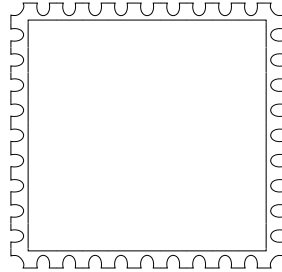


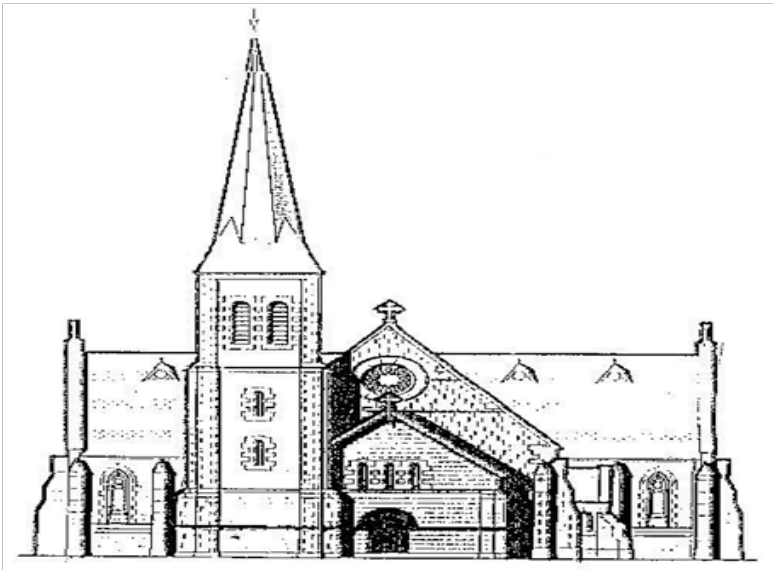
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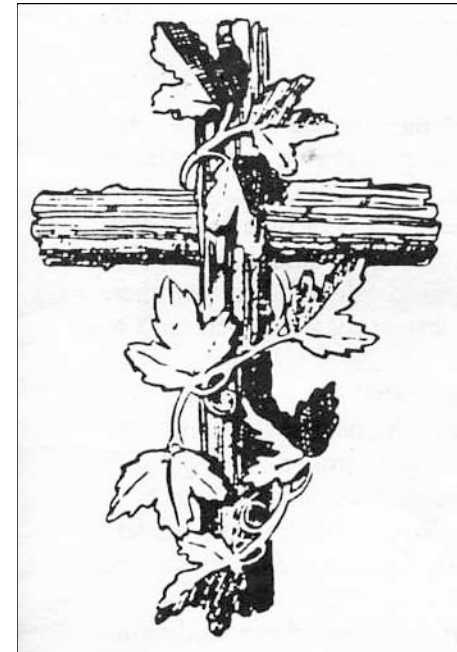
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Fr Peter writes :



Dear People of St Matthew's

1. Bless'd are the pure in heart,
For they shall see our God;
The secret of the Lord is theirs,
Their heart is Christ's abode.
2. The Lord, who left the heavens,
Our life and peace to bring,
To dwell in lowliness with men,
Their pattern and their King.
3. He to the lowly soul
Doth still Himself impart,
And for His dwelling and His throne
Chooseth the pure in heart.
4. Lord, we Thy presence seek;
May ours this blessing be;
Give us a pure and lowly heart,
A temple meet for Thee.

John Keble 1819

Dear All,

November seems to spell "the run up the Christmas" but at St Matthews November has joys all of its own - **King James Bible 400th Anniversary.**

St Matthews is set to hold a number of events to mark the anniversary of the publication of the King James Bible in 1611. These include a special Evensong on the 6th of November at 5pm with an address on the significance of the Authorised version, as well as a one-off performance of Handel's *Messiah* with Soloists from Opera Australia and London on the 20th of November.

"Let Us Bray"

We were not thinking too much about the carbon footprint on the Christmas story when we recently acquired Tessa and Tilly as Albury rectory residents

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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to get them in training for the festive season .

The two donkeys, originally from Tasmania, have been recruited to help bring Christmas alive in Albury and will feature along with alpacas (as "camels") and sheep at the Christmas services as part of a living nativity .It is important to start now to guarantee their happy participation at a very busy time of year, and to have them together will grant them an easy familiarity with each other by the time they need to sing "Little Donkey" and "Away in a Manger" "so that all will be "calm and bright" in the st Matthews Christmas stable .Our early attempts to get them into the church have not been immediately rewarded and help may be enlisted from students at Albury High School who have offered some very good local grazing in their "Ag plot". I don't use the word "stubborn" in their hearing, rather "delayed co-operation".

Fr Peter.

Sunday the 30th of October saw a magic day with one service of Choral Matins and holy communion according to the book of common prayer, as we said farewell to Sr Grace Sharon as she departs for further study and vocational exploration.

Marvellous music for the feast All saints, a marvellous sermon by the Rev'd Maureen Beattie, lovely speeches by Doug Rolls and Sr Grace, with a special thankyou and presentation to her field committee, and to Sr Grace, a magnificent indigenous icon of St Matthews using the motif of the Butterfly in transformation. We followed with a champagne reception in our St Matthews garden and forecourt, and many farewells and a truly memorable day and we wish her Gods very best for the future.

Fr Peter.



Parish Council News

Cooling. Preliminary work has commenced. Waiting for the units to arrive.

Landscaping. It is looking magnificent. It has been suggested in the memorial garden that brass plates with the name of the person whose ashes are interred be put on the back on the stone seats

Altar Frontal. The details are still been worked on.

Font to Lady Chapel. Fr Peter still intends to move the font. Members from the 2/23 Battalion have indicated that they would be prepared to tile the area where the font is when it is moved.

20th Anniversary of the Fire. See the next issue of the Advocate. Though the evening was well supported. Thank you to our friends at Lester's & Sons for donating and serving the drinks. They were happy doing it

Patronal Festival. We were blessed with a beautiful day, excellent publicity. The service went well. As a result of this occasion the Bishop's daughter is to be married at St Matthews next year.

Anglican Food Room. 21 hampers were distributed in September.

Parish Fete. This was a great success not only financially but as an outreach to the community. Fr Peter was encouraged by the strong participation by the parishioners. See opposite for the totals from the individual stalls.

Sr Grace's Farewell. will be held on the 30th October. Sr Grace thanked the Parish Councillors for the support she had been given while she has been at St. Matthew's. She wished St Matthew's all the best for the future.

Handel's Messiah. will be held on the 20th November. Lady Primrose Potter is to be the guest of honour

Nursing Home Visits. Deacon Heather Matthews who has been coming to St Matthew's on Sundays, had indicated that she would like to work in our Parish visiting the Nursing Homes. She would be joining the great team we already have, of Pastoral Care Visitors and Liturgical Assistants

Priest from PNG coming to visit. He will be staying at the Rectory

Adrian Wintle is kept busy training members of the choir & teaching the organ.

Evensong 6th November. Professor Geoffrey Blayney is to be the guest preacher. He will be talking about the anniversary of the King James Bible

Area behind the Church. Its our intention to put a labyrinth on the lawn behind the church. It will encompass the war memorial

Piano. St Matthew's is going to purchase the piano which is in the south transept. Perhaps you might like to make a donation towards this. The piano would provide opportunities for the Conservatorium and other groups to put on concerts in the church.

Finances

No. 1 account closing balance 10th Oct \$ 41,527.25 less cheques to be paid \$9359.89 No. 2 account closing balance 10th Oct \$37,750.21 Less cheques to be paid \$2030.41 Highgrove closing balance 10th October \$7787.47

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8 October Lincoln James CAHILL and Felicity Rose ABBOTT
15 October Gregory Andrew McNAUGHT and Emma Rochelle GORMLY
15 October Luke Stephen GODDE and Tameeka Dianne JORGENSEN



Funerals

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

4 October Alice Faye ALLWORK



MONTHLY OFFERINGS

Week	Planned Giving	Open Plate	Baptisms
4 September	\$1540.00	\$426.00	\$145.95
11 September	\$1024.00	\$420.45	\$ 93.95
18 September	\$1054.00	\$1710.45	Includes Anniversary Services
25 September	\$ 961.00	\$441.80	\$

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CHURCH SITTERS

This group was started as a trial to see if we could establish a regular roster.

I am pleased to report that this has been a success, and it is very worthwhile to have the church open for visitors and locals who wish to have a quiet time at St. Matthews. We record who comes to visit, and having read these notes I am very pleased that on most days, visitors from out of the Albury area come to admire our lovely church. There are only enough sitters to have a morning roster, and it would be good if we had some more helpers to be able to extend the hours to the afternoon.

If you feel you can join this group or would like extra information, please contact Sadie Moffitt on 6057 3116 or leave your contact details at the Parish office. **S.Moffitt**

H U M O U R

LIFE EXPLAINED.....



On the first day, God created the dog and said, "sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years".

The dog said, "that's a long time to be barking. How about only 10 years, and I'll give you back the other ten?"

And God saw that it was good.

On the Second day, God created the monkey and said, "Entertain people, do tricks and make them laugh. For this I will give you a twenty-year life span."

The monkey said. "monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back 10 years as the dog did?"

And God, again saw it was good.

On the third Day, God created the cow and said, "you must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this I will give you a life span of 60 years"

The cow said, "that's a tough kind of life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I give you back the other forty"?

And God agreed and it was good.

On the fourth day, God created humans, and said "Eat sleep, play, marry, and enjoy your life. For this I will give you twenty years."

But the human said. "Only twenty years?. Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, Okay?"

"Okay." said God, "You asked for it."

So that is why for our first twenty years, we eat sleep, play and enjoy ourselves.

For the next forty years, we slave in the sun to support our family.

For the next ten years, we do monkey tricks to entertain the Grandchildren.

And for the last ten years, we sit on the front porch, and bark at everyone.

Life has now been explained to you.

There is no need to thank me for this valuable information. I'm doing it as a public service. If you are looking for me, I will be on the front porch.

A Golden Journey to the UK

Sarah Winnel, Head Chorister of St Matthew's Church Albury is currently on her Quest for Gold and is journeying to the UK Easter 2012 to sit for the highest RSCM international award. She already holds the highest Parish award in Australia which is Yellow Ribbon. She is looking forward to attending all the Easter Services at different landmark London churches including Westminster Abbey and St Paul's. While in the UK she will also attend a choral course at Sedbergh School in Cumbria. This course offers the combination of inspirational music-making and fellowship. Gordon Appleton, experienced RSCM Course Director, and Head of RSCM North, leads a team of outstanding staff. The RSCM is a Christian charity that promotes the best use of music in worship through training, education and publishing. The Gold Award is only examined in the UK, that is why Sarah is going to England. It is awarded for outstanding musicianship, choral participation, commitment and loyalty to the choir.

Sarah has considerable choral experience, having been singing in St Matthew's Choir for 9 years. She also plays clarinet and trumpet and is very popular with various Community groups in Albury, Wodonga and Howlong. She leads the singing for all RSL events in Albury and Howlong as well as many Rotary functions. This year she will also be performing solo at both Albury and Wodonga **Carols by Candlelight**

The international Gold Award is open to both adult and treble choristers and requires them to present a total of 10 pieces. The first five consist of Psalmody/Song, prepared solo item, prepared choral repertoire (Anthem and Liturgical setting) and then another five pieces all from different musical periods and liturgy which are presented for rehearsal where the candidate has to sing not only their own part but another suitable voice part as well. The candidate must also write program notes on one or more of their first five pieces, prepare an Evening service on a set Festival which include a reading and original prayer, sight singing, aural tests and general knowledge of repertoire and church liturgy. The amount of preparation is equivalent to our AMEB LMusA Diploma for Singers and Musicians .

A Year 8 student, Sarah is extremely involved in school and community performances. She is saving very hard to go to England. She is available for Christmas concerts, functions, weddings and funerals. Anyone wishing to assist Sarah can contact her on 02 6025 1793 or -

Sarah Winnel , 1090 Albetta Cres, Albury NSW 2640



Sarah in St. Matthew's ,holding the Yellow Ribbon, highest Parish Choir award in Australia.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH IN OCTOBER *The theme for this month was "The wise man built his house upon a rock"*

Father Peter invited the children to come up to the children's altar, and construct something out of wooden blocks (sourced from the children's area) before the formal part of the service began. A yellow hard hat also gave the right feeling of 'building.' Father Peter told the 20 children how Jesus wants us to build good relations with all we meet at school, and within their families.

Later, Fr Peter held up a rock and asked the children if it would be difficult to build on a rock. He put a Styrofoam cup symbolizing a house on the rock, and poured water over it, and it remained.

He then held up a bag of sand, and asked if it would be easier to build on sand, the children thought it would be easier. Fr. Peter then made a mound of the damp sand, put another 'cup/house' on top, and poured water on it, and it collapsed! Father Peter told the children they should get to know Jesus, who is like a reliable rock, who will carry them through the good things and bad in their lives. During the service, action songs were enthusiastically sung, especially 'Build on the Rock' and 'The wise man built his house upon a rock' with expressive actions, and exciting 'count downs' for repeated verses to reinforce the message! A picture showing both houses and their different fates, were coloured in, and shown to the congregation when completed. As is the custom, a loud procession sang 'All things Bright and Beautiful' and played the instruments, at the completion of the service. The children were invited to see Tess and Tilly, Fr. Peter's donkeys, who were brought around to the church forecourt, and the children enjoyed getting acquainted with these endearing animals.

Julie Scott. Children's Church Team.

Prayer Circle Quiet Day



On Tuesday 11 October the Prayer Circle travelled to Taminick for a quiet day. This was led by Fr Malcolm Crawley who gave three addresses on the topics of 'Quietness,' 'How do we hear God?' and 'Intercessions.'

The rationale of our Prayer group can be seen in the well-known prayer of St. John Chrysostom, "God give us the grace to make our common supplications to him".... Hebrews 10:19 reminds us that we can have confidence in what Jesus did as the great High Priest. He has provided the way for us to be present in heaven so we can draw near in full assurance of faith. We bring our love and cares to Him and ask Him to present them to the Father.

For example, we learn that a neighbour has cancer. What can we do? We can pray that person into God's presence, into the radiance of His healing love. We know that God already loves that person and will take the action that He decides.

In the Eucharist, we present our needs to God and share His love in worship, then let Him do the rest. We need to offer this love to others. Kerry Wilkinson NO/OSB Prayer leader



Evening Group

Our next meeting which is the last for the year is on Thursday 17th November commencing at 5.30 with the Eucharist followed by a bring & share tea at the Rectory. We will also be holding our AGM on this night. Our meetings are usually held at St Pat's Retirement Village on the 3rd Thursday of the month except for January & December when we are in recess. We always start our meetings at 7.30 with a short service followed by the meeting. We might have guest speaker or some kind of activity the meetings are normally finished around 9 pm. Please consider coming along next year you would be most welcome.

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RELAY FOR LIFE ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH TEAM NEWS!

What an enormous community event for St Matthew's to be involved in. Being the first car parked at the front gate for set up on Friday afternoon gave us access to one of the prime positions and a quick exit!

The event commenced at 9.30 am on Saturday 22 October with many of our parishioners in the vanguard for the survivors and carers lap of honour with Fr Peter carrying the St Matthew's banner and others our mascot "Charlietta". The slow walk around the oval enabled us to view the sea of decorated tents and receive encouragement from the onlookers. Various parishioners popped in and out throughout the day to participate in the walk or just to sit and chat and enjoy the camaraderie in our St Matthew's tent. Music and entertainment kept the day running smoothly especially Matthew Paull who was delegated as our drag queen. Fr Peter dressed him up: he looked "petite" and "chic". After parading in front of thousands, in 10 minutes onlookers gave him \$111.10 which was added to our total. He didn't come empty-handed: He even brought his coach from Dyson's.

Olwen Steel had a ball. She was always on the go - walking all the time; not only for herself but for other parishioners who were too busy socializing. She did over 100 laps. WELL DONE, OLWEN!!! Matthew Paull was our next best walker. If you want a jellybean, see Fr Bill: he won the guessing competition with the help of Rowena and has 1004 of them in a large jar!

The Hope Ceremony was extremely moving. Candles are placed in paper bags which have messages written on them. The lighted candles are then placed around the outside of the track. When it was dark everyone walked at a snail's pace around the track in silence to the accompaniment of a lone piper. It was extremely moving and emotional, with muffled sobs and tears floating on the air.

As usual, Fr Peter once again provided hot food and drinks for all. It was one of my best moments: candlelit dinner with Fr Peter and other parishioners. Even at midnight it looked as if nearly all the two thousand participants were still walking.

Wake-up call was 7.30 am cooked breakfast and a short service with Fr Peter and Fr Kevin and Rev Peter and Alan Kell and then a rush back to St Matthew's for 8.30 service. Thank you to all who helped make it a successful event. St Matthew's contribution to the grand total of \$360,000 was \$2,437...and still counting!
Jenny Prince - St Matthew's Team Captain Relay for Life 2011



Part of the St. Matthews team lining up just before doing the first lap



'Charlietta' the team's mascot



Olwyn Steel in fine form, doing 100 laps!



The beautifully decorated St. Matthew's tent, the letters were made up of Photos of parishioners