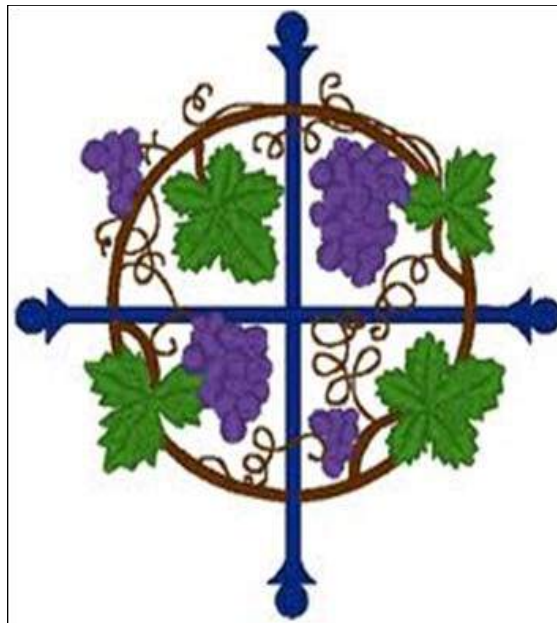


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PARISH OF ALBURY

*In the heart of Albury
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NOVEMBER 2016

Fr Peter writes :

Dear People of St Matthew's

The Search for Hope By George Stuart (Australia)



Tune: Darwall (66.66.88)
"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"
*We search for lasting hope
To help us face each day,
To give us reason to pursue a different way.
In Christ we see
A way to go through 'high' and 'low'
And set us free.*

*Sometimes the hope we want
Is difficult to find;
It falls to us to foster it in heart and mind.
In Christ we know
A path to tread through peace and dread
And help us grow.*

*When others seem to break
When hope seems at an end,
We may be able to give hope
just as a friend.
In Christ we share
A call to be in ministry,
To love and care.*

*Hope brings us back to life
In hope we can proceed;
God of the future calls to us if we but heed.
In Christ we view
How God can reign in our domain;
Make all things new.*

George Stuart acknowledges the past and power of remembering without getting stuck in it. This is a contemporary challenge honouring yesterday but opening our eyes to the present reality. We are not curators of someone else's museum, Christ called to us is to current action. Falling in love with the rear vision mirror could lead to a dangerous road ahead and this is probably where we part company with much that is on the churches menu. We thank God for his spirit moving through the world opening the windows rather than battening down the hatches to the new freedoms the spirit brings.

The Murray river is a wonder, many of us may not give it a second thought, but in flood it knocks on our door and demands our attention. Auntie Nancy reminds us of the indigenous wisdom, that sees the river as the connection between communities rather than a point of division following the 'good fences make good neighbours' proverb.

Faith like the Murray, is an expanding connection that reflects the big themes of our communities and invites our participation or it can be a jealously guarded line of division that is reinforced and sandbagged to keep some in and others out.

Welcome, and Equality and freedom are curiously controversial words in and out of church, but we are loved with a love that defies narrow definitions and led by a Saviour who was nailed up by them.

When people are made refugees and outsiders because of governments or churches, when cruelty instead of kindness is the experience of the traveller it is a simple choice to change tack and admit that we, the church and the government have got it wrong. In the days when the bible was interpreted in ways compromising the welfare of vulnerable people Jesus shocked the religious and civil authorities by pulling up the anchors on tradition and changing the menu.

We see glimpses of it in the unconditional welcome imaged by Fr Kevin (the popular Pope of Albury) and difficulties suffered by Reverend Dr Keith Mascord, the biblical missiles fired at the late Bishop of Gippsland, at our own Bishop John, Bishop Kaye Goldsworthy and at Reverend Peter and Reverend Christine at Northern Albury and many others who dare to share a message of compassion and inclusion.

Our interfaith community is also working together to provide opportunities for shared understandings and service of our community our interfaith Christmas tree festival, multi-faith Celtic evensong with the Bhutanese community, and interfaith carols and readings service are all expressions of a shared spiritual river in flood.

Shared motivations to address physical and emotional needs have opened a new partnership between Carevan and St Matthews Crisis Care and we are excited that our beautiful forecourt and garden will regularly host the fine work of outreach by Carevan and its committed volunteers. Music as an international language is a gift offered by Albury chamber music festival coming from The St Matthews music foundation and association for country kids. From the 11-13th November we are very excited by the participation of one of our Organ Scholars James Flores highlighting the gifts that our music foundation and association are already giving.

Fr Peter

Right—Wedding Blessing Reverend Maureen & Kevin Beattie

Below—Fr Peter at Blessing of the Fleet at the Albury Wodonga Yacht Club



Ruth and Max Barry on a recent trip to Albury



Guild Festival Service—
with presentation to James Flores



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Advertising. Someone is interested in donating a digital sign.

Website. This looking good. James is going to put information about the Funeral Homes under the Funerals page.

Christmas Tree Festival. This year it will include trees from other faiths & denominations.

Pastoral Care. Nothing really to report only that it is going great.

Food Room. 34 hampers, 1 fuel card & many cups of coffee/tea & hot chocolate handed out during September.

Op Shop \$432.30 was made during September. Jim Lee is going to look into ways it can be advertised, so people knows it is there.

Sorting Room. Katrina has been helping Leanne sort the goods that come in. It is a mammoth job, thank you Leanne & Katrina.

Christmas Appeal. This needs to be launched soon. On the 8th/9th Dec the hampers will be packed & collected or delivered.

St Matthew's Village The last empty single bedroom unit has been let. The Curatage is empty. The mould which was on the walls has been removed.

St Matthew's Music Festival. To be held on the 11th, 12th & 13th November. Plans for this seem well in hand. The choir from Trinity College Melbourne will attending the Sunday Service.

Finances. At the end of September we had **\$423.67** in our bank account.

Kaye Kennedy Secretary

2016 Fete

Thank you to everyone who work towards the success of the fete, despite the fact people didn't seem to be spending money. There didn't appear to be many in attendance. The layout was good, seemed to be more room.
\$6344.00 was banked which was a good result.

The winners of the major raffle were

1 st Prize	R. Adams
2 nd Prize	Tony Evans
3 rd Prize	Gill Mackay.



From the Fete Treasure Stall 2016:

Appreciation and thank you once again to Kevin and Denise Thorman for transporting sale items down. Also to my great team of helpers, my children and to the new helper Buddhi. The weather was so kind on the day - thank you father Peter for organising the sunshine!! The Pipe Band just added to a great fete.

God Bless,

Golda Quinlivan



Albury Chamber Music Festival

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St Matthews Fete





Children's Church IN NOVEMBER

Pray and never give up was this day's theme.

Chaplain Catherine Dawson took the service in the absence of Fr Peter and Reverend Maureen.

We have 13 mainly smaller children, and Catherine showed the children that a tree starts as a tiny seed, and has to grow and grow and never give up through storms and droughts, to become a large tree. The children were encouraged to curl up as a tiny seed then 'grow', which they found fun!

The children were shown a sad face, and a happy face, and were urged to draw sad faces and happy faces on the whiteboard, and the message that Jesus is there to help and encourage us when we feel sad was encouraging to people of all ages! David Luxon was our musician, and played the action songs in his usual up-beat way, the children were more watching than participating in the actions, this time, as some were new-comers, but will be familiar with the songs next time! The children enjoyed choosing a musical instrument, and loved the procession at the conclusion of the service. Children seem to enjoy the experience of Children's Church, which is what it is all about! A run around the garden with friends and some yummy food was the order of the day for the kids, while the parents stayed for a chat in the sun, after the service.

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



MEDITATION

THE PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS

At that time, the Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten Virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. (St Matthew Chapter 25: 1-2)



We are approaching the season of Advent when we focus our faith on two events – one has occurred, one is yet to occur.

Our main focus is most likely on the birth of Jesus in that stable in Bethlehem and on the events surrounding His birth - the Shepherds and the Wise Men. The commercial world does not let us forget the season either, but generally ignores its significance. At this time of the year there is another focus- just as important, if not more so. This is the return of Our Lord. As the book of Acts records – **“this same Jesus who has been taken from you into Heaven, will come back in the same way.”** (Chapter 1 verse 11) Jesus Himself says, **“At that time....they will see me coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory.”** (St Matthew 25:30-31.)

In the above parable, Jesus relates how ten maidens were waiting to greet the bridegroom at his wedding, but five of them missed the event. This was because the bridegroom was late and five ran out of oil needed to keep their lamps alight. They attempted to buy or borrow oil but were unsuccessful. The five wise maidens had just enough oil to last until the bridegroom's arrival. By the time the others had secured some oil, the bridegroom had arrived and they were shut out.

Referring to the time of His return, Jesus advises – **“be on the watch, for you do not know the day or the hour”** (ch:25 V. 13) and **“you must be ready, for the Son of Man (Jesus) will come at an hour when you do not expect Him.”** (St Luke Ch: 12 verse 40)

This parable warns us to be prepared to face Our Lord. There is a story about a certain member of the Royal Family who when dying was asked by her Chaplain if she had made preparations to meet Our Lord. Her answer was – **“I have not left this matter to this hour”**. To be too late is a tragedy.

This parable also warns us that there are certain things which cannot be borrowed. The five foolish virgins found it impossible to borrow oil when they discovered they needed it. In the same way a person cannot borrow a relationship with God: it has to be possessed by the person themselves. We cannot live on the spiritual capital of others. We must acquire it for ourselves. A quote from a piece of Negro poetry sums up this parable ...

**“He was scorned and crucified, and he'll find me hoeing cotton when he comes.
When he comes, when he comes !!
He'll be crowned by saints and angels when he comes. They'll be shouting out
Hosanna to the one that men denied,
And I'll be kneeling in the cotton when he comes”.**
Christians have a hope for the future.

Father Colin

BLESSING OF THE PETS ST.MATTHEWS ALBURY 2ND OCTOBER

St Matthew's Albury celebrated the Blessing of the Pets to honour St Francis and his love of all God's creatures. It was an extremely noisy service with about 20 dogs of varying sizes and voice types. Overall it was extremely orderly with no animal confrontations..



EVENING GROUP NEWS

The Trivia night held in September was a great success. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves & I would like to thank the participants for attending. Also, Glenn Boyd did a marvellous job getting the questions ready for each category. Thank you, Glenn, for giving your time. \$733.25 was raised on the night & another one will probably be held next year. The money raised will go towards paying the lease on the photocopier.



At our October meeting Pam Thorman spoke about the commencement of Churchwomen's Union in Albury in 1962. St Matthew's was then part of the Canberra Goulburn Diocese. She told us how the name was changed to St Matthew's Evening Group. Pam has compiled a book with all this information in. It lists the inaugural members, the various committees and their roles. I am sure if you are interested a copy of the book could be made for you for a fee.

Our next meeting will be the AGM on the 17th November commencing at 5.30pm with Eucharist followed by a bring & share meal. New members are most welcome.

Kaye Kennedy (President)



NEWS FROM THE TOWER

The St. Matthew's Bellringers are looking for potential ringers to add to their happy band of ringers. Our numbers have dwindled in the past twelve months, and to keep our standard up we need to recruit new ringers.

We have a ring of eight bells which are rung in the English tradition. This tradition has a history of about five hundred years, and was used as a means of calling the faithful to worship, as a means of communication in times of danger, and also for weddings and funerals.

Ringing is an interesting hobby which provides a service to the Church. Not all bellringers are church-goers but must be dedicated in their service.

Ringers work as a team to provide a glorious sound and attend weekly practices to work on their skills. Ringing provides both physical and mental exercise for young and old, and is an International activity with ringers always being welcome in towers all over the world.

If you think you might be interested (or know someone who might be) an enquiry to Tower Captain (Pam Thorman 60213571) or the Parish Office would be most welcome. This includes school students from about the year 10 level.

At present we have two mature aged gentlemen under instruction. This is great, but come on girls we need to boost our numbers! Come to the tower and see what it is all about. We welcome visitors.

Pam Thorman Tower Captain



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H U M O U R

**Backside of mom's gravestone.
Everytime someone asked for her cookie
recipe, she said, "Over my dead body!"**



One day at kindergarten the Teacher said to the class of 5-year-olds, "I'll give \$10 to the child who can tell me who was the most famous man who ever lived."

A little Irish boy put his hand up and said, "It was St. Patrick."
The Teacher said, "Sorry Sean, that's not correct."

Then a little Scottish boy put his hand up and said, "It was St. Andrew."
The Teacher replied, "I'm sorry, Hamish, that's not right either."



Finally, a little Jewish boy raised his hand and said, "It was Jesus Christ." The teacher said, "That's absolutely right, Marvin. Come up here and I'll give you the \$10."

As the Teacher was giving Marvin his money, she said, "You know, Marvin, since you're Jewish, I was very surprised you said 'Jesus Christ'."

Marvin replied, "Yeah. In my heart, I knew it was Moses, but business is business".

JOKES FOR THE KIDS -

*Diner ; "Waiter, waiter, there's a small slug on my plate!"
Waiter: "Wait a minute, I'll try to find a bigger one"*

*Customer ; " Could I get a puppy for my son?"
Pet shop owner ; "No madam, we don't swap !"*

*Patient ; "Doctor, doctor, I think I'm getting smaller"
Doctor ; " Well, you'll just have to be a little patient !"*

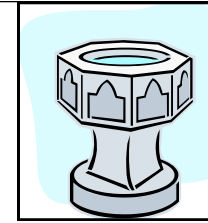


ON THE RECORD

Baptisms

We welcome into Christ's family

2 October Mylee Sue PANTLING
Justice James KING
Halo Louise KING
9 October Finn Henry BORDER
Bodhi Liam WRIGHT
12 October Matthew Louis MANDER
Michael Cameron MANDER



Weddings

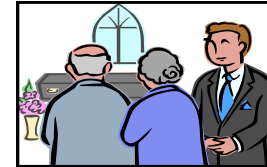
We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony

8 October Kevin William O'CALLAGHAN & Emily
Sanders DOUGHERTY
(In Adelaide Hills by Fr Malcolm)



Funerals

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



Years Mind – November

We pray for those whose anniversary falls at this time

Christopher MURPHY (2nd), Margaret EISENHauer (3rd), Margaret KRIEGER (3rd), Suzanne May VUKASINOVIC (3rd), Mervyn Langdon MOREY (4th), Paul YOUNG (4th), Norma CARRINGTON (5th), Kenneth Walter SANDERS (5th), Nancy SNARE (8th), Aileen NICHOLS (10th), Henry Randal KOTHE (11th), Max TANNER (11th), Irene GIBBS (12th), Lola Edith Alice RICKETTS (13th), Joan Matilda HODGE (13th), Mary LEMKE (15th), Percy Gordon DENGATE (15th), Harold Herbert MOREY (18th), Mary Lord (19th), Edna HUNICHEN (20th), Catherine Anne BROWNE (20th), John Charles SHUTER (22nd), David Bruce WHITE (23rd), Edward James STAR (23rd), Taylah Louise CRICHTON (23rd), 'Billie' Mary Alma NORMAN (24th), 'Jo' Mavis Joan BARRELL (26th), John KENNEDY (27th), Emma Adelaide SMITH (27th), Lester YENSCH (28th)



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SUNDAY

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

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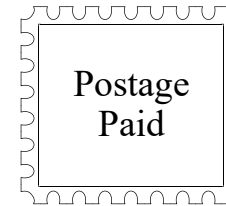
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