

# ST MATTHEW'S GRAPEVINE



**PARISH OF ALBURY**

**APRIL 2012**

**Fr Peter writes :**

**The Governor and the “Glory of the garden”**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> of February and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> of March saw two very different vice-regal visits to St Matthews Albury.

The first was a youth day with a visit to Albury High by **the Governor of NSW Professor Marie Bashir** (acting as Governor General flying in to Albury on a military jet with tight security) and the Bishop of Wangaratta followed by a luncheon at the Albury club for the principals and senior students of the all the Albury secondary schools. During the lunch each school gave a presentation of hopes and anxieties for the future and the Governor addressed participants as future leaders.



This was followed by a visit of the Governor, Bishop and St Matthews wardens to the Albury City Council to see a presentation on the future of the Albury art gallery complex and its impact on the QE11 square upon which St Matthews is considering a response. In the evening Professor Bashir returned to St Matthews' to lead a **youth forum** on Mental health and youth opportunity and spoke of “Drugs and alcohol problems” as predictable tranquilisers symptomatic of a generation needing acceptance and understanding and the proper provision of mental health services without the stigma so often associated with accessing assistance. The evening began with the indigenous pastor playing the didgeridoo, with a welcome to country and the presentation of a painting to her Excellency.

The following Sunday we were honoured with **another visit from the Governor, Bishop John Parkes braving floodwaters to give the address** and then to bless sanctuary lights and a memorial garden. The Governor cut a purple silk ribbon to open a pavilion in honour of the **Queens Diamond Jubilee** and stayed to meet parishioners before flying back to Sydney and we were all deeply appreciative of her warmth, energy and goodwill and agreed that it had been a most memorable occasion with outstanding music beginning with a trumpet fanfare from the famous St Matthews organ and some heroic singing from a splendid choir. More champagne flowed into the afternoon.

The following Tuesdays and Sundays continued the St Matthews lent lecture series with varied and fascinating speakers for differing fields on the topic **“sensing salvation”**.

**Elizabeth Reid** flew from Canberra to lead a forum on the **controversial topic of “Abortion –life and choice”** using tools to enable community conversation that she has developed in her work with the **United Nations**. The importance of creating a “listening space” was highlighted when exploring socially sensitive topics. Susie Reid, local champion for women's health and local health care workers as well as regular prolife protesters contributed. All present agreed that it was a riveting evening that concluded with an opportunity for people to highlight perspectives and a prayer for tolerance and understanding led by **Fr Kevin Flanagan, the Roman Catholic priest from North Albury**.

Eminent Historian **Professor Geoffrey Blainey** delivered a lecture to a packed church as he spoke of The importance of Jesus and his footprint in world history, dismissing the popular media view of Christian decline as mere propaganda against the reality that there are more Christians now than ever before around the globe, the Christian tradition far out numbering any other world faith group so encouraged greater confidence in proclaiming the message.

**Dr Caroline Miley, Melbourne art historian** illustrated the theme of sacrifice within artistic expression and the distinctiveness of sacrifice within the Christian story and concluded with a lively Q&A.

**Padre Charles Vesely** (recently part of the St Matthews family and adding 2 choir mem-

bers and a member of our altar serving team through his daughters and son). A training chaplain for the forces spoke of faith on the battlefield, and followed it up through the visit of some of his students the following week from the army, navy and air force who were welcomed at the service at St Matthews.

**Rev Canon Dr Ray Cleary** the acting Dean of Melbourne took time out from his preparations before conducting the funeral of Melbourne footballer Jim Stynes to come to Albury to speak on Christian priorities. In a brilliant and challenging address Ray Cleary spoke with unforgettable clarity provoking many questions and I have no doubt rebooting the ethical framework of many who were fortunate to be present.

**Famous Australian concert pianist Professor Geoffrey Lancaster** gave a very engaging reflection on faith and the Grace of God in performance and life and spent Saturday afternoon and a couple of hours after the Sunday lecture in a brilliant impromptu master class for some of Albury's most gifted young musicians and promised a return visit later this year to give a gala concert to aid our music foundation to assist young musical development and education.

**Bishop Doug Stevens Bishop of Riverina** .with a special interest in India and Japan spoke of the changing nature of Christian mission in Rural communities in response to **changes in immigration**.

**Each lent lecture was accompanied by a musical performance** from a talented young classical musician from our Albury secondary schools organised through the artistic co-operation of Mrs Helena Barber from Albury high.

**Joint Cathedral Evensong** from Albury and Wangaratta Choirs. The recent flooding in the region as well as the tragic deaths of the aged parents of Canon Glyn Rees (Rector of Wodonga) in Johannesburg was the occasion for an Evensong at the Cathedral combining the choirs of St Matthews Albury and the cathedral. The musical setting was composed by organist Adrian Wintle. There was a bowl of proteas (native of south Africa) near the altar as Bishop John Parkes led a meditation in remembrance of the murdered couple followed by the singing of the moving "pie Jesu" from the Faure requiem by Sarah Winnel on the eve of her departure as she flies to London to receive the Archbishop of Canterbury's Gold medal, the highest award in church music. Some of the Altar servers from St Matthews joined the servers from the cathedral and over 150 people attended.

NSW Governor Marie Bashir, Fr. Peter  
Pauline Harbick, Bp. John, Mayor Alice Glachan



Professor Geoffrey Blainey, Anne Blainey,  
Fr. Peter . Lent Study, 11th March



## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

As the AGM is coming up, this was the last meeting for Angela. She did not nominate for re election. Fr Peter thanked everyone on Parish Council & for their wiliness to have a go. He said everyone was important. Vicki replied that it took a good leader to achieve the results

**Water Damage.** There was some water damage to the back room of the Rectory. Probably a backup of leaves in the gutters. These will be cleaned out, as well as the ones on the church

**Pavilion.** A final inspection by Albury City has to be carried out.

**Sign.** Looking at purchasing a new sign that we could put all necessary information on , also to put the website address on .

**Landscaping.** Thanks to Coralie Williams & Annie Snow who worked tirelessly along with amazing number of helpers to get the garden ready for the opening , it looks fantastic.

**Website** It is great that we are able to put the Grapevine on to the website . The website is happening thanks to Ida Cunningham's bequest.

**Moving the font to the Lady Chapel.** The exact location is yet to be decided. By moving it, it would free up the South transept.

**Faculties.** Fr Alan is working on this. One will be needed for the moving of the font. We will need guidelines for the memorial garden. He will also check what items we need a faculty for.

**Anglican Food Room.** 26 hampers were distributed in February. It was a busy month, thank you to everyone who has been donating food & money. Angie hasn't had to shop. She has been putting together comfort packs (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap etc) for the hospital . Looking at ways as to how we can help the University students.

**Lent Talks** these have been interesting. We have had a great range of speakers and topics. The talks have been recorded, they will need to be formatted so that they can be put onto the website.

**Art Show** It has been decided to defer the art show to 2013. Another fundraiser will be held later in the year. More details in later edition of the Grapevine.

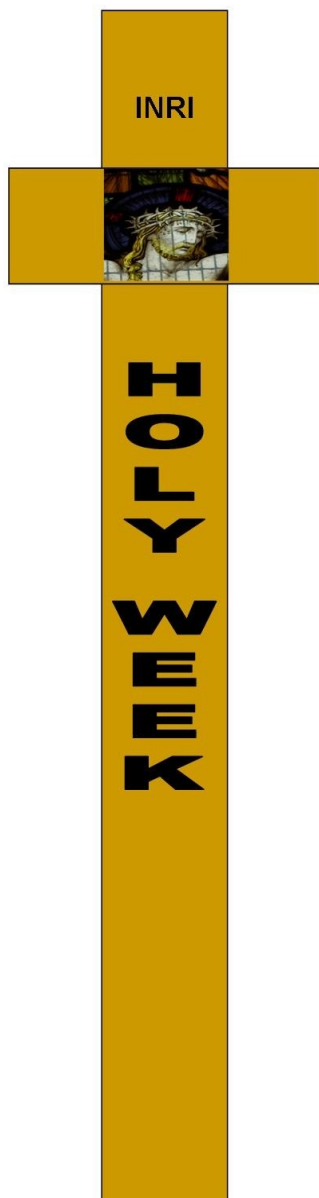
**Confirmation** the date yet to be decided

**Painting of the Front fence..** It is to be dismantled, stripped & cleaned then painted. We are hoping that we can take money from the National Trust to pay for it .

**Easter Services.** Bp. John will be coming to the Maundy Thursday & Good Friday services

**Finances** No 1 account @ 4<sup>th</sup> March \$13,414.04 less cheques to be paid \$2,292.06 No 2 account @ 4<sup>th</sup> March \$35,142.11 less cheques to be paid \$1,064.08

Kaye Kennedy Secretary



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#### **Palm Sunday—1st April 2012**

##### **(Procession with Palms and Donkey at services)**

- 8.30 am Sung Eucharist
- 10.00 am Family Eucharist
- 11.30 am Baptism Service
- 5.00 pm Evensong

#### **Monday 2nd April 2012**

- 6.00 pm Compline and brief Mediation

#### **Tuesday 3rd April 2012**

- 6.00 pm Compline and brief Mediation

#### **Wednesday 4th April 2012**

- 10.30 am Eucharist
- 6.00 pm Compline and brief Mediation

#### **Maundy Thursday—5th April 2012**

- 6.00 pm Lamb, noodles with herbs and a glass of wine. Cost \$5. RSVP to the office by 2nd April 2012.
- 7.00 pm Eucharist, Stripping of the altar followed by a short watch. With Bishop John Parkes

#### **Good Friday—6th April 2012**

- 8.30 am Hot cross buns in the pavilion
- 9.00 am The Passion in Readings and Music (simple service of Hymns and Readings for Good Friday). With Bishop John Parkes
- 10.30 am Sharing the walk of witness with Bishop John Parkes, the Stations of the Cross. Starting at St Marks Church—Northern Albury and concluding with Fr Kevin at Sacred Heart church
- 2.00 pm At Riverwood— A simple Good Friday Communion service
- 4.00 pm At St Matthews for a "Film ("The Help") and Fish Cakes"

#### **Easter Sunday—8th April 2012**

- 9.00am Sung Family Eucharist with Baptism and renewal of Baptismal vows and Easter eggs. Please bring pet rabbits for a Easter Bunny Parade.



### **Children's Church for March**

As the service occurred during the Lenten Studies, and was therefore at 9am, with a guest speaker Chaplain Charles Vesely, it was not a Children's Church service as such, however, the parents were encouraged to come to hear Chaplain Charles Vesely's inspirational address.

The day also was Mothering Sunday. 12 Children attended, and were welcomed, and occupied the Children's Area, some action songs were sung.

A 'Mothering Sunday' colour sheet was given to the children during the address.

Simmnel cake was enjoyed by children and adults alike, a token of 'Mother Church'.

Julie Scott, Children's Church spokesperson



### **EVENING GROUP NEWS**

Members are looking forward to their major fund-raising event, a card and games afternoon, to be held on **Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> May at 1.00 PM** in Legacy House, Olive Street. Arrangements are being finalised so watch out in the pew sheet for further information or ring Margaret on 6062 3512.

Pam Thorman (Secretary)

### **MONTHLY OFFERINGS**

<u>Week</u>	<u>Planned Giving Open Plate</u>		<u>Baptisms</u>
5 February	\$1364.70	\$890.45	\$91.00
12 February	\$999.50	\$740.05	\$146.40
19 February	\$1389.00	\$599.85	
26 February			

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

Evensong, March \$83.50

**Direct Deposit into St Matthews Bank Account is available for those wishing to make a donation or for your planned giving.**

**Parish Banking Details.**

Bank National Australia Bank (NAB)

Account Name St Matthew's Church Albury No 1 Account

**BSB 082 406 Account no. 17053 2923**

**Snippet from Professor Geoffrey Lancaster's Lent Lecture**

**25th March, 2012**

**Psalm 23 – That's LOVE**

*A line by line commentary on Psalm 23*



The Lord is my shepherd	-	that's PROTECTION
I shall not want	-	that's PROVISION
He makes me to lie down in green pastures MENT	-	that's REPLENISH-
He leads me beside the still waters	-	that's REFRESHMENT
He restores my soul	-	that's REBIRTH
He leads me in the paths of righteousness	-	that's GUIDANCE
For His name's sake	-	that's GLORY
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death	-	that's TRIAL
I will fear no evil	-	that's TRUST
For You are with me	-	that's LOYALTY
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me	-	that's SECURITY
You prepare a table for me In the presence of my enemies	-	that's AUDACITY
You anoint my head with oil	-	that's BLESSING
My cup runs over	-	that's ABUNDANCE
Surely goodness and mercy hall follow me all the days of my life	-	that's ASSURANCE
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord	-	that's SANCTURY
Forever	-	that's ETERNITY





NSW Governor Marie Bashir & Fr. Peter



Elizabeth Reid, Fr. K. Flanagan,  
Vicki Chick, Susie Reid

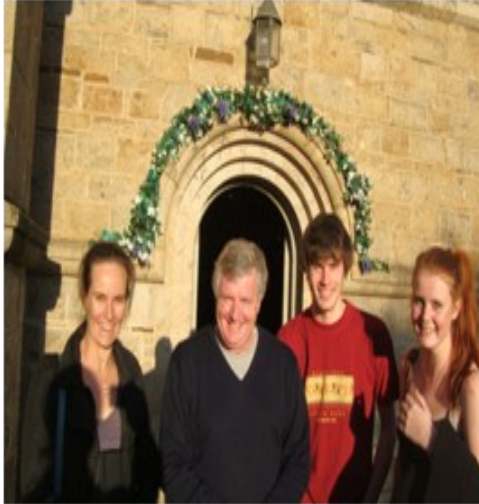


Dr. Caroline Miley



Army Chaplain Charles Vesely





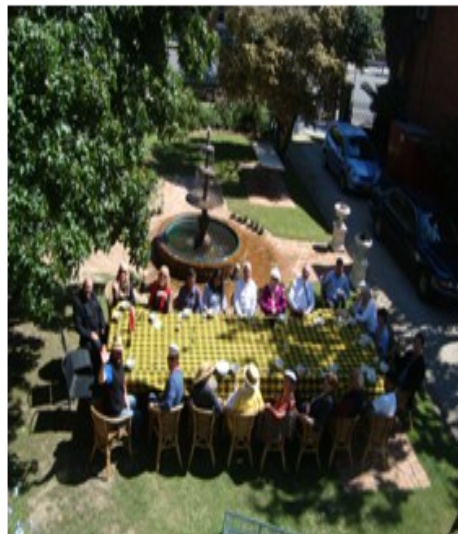
Helen Barber, Geoffrey Lancaster & Students



Paul Summerfield, Kathy Sutherland, Rev. Cannon Ray Cleary, Vicki Chick, Olwen Steel



St. Matthew's servers at joint evensong at Wang. Cathedral, Karl Monteiro, Dean's daughter, Shem Vesely



Lunch in the Rectory garden with Geoffrey Lancaster, after his Lent Lecture

## MU Quiet Day at Jill Aplin's Home



**Today,** along with a small group of others I enjoyed the Quiet Day conducted by Rev. Maureen Beattie with the theme "Home Coming". The solitude of the extensive garden setting, the sights and sounds of numerous birds and getting back to nature set an amazing backdrop. Maureen led us gently through thoughts, prayer, reflection and concluded with a inspiring outdoor Eucharist.

I was asked to share more widely this poem I wrote while enjoying some of the quiet time. *Carol Read*

### ' The Resurrection Tree ' ( Composed by Carol Read )

Planted in hope of growth and beauty  
Nature cruelly intervened  
Aided perhaps by human neglect  
Not nurtured as best should be  
This does not appear a beautiful tree  
But look closer and see  
The hidden promise of beauty waiting there  
The scarred trunk like life's trials  
Trials that Jesus bore for thee  
Sap sticky like blood running down  
Spilt for us all  
If only we would really believe  
See it all in the beauty of growth  
Still standing and growing with leaves of new life  
Thank you God for this wonderful sight

# H U M O U R



A lot of church members singing 'Standing on the Promises'  
Are just sitting on the premises.

Be ye fishers of men. You catch 'em - He'll clean 'em.

Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.

Don't put a question mark where God put a full stop.

Forbidden fruits create many jams.

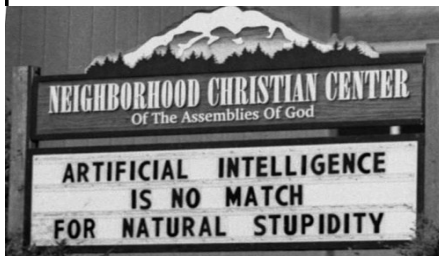
God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

God grades on the cross, not the curve.

God loves everyone,  
But probably prefers 'fruits of the spirit' over  
'religious nuts!'

God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

He who angers you, controls you!



## **ON THE RECORD**

### *Baptisms*

*We welcome into Christ's family*

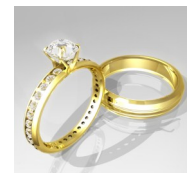
3 March Aiden William RICHARDSON  
Lachlan John RICHARDSON  
10 March Chloe Paige CAMPBELL  
Ruby Grace CAMPBELL  
24 March Jake Ian ANDERSON  
Charlie Allan COULTER  
Hayley Margaret COULTER



### *Weddings*

*We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony*

17 March Andrew Leonard VOGEL & Amanda Maree GIBBS  
24 March Steven Adam BURNS & Olivia NACPIL  
Howard Kurt FRANKENBERG & Kathy Gaye McINTOSH



### *Funerals*

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

17 February George Alfred SMITH  
8 March William Vardon BOHUN  
16 March Aimee Lea KOEHLER  
21 March Favelle William PURSS



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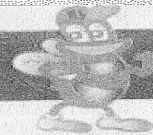
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#### **Weekdays**

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  
10:00 a.m. Family Service—(Children's Church 3rd Sunday every month)  
9.00 am 5th Sunday of every month—One Service Only—  
Matins with Holy Communion  
5.00 p.m. Evensong Only 1st Sunday of every month

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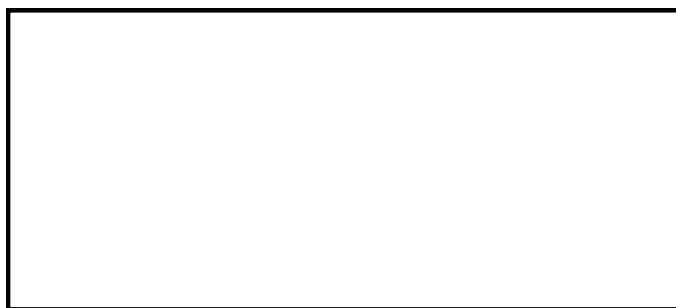
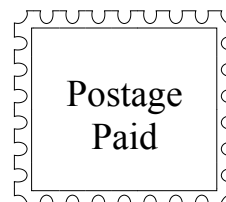
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