNINGHAM (29th), Kathleen Eva EAGLES (29th), Luke WILLIAMS (30th), Leslie Albert GRAY (31st)



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No services

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10:00 am. Eucharist at Riverwood (except 2nd Friday). All welcome

SUNDAY

9:00 am. Sung Eucharist

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

5:00 pm. Evensong (Only 1st Sunday of every month)

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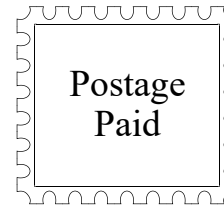
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