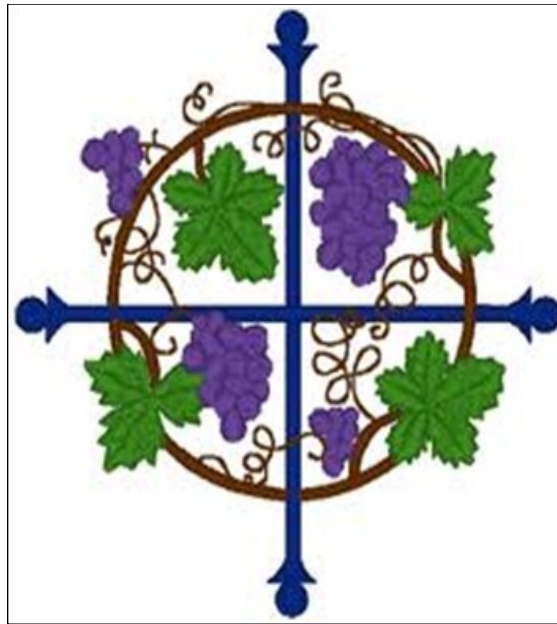


ST MATTHEW'S GRAPEVINE



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JUNE 2012

Fr Peter writes :

Dear People of St Matthew's

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

"My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honours of Thy name."



O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing is the hymn Charles Wesley wrote at a time of the spiritual awakening in the 18th century on the anniversary of his own conversion, his "new birthday" that also coincided with the movement for the abolition of slavery and improvements in the working conditions of ordinary people. ***It was a time of great change made possible by an openness to the Holy Spirit. Pentecost seems then a good time to launch new initiatives and open our eyes to all that God is doing and new opportunities for service.***

Over the last little while God has sometimes quietly created a change that speaks of a global Christian family locally manifested in St. Matthews congregation. Looking around in our choir, congregation and sanctuary we have an increasingly diverse cultural and age mix which brings new opportunities and a greater richness to our corporate life. On the last Saturday each month we welcome a Coptic service for the Egyptian community at St. Matthews with a worship team coming from Wagga with very distinctive ancient music and liturgy and great volumes of incense that has been a regular test for the smoke alarms and congregational eardrums.

In our sanctuary and choir we have people originating from parts of India, the former Yugoslavia, Holland, Germany, England, Ireland, Papua New Guinea, New Zealand as well as Albury, and new families have brought younger members to our choir, sanctuary servers and children's church making this a good time to see youth issues brought to the fore of our ministry development agenda.

Pentecost Sunday 2012 will see the launch of a youth council called "AAY" Albury Anglican Youth (potentially part of a diocesan umbrella WAY" Wangaratta Anglican Youth) to represent local youth issues under the leadership of **Clinton Monteiro** a member of our choir and parish community who has showed great initiative and enthusiasm in encouraging other university students to join in Christian fellowship and arranged them to come to St. Matthews Albury, including our youth forum with the Governor of NSW Professor Marie Bashir.

Clinton is an 18 year old university student, enrolled in business studies at Charles Sturt University, born in Mumbai, India and for the last 2 years living in Albury with his family. His interests include politics and economics various styles of music and studying singing through Murray conservatorium and church music and theory through the Royal school of Church Music and St. Matthews Choir.

St Matthews Youth Focus will provide a forum to promote youth issues and discuss community issues that impact upon younger people as well as valuing the perspectives of younger people when seeking new directions for church initiatives. Initial **Youth Focus** (YF) activities under a "**Dare2Share**" heading will include providing youth input to local and diocesan websites, reviews of recent movies, music, literature and events. Under a "**Movers & Shakers**" heading, youth opinions on current social ethical spiritual and political issues will be explored, and activities of Christian social action and welfare will be undertaken locally and with international youth partners. "**Crosswords**" will review different ways of expressing contemporary faith and review a Christian survival pack (**Youth 2 the Max**) and help to create a cyber confirmation preparation course along the lives of a

Christian citizenship cyber test. The Youth focus group will be open to teens to 21 and supported by a committee of interested people from the parish.

The Pentecost service will be a full parish family service with Choral Matins according to the book of common prayer, mind blowing music from different cultures and eras with people of all ages participating, the church decorated in vibrant reds with helium balloons followed by an internationally themed parish lunch.

Jubilee Evensong to Celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee To coincide with the celebrations in London, on Sunday 3rd June at 5pm St. Matthews Albury will hold a special jubilee evensong, using elements from the London service, royal music with Royal trumpet fanfares, and all the glories of the Westminster choral tradition. There will be a special display of royal portraits and memorabilia including a number never before publically displayed including a huge royal portrait of Elizabeth the Queen Mother and a bronze of King George V by Sir Bertram Mackennal, a copy of the wattle portrait of the Queen signed by the artist Sir William Dargie and others. It will be followed by a jubilee supper, all very welcome.

Archbishop Canon of Westminster and top UK Broadcaster to visit Albury Archbishop Peter Hollingsworth, former Governor General of Australia, will visit St. Matthews for Evensong later in the year (date to be announced) to celebrate the 350th anniversary of the Book of Common Prayer, following a meeting with Fr Peter in Melbourne. The Archbishop had already heard of the strength of the St. Matthews Choir and one of the best attended regular Evensongs in the country. Canon Jane Hedges from Westminster Abbey is currently planning to come in 2013.

The 1st of July 2012 will see an Evensong at 5pm with the special guest and commentator Caroline Holmes - UK BBC and Radio 4 broadcaster, author and garden historian as part of her Australian speaking tour.

Many Albury residents have experienced the benefits of hip replacements to help them charge into the future and occasionally a "nip and tuck" has rolled back the years (although you have to be careful not to overdo it).

Security fencing has just been erected at St Matthews Albury as the historic iron fence installed in 1908 in memory of Elizabeth Bell is being taken down and restored in preparation for the wedding of the Bishop's daughter at the end of June. It's our version of a Royal wedding and a great honour to host Bishop John Parkes' family and his daughter Nell and her husband to be Tanu from Samoa. The full choral service will include singers from Wangaratta and Samoa as well as the famous St Matthews Organ and Choir singing a mass specially arranged from Schubert's Mass in G for the occasion. Also used at the wedding will be the Purbeck marble pulpit from Westminster Abbey used at the Royal wedding of her majesty Elizabeth the Queen Mother and King George VI.



The historic fence of 1908 replaced an earlier wooden picket fence and a bell was also donated in memory of Elizabeth Bell who married her husband Edwin Scammell at St Matthews in 1869. So very appropriate that it is being restored in time for another historic St Matthews Wedding.

St Matthew's Albury Choir, singing at St Peter's Leeton Centenary Celebration on 13th May 2012.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS 2012

STORM DAMAGE—Due to water damage, the back room in the rectory has had some plastering done on the ceiling. The gutters on the church and Rectory have been cleaned out thanks to Martin & Oliver Hendriks.

New skirting boards for the church have been ordered. New downpipes to be installed on the south side of the church. The National Trust to be asked to pay expenses.

LANDSCAPING—More plants to be put in. Waiting for quote to remove fence and to repair the brickwork.

MOVING FONT TO LADY CHAPEL—By the time you read this the faculty will have been sent to Wangaratta.

METAL RAMPS—Looking at ways to make these ramps safer, so that they are not slippery.

CAR PARKING—Parish Council are looking at options. One idea is to park behind the church with a park plan to be given to the people who need to park close to the Church.

LUCY THE POO COW—This fund raising event will be held on Saturday 6th October. More details later.

ANGLICAN FOOD ROOM—31 hampers given out in April. Fr Peter has people calling at the Rectory all the time, for food & accommodation. Angie has approached YES as to what food they might need. Also we need to interact with other agencies.

WEBSITE—Looking at putting it on face book. There has been an increase in the number of hits on the site.

OUTREACH—This committee is looking at newcomer follow up. Also having brochures listing the various groups & service times for new comers. The committee would like to go with newcomers for lunch somewhere, on the 5th Sunday of the month. This would not be held in Rectory.

CHOIR—Jenny Prince & Lyn Winnel are the choir librarians. By doing this work they take a lot of pressure off John Ross. The choir music needs to be put on to the website.

FETE—to be held on Saturday 13th October.

CONFIRMATION—9th December.

GRENADIER GUARDS—will be having a service at St Matthew's in October. A letter has been sent to the Governor General inviting her to attend this service. Also Prince Charles has been invited.

FINANCES—No 1 account at 30th April 2012 Closing balance \$3681.02 less
cheques to be paid \$1370.94
No 2 account Closing balance \$ 17027.22 less cheques to be paid \$ 1035.14.

Kaye Kennedy, Secretary

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Wednesday 13th. June 2012

Program:

10.30am. *Morning Tea: for travellers*

11.00am. Eucharist

Celebrant: The Right Reverend Bishop John Parkes

Preacher: Reverend Robert Whalley

12.15pm. *Lunch:* Purbrick Hall, Cost \$10.00

Guest Speaker: approx. 1.30pm.

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with the total number attending from your Parish.


Luncheon Proceeds to ABM



Fr. Peter, Bp. Peter Hollingsworth, Sophie
Mirabella MP, in Melbourne ,recently



George and Sandy Ignatius with, their young
daughter



Children's Church in May 2012

The Theme for this month was '**The Ascension**' of Jesus, which was a hard concept for children to understand, however the 21 children were told the 'Holy Spirit' is our helper, and encourages us to be the sort of people Jesus wants us to be. Fr. Peter talked about the life of Jesus, and said Jesus has left us the bible which gives us ways to follow in his footsteps. The children were able to choose a coloured pair of paper footprints on which they put their names, then stuck them on a 'path' leading up to where the Holy Spirit leads us. The 'Holy Spirit' was expressed by white helium balloons, which were later outside after the service, sent into the heavens, symbolizing the Ascension. The children and adults enjoyed the action songs, and as usual David Luxon played his child-friendly, jaunty music. The service was a Eucharist, and the children were encouraged to come around the altar, during the preparation, and were given a sticker and blessing as the confirmed people came to the communion rail. After the usual fun musical procession, (where some littlies were so endearing with their enthusiasm for the occasion), the good-sized congregation met outside in mild sunshine, for a sausage in bread, cake, tea, coffee, cordial and teddy bear biscuits! It was great to meet some new people to the parish, and we hope the families enjoyed the informality and joy of the service.

Julie Scott Children's Church spokesperson for Mother's Union, Albury

<u>MONTHLY OFFERINGS</u>			
<i>Week</i>	<i>Planned Giving</i>	<i>Open Plate</i>	<i>Baptisms</i>
1 April	\$1341.00	\$856.20	\$213.45
8 April	\$1041.00	\$2281.05	\$
15 April	\$1049.00	\$553.20	
22 April	\$ 987.00	\$466.35	\$116.90
29 April	\$1102.00	\$611.80	\$ 73.25

Offerings do not take into account any payments that are paid directly into the Bank.
Evensong April \$177.25
 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



Group Card Afternoon.

Monday, May 21st was the chosen day for the Evening Group card and games afternoon. Forty-eight happy people (including two gentlemen) arrived at Legacy House to spend the afternoon playing the games of their choice and to enjoy the company of their friends. Delicious refreshments were served during the afternoon, a welcome respite from the concentration of their playing. A very popular raffle was drawn at this time with Doreen Howard being the lucky winner.

A large proportion of our guests came from other churches and groups, and we are most grateful for their support.

A profit of **\$800-00** was realised on the day, with the amount to be used for the six-monthly lease payment of the office photo copier.

Pam Thorman Secretary

FETE TRASH & TREASURE STALL

IS THERE ANY PARISHIONER WHO WOULD BE ABLE TO ASSIST GOLDA WITH THIS STALL.

PERHAPS YOU COULD HELP SORT THE GOODS THAT SHE IS GIVEN.

MAYBE COLLECT GOODS FOR HER. SHE WILL ALSO WANT PEOPLE TO ASSIST HER ON THE DAY. IF YOU THINK YOU CAN HELP PLEASE PHONE GOLDA ON 02 60 21 3091.

ANGLICAN MEN'S BREAKFAST

All men in the congregation are welcome
to meet with the men from the combined
Churches of Northern Albury

on SATURDAY 2ND JUNE
8.30 AM AT ROD PIKE'S PLACE
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Sawyer Rd, Jindera

\$5 P.P.

RSVP BY 30 MAY to Graeme Scott PH. 6021 8897

(Graeme will provide a mud map)

Sarah Winnel - RSCM Gold Award

At the age of six on 30 January 2003, I dressed in a red cassock as a probationer in the St. Matthew's Church Choir. Easter Sunday 20 April 2003, I became a full treble with my white surplice. Being a treble in the church choir I participated in the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) Voice for Life Program where I have gained my Light Blue, Dark Blue, and Red Ribbons, at the age of ten, 6 May 2007 I was appointed Head Chorister and still hold the position today.

I received my Yellow Ribbon when I was twelve which is the highest award that can be obtained internally in an Anglican parish choir. Now, after nine years in the choir as a treble the next and final award, the Gold Award, is awarded through an external examination conducted by the RSCM within the United Kingdom.

In 1927 Sir Sydney Nicholson, while at Westminster Abbey founded the School of English Church Music, (now the RSCM) to best promote church music as a form of worship. Our church became affiliated with the RSCM, 12 January 1989, twenty-three years ago. Our administrative centre is located in Salisbury, England.

Prerequisites for the Gold Award include a minimum Grade 8 Voice and Grade 5 musicianship and the participation of national choral camps in which I was involved in for six years at the National Children's Choir of Australia, Gondwana Voices. As well as attending a RSCM summer camp in Brisbane. Also in the syllabus I had to prepare solo items, Anglican chants, choral repertoire, sight-reading, liturgical settings, responsorial psalm, repertoire notes, musical skills and vocal technique, rehearsal and interpretation, programme notes, writing an evening service, festivals and seasons in the Christian year. All in all, a very involved examination.

I received the Gold Award on 4 April 2012 at the age of fifteen. I was examined by Leah Perona-Wright at St. George's Church in Ashted in Surrey, England. Leah has a degree in music and a Masters in English Cathedral Music and is the current director of the Voice for Life Program for singers. Leah has a passion for singing and enabling others to use their voices with confidence. My accompanist was Tim Reader from London. He along with Leah graduated from Exeter University and besides accompanying he enjoys choral singing and directing choirs. He has also been involved in RSCM workshops, teaching sight reading and musicianship.

While in the north of England I attended the RSCM Young People's Course in Sedbergh, Cumbria which was directed by Gordon Appleton. I was also given several solos to sing during the camp.

The Gold Award is undoubtedly a challenging task for any chorister. The award is given for outstanding loyalty, industry, and musicianship in choral singing. I would like to thank our Director of Music and Choir Master John Ross for covering all the sections required for the exam. I would also like to thank Fr Peter, St. Matthews, the congregation, the community and our choir members for their support.

I enjoyed my time in England with my mum and aunty, sitting the exam, learning new repertoire, attending the choral camp and visiting the stunning Cathedrals and Churches

Sarah Winnel



Sarah wearing her RSCM gold medal.



Sarah with choir master John Ross & Fr. Peter

St. Matthew's Choir Family Member's Triumph

On Sunday 29 April at the combined Matins-Holy Communion service at St Matthew's, Albury NSW, Mother Daughter and Aunt proudly display their well-earned medals for the first time.

Sarah, her mother and aunt have just returned home from the UK where Sarah sat for the Gold Award in London with examiner Leah Perona-Wright. Sarah also attended a Youth Choral camp at Sedbergh School in Sedbergh, Cumbria which was conducted by Gordon Appleton, Head of RSCM North

Gordon had been to Australia earlier this year, where he examined the twins, Lyn and Jenny for their respective medals during the Perth Summer School. The girls happily renewed their acquaintance with Gordon during their visit to the UK.

Sarah has been singing with St Matthew's since she was 6 years old and has now completed the RSCM Voice for Life Course. She is now 15. Jenny has been singing with the choir before Sarah was born.

St Matthew's Choir has now produced 2 Gold Award holders, 2 Silver Award holders and 1 Bronze Award holder since 2007. Not a bad effort for a rural parish choir.

Jenny Prince



Mum Lyn & Aunt Jenny, flanking Sarah



Korean CSU
students with
Clinton
Monteiro and
the
NSW Governor
Marie Bashir

Youth of St
Matthews -
Karl, Shem,
Clinton, Tom
and Oliver



News from the Tower May 2012

We are pleased to report that Karl has joined the band of happy ringers at St Matthew's. Karl has only had three lessons and already is showing promise as a ringer. It is wonderful to have a younger person as a new recruit and we hope that he will be able to be a part of the team for many years to come.

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of ANZAB (Australian and New Zealand Association of Bellringers). To mark this occasion a festival is being held in Sydney on the Queen's Birthday weekend in June. A number of ringers are travelling by road to Sydney from interstate and will be ringing at most towers along the way. They will be at St Matthew's on Tuesday, June 5 for one hour from 10.00 - 11.00 AM. Come along and listen and if you wish, join us in the tower and meet these enthusiastic people.

Pam Thorman Tower Captain

H U M O U R

The computer swallowed grandma,
Yes, honestly it's true!
She pressed 'control' and 'enter'
And disappeared from view.
It devoured her completely,
the thought just makes me squirm.
she must have caught a virus,
or be eaten by a worm.
I've searched though the recycled bin,
And files of every kind;
I've even used the internet,
but nothing did I find.
In desperation, I asked 'Help'
My searches to refine,
The reply from him was negative,
Not a thing was found 'on line'.
So, if inside your 'inbox',
My grandma you should see,
Please 'copy'. 'scan' and 'paste' her
And send her back to me!



Pastor's Business card.

A new pastor was visiting homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door.

Therefore, he took out a business card and wrote "Revelation 3.20' on the back of it, and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, 'Genesis 3.10'.

Reaching for his bible to check out the citation, he broke up into gales of laughter.

Revelation 3.20 begins 'Behold I stand at the door and knock. Genesis 3.10 reads - 'I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid as I was naked.'



Young Mothers A young Mother was having a bad day. The washing machine broke in the middle of the cycle, the telephone rang off the hook, she had a splitting headache, and the post brought a bill she had no idea how she would ever pay.

She was at breaking point. She said 'I lifted my one year old son into his high-chair, and leaned my head against the tray and began to cry.' Without a word, my son took the dummy out of his mouth, and stuck it in mine! ' True story ,USA 1995!

ON THE RECORD

Baptisms

We welcome into Christ's family

6 May Lily Grace PEACHEY
Benjamin Alec Dempsey KIPPER
Maebel Elizabeth WALLGATE
13 May Thomas Mark HOWARD



Weddings

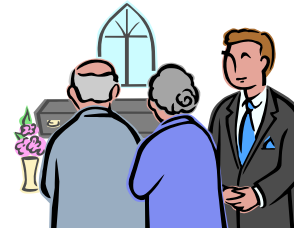
We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony

No weddings in May

Funerals

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

30 April Gloria Kathleen Joan WILLIAMS
4 May Ivy Irene SMITHENBECKER
9 May Dorothy May SCHNEIDER
10 May 'Harry' Harold Henry SIMMONS
23 May Joan Ffoulkes APLIN



SINCERE THANKS -

From Graeme Scott, for the kind thoughts and prayers offered during his hip operation. After a digestive setback, he quickly recovered from his hip operation, and is back to full activities!

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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 (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—Holy Communion with Mattins
5.00 p.m. Evensong (Only 1st Sunday of every month)

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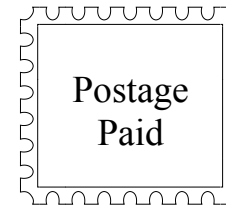
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