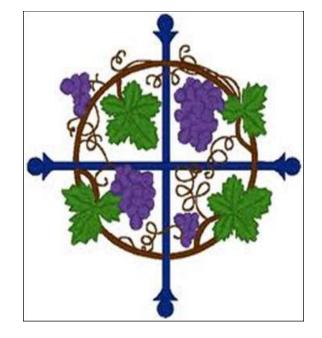
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PARISH OF ALBURY In the heart of Albury Welcomes all people

OCTOBER 2016

Fr Peter writes : Dear People of St Matthew's

"People are God's language"

(Tune: 'Ellers', 10 10 10 10 10. 301 RCH) People are language through whom God can speak; Heard by the list'ners, found by those who seek; Heard in a whisper, never in a roar; Heard in compassion, not through formal law.

People are language through whom God can care With words of comfort when we see despair; Spoken in kindness, yet with certainty; Heard with delight when calming misery.

People are language through whom God can plead For peace and mercy, for the ones in need; Spoken in strength, with poise and dignity, Calling for justice and for liberty.

Sharing of love with acts of gentleness, Sharing the load with deeds of thoughtfulness, We can ensure the message can be heard; For we are language of God's living word (George Stuart)

Modern Hymn writer George Stuart speaks of many traditional hymns with fine melodies as having lyrics that are counter-productive to the foundations of 21st century faith. these traditional hymns use lyrics and words that "express ideas which singers no longer enthusiastically or wholeheartedly endorse," resulting in "much personal irritation" from "a growing and significant number of people." The result has been Stuart's efforts to use traditional hymn tunes to be the vehicles of contemporary, progressive Christian ideas.

In mid hymn we have sometimes discovered ourselves singing words that we would never own out in the fresh air, and the presence of young people gives us permission to have "a clear out." And ask what we actually believe.

Upping anchors can free us to renew our own faith as well as reaching a new generation with a universal message of living life to the full.

The recent leavers service for Trinity Anglican College at St Matthews led by Reverend Bryn Jones was an inspiring moment of communication very much connected to the lives of those present, and the fallout, in the message to older people such as parents, teachers and me was a powerful lesson in what we would miss out on without the youth opportunity. Governments institutions and churches are running on spent fuel and the perspective of

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spiritual baggage of the ages does provide an exciting reawakening to where we might be and what we might do.

New perspectives have enabled me to scrap the old strategic intentions we have inherited Reverend Bryn spoke to the year 12 leavers about the temptation to keep going **around** the mountain without ever engaging in the more difficult challenge of going **over** it we may need a new map, reset the compass, reboot the personal computer.

I no longer hope to fill our churches with young people singing hymns, but rather pray that our church will have a positive impact on the society in which they live. We are at the crossroads, we can join the national theme of liberation for

refugees, indigenous and other oppressed people or keep our heads down and keep singing the old words.

We do belong to a tradition that churns out prayers and strategic plans but ending up waiting for the applause before we have courage to act. The recent Australian Story with Beccy Cole and Libby O'Donovan featured Fr Bart and Reverend Prue O'Donovan once at St Matthews speaking of unconditional love for their daughter, her partner and their children and the message has a freshness that is immediately attractive.

We cannot logically be part of a community that advocates for refugees and works for indigenous recognition and social justice while continuing to fuel the engines that make refugees of children within our own community and churches. The Anglican church is generally fearful, their voices muted, our own bishop and many others have added integrity to the call for affirmation of diversity and opposition to the proposed plebiscite and I commend our communities and so many young people who lend courage to others in the present climate.

St Matthews Day was reflective of the themes that we are discovering since the fire destroyed St Matthews 25 years ago. In the presence of the Albury fire department, paramedics and emergency services complete with fire engine and ambulance reminded a new generation of the drama that heralded a community project of rebuilding that has given St Matthews a far wider interaction and clearer voice than before Fr Kevin Flanagan, well known Roman Catholic priest with Gaye Patterson from the ABC led a Q&A style interview about Christian priorities in a changing world and the involvement of many faith communities on the day was a vivid reminder of changing world views and shared values between faiths and cultures . I also commend Albury chamber music festival as an



exciting event for our diaries and continue to be inspired by the opportunity leaps that St Matthews Music Association for country kids is giving to young people in our church and community.

Fr Peter

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Op shop & Sorting room. John & Lyn Schuberg have been appointed coordinators of the shop. Leanne Kohler will be looking after the sorting room. Volunteers are needed to help in the sorting room. (See notice below) The op shop took \$418.45 for the month of August. The op shop not only benefits the clients, but also the volunteers.

Offering envelopes. It was decided at the meeting, to give envelopes to the members of the parish who would like to receive them. Please put your name on the list which can be found in the narthex of the church, or fill in the form that you will find in this edition of the Grapevine, and return to the church.

Pastoral Partners. Cathy Carden has taken over the role as Pastoral Partners coordinator.

Website. James Flores has taken over the role of updating the website. You will now find the Grapevine on it, also the Chamber Music Festival details.

Anglican Food Room. 32 hampers, lots of cups of tea & coffee given. Parishioners are generous with their donations of food. The shower is used daily.

Finances. At the end of August, we had a deficit of \$2053.88.

The Garden. David, Jenny & Lyn are doing a great job with garden. They have tidied the area between the rectory & Bellbridge's. Several trips to the tip were made to get rid of rubbish. David has been making the urns more secure & has put new plants in them.

New vacuum has been donated. This is stored in the music room in the rectory. Thank you to the donor.

The defibrillator has arrived and will be placed in the church near the side door.

Kaye Kennedy

Secretary

VOLUNTEERS ARE WANTED-

in the Sorting room for the Op shop & to put together shower packs etc for the Homeless



Duties would include sorting clothes for the shop, putting together shower packs, keeping the room tidy. If you would be interested in helping in this area, please contact the office on 02 6021 3022 The hours would be anytime between 8.30am and 12.30pm.

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RELAY FOR LIFE 2016

This year St Matthew's is <u>not</u> entering a team in Relay for Life, but I have registered for this year's Relay for Life, to be held in Wodonga on the 22nd/23rd October. The name of the team is 'Committee Fundraising.' The event, - 'Border 2016'

If you are able to make a donation in my name for this wonderful cause it would be greatly appreciated.

You can donate online or give your donation to me. Or -

Why not come to Wodonga and take part in this event. It commences at 9.30 on the 22nd October with the survivors and carer's walk. In the evening there is the Hope Ceremony and the closing ceremony is on Sunday morning at 9.30. Even if you only come for an hour. The money raised last year was used to buy a community car to transport cancer patients to the new cancer hospital for treatment. I can show you how to enter relay.

Kaye Kennedy

CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you wish to receive church offering envelopes next year would you please fill in your details on the form below, or put your name down on the list which will be in the church narthex.

New envelopes will start in the new year.

(To save you the worry when you go away or are unable to attend church why not direct debit.)

NAME	
ADDRESS	
PHONE	
EMAIL	

Mother's Union—Christmas Cards

now available \$6 for 10 cards (<u>different designs</u>) See stall after Sunday and Wednesday services Christian message inside

Support the Christmas Message !



MEDITATION THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

A farmer went out to sow his seed...some fell along the path...some fell on rocky ground...other seed fell among thorns...still other seed fell on good soil. (St Mark Ch: 4 verses 1-20)

In the time of Jesus, sowing a field with seed was by the "broadcast" method. From pouches at his side, the farmer would scatter the seed over the field by hand. The field usually consisted of different parts – some good for growth, some not.

Some of the seed that was scattered fell on the paths which usually surrounded the field. The birds would swoop down and gobble it up. The point Jesus is making here is that the Christian faith fails to make any impression on some people – not necessarily because they are hostile to it (though some are) but because they are indifferent to it. They feel it to be irrelevant and unnecessary to their life. Even in society there is a general feeling that life can go along quite well without it. But can we?

Is there ever a time in our life when we need a power other than ourselves?

Then there was the rocky ground, characterised by shallow soil. The seed germinated well, but the shallowness of the soil which held little moisture or nourishment, ensured that any shoots soon withered and died. Our Lord infers that many people are attracted to the Christian way of life and its principles, but their enthusiasm only lasts for a short time. The cost of discipleship is too much.

The third kind of ground consisted of weeds and thorny bushes. They choked the life out of any of the seeds that germinated. It is so easy to become overtaken with the activities and worries of our everyday life and our world, that there is no time left for Our Lord. The more complicated our life becomes, the more the danger of leaving Jesus out altogether. We need to get our priorities right so that Our Lord has a real and important place in what we do every day – however hard that may seem.

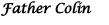
Finally there was the ground in which the seed could flourish. If our lives are to really benefit from the Christian message, we need to hear it and "take it on board". We must listen to the teachings of Jesus and put his message into action. In the parable the seed that fell on the good ground grew and yielded a bountiful crop.... "there was a splendid harvest." The message of Jesus has been heard and acted upon.

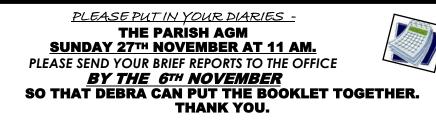
Our Lord was under no illusion as to the reception he and his message from God would receive from the people during his time on earth.

It was just as he described in the parable - and it is the same today.

But on a positive note – this parable illustrates that there will always be faithful followers of Jesus in every time and age. Just remember that "the Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult and left untried."







Children's Church IN SEPTEMBER

Although it was raining outside, there
were lots of cheerful parents and
children at the service. The theme of
the service was 'The treasures of the
church', an intriguing title, and
people were keen to know what the
treasures actually were!

After a series of action songs, Fr. Peter showed the children an attractive, bow-topped box, containing 'the treasures', and spoke about what we normally think of as 'treasures'.

On opening the box, Fr Peter showed
the congregation a framed picture of
the congregation, and said that we
are the treasures of the church, as
well as 'the bible' which teaches us
about God and Jesus, and the way
we are supposed to live.

Fr Peter showed the children a picture of when the church burned, 25 years ago, and said the church was a treasure that was temporarily lost, but rebuilt by people who treasured it. Baby, Cian Coyle was welcomed at the service, a brother to regular Children's Church attender, Bennett, and family. People took communion in front of the Children's Altar. The morning tea was held in the church, because of the steady rain, and people stayed to chat in the positive atmosphere of that beautiful space.

In the absence of our usual great musicians, David Luxon and Tom Summerfield, our own 'treasure' Rowena Ginns stepped in to play the songs etc.

symp k We thank our helpers at and after the st service.









Julie Scott. Children's church spokesperson for Albury Mother's Union.

















Fair on the Square SATURDAY **8 OCTOBER QEII SQUARE** 8.00 am-1.00 pm

Murray Conservatorium Concert Band & 21C, Albury City Band, Albury-Wodonga Pipes & Drums & Scottish Highland Dancers, **Cathies Celtic Dancers**



St Matthews Day—Albury fire department, paramedics and emergency services complete with fire engine and ambulance , families and Fr Kevin



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SIGN IN A SHOE REPAIR STORE IN VANCOUVER THAT READ; 'We will heel you We will save your sole We will even dye for you".

SIGN OVER A GYNECOLOGISTS OFFICE "Dr. Jones at your cervix ".

IN A PODIATRIST'S OFFICE; "Time wounds all heels"

ON A SEPTIC TANK TRUCK ; 'Yesterday's meals on wheels"

AT AN OPTOMETRIST'S OFFICE;" "If you don't see what you are looking for, You have come to the right place".

ON A PLUMBER'S TRUCK; "We repair what your husband fixed".

ON ANOTHER PLUMBER'S TRUCK ; 'Dont sleep with a drip, call your plumber."

AT A TYRE SHOP IN MILWAUKEE; "invite us to your next blowout'.

IN A NON-SMOKING AREA; "If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and will take appropriate action.'

ON A MATERNITY ROOM DOOR; "Push, push, push! "

AT A CAR DEALERSHIP;

"The best way to get back on your feet- miss a car payment'.

OUTSIDE A MUFFLER SHOP; 'No appointment necessary, we hear you coming'"

IN A VET'S WAITING ROOM: "Be back in 5 mins. Sit ! Stay !"

AT THE ELECTRIC COMPANY; "We would be delighted if you send your payment on time. However if you don't YOU will be de-lighted'

IN A RESTAURANT WINDOW; "Dont stand there and be hungry, come on in and get fed up".

IN THE FRONT OF A FUNERAL HOME: "Drive carefully... We'll wait".

AT A PROPANE FILLING STATION; "Thank heavens for little grills".

IN A CHICAGO RADIATOR SHOP; "Best place in town to take a leak",

AND THE BEST ONE -SIGN ON THE BACK OF ANOTHER SEPTIC TANK TRUCK; "Caution—this truck is full of Political Promises"

FOR THE KIDS—

Q. Where do cows go for holidays? A. To Cowlifornia or Moo-York.

Q. Where can you find roads without cars, rivers without water, forests without trees A. A map.

Q. Why did the chewing gum cross the road? A Because it was stuck to the chicken's foot.



ON THE RECORD

Baptisms

We welcome into Christ's family				
27 August	Ashton George TAYLOR			
-	Patrick John TAYLOR			
28 August	Brody Cameron GILCRIST			
-	Jonty Douglas PIEPER			
11 September	Georgia Sarah KREUTZBERGER			
-	Lily Catherine COLCLOUGH			





We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony

27 August Joshua Lea TAYLOR & Megan Winnev TRAVISS 17 September Stewart George ANSTIS & Vanessa Jayne PERCIVAL



Funerals

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

those who mourn

Norman William MILLER 26 August 12 September

13 September

'Ned' Edward Rupert MONTE Olive Elsie WRAGGE

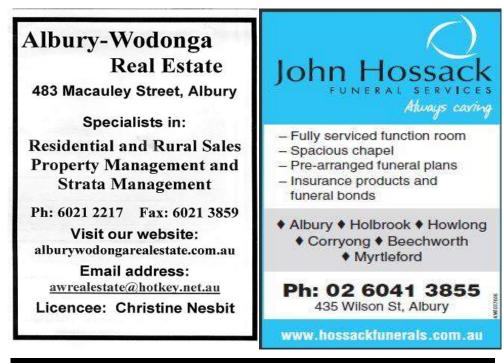


Years Mind – October

We pray for those whose anniversary falls at this time

Louise MOLESWORTH (2nd), Kit MOLESWORTH (2nd), Barbara Margaret NEVINSON (2nd), 'Sam' Samuel James GODDARD (5th), Baby Matthew COLEMAN (6th), Lorna Sylvia ENGLISH (8th), Ada Victoria PURSS (9th), Margaret SEYMOUR-HARDWICK (10th), Dylan JARDINE (10th), Nola DOWN (10th), Gwynne Harry SAMPSON (11th), Brian SCHOLZ (11th), Yvonne Lorraine COLLINGWOOD (12th), Annie Elizabeth COL-LICOAT (13th), Bruce WINNEL (14th), Joyce MACKAY (16th), Paul Julian COLQUHOUŃ (16th), Lilian May COLEMAN (17th), Robert William WHITE (19th), Christopher MANN (20th), Jack CLEGG (21st), Roger Cade HURST (21st), Dorothy RYAN (23rd), Bill QUINLIVAN (24th), Bruce Athol WHITE (25th), 'Don' Donald John KING (25th), Michael Douglas COLLINS (25th), Roger Graham ABRECHT (26th), Garry John WOODLAND (26th), Norman Percy HABERECHT (31st), Alison MOLESWORTH (31st)







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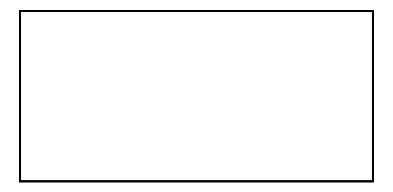
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