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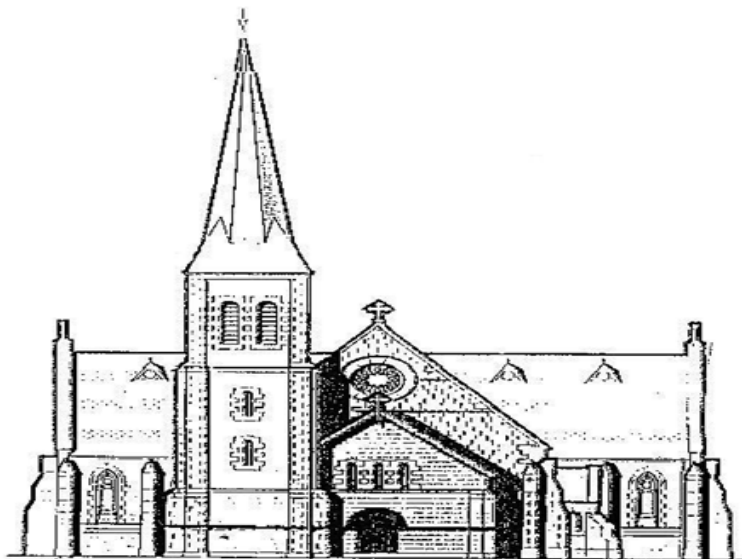
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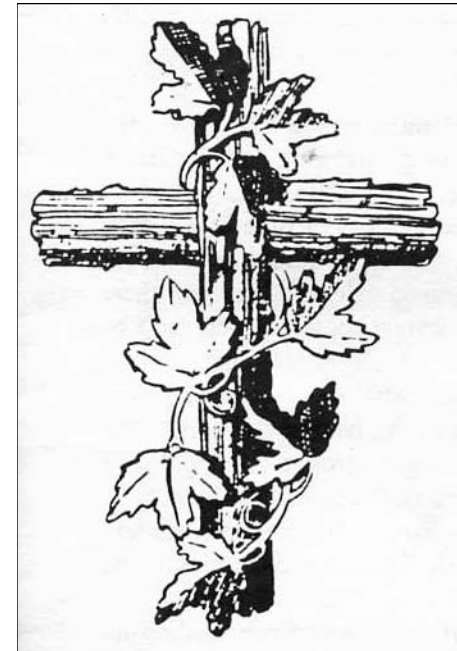
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Fr Peter writes :



**Dear People of St Matthew's**

(The most holy trinity). To the God whose wisdom made us, to the Son who set us free, to the sanctifying Spirit, glory, endless glory, be!

The hymn "May the Grace of Christ our Saviour", sung in Westminster Abbey today for Trinity Sunday, was written

by John Newton, former slave and slave who wrote Amazing Grace, speaking of the transforming quality of a relationship with the living God. As an elderly nun mounted the stairs of the abbey pulpit (the other wooden one not the marble one now at St Matthews) I dreaded the series of complications she might be about to throw at a captive audience after a lifetime of reflecting on the subject. I shouldn't have worried—it was the best I have ever heard and explained the trinity in terms of absolute commitment to relationship which is love, and the warning about thinking clever thoughts about God without being transformed by a loving relationship with him—its all about love and relationships, and that is what Christian Community is about not hierarchy not vision statements, or obligation, but love that transforms us to action so with love, not just in mind, but in the tank, and at the wheel together we can sort out all those matters that have the potential to make our individual heads ache.

Finishing our St Matthews forecourt and garden, support for our choir and music, planning for the future, all starts with a few friends saying to each other "what do you think about doing something about this together", we aren't looking for martyrs but for committed friends of St Matthews. As I was sitting in Westminster, I was aware of how much we owe to those who have gone before us, as I thought of the glories of our own choir as I was sitting in St Albans Abbey, I realised that we stand in that very rare and wonderful tradition at St Matthews. How is it possible? Only through the continued loving action of committed friends those who value being part of a continuing international tradition of beauty in architecture, liturgy, music, pastoral care and outreach that is also expressed in the visit of the Choir of Christ College Cambridge and our Bishop and State Governor on the 22nd of July. The following day we have the Ordination to the Priesthood of Alan Kelb, with our friends and partners in ministry at North Albury and in the diocesan family. I

thank each of you for all you have done and continue to do that makes

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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)

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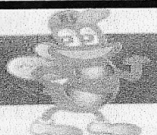
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St Matthews the jewel in the Diocesan crown and if you have a thought that might enhance the realisation our opportunity now or for the future, please do as so many have been doing, ring, drop in to the rectory, send a note or email, and have an informal chat with Sr Grace, one of the wardens, or with me about it, with very best wishes,

Fr. Peter



Fr. Peter at Westminster Abbey

## MONTHLY OFFERINGS

Week	Planned Giving	Open Plate	Baptisms
1 May	\$ 938.10	\$ 546.40	\$80.00
8 May	\$1390.00	\$ 659.00	\$171.15
15 May	\$1159.00	\$ 250.60	\$
22 May	\$1080.00	\$634.20	\$227.25
29 May	\$ 998.00	\$735.25	\$112.50

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

**Evensong - \$217.00**



## LOOKING FOR PAST CHOIR MEMBERS !

Were you ever in St. Matthew's Choir, if so, we would love to hear from you!

ON SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER WE WILL BE CELEBRATING OUR PATRONAL FESTIVAL, ALSO THERE WILL BE THE BLESSING OF THE NEW GARDEN. MORE DETAILS WILL BE IN THE AUGUST GRAPEVINE

ON THIS DAY FR. PETER WOULD LIKE A REUNION OF PAST & PRESENT CHORISTERS.  
IF YOU ARE ONE OF THESE PEOPLE ....

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WHAT YEARS WERE YOU IN THE CHOIR	



### Children's Church in JUNE

The Children's Church for June was held on Trinity Sunday, however the theme was of Pentecost—the Church's birthday—which had been celebrated the previous Sunday was adopted as a more easily understood theme. The children's altar was decorated with red balloons, and cupcakes for later, and a candle was lit, as happens at all birthdays and we sang "Happy Birthday to our church".

There was a large poster with 'Happy Birthday our Church' decorated with balloons. Fr. Bill celebrated and was assisted by Sr. Grace, who read the story of Pentecost. The 8 children made colourful birthday cards which were all put on the altar. Kathy Carden and David Luxon provided the jaunty music. The children as usual, enjoyed singing the action songs. After the musical procession, cupcakes were enjoyed by all, despite the cold wet day!

Julie Scott Children's Church spokesperson.

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# H U M O U R



## Kids science exam answers

- Q. Name the four seasons.  
A. Salt, pepper, mustard, vinegar
- Q. Explain one of the processes by which water is made safe to drink?  
A. Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep, and canoeists.
- Q. How is dew formed?  
A. The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.
- Q. How can you delay mild turning sour?  
A. Keep it in the cow.
- Q. What causes the tides in oceans?  
A. The tides are a fight between the Earth and the Moon. All water tends to flow towards the moon, because there is no water on the moon, and nature hates a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight.
- Q. What are steroids?  
A. Things to keep carpets still on the stairs.
- Q. What happens to your body as you age?  
A. When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.
- Q. What happens when a boy reaches puberty?  
A. He says goodbye to his boyhood, and looks forward to his adultery.
- Q. Name a major disease associated with cigarettes?  
A. Premature death.
- Q. How are the main parts of the body categorized? (e.g. abdomen)  
A. The body is consisted into 3 parts— the brainium, the borax, and the abdominal cavity. The brainum contains the brain; the borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels, - A. E.I. O U.
- Q. What is the fibula?  
A. A small lie
- Q. What does 'varicose' mean?  
A. Nearby
- Q. Give the meaning for the term "Caesarian Section"  
A. The Caesarian section in a district in Rome
- Q. What does the word 'benign' mean?  
A. Benign is what you would be after you be eight.

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

- Storm Damage We have received a report from Joe Kinsela the next step is to get quotes. It will be a long procedure it could take a couple of years to fix the problem,. Looking into getting a grant to cover the costs.
- Cooling in the Church Quotes are being sought to do this work.
- Archives A lot of our records are now at Charles Sturt Uni in Wagga.
- Landscaping If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the garden or purchase something for the garden please contact the office,.
- Website A number of changes has taken place. We would like to see more events on it.
- Bequests the brochure is a work in progress, this eventually will be put onto the website.
- Portable building The appropriate plans has been given to Albury City Council.
- The Rectory Kitchen is looking good by the time you read this it will be finished.
- Anglican Food room 29 hampers were given out in May. Waiting on grant from Albury Rotary.
- Patronal Festival will be celebrated on 18<sup>th</sup> September incorporating the blessing of the new garden. All ex choristers are invited to attend.
- 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the fire There will be a Eucharist on the 14<sup>th</sup> September.
- Relay for life St Matthew's will entering a team for this event to be held on Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please see Jenny Prince if you are interested in taking part.
- Finances No 1 account balance at 11<sup>th</sup> May 11079.09 accounts to be paid totalling \$5919.36. There is also \$6558.52 in the No 1 account that needs to be transferred to the No 2 account. This money is for Fr Peter's use.
- No 2 account \$21,216.59 accounts to be paid totalling \$3049.67

There are accounts to be paid to the Diocese of Wangaratta (6<sup>th</sup> months) \$71,996.41 plus other bills totalling \$26,149.88 This money will need to be taken out of the NAB Investment account at maturity.

Kaye Kennedy





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## **Christchurch Bishop fears her clergy face "exhaustion of spirit" following tremors**

By Lloyd Ashton, Anglican Taonga

In the wake of yet more big jolts in Christchurch, Bishop Victoria Matthews says she fears her clergy are facing "exhaustion of spirit". "People are tired. They have been more than magnificent. Let me say that clearly. "But I am hearing of a deep weariness of the soul, and I'm having to ask people to reach deep into their resources to meet yet another crisis. "The churches that have stepped up to the plate, and been magnificent so many times before, will have to do it all over again. Because we have got to keep looking after the people of God. "I'm watching people's eyes, and hearing their words very carefully, and I've been saying to some: 'You know, you've got to get out and away for a month.' "And they say: 'Yes. You're right. I do.' But after yesterday, getting them to do that is going to be more difficult. Because they are going to want to be with their people. "That's the story that is front page for me. "I was talking to an elderly man the other day who'd lived through war, and been evacuated six times in his life. He knows the drills, so to speak. "But the people who are actually at the front line now... we don't. "We are a generation who have never been through a war, never lived through a sustained, critical period like this. That makes it really difficult." As a young woman, Bishop Victoria twice served three-month stints in Haiti – and while she was there, she lived through a military coup. While the politics couldn't be more different, she says the turmoil in Haiti she experienced then was the best preparation she's had for leading the Diocese of Christchurch through the crises it faces now. She also says that the destruction of the cathedral's rose window has significant implications. "It raises the question yet again about whether we need to deconsecrate (the cathedral), and take it right down – but that question has not been answered yet. "The rose window was, in a sense, the icon of the icon. "It was the trademark. The logo. Call it whatever you will, it was the one piece, the people of the cathedral said, that they would move to whatever a new Cathedral looked like. That would go with them. "But it won't now." For some other churches, yesterday's quakes were the coup de grace. "Holy Trinity Lyttelton is right down," she says. "The roof is now on the ground. We knew that we were probably looking at demolition there, but that's now been done. "St Luke's, which has been deconsecrated, is now very precarious. I think we will have to move to demolition there as soon as possible." While the historic stone church at St John's Latimer Square, which had already been deconsecrated, has suffered more damage. Bishop Victoria says she dropped into a number of church schools yesterday, and found them in good heart. "The spirit of young people is wonderful. I was checking at St Michael's church school, and a young man from Christ's College came up to me there and said: 'Good afternoon Bishop. I just need to tell you that Christ's College is all right.' Isn't that good?" "Then I went on to Bishopspark – and the spirit of the sweethearts there is amazing. One 96-year old woman, who is a clergy widow, said to me: 'Ohh... the staff were so lovely. They brought us all downstairs, and gave us the nicest cup of tea.'" In the evening, Bishop Victoria emailed her clergy, urging them to be careful around their buildings. "The operative word," she wrote, "is safety. So please do not take chances." Today she identified two other pressing needs: "We need prayer. We need prayer, because we are beyond running on our own strength. "Before yesterday, I'd been going round the parishes saying: 'We've got to pray our way through this.' "Everybody agreed. Then yesterday happened, and now we really need the whole country and beyond this country praying for us for strength. Because there is no other way we are going to get through this." She also forecasts that "in a fairly short time, we'll be needing very practical help again. " "People who might be able to come and do relatively minor repairs, like helping waterproof homes, for example." "So: safety, prayer and practical help."

## **ON THE RECORD**

### **Baptisms**

*We welcome into Christ's family*

29 May Oscar James BRIDGEMAN

### **Weddings**

*We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony*

No weddings in June

### **Funerals**

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

23 June Eric Shields

27 June Joan Peters



### **The Prayer Circle Quiet Day**

On May 26th, 6 members travelled to the Community of Christ the King at Wangaratta for a quiet day led by Fr Scott Jessup who talked on Australia's first Saint Mary "of the Cross" Mackillop. Fr Scott talked about Mary's life—childhood, and tempestuous religious life here and overseas. The day started with Mass in the chapel being joined by Mother Rita Mary and Sister Patience. The day was very warm and beautiful in the wonderful quiet stillness that surrounds of the community.

Kerry Wilkinson N/O OSB Leader of Prayer Circle



### **MOTHER'S UNION WAVE OF PRAYER**

Wave of Prayer on the 19th July commencing at 8 am till 3pm when there will be meditation followed by Eucharist at 3.30pm.

The Wave of prayer is one of the greatest strengths of Mothers' Union. Its the time when our Diocese prays for members in other Dioceses throughout the World. There are 4 million members in 81 countries. The Wangaratta Diocese is linked with the Dioceses of Bondo (Kenya), Cueibet (Sudan), Grahamstown Sth (South Africa), Egbu (Nigeria), Kinkizi (Uganda), St David's (Wales) & Melbourne. Anyone is welcome to come to the Church during the above hours to pray for the people of these Dioceses.

### **National Choir for Young Singers Tours USA and Canada**

by Sarah Winnel (Year 8)

Head Chorister, St. Matthew's Choir

The National Children's Choir of Australia, [\*Gondwana Voices\*](#), is made up of young singers from every State and Territory. The choir is based on an annual application and audition process for young singers from across Australia.

In January 2011, during National Choral School held at the University of Sydney, choristers took part in rehearsals, workshops and sectionals under the guidance of Australia's best choral conductors, led by their Artistic Director and Founder, Lyn Williams OAM.

Successful applicants to National Choral School were invited to take part in the International Tour, depending on their previous experience, ability, voice type and their age (between 12 and 16).

From 3-24 April, *Gondwana Voices* travelled to America and Canada to perform with some of the world's finest children's choirs. The choir worked with the [\*Northwest Girls Choir\*](#) in Seattle, the [\*British Columbia Boys Choir\*](#) in Vancouver, the [\*Anima Singers\*](#) in Chicago and with the [\*Toronto Children's Chorus\*](#) in Canada. The Choir also visited Whistler, New York and other cities.

The choir sang unique Australian repertoire for the tour. This inspiring three week intensive residential-billeting music tour of singing, performing, learning, fun and friendship gave the choristers the opportunity to fulfil their musical potential, by offering them the highest level of training and a chance to collaborate with their talented peers from across Australia and the world.

The happy choristers enjoyed touring around the USA and Canada: sightseeing, exploring the many unique shops, snowball fights in the mountains, stunning scenery, etc. Next year *Gondwana Voices* will tour China.

### **"Gondwana going North"**

by Oliver Hendriks

Following Australia wide auditions I had the honour to be one of two St Matthew's Choristers who were selected as members of the Australian Children's Choir, *Gondwana Voices* to tour the USA and Canada during April.

I travelled to Sydney with Sarah Winnel for a week of fun but demanding rehearsals in Sydney and a farewell concert at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. Our first stop in the USA was Seattle where we performed with the *Northwest Girl's Choir*. We visited the Pike Place Markets which are renowned for local food and crafts and street performers. When we first arrived one of the first things I noticed was how different the American accent sounded and we were driving on the other side of the road which had it jolting moments.

We then went to Vancouver, Canada, performing with the *British Columbia Boys' Choir*. We went on a cable car ride up to Grouse Mountain for sightseeing which ended in a wild but friendly snowball fight. We went to the *Experience the Music* Exhibition where we got to try playing different instruments and experimenting with music.

The next day on the way to Whistler Village we went to the 'Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre' and sang for the local indigenous people. We sang a traditional Torres Strait Island song which moved many of them to tears. The family of an Australian man, who had made his home at Whistler, but was tragically killed in a car accident, invited us to sing in memory of their son. It was a very moving performance of a version of *Waltzing Matilda*. This was followed by another great day in the snow.

Then it was on to Chicago USA and performances with the *Anima Singers* and the *Singfest Honors Chorus* where we performed as part of 'Singfest' which was a day of workshops and performances where we sang traditional American and Australian compositions.



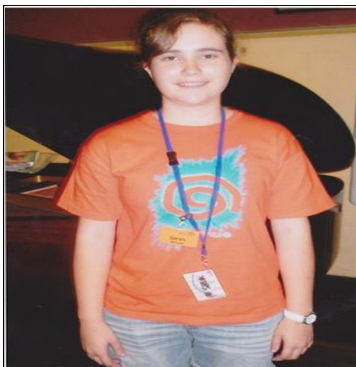
In snowy Toronto in Canada we sang with the *Toronto Children's Chorus* in a concert called 'Sounds from Poles Apart'. It was a celebration of songs from both countries. It was good to be with other choirs who have so much in common with us even though we are on opposite sides of the world. We also visited the Royal Ontario Museum where we saw a dinosaur exhibition and a Canadian animal's exhibition. The best part of the museum was dressing up in a French Soldier's costume

Then it was on to New York. We went up the Empire State Building and out onto the viewing platform. It was a smoggy day so visibility was not so good but it did give us an idea of how big New York is. We went shopping in Times Square for some genuine souvenirs and drove past the interesting Ground Zero. We also visited the Museum of Modern Art which has amazing sculptures of goats and people and other random things in the courtyard. We spent some time at St Patrick's Cathedral on Madison Avenue. This Church has about 5.5 million visitors a year. It has a huge organ which I would like to have played. Then after a visit to Central Park our final performance was at 'The Episcopal Church of the Heavenly Rest' which is opposite Central Park on the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This Church was started in 1865 and its present building, which was dedicated on Easter Sunday in 1929, is a grand gothic church combining Art Deco features of the time in its architecture and sculpture. It serves as a memorial to those who had served and fallen in the American Civil War. It remains as a quiet refuge for the people of New York who live in such a busy city. I was a little bit sad to know that this was our final performance and our trip was coming to an end.

During the trip we stayed with local choristers' families in each city and my sister is currently visiting one of these families because she is going to a Latin language course nearby. We ate peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, which in my opinion is better than vegemite, homemade hamburgers and hot dogs and we went to a restaurant for a feed of ribs. We played backyard baseball and were told stories of them trying to play cricket. We even went shopping at Wal-mart which is very much like K-Mart or Target. The one that we went to had a Subway restaurant. Everyone was very friendly and wanted to hear all about life in Australia. They loved our accent but didn't think I sounded very Australian.. Along with gifts from Australia, I took a photo of a koala in the tree outside my school library, to show my host families and they couldn't quite believe it.

Thank you to everyone at St Matthews for their support of music in the Parish.

It was a great trip and I hope that one day I can go back and visit my friends and see more places.



Sarah Winnel



Oliver Hendricks



Work in progress - Childrens Labyrinth



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Trinity Sunday



Rectory - new kitchen



Fr Peter, Rev Maureen Beattie, Sr Grace & Fr Bill