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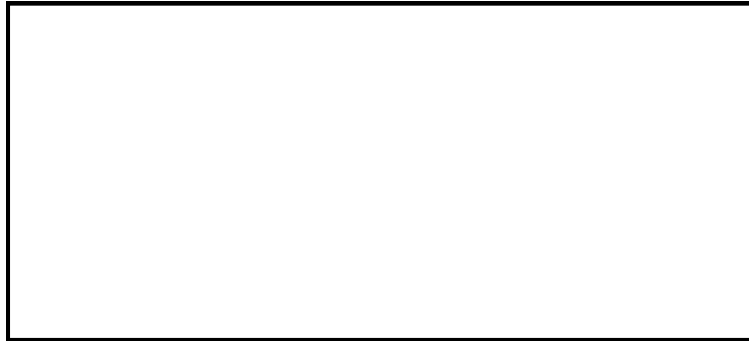
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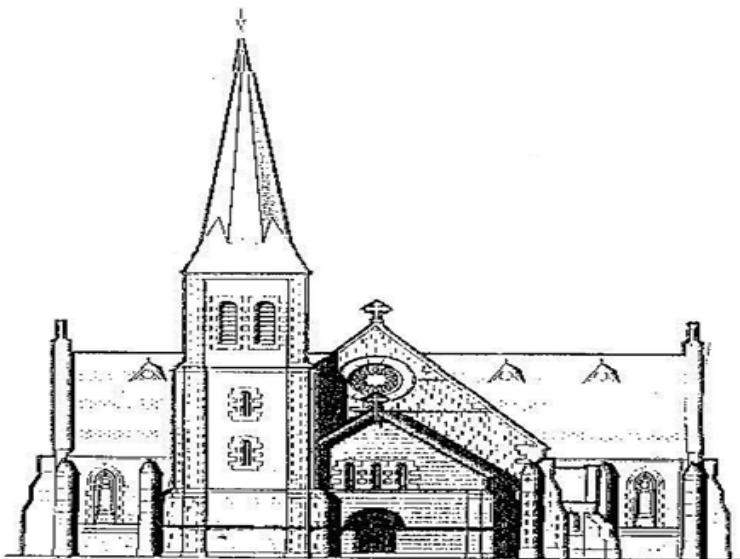
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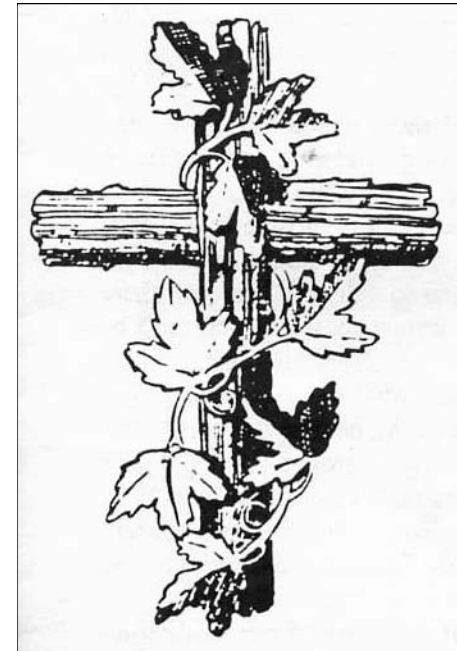
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Fr Peter writes—Dear People of St Matthew's

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.



The most famous hymn on the **Most Holy Trinity** was written by Reginald Heber when he was Bishop of Calcutta and Australia formed part of his diocese. It marks a time when the liturgical colour turns to **Green** thinking of growing through the year toward Advent in what some prayer books term "*Ordinary*" Sundays. My prayer is that each Sunday might be **extraordinary** continuing to build on the foundations laid. Of particular note is the **impressive St Matthews Memorial Forecourt**. Made possible through the generosity of individuals and families through bequests and individual donations. The garden is a place of beauty and tranquillity in the heart of Albury and has already become a haven for birdlife and visitors who walk down the processional walkway to look at the fountain adding the wonderful musical sound of its cascade to the song of the magpies and their babies. Please take this opportunity to give a denotation so that it can be completed otherwise the garden may go to sleep in winter and not awaken in the spring or just stall because the money has run out although the goodwill and good intentions are still very much alive.

Often people say "I really had no idea that help was needed or I would have done something" I can report to you that if everyone gave even a small donation it will have a lasting and immediate effect and we look forward to opening it officially in the spring possibly on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September, the Sunday closest to St Matthews Day.

**With the end of the financial year being the 30<sup>th</sup> of June** I am also happy to remind you that a donation toward our *church cooling* can be made as indicated at the top of the opposite page. For \$60,000 we could be as cool in the blazing heat as anywhere in the diocese making worship, wedding concerts and other events much more comfortable and imagine Christmas without "Melting at St Matthews" so if 120 people gave \$500 dollars it would be accomplished.

None of this would make any sense without the reality of the wonderful support that we have week by week in the services, concerts and events at St Matthews. Of particular note the historic service of Choral Mattins drew 180 people who expressed nothing short of joy at the wonderful music, liturgy and ceremonial of the day and is sure to be repeated. Someone said it made me think of "the penny in my glove that my mother used to give for the collection" and many thanks to our musicians and parishioners for the outstanding effort.

Sister Grace is continuing to inspire with her preaching and assistance at Trinity Anglican College, Baptisms and some of our outreach programs in addition to implementing our strategic plan.

With my thanks and very best wishes Fr Peter

## ST MATTHEW'S PARISH DIRECTORY

### SERVICE TIMES

#### **Weekdays**

7.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

#### **Tuesday**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

#### **Wednesday**

10:30 a.m. Eucharist

#### **Thursday**

#### **Friday**

10.00 a.m. Eucharist at Riverwood. All welcome

#### **Sunday**

8:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Family Service (Children's Church 3rd Sunday every month)

### **PARISH CLERGY:**

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information

### CHURCH SITTERS REQUIRED

**'Church sitting' is up and running, and we need extra sitters, to go on a  
monthly roster. Sitting times - 10am—12.30pm.**

Pease contact Sadie Moffitt on 605 731 16 or

Yvonne Jackson on 602 118 74



## Parish Council News

- ★ Donations to the National Trust for restoration work on the Church. See elsewhere in this issue for more information.
- ★ Trinity Anglican College Benefit. The Principal of the College, Fr Peter & the music department are working together on this benefit.
- ★ Organ Students are going along brilliantly. Hoping that they can give a short recital before Evensong one month.
- ★ Trinity Anglican College chaplaincy. Fr Peter & Sr. Grace are taking the chapel services at the College each week. The chaplaincy has been taken over by St Matthews and the Northern Albury Parishes.
- ★ Landscaping. This is looking sensational. Was suggested that a Spring garden Party be held in September & that the people who have contributed to the landscaping be recognised.
- ★ Cambridge College Choir. Will be performing at St Matthews on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, please put the date into your diary.
- ★ Demountable building an application has been put into the Albury City Council for permission to erect this building.
- ★ Anglican Food Room distributed 20 hampers during April. The number seems to be increasing. If anyone has clean taken away containers would they please leave at the office for Fr Peter.
- ★ Garden Shed One is to be purchased to store the garden equipment in.
- ★ Trinity Anglican College will be holding a service on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June to celebrate Trinity Sunday. Members of the Parish are invited to attend.
- ★ 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the fire. There will be a service of Evensong on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September
- ★ Notes for your diary. Alan Kelb deacon at Northern Albury will be Priested on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 11 am. His first service will be at St Marks on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 10 am
- ★ Hand Rail Parish Council to look into installing a hand rail at the pulpit and to the St Francis Chapel.
- ★ Finances Bank Balance at 11th May in No 1 account \$19422.46 Cheques to be paid \$6209.31. In the No 2 account \$24866.90 cheques to be paid \$4080.23.
- ★ Planned Giving we need to reconsider our planned giving, as we need to create a cash flow.

Kaye Kennedy Secretary

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## ON THE RECORD

### Baptisms

*We welcome into Christ's family*

1 May Imogen Jane BOOTH  
Jasmine May POULTON  
7 May Nate Allan Philip HOLLAND  
8 May Alexander Martin MATHEWS  
Miah McKenzie FENTON  
22 May Lewis Adam KREUTZBERGER  
Daisy Grace MORRIS



### Weddings

*We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony*

No weddings in May



### Funerals

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

29 April Peter Edward BLEASDALE  
3 May 2011 'Dot' Dorothy Ethel VOGEL  
5 May 2011 Peter Russell TAYLOR  
10 May 2011 Philip Charles COSGRAVE



## MONTHLY OFFERINGS

Week	Planned Giving	Open Plate	Baptisms
3 April	\$1266.30	\$ 883.10	\$197.00
10 April	\$ 904.00	\$ 540.05	\$
17 April	\$1687.00	\$ 687.70	\$ 50.00
24 April	\$ 982.00	\$1976.10	\$100.00

*Offerings do not take into account any payments that are paid directly into the Bank*

## ANGLICAN WOMEN OF AUSTRALIA Diocese of Wangaratta

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## ANNUAL RALLY

*for all*

**Women of the Diocese**

*at*

**Holy Trinity Cathedral, Wangaratta**

**Wednesday 15th. June 2011**

**Program:**

**10.30am. Morning Tea: for travellers**

**11.00am. Eucharist**

**Celebrant: The Right Reverend Bishop John Parkes**

**Preacher: The Very Reverend Michael O'Brien**

**12.15pm. Lunch: Purbrick Hall, Cost \$10.00**

**Guest Speaker: approx. 1.30pm.**

**Fr. Tom Leslie**

***Assistant Priest at the Cathedral***

**All Clergy of the Diocese are welcome to attend.**

**Please bring Banners**

***Lunch must be ordered, please Phone:***

**Northern Region: Helen Martin, (02) 6021 2869**

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**Southern Region: Di Grant (03) 5794 1720**



## ★ High Tea @ St Matthews Albury ★

★ As a prelude to the Royal Wedding of Prince William and Katherine Middleton, a high tea was served in St Matthew's Church. This was held to highlight the connection between the pulpit in our church and the fact that it had come from Westminster Abbey where it had been part of the church furniture when Prince William's maternal grandparents, the Duke of York and Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, were married there in 1923.

★ Representatives from hostels and retirement villages in Albury were invited to partake in a sumptuous spread served on fine china with silver tea service, enhanced by a glass of champagne to toast the Royal couple and the happy connection with our pulpit and their place of marriage.

★ Parish Royalist, Essie Osborne was her regal best with a tiara befitting such a staunch supporter of the monarchy and with dual complicity from Fr. Peter and aided by others had decorated the adjoining area with appropriately coloured red white and blue balloons and streamers and other significant artefacts.

★ Prime News honoured our efforts by showing the event as their lead item on the evening news.  
★ Carol Read



## H U M O U R



### PAINTING THE CHURCH.

There was a Scottish painter named Smokey McGregor who was very interested in making a penny where he could, so he often thinned down his paint to make it go wee bit further!

As it happened, he got away with this for some time, but eventually the Baptist Church decided to do a big restoration job on one of their biggest buildings..

Smokey put in a bid, and because of his low price he got the job.

So he set about erecting the scaffolding and set up the planks, and buying the paint, and , yes, I am sorry to say, thinning it down with water.

Well, smokey was up on the scaffolding, painting away, the job nearly completed, when suddenly there was a **horrendous clap of thunder**, the sky opened, and rain poured down, washing the thinned paint from all over the church, and knocking Smokey clean off the scaffold, to land on the lawn amongst the gravestones, surrounded by tell-tale puddles of the thin and useless paint.

Smokey was no fool. He knew this was a judgment from the Almighty,...

So he got down on his knees and cried: *Oh, God, forgive me : what should I do? ;*

And from the THUNDER a mighty voice spoke. :.

***"REPAINT, REPAINT!"....***

***..... AND THIN NO MORE !***

.....

A clergyman waited in line to have his car filled with petrol just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally , the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. "Reverend" said the young man, "I'm sorry about the delay, it seems as if everyone waits till the last minute to get ready for a long journey" The minister chuckled "I know what you mean, it's the same in my business"!

People want the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the centre of attention!

### Puns for educated minds

.No matter how much you push the envelope, it will still be stationery.

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road, and was cited for littering.

Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

I wondered why the football kept getting bigger,.... then it hit me.

A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab centre said "Keep off the grass".

The midget fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.

Atheism is a non- prophet organization.



**At evensong at St. Matthew's Albury, on 1st May, Archdeacon Peter MacLeod-Miller presented chorister Jill Moodie with her Silver Medal Award from the Royal School of Church Music.**

Because this is an international award, there were no accredited examiners in Australia, Jill travelled to New Zealand in January, where she attended the RSCM Summer School in Hamilton. Whilst there she was examined and assessed for her Silver Award which she attained with Merit.

The Award comprises five sections (1) singing (psalms, hymns, anthems, solos); (2) Musical Skills (sight reading, aural tests, (3) Repertoire (understanding the text and musical styles, historical and liturgical contexts); (4) Belonging to the choir- (commitment) and (5) Choir in context (biblical knowledge of liturgical texts, knowledge of the structure and form of services such as the Eucharist, Evensong etc.)

The delay in presentation was due to the medal being sent from RSCM Headquarters in the UK to the President of the RSCM in N.Z. who lives in Christchurch. The earthquake devastated Christchurch, understandably meaning that forwarding of the medal to Jill was put on hold due to other priorities.

Jill had previously held the RSCM Red Ribbon for choristers, and becomes the first St. Matthew's Chorister to achieve the Silver Award.

John Scott



## Evening Group News

A very successful card party was held in May. Thank you to everyone who supported this event. At our meeting we decided to pay another six months rental for the office photocopier which is used daily. Our members know how costly this piece of equipment is to run. So from our profits from the card party we were able to give the Church another \$840.

Evening Group which is a women's group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm in the common room of St Pat's Retirement Village 435 Olive St Albury. All ladies are most welcome. For more details if you are interested in coming to a meeting please contact me.

Kaye Kennedy  
Evening Group President

### NEWS FROM THE BELLTOWER

The Bellringers are pleased to announce the twentieth anniversary of the formation of "The St. Matthew's Society of Bellringers".

The inaugural meeting took place on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 1991 in the ringing room (now the flower room), in the presence of Canon John Davis, Helen Glachan, Peg Gordon, Chris de Vreeze, Jim Waddel, Ross Altass, Ron Shepherd, Richard Leyland and Marjorie Glanville. Apologies were received from John and Elizabeth Shepherd and Tiffany Watt.

Office Bearers elected were as follows:-

Tower Captain	-	Ron Shepherd
Secretary / Treasurer	-	Helen Glachan
Tower Keeper	-	Chris de Vreeze

Happily, some of those members (and others not mentioned above) continue to be active ringers at St. Matthew's in 2011.

The first six bells were first rung on Christmas Day 1990, with Dedication Day taking place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 1991. Fr. Don McMonigle presented the dedication speech.

During reconstruction two extra pealing bells and one tolling bell were installed in the tower and were blessed on 16<sup>th</sup> December, 1993. The new ring of eight bells was first rung for service on Christmas Day 1993. With the bells continuing to ring following the fire, and for the most part during reconstruction, the community knew that St. Matthew's was still very much alive.

Pam Thorman  
Tower Captain.

## What is a ministry Field Committee?

A field committee consists of a diverse group of people who are active members of the parish who are selected because they represent different facets of parish life. They meet monthly with the Deacon/Curate to provide support, encouragement and feedback to assist in his/her first year of ordained ministry. The members are to provide caring and honest feedback about the ministry and the way it is perceived – in other words how you see and respond to the ministry. Members of the congregation may seek out members of the committee and give them feedback to take to committee meetings. The Feedback is to be descriptive and non judgemental, specific and not general, appropriate and usable. For instance rather than say you conducted that meeting badly it would be helpful to say something like, "I noticed that Paul Jones changed the subject". It is better to talk about a particular sermon rather than preaching in general. It would not be helpful to say your sermon was incomprehensible (a judgement statement) rather you might say "I was not clear about what you meant when you spoke about...."

Sr Grace now has a Field Committee in this Parish to help her in her formation for ministry and the members are: Mark & Cathy Carden; Sandra Halford; Carol Read; Ray Fietz; Neal Gunn; Angela Braybrooks; Maureen Beattie (Chair person).

**Please feel free to speak to any of these members should you wish to offer her feedback for her ministry training. The field committee will meet the third Wednesday of each month at 5.30pm.**

## RECTORY GARDEN FURNITURE



**"Bet's table and chairs have been donated by Jan Owens and Cate Austin In loving memory of our Mother Elizabeth G. Hall 12/12/1924—08/11/2010 beloved wife of Richard for 62 years".**

Mum/Betty loved her beautiful garden and being a host. One of her catch cries to anyone visiting was "come in and we will have a nice cup of tea", so it is fitting that a table and chairs be placed in the garden for those who knew her and those who didn't, to enjoy a time to chat, or just reflect in our beautifully renovated St. Matthew's garden. *Cate Austin*



## **JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER TO WEAR NAME BADGES AT ALL SERVICES!**

If you don't have a badge, please see Deb in the office.



## Children's Church in MAY 2011

The theme of this month's Children's Church was *The Good Shepherd*. Father Peter had organized for a live sheep (or two) to be at the Children's Church service, but unfortunately at the last minute, this was sadly impossible much to the disappointment of all concerned! There had even been a holding pen constructed for the sheep near the Easter Tomb! Father Peter spoke to the children about how Jesus is the Good Shepherd who cares for us like a good shepherd, and told the children how the crooks that he has, are used with sheep, and invited discussion about how people in Jesus time cared for sheep.

Father Peter read a child-friendly account of the Good Shepherd.

The children enjoyed the action songs, especially 'He's got the whole world in his hand, and 'the butterfly song.'

For craft, the 12 children enjoyed creating a picture of the Good Shepherd, with pipe-cleaner crook and 'wool' on the sheep. Some of the parents and older children helped the younger children cut out and stick down the figures.

David Luxon provided the delightful music. As usual the kids enjoyed the musical procession, with a toy sheep being carried in the procession!

Jelly babies and easter eggs as well as Milo and tea and coffee were enjoyed at the service's conclusion.

*Julie Scott, Children's Church spokesperson*

## JUNE 2011 COMING EVENTS

Wed.	1st.	T.A.C Chapel 8.30am Embroidery Group 1.00pm St.Matthew's Village Meeting 5.30pm Baptism Seminar 6.30pm
Thurs.	2nd.	Parish Council 5.30pm
Fri/Sat.	3-4th	Synod
Sun.	5th	<b>Evensong 5.00pm</b>
Tue.	7th	Deanery Quiet Day @Tallangatta 10.00am
Thur.	9th	Children's Church Prep. 9.00am
Sun.	12th	Baptism 11.30am
Wed.	15th	Field Committee / Placement Meeting 5.30pm
Thur.	16th	<b>Evening Group meeting 7.30pm</b>
Fri.	17th	TAC- Trinity Sunday Service 12 noon. All welcome
Sun.	19th	Children's Church 10.00am
		<b>CLERGY RETREAT 21ST — 23RD</b>
Tue.	21st	<b>Mother's Union meeting 7.00pm</b>
Sun.	26th	Baptism 11.30am
Thurs.	30th	Village Happy Hour 3.30pm