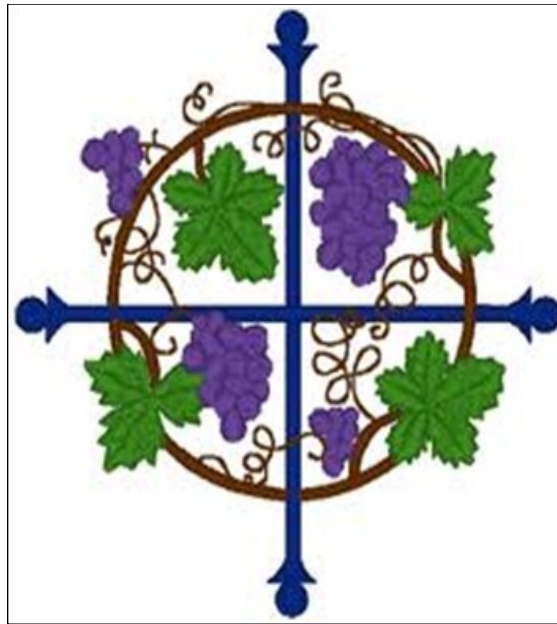


ST MATTHEW'S GRAPEVINE



PARISH OF ALBURY

MAY 2012

Fr Peter writes :

Dear People of St Matthew's

**Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
to his throne above the skies; Alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!**



**There for him high triumph waits; Alleluia!
lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!
he hath conquered death and sin; Alleluia!
take the King of glory in! Alleluia!**

**Lo! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia!
yet he loves the earth he leaves; Alleluia!
Though returning to his throne, Alleluia!
still he calls mankind his own. Alleluia!**

The great Easter and ascension hymn by Charles Wesley, 1742 was set to music by Welshman Robert Williams who was blind from birth and earned his living by basket-making, but was also a musician of great repute and composed the hymn-tune 'Llanfair' that is usually sung to these words. After a memorable Lent of significant speakers of national importance on a range of subjects and two vice regal visits, Holy week was a full, Solemn and joyful journey made in the company of many people of different ages, traditions and cultural backgrounds all joining in as part of the St Matthews family highlights included the Maundy Thursday service led by Bishop John, washing the feet of people aging from 5 years to ninety, stripping the altar and the watch, preceded by a hastily consumed simple meal of lamb and noodles with a "glass of red".

Bishop John stayed for the moving Good Friday liturgy of readings and music for the passion lad by the St Matthews choir with a comfortably full congregation and then we headed up to North Albury for the ecumenical community stations of the cross walking between the churches and concluding with the bishop giving the blessing at the Roman Catholic Church at the invitation of Father Kevin followed by more buns and then to the rectory when thirty people shared in fishcakes and a film "The Help" with its strong themes of love and justice.

Easter Day at St Matthews Albury will long be remembered by the nearly 500 people who nearly fitted in to the building even if they had to stand. Bishop John fresh from the early Cathedral service boomed "Christ is risen" to which the assembled adults and children responded "He is risen indeed" and resurrection energy buoyed the service along with 200 sparklers blazing with new Easter light during the Gloria, the famous organ and choir giving their best to the great appreciation of those gathered. It was wonderful to see record numbers who had little idea when they arrived that the service would be a family friendly full high mass with "the works" and lots of surprises. The bishop led the sanctuary party through the church with branches of rosemary, blessing the congregation

with the new water of baptism augmented by water from the river Jordan with which he had also baptised two very good babies.

Not quite so well behaved were the rabbit, one of whom "Dora" got a bit over excited on the lap of a young visitor from Melbourne who went away with more than the water of Baptism to remind him of the special day and a wet patch on his "Sunday best trousers" to mark the difference between a toy Easter bunny and the real thing bursting with real life.

The new chicks (safely housed next to the realistic Easter garden situated below the pulpit) provided a continual source of interest for the many smaller children, although there were some anxious moments when a new 3 year old member of St Matthews congregation decided that she would spend the service taking someone else's pet guinea pig for impromptu pastoral visits down the aisle much to the consternation of the guinea pigs young owner.

The service was led by Bishop John and Fr Peter, Fr Alan, Rev Maureen, Fr Colin Wellard and Deacon Heather with a sanctuary full of sacred ministers and servers, attended by clouds of incense and helium balloons and a real sense of joy.

The service concluded in the newly completed St Matthews garden and forecourt with champagne, hot cross buns and panettone and then 40 people sat down to Easter lunch on long tables at the front of the rectory decked with bright gold black and red "Dress Macleod" tartan.

"And home Rejoicing"..straight off the plane from London Sarah Winnel came to the St Matthews rectory to show her new Archbishop of Canterbury's Gold medal awarded last week by the royal school of church music in England.

Only 6 such medals have ever been awarded in Australia and Sarah used the opportunity to attend cathedral choir practices and evensongs from some of "England's best" before returning with her Gold medal, the culmination of years of singing and study within St Matthews Choir.

Highlights included a special; welcome and tour of Westminster Abbey by Canon Jane Hedges who is to visit Australia next year staying at St Matthews rectory and attending choral evensong.

There are whispers of a very exciting special guest list to St Matthews for the Queens Diamond Jubilee, there will more news as soon as we hear more from Government House. Fr Peter



Youth of the Parish at Easter



Oliver, Karl & Clinton after the Dame Kiri concert

Parish Council Notes

Parish Council Secretary for 2012 is Kaye Kennedy

Parish Council Treasurer is Ken Davenport with Cathy Carden as assistant treasurer.

Landscaping Waiting for approval from Albury City Council before the memorial walls can be erected.

Altar Frontal. Fr Peter has received a design from England for a new altar frontal.

Moving the font. There has been a prototype of a font in the Lady Chapel. When the final decision is made as to where it is to be placed, a faculty will be sent to the Bishop for final approval.

Grenadier Guards would like to put their flag up in the proposed new chapel for the uniformed forces. They will be at St Matthew's on the 7th October.

Faculties. A faculty will be required for the Mother & Child area. The faculty for the garden has been approved.

Archbishop of Canterbury is visiting New Zealand later in the year. Fr Peter is hoping he might come to Albury.

Church Sitters. Thank you to all the church sitters. Comments received by Parish Council is that you are all most welcoming to visitors to the Church.

Anglican Food Room 16 hampers handed out in March. Angie shopped for the first time this year in April.

Lent Lectures. Fr Peter has already started to invite people for next year's lectures. By using the church for the lectures highlights the fact we are interested in other things, not just 'churchy' things.

Lucy the Poo Cow. We are hoping to hold this event on Saturday 6th October.

Parish Fete will be on the 13th October.

Confirmation will be held on 9th December

Finances Closing Balance at the 31st March No 1 a/c ;\$9695.62 less accounts to be paid \$20,048.06 . Please note this amount includes \$13,092.52 which we have to pay to the Diocese No2 a/c; Closing Balance \$23,630.94 less accounts to be paid \$368.40.

Kaye Kennedy **Secretary**

OPPORTUNITY SHOP



Fr Peter is considering opening up a Op Shop but to do so he needs volunteers to run it & to work in it!

If you are interested please contact the office 60 21 3022
between 8.30am & 12.30pm

Prayer Requests



There has been a review of the length of time that names on the prayer request list in the pew sheet will remain on the list.

Names will be removed after four weeks but can be requested again immediately, or at a future time when prayers are needed.

Please remember that prayers may be requested each week at the Sunday services by filling out details and placing the card in the bowl on the lectern at the left-hand side at the rear of the church. These are brought forward for the Prayers of Intercession and then prayed for at the morning Mass on Tuesday.

Carol Read

Nice Threads' Monaco & Albury Meet Bendigo

Clothing and artifacts celebrating Princess Grace of Monaco make up a major exhibition at the Art gallery of Bendigo, Next door In the Banquet Room of the Capital on View Street is an exhibition of ecclesiastical Robes and vestments from a 200-year-old Venetian chasuble with the most luxurious embroidered decoration, to a Papua-New Guinean tapa (beaten bark) cloth cloak finished with a tortoise-shell cross and boar tusks. The exhibition has been assembled by Hugh Elphinstone and includes 20 spectacular embroidered pieces from St Matthews Albury ranging over 200 years. Each of the robes rotates on a plinth within a specially-built LED display case. Faith in Fashion is not only the first time religious garments have been displayed in this way, it may well be the last. They will all go back safely to their owners once the exhibition ends.

Mon - Fri 9.15am,
Sat 9.30am & Sunday from noon.
Phone: 03 5434 6100



'Faith in Fashion' until June 17 with an entry fee of \$9 Exhibition opening times -
Mon-Fri 9.15am, Sat. 9.30 am, Sun from noon.



Children's Church on APRIL 15th

★ The theme of the Children's Church for 15th April, was 'doubting ★
★ Thomas', (which Fr. Peter spoke about during his homily to the ★
★ adults.) During the homily, the older children worked on 'word hunt' ★
★ pages, and colour sheets, with the Easter theme. ★

★ As it was so soon after Easter, Fr Peter took the opportunity to ★
★ recap. about the Easter Story with the 19 children from babies to pre ★
★ -teens. ★

★
★
Retail 'Easter' items which had been used as teaching aids during the Easter services were eagerly snapped up by the young congregation! Vigorous action songs were enjoyed by the children and adults, and Rowena Ginns, played them very jauntily!

★ The children were encouraged to become involved around the altar ★
★ during the Communion Service. ★

- ★ *There was a printed order of service, which had all the hymns,*
- ★ *prayers & responses, which made it easy for young families.*

★ Our concluding song was as usual enjoyed with instruments and ★
★ procession. Sausages in bread, cordial, tea coffee, awaited the ★
★ congregation after the service, and little Easter eggs! ★

★ Julie Scott Children's Church Spokesperson, for Mother's Union

MONTHLY OFFERINGS

<i>Week</i>	<i>Planned Giving</i>	<i>Open Plate</i>	<i>Baptisms</i>
4 March	\$1335.00	\$1432.80	\$54.55
11 March	\$ 874.00	\$ 995.20	\$41.25
18 March	\$1101.00	\$ 665.20	
25 March	\$1021.00	\$ 549.25	\$142.05

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

Evensong March \$177.25

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

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







EVENING GROUP NEWS

At our April meeting, Olwen Steel was our guest speaker. Olwen spoke of the trip to Cambodia where she visited ancient temples, a wonderful Island and beautiful people. A most interesting talk.

Final arrangements are being made for our card and games afternoon, which will be held on Monday 21st May at 1pm in Legacy House, Olive Street.

Please ring Margaret for bookings on 60623512.

Margaret Shearer, President



Mother's Union NEWS

Major points discussed at meeting Tue 17.04.2012, in Church.

Lady Day - 'Feast of Annunciation' - Angela gave a report- Fr Peter suggested the Day be re-vamped, e.g. invite key women of the Community.- make it real 'Women's Day'.

Baptisms Fr. Peter said it was good to have M.U. support at both seminars and baptisms. Helps parents and Godparents. A good outreach that we may not even be aware of.


















Outreach It is important to keep an eye out for people needing support e.g. another Indian family now at St. Matthew's village- George, Sandy and little girl Karesha.

Children's Church Good numbers, service booklet easy to follow. Children's Church team, welcoming. Fr Peter may make the service a simplified Communion again. (Children then more likely to go on to Confirmation, and more likely to stay if confirmed young.)

Prayer Chain Some messages slipping through the cracks. Discuss further at future meeting.

Welfare and Hospitality Fr Peter mentioned a shower is to be put in the outside toilet to help homeless people. Hygiene packs eg toothpaste soap etc. be prepared.? Possible monthly service for Korean students? Possibly a shared dinner with Egyptian Coptic's who use the church once a month? Rowena- Migrants who fund themselves need help too. Give them work, e.g. ironing.

Information provided by Sue Fyfe, M.U. member





Palm Sunday at St Matthews



Easter at St Matthews



Ecumenical Stations of the Cross finishing at Sacred heart



Easter Tomb, St Matthews



Bp John at St Matthews Easter



Fr Kevin, Bp John & Fr Peter at Easter



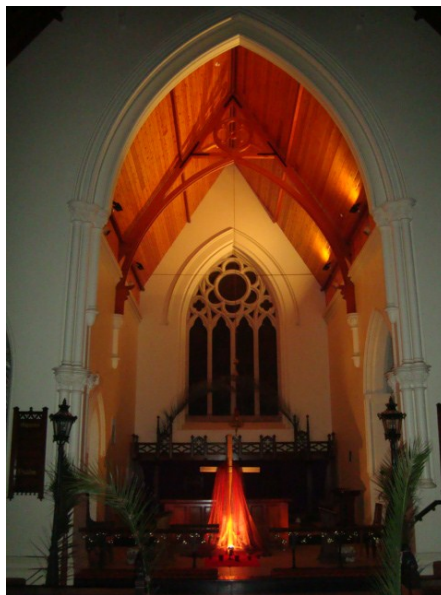
Easter Baptism with Bp John
at St. Matthews



Proud Sarah Winnel with her coveted
RSCM International Gold Medal!



Easter Baptism with Bp John
at St. Matthews



St Matthew's at Easter

An experience from the November 2011 tour of Israel, from Judith Frew-Kleeman



That Holea memory **ISRAEL 2011** (with the John Prior group)

Dressed in vivid African ceremonial dress, with shining, beautiful, black skin, tall and stately they stood. Suddenly a combined wailing arose, piercing the quietness until a sharp reprimand in English rang out from a tour guide!! ***“Quiet, there are others here!”***

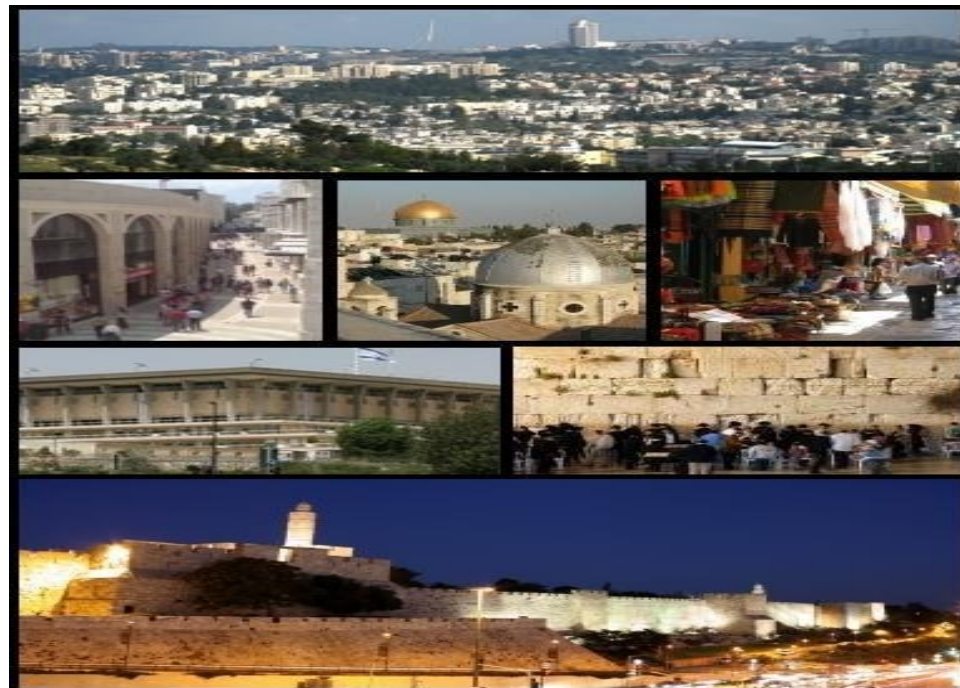
What was it that caused that wail of grief? That symbol of pain?

Here in Jerusalem was a hole hewn from rock, narrow, deep and dark. Now below a church, but in Roman times believed to be the location of High Priest Caiaphas's house, that hole was the equivalent of a dungeon. It is thought that Jesus was held in that deep, dark hole, before going to trial.

The thought that their Saviour and Lord in pain had been thrown or somehow thrust into that void without light, perhaps without water, no doubt without food surely raised that cry of African Christians! !

For me part of a group the response was silence (perhaps aghast). It was for me as much as everyone else that He chose to suffer and be treated with the inhumanity and cruelty that all humans are so capable of. This past Easter and subsequent ones I will always remember!

When we find ourselves in an emotional abyss, we can know that He has been there — for Jesus said in Matthew *I am with you always* Judith



H U M O U R

Some definitions for you !



ADULT

A person who has stopped growing at both ends
And is now growing in the middle

BEAUTY PARLOUR

A place where women curl up and dye

CHICKENS

The only animals you eat before they are born and after they are dead.

COMMITTEE

A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

DUST

Mud with the juice squeezed out.

EGOTIST

Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.

HANDKERCHIEF

Cold storage

INFLATION

Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

MOSQUITO

An insect that makes you like flies better.

RAISIN

A grape with a sunburn

SECRET

Something you tell to one person at a time

SKELETON

A bunch of bones with the person scraped off.

TOOTHACHE

The pain that drives you to extraction

TOMORROW

One of the greatest labour saving devices of today.

YAWN

An honest opinion openly expressed

WRINKLES

Something other people have, similar to my character lines.

ON THE RECORD

Baptisms

We welcome into Christ's family

1 April Charli Rita Patricia KEARNEY
Charlotte Annabel SPENCER
Mitchell James WEBB
8 April Alexandra Lily AITKEN
Ruby Rose BENNETT
22 April Tayla Katherine JUNCK
Isla May ROBINSON



Weddings

We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony

14 April Joshua Douglas HALL &
Corinne Marie Desiree Kristelle CORNETTE



Funerals

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

11 April 'Ros' Rosalind Myee COCKS
23 April Peter Mark GOULD



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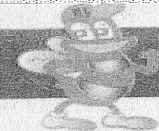
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8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Wednesday

10:30 a.m. Eucharist

Thursday

Friday

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Sunday

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

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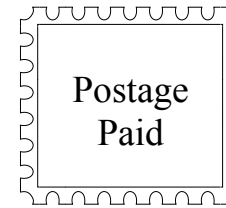
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