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Fr Peter writes :

*Dear People of St Matthew's*

**"On for Young and Old"** The year is racing by and rather than slowing seems to be gaining momentum as new opportunities present themselves and we rise to the challenge **Our heritage fence of 1908** is being restored and donations toward the \$40,000.00 project are being eagerly sought as the tax year closes.



**'St Matthews making a difference'** Congratulations and best wishes to St Matthew's family member, Vicky Gray, as she enters into the exciting race for Local Government. Vicky's family have had a long association with St Matthews over many generations and its lovely to see younger family people who also have business matters in mind, standing up to make a difference. Vicky is joining another well know St Matthews girl, Patricia Gould, in the forth coming council elections.

**Albury Anglican youth make representations on asylum seekers.** Following the capsizing of the asylum seeker boat off Christmas Island, the youth arm of the Anglican church in the region pressed the members of state cabinet to initiate wide ranging discussions at Federal level about a change of policy branding the policies of both political parties as inhuman and at variance with the Christian tradition.

The meeting of **Anglican Youth at St Matthews Albury**, after the Sunday service on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June were unanimous in a call to rethink government policies towards a better outcome. They pointed to the words of the national anthem "for those who've come across the seas we've boundless plains to share" and suggested they be rewritten to accord with reality and public policy "for those come across the seas we wish you'd go home" is more in line with reality and both the declaration and outcomes in the area should be a matter of national shame. Anglican youth leader Clinton Monteiro who recently received the Bishop's award for youth leadership for the Diocese of Wangaratta presented a petition and the request for action to the members of the cabinet of state parliament meeting in Albury on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June.

As we write we are making preparations for a **Special Wedding at St Matthews** being the wedding of Nell Parkes and Tanu Nu'u (from Samoa), Nell is the daughter of Bishop John and Margaret Parkes and we will be pulling all the stops out for the happy day.

**'Branching out and growing in the green season'** The following day on Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> of July at 5pm we will celebrate a special celebrity Evensong with

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### SERVICE TIMES

#### **Weekdays**

7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

#### **Tuesday**

8:00 a.m. 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 Last Sunday of every month—One Service Only—Holy Communion with Matins  
5:00 p.m. Evensong (Only 1st Sunday of every month)

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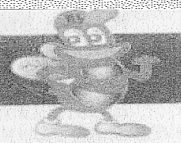
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a garden theme with BBC broadcaster and bestselling author Caroline Holmes. All welcome.

**Anglicare Albury** is also branching out with our long standing food relief being enhanced through **Anglicare food bowl partnership** through which local businesses can provide food for distribution through our established networks. Many thanks to the Northside Hotel at five ways at Lavington who provide parcels of beef mince each week for distribution to those in need and we hope that other businesses will join the programme.

**'Out of the mouths of babes'** one regular St Matthews toddler came into the church during the week, gazing up at the organ loft and informed her grandmother the church was broken – because there was no music. At Children's Church some of the themes take a while to develop, after hearing about the death of Jesus one of the younger children looked around for a culprit and turned to her mother and motioned towards Fr Peter saying 'do you think that boy with the ponytail did it?'

Fr Peter



Decorations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Choir singing at the Diamond Jubilee service



Vicky Gray & Fr Peter



Clinton Monteiro showing his Matthew McInness Youth achievement Award



### **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

**Landscaping.** The water is now connected to the fountain, waiting for the power to be connected. The memorial walls are finished. Scott is doing a marvellous job. He is working on the brickwork for the fence.

**Storm Damage** We are still get leaks in the church, water coming thru the gaps.

**Ramps.** Indoor/Outdoor carpet to be put on the ramps, to prevent people from slipping on them.

**Parish Centre.** Parish Council looking at their options. Albury City to be asked to find a space for us in the new art centre.

**Advertising sign.** Looking at options

**Website.** There is now a google map, calendar & face book page on the web-site.

**Outreach/Anglicare.** Northside Hotel is donating 20kg fresh mince per week. They thought other business might like to donate goods/cash.

**Faculties** All the faculties have been sent to Wangaratta awaiting their approval

**Anglican Food Room** 22 hampers distributed in May @ an average cost of \$35 per hamper.

**Choir.** The choir members looking forward to singing at the Bishop's daughter's wedding. They sang at Leeton for Anglican's Church's centenary. Some of the choir members have left the choir.

**Fundraising.** Lucy the Poo Cow. This event will take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October. More details later.

**Finances Balance** at 31<sup>st</sup> May No 1 a/c \$7455.27 less cheques to be paid \$1439.88 In the No 2 a/c \$13,195.81 less cheques to be paid \$1124.30.

Confirmation will be on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Classes will commence in October. If you interested in being confirmed please contact the office.

Kaye Kennedy **Secretary**

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## ON THE RECORD

### Baptisms

*We welcome into Christ's family*

27 May Dean Rodney LUDORF  
3 June Imogen Krysal MORRIS  
10 June Ruby May Joan SHERIDAN



### Weddings

*We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony*

16 June Paul Bradley JARVIE & Rosamund Adele HAY



### Funerals

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

1 June 'Jessie' Irene Jessie SEYMOUR  
7 June Lance Edward COLLINS  
13 June 'Tot' Beryl Irene PALLOT  
15 June James Bruce OCKENDEN  
15 June Cecilie Virginia MERKEL  
15 June Albert Clarence SEARLE  
21 June Nancy Jean HARTLEY



#### 'HAPPY AND GLORIOUS' DIAMOND JUBILEE FOR ST MATTHEWS ALBURY

250 of all ages people who packed into St Matthews Albury for an unforgettable Diamond Jubilee service on Sunday night, 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Our Federal member of Parliament, Sussan Ley MP and local Roman Catholic priest, Fr Kevin Flanagan read the lessons in the service that began with a hymn accompanied by a majestic fanfare of 7 trumpets. The Church was decked in red white and blue with helium balloons down the aisle and the music almost lifted the roof with jubilee enthusiasm. The service, used musical and liturgical elements from the London service devised by St Pauls Cathedral London.

The gold and red silk cope worn at St Matthews on the Sunday night was also from silk woven for St Pauls Cathedral London and the St Matthews pulpit originated from Westminster Abbey. There was a special display of royal portraits and memorabilia including a number never before publically displayed including 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. The distinctive sound of donkeys braying their approval was noticed during the prayers. A book of congratulations signed by those in attendance will be posted to Buckingham Palace.

The service was followed by a jubilee supper, of coronation chicken soup, coronation chicken sausages and champagne.



### Relay for Life 2012

St Matthew's is putting a team in this relay. I have registered our team as St Matthew's. I hope you will consider taking part It can be a lot of fun. You do not have to stay for the duration. You can come & go as you please.

This year Relay for Life will commence at 9.30 on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October at Wodonga Raiders Football/Sports Ground. Birallee Park, finishing on Sunday morning, Survivors morning tea at 10am, Candlelight ceremony of hope at dusk. If you would like to be part of St Matthew's team, you may join online Relay for Life Border 2012 find St Matthew's team & join, or contact me. Cost to join before 28<sup>th</sup> September is \$15 after that it will cost \$20. Remember the registration fee entitles you to a free T-shirt & covers your insurance while at the event. It is not part of the team's fundraising.

If you join it is the usual practice that you ask family friends, & work colleagues to sponsor you. If you don't want to be part of the team why not consider donating to one of the team members.

#### Registration Form **Relay for Life 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2012**



Name .....

Address.....

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Phone.....

Email.....

Age Under 18 Yes...../No.

Date of birth if under 18

Parent's consent if child under 18 Name of parent.....


Do you want a T Shirt? Yes .... No.....

**Please circle** Kids 6. Kids 8. Kids 10. Sml, medium, large, x Large,  
2 x large, 3x large, 4 x large, 5 x large

Are you a survivor ?.Y.....N.....

*If you would like me to register you, please fill out the form and return it to me with your money*

Kaye Kennedy



## Children's Church In June 2012

The readings for the day were not suitable, so it was decided to take the theme from Mark Ch.4 V35—41 about Jesus calming the storm. Father Peter made the children aware that Jesus is someone who is totally dependable when we need him, such as the men in the boat -we just have to call on him! The 19 children (including babies) enjoyed the action songs, such as 'My God is so Big' and "deep deep as the ocean", and the old favourite ; 'what a friend we have in Jesus'. The children then acted out the parable with cushions acting as the boat, with all the children crammed in, rowing hard, and 'Jesus' sleeping beside them. With the help of some lengths of light blue material which were vigorously waved, a pedestal fan, and drums and other musical instruments, the 'storm' was produced which abated when 'Jesus' commanded it to 'be still'. Everyone had such fun reproducing the storm, that the play was repeated several times!

The service became a child-friendly Eucharist, and the older children were encouraged to carry candles, and the bread and wine to the altar, and be aware of what was happening, then go to the altar rail for a blessing before the rest of the congregation. As it was a very cold and windy day, the cuppa (as well as sausages in bread, pikelets, and teddy bear biscuits) was had inside, and it was good to catch up with some of the young parents.

**August Children's Church is our 12th birthday,** so come along and celebrate with us!

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


MONTHLY OFFERINGS			
Week	Planned Giving	Open Plate	Baptisms
6 May	\$1870.00	\$508.05	\$236.40
13 May	\$ 771.00	\$1494.95	\$ 10.00
20 May	\$1107.00	\$668.90	
27 May	\$ 939.50	\$512.40	\$ 77.65

Offerings do not take into account any payments that are paid directly into the Bank. Evensong May \$367.70

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

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# H U M O U R



## 'THE END IS NEAR'

Reverend Sean is the pastor of a Church of England parish on the Northern Ireland/ Southern Ireland border and Father Patrick is the priest in the Roman Catholic Church across the road.

One day they are seen together, pounding a sign into the ground, which says:

The end is near!

Turn yourself around NOW before it's too late!

As a car speeds past them, the driver leans out his window and yells, "Leave people alone, you Irish religious nutters! We don't need your lectures."

From the next curve, Father Sean and Reverend Patrick hear screeching tyres and a big splash.

Shaking his head, Reverend Patrick says "Dat's da terd one dis mornin'."

"Yaa," Father Sean agrees, then asks, "Do ya tink maybe da sign should just say, 'Bridge Out'?"



**“Joy story”** - true story .

# Matthew-Paul Fowler

I came to St Matthews Albury by accident.

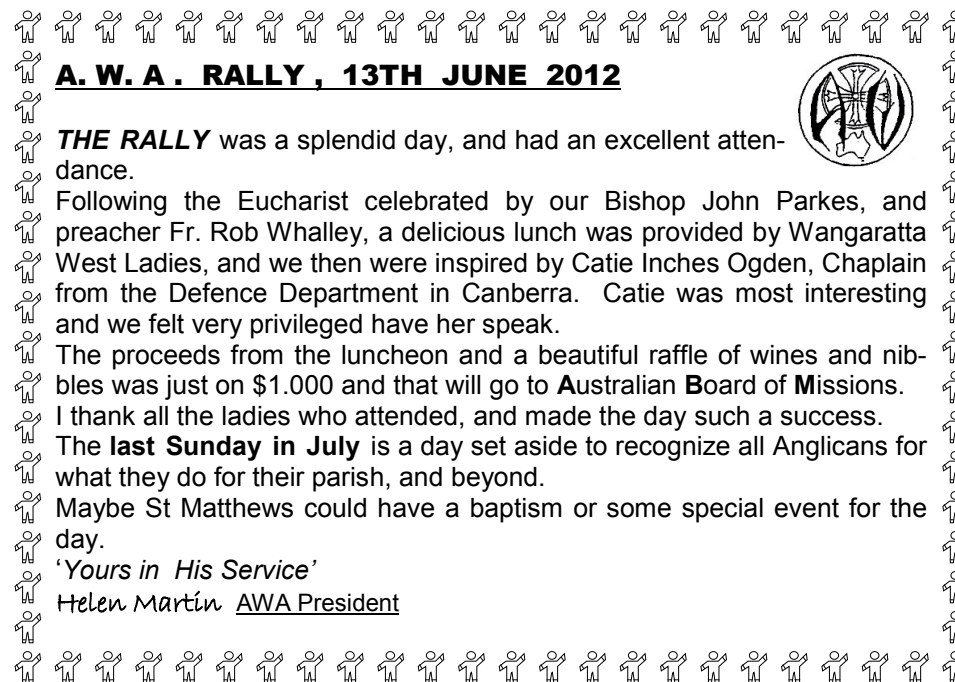
About 5 years ago I was going through depression and went "walk about" in car for 6 months – I didn't want to be around people and started in Melbourne and went all around Victoria living in my car. I ended up at St Matthews Albury on a Sunday morning and decided to come in and Fr Scott Jessup made time to talk to me and suggested that I come to the Wednesday service and meet the fellowship group.

It was the last Wednesday before the parish hall was demolished and it was my birthday. The ladies found out and made me so welcome and the rest is history. I kept coming to St Matthews and have discovered myself to be the richest man alive with more fathers and mothers than I could ever wish for –where else could you find such a family ?!!!!

They say “you can’t choose your family” but I am proof that it’s not the whole story.

There have been ups and downs but my life is back on track and St Matthews is my home

Photo: Joy Haberecht, Matthew-Paul Fowler and Maureen Lewis



**A. W. A . RALLY , 13TH JUNE 2012**

**THE RALLY** was a splendid day, and had an excellent attendance.

Following the Eucharist celebrated by our Bishop John Parkes, and preacher Fr. Rob Whalley, a delicious lunch was provided by Wangaratta West Ladies, and we then were inspired by Catie Inches Ogden, Chaplain from the Defence Department in Canberra. Catie was most interesting and we felt very privileged have her speak.

The proceeds from the luncheon and a beautiful raffle of wines and nibbles was just on \$1,000 and that will go to **Australian Board of Missions**.

I thank all the ladies who attended, and made the day such a success.

The **last Sunday in July** is a day set aside to recognize all Anglicans for what they do for their parish, and beyond.

Maybe St Matthews could have a baptism or some special event for the day.

*'Yours in His Service'*

Helen Martín AWA President

## News from the Tower

**The St Matthew's Bellringers held their AGM on Tuesday 5th June 2012** at the home of Coralie and Ray Williams. There were 10 ringers in attendance (with two apologies) and Fr Peter as guest. With the inaugural meeting of the St Matthew's Albury Bellringers Society being founded on 16th May 1991, this year marks the **21<sup>st</sup> anniversary** of the Association. Positions presently held were confirmed with Pam Thorman as Tower Captain and Coralie Williams as Secretary/Treasurer. Also officially appointed were Jim Jefferies as Ringing Master, and Christiaan de Vreeze as Steeple Keeper.



In recognition of his many years of leading, teaching and encouraging the bell-ringers of St Matthew's through good and difficult times, it was unanimously decided that Ross Altass should be given the honour of Life Membership. Ross is our first **ringing** Life Member, the only previous one being Max Barry for his work with the installation of the bells in the church. This decision was not taken lightly but it was felt that it was time to give credit where credit was due. So Ross, our hearty congratulations and welcome to the "Hall of Fame"!

The evening also had a lighter side to it and we must thank mine hosts Ray and Coralie for putting on a most impressive supper to compliment the fellowship which was so abundant.

Pam Thorman	Tower Captain
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Removal of front fence for repair



Rising damp near South Transept



Youth at St. Matthews ;  
L-R Clinton Monteiro,  
Damaris Vesely, Andrea  
Vesely, Lynette LaBrooy,  
Andre LaBrooy, front ;  
Shem Vesely

Fr Alan Kelb, Hon. Tim  
Fischer, Fr Peter, Fr Kevin  
Flanaghan, Padre Charles  
Vesely at the Jubilee Service



The Choir travelled to sing at the Centenary of the Anglican Parish of Leeton 13 May



Fr.Peter Preaching Whitsunday



Whitsunday recessional procession