

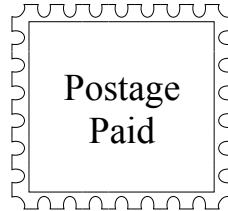
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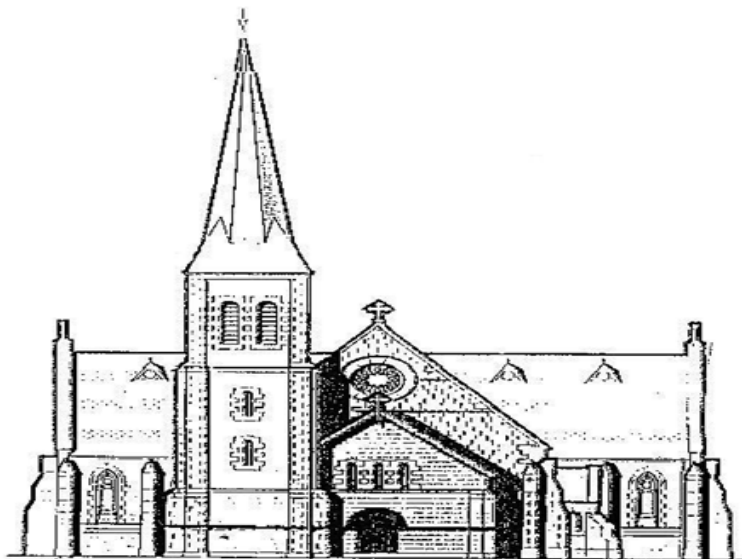
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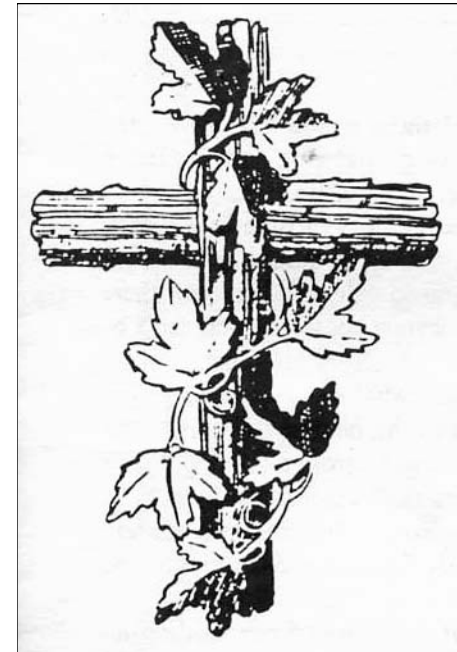
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Fr Peter writes:

Dear People of St Matthew's -

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God!
He, whose word cannot be broken,
Form'd thee for His own abode:
On the Rock of ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
See! the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint when such a river
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which, like the Lord, the giver,
Never fails from age to age.

This monumental hymn written by John Newton the slave trader, turned slave and then slave emancipator/priest, keeps company with his other most famous autobiographical hymn "Amazing Grace". Both are hymns of thankfulness.

It is also with great thankfulness that we begin a new month, gratitude to God and to all those who by their thoughts prayers and individual and corporate effort gave Albury, the Diocese and the Governor of NSW such an unforgettable welcome and probably the most successful concert by the members of the Choir of Christ College Cambridge. To John Ross our Director of Music, The Albury Club and all others who hosted and cooked and helped many thanks from us all.

The welcome to strangers was highlighted by a lovely letter I received this morning – "Thank-you for your friendly welcome this afternoon when I was visiting your church. I really enjoyed my time sitting in the beautiful church listening to



STOP PRESS

Summer is coming and we have an historic opportunity to sort out the COOLING AT ST MATTHEW'S. After intensive consultation we have 3 quotes promising a cool St Matthews for services and community events in the very height of summer. For \$100,000 so we need 200 people to give \$500 or 100 people to give \$1000. There are tax opportunities available. Cheques to be made out to National Trust—St Matthew's Albury and left at the parish office by our Patronal Festival on 18th September 2011.



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 (except 1st Friday). All welcome

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist (5th Sunday of every month—Mattins)
10:00 a.m. Family Service (Children's Church 3rd Sunday every month)
(5th Sunday of every month—BCP Holy communion)
Only 1st Sunday of every month
5.00 p.m. Evensong

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the music. It was really soothing and uplifting and meaningful for me. How lovely and I think thoughtful for your church to be open and provide such a lovely atmosphere for people! I think this is a great ministry in itself - to be open to the invisible people, who may come and go unseen, yet leave feeling included, blessed and cared for. The church grounds are lovely and I love the contemplative opportunity with the fountain and the medieval circles for contemplation. Thank-you for extending a hand of welcome and I would love to get together some time for coffee."

Every opportunity that we have to show through an open door a friendly smile or a helping hand is never wasted. These days many churches put on programmes and create mission statements or bring in a parish trainer so that boxes are ticked, but the hand of fellowship and taking the initiative and actually doing something practical about kindness and justice and walking with God rather than thinking more thoughts about is what will continue to make a difference. The Anglican dilemma is to be found at the crossroads with two signs - This way to the Kingdom of God, and another This way to a **discussion about** the Kingdom of God. More often than not it is the **talking** that wins over the **doing**. **St Matthews gift will continue be in strategic action not just strategic prayer which is of course is of the very essence of incarnation.**

Best wishes Fr Peter and Sr Grace

"**Wrong end of the Gazebo**" the St Matthews gazebo raffle is not about an implied obligation to buy tickets so that the lovely Gazebo ends up staying where it is and being donated to the church we may be able to purchase a larger Gazebo for St Matthews if we agree to do so later, "in the meantime anyone who wins it keeps it so fear not, buy a ticket and enjoy it in your own backyard !!!!!



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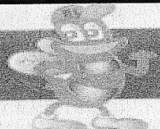
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Fr Kevin on the mend

Parish Council News

- Cooling in Church Tenders close on 26th July. Replies will be reviewed & the Parish will be advised the outcome.
- Landscaping is looking terrific. The camphor laurel to be removed on 29th July
- Thank you to the anonymous donor who gave \$1,000 towards the garden.
- Website. Cathy Carden has offered to liaise with Michael (webmaster) regarding any items that should be on the website. Fr Peter is revamping the wedding page. If you have any comments about the website please contact Cathy or any of the Councillors.
- Christ College Choir. Tremendous response to ticket sales.
- Portable Building Due to the cost of transporting & setting up the building it has been decided not to go ahead with it. Parish Council is looking at alternative ways that we can have a Parish Centre.
- Anglicare has a new CEO Jill Allen
- 22 hampers were distributed in June
- The Anglicare food room has received a donation of \$10,000 from Albury Rotary. Thank you to Albury Rotary for their generous donation. This money will be used to purchase goods not donated by the Parishioners.
- 20th anniversary of the fire. There will be a service on the 14th September. More details later.
- St Matthew's Day will be celebrated on the 18th September. This will also be 'Back to Church Sunday'. Archbishop Peter Freier has been invited to preach. This will also be the day when the garden will be blessed. There will also be a reunion of past choir members on that day.
- St Francis Day Fr Peter hopes to have pet blessings on that day or the Sunday closest to it.
- Fr Peter is currently looking at replacing the altar frontal.
- Finances. No 1 account Closing Balance at 13/7/2011- \$61782.55
Accounts to be paid \$10,946.72.
- Finances No 2 Account; Closing balance \$48,162.86
Accounts to be paid \$1,777.65.
- Highgrove Closing Balance \$3,811.45
A recycled pine cupboard is to be purchased & placed in the narthex to store items that can be sold. This cupboard will be locked & opened for sales when the church sitters are in attendance.
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 Jesse Damian WATSON
 9 July Alexander Campbell SLOCOMBE
 10 July Michele Jewel COWIE
 David Jay COWIE
 Emily Charlotte KREUTZBERGER
 24 July Angus Samuel BROWN



Weddings

No weddings in July

Funerals

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

1 July 'Pat' Joyce Beatrice WEBB
 8 July Naomi Kay ALLWORK
 11 July Jean Isobel OLGILVIE
 15 July 'Peggy' Veronica Joyce POULSON
 19 July Keith GRAHAM



MISSING WHEELCHAIR!

DOES ANYONE KNOW THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE WHEELCHAIR THAT USED TO BE IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH ??

THIS CHAIR WAS GENEROUSLY DONATED BY A PARISHIONER TO BE USED IN THE CHURCH & CHURCH GROUNDS FOR PEOPLE VISITING THE CHURCH. THE PARISHIONER WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHERE IT IS.

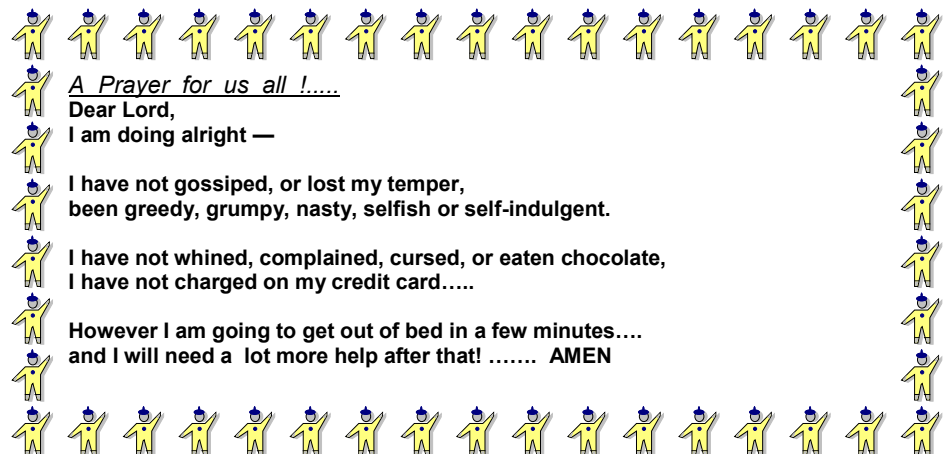
IF YOU DO KNOW, WOULD YOU PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE & LET DEBBIE KNOW. MAYBE YOU BORROWED IT, IF SO,

MONTHLY OFFERINGS

Week	Planned Giving	Open Plate	Baptisms
5 June	\$ 904.00	\$437.80	
12 June	\$1213.00	\$501.75	\$
19 June	\$ 978.00	\$362.70	\$
26 June	\$1383.00	\$525.10	\$

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

Evensong - \$71.90



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 TIME 6pm - Fashion Show commences at 6:30pm
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You are welcome to come & go as you please you do not have to stay the whole time.

Teams are encouraged to decorate their campsite, & to dress up.

This years Relay will be held at the North Albury Sports Oval on 22nd & 23rd October. It commences at 9.30 with the Survivors & Carers Walk which you will need to register for & you will be given a purple sash if a survivor, or a white one for the carers. This is when local survivors are invited to walk the first lap while the rest of us cheers them on. They are then invited to morning tea in the club rooms provided by Albury CWA.

If you wish to participate only in this walk you do not have to pay. **But** if you wish to continue walking you will need to register as a participant & pay the fee.

Registration fee is \$15 if you pay by end September, after that it will cost \$20. This fee includes a T shirt, covers the cost of essential security, St John's Ambulance & insurance cancer smart breakfast on Sunday morning.

Remember Candlelight Ceremony held at dusk. Candles are placed in paper bags lovingly inscribed with messages from family & friends. These are placed around the track. We remember those who have lost their lives to cancer— those who have lost the fight.

Fight back ceremony is held on Sunday morning when participants are invited to make a personal pledge on how they will make a change to fight cancer.

Cancer Council is the largest non Government funded charity in NSW 80% of what is raised will stay in Albury Wodonga.

So why not join St Matthew's team! You can join by going on to the website ; 'Relay for Life Border '. We are known as the Border Relay because we alternate between Albury & Wodonga.

N.B. If you do not wish to register on line Jenny Prince will have application forms available.

H U M O U R



APHORISM - A short pointed sentence that expresses a wise or clever observation or general truth....

The nicest thing about the future is.. that it always starts tomorrow.

Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.

If you don't have a sense of humour, you probably don't have any sense at all.

Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.

A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you are in deep water.

How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?

Business conventions are important....because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.

Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?

Scratch a cat..... and you will have a permanent job!

No one has a more driving ambition than the teenage boy who wants to buy a car.

There are no new sins, the old ones just get more publicity.

There are worse things than getting a call for a wrong number at 4am— it could be the right number.

No one ever says "it's only a game" when their team is winning.

I've reached the age when "happy hour" is a nap.

Be careful reading the fine print.....there is no way you're going to like it.

The trouble with bucket seats is that no one has the same sized bucket.

Do you realize that in about 40 years, we'll have thousands of old men and ladies running about with tattoos in strange places?(and Rap will be one of the Golden Oldies?)

Money can't buy happiness, - but somehow it's more comfortable to cry in a BMW than a clapped out Cortina!



Children's Church in JULY

The theme of this month's Children's Church was **'Noah's Ark'**. A beautifully made wooden Noah's Ark adorned the children's altar complete with wooden animals— 2 of each of course!

There was a colourful rainbow on the display board—(Father Peter explained to the children the meaning of the rainbow), and beneath the rainbow was a large basket representing the Ark.

All children in attendance were given an animal (soft toy), and they were all invited to place them in the ark at an appropriate time, as Father Peter read the story of Noah's Ark from a very colourful children's book.

As an activity, the children were all given a picture of Noah's Ark to colour in and take home. There were 18 children at the service plus their families, so it was a wonderful congregation considering it was a very cold morning.

As usual, everyone enjoyed the action songs, but a little 3 year old (Rory) was disappointed we didn't sing "Jesus loves me"— so that is **a must** for August Children's Church! Kathy Carden kindly played the piano and guitar for the action songs, and as usual, everyone participated and enjoyed the musical procession at the end of the service. Coloured frog lollies were enjoyed by all at the end of the service, along with cordial, and hot drinks and biscuits.

Another little 3 year old introduced herself to me and said she had come because she wanted to learn about Jesus, her name was Kate, and she said she had a little brother at home.

These are 2 examples of how the little ones really do enter into the Service and make it worthwhile.

P.S. We have a lot of small children at the moment, and as we only have textas, it is a concern for the parents that they will mark their clothes with them. If there is any parishioner who would like to donate some coloured pencils – preferably the thick ones (Faber Castell) it would be very much appreciated.

Janette Kettyle (Children's Church)



ST. MATTHEW'S EVENING GROUP

For our July meeting 14 members enjoyed lunch in the Commercial Club dining room. It was a great chance to catch up for some fellowship with other members.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 18th August in the community room at St Pat's Retirement Village, Olive St commencing at 7.30 pm. The guest speaker will be the gentleman from Australian Medals & Framing.

Evening Group is a group of women who meet monthly. Sometimes we have a guest speaker, or maybe a games or quiz night. Other times we might just have some fellowship after our meeting. New members are most welcome.

Kaye Kennedy



IT'S A GIRL! CONGRATULATIONS

to Kate and Fr. Scott Jessup,

Maggie and Ruby,

at the safe arrival of Clare Cecilia at Wangaratta Base Hospital, on Thursday

28th July.

Mother and baby both doing well!



COURT COFFEE PROGRAMME

The Court Coffee Programme has been running successfully for some time now under the auspice of Anglicare and continues to provide a Pastoral Outreach from the Parishes of Albury and Northern Albury to the local community and beyond. The service is very well respected by the staff of the Albury Court and is much appreciated by those who are attending for court hearings, be they those facing a court hearing, witnesses or family and friends supporting those people. On some occasions people have had to leave home in the very early hours of the morning to arrive in time and it is wonderful to be able to assist them with a cuppa and biscuit along with a compassionate chat. On average we serve in excess of 300 cuppas each month and donations help to keep it cost neutral. Should any member of the congregation be interested in joining the dedicated team they would be most welcome. It is not an onerous job, there is on the job training and support, with only a two-hour commitment each time. The programme operates Monday and Tuesday in two shifts from 8.30am—10.30am and another from 10.30am -12.30pm, and you may choose how often you make yourself available. Our customers are always so thankful and courteous, there is no need to feel that you might be intimidated by the experience. *Carol Read*

Speak with either Helen Martin or Graeme Scott for further information.





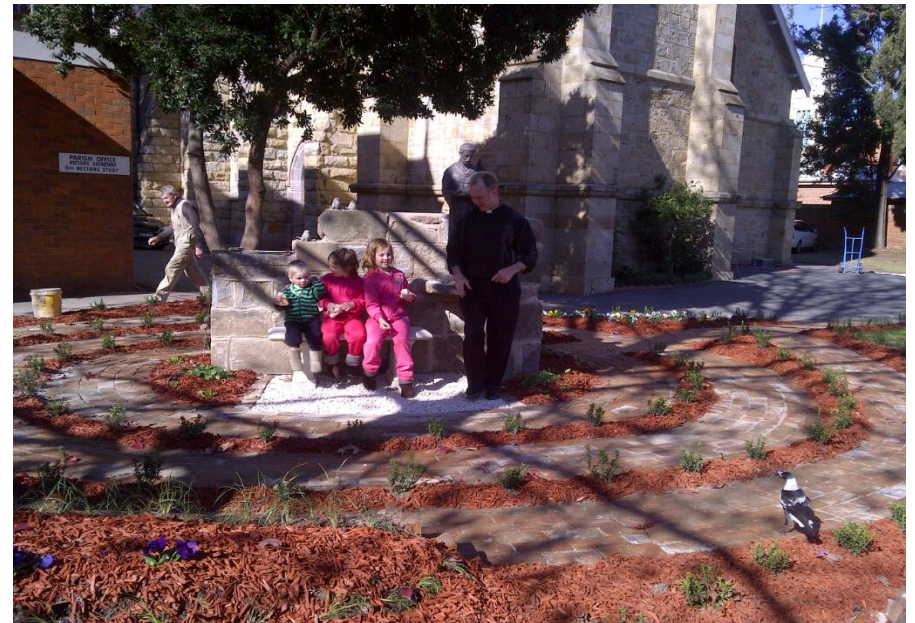
The ordination of Alan Kelb at the Wangaratta Cathedral, Sat.23rd July, St. Matthew's Choir sang.



The Cambridge Choir receives acclamation from the sell-out crowd at St. Matthew's, Fri. 22nd July



Fr. Peter with servers Carl & Clinton, and Her Excellency Governor Marie Bashir at the airport



Fr. Peter introduces some youngsters to the children's Labyrinth