

Fr Peter writes :

Dear People of St Matthew's

For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord, for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords. To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.



These stirring words by Fred Kaan are sung to the tune "Westminster Abbey" by Purcell - a wonderful musical composition with new words on an age old theme which has global significance. The author knew the evils of the nazi regime and was involved in people smuggling and his words are a prayer for Christian action in a new generation.

The historic fence at St Matthew's first put up in 1908 is back and being erected at the time of writing but we are not trying to fence in the good news of peace, justice and practical compassion but rather find new ways of gospel faithfulness in our own day. The Council elections are looming and more than ever we need Christian people to serve our community and it is good to know that Patricia Gould and Vicky Gray from St Matthews are stepping up to the mark. Politics is about living and St Matthew's has an opportunity to pull its weight in asking the questions that promote a more caring community where people not simply policies



are put first. The Mothers Union, pastoral care, evening group, Anglican women and Albury Anglican youth, flower guild, the polishers, welcomers and Anglicare have an opportunity to ask in which ways local government can better listen to and respond to local needs. It is also a matter of prayer, finance and worship. Our presence in the heart of Albury with the region's most significant building is deliberate and we can be written out of guidebooks, ignored by councils but we are not going away. Our sanctuary team and choir, intercessors and readers through sacred action and music joined with words indicate a revolution and our intention share the mission as agents of change.

Being in London at the time of the Olympics is a great reminder of international themes but also the gulf between words and action. The timely involvement of Lauren Jackson in her support for local youth mental health initiatives is a wonderful example of someone using their opportunity to a great good and she is the exception rather than the rule. The games have been a marketing triumph but the contribution of volunteers really has been the London success story that most will take away. If sport has been used to gloss over international issues it is fascinating to experience the way that the arts have been used to hold up a mirror to social and political issues to great purpose and it is my intention to explore ways in which we can assist various art forms to ask the questions that few may wish to explore in a regular forum. While in England I have been welcomed at Westminster Abbey and there will be a few liturgical improvements in the pipeline on my return. I do thank Fr Alan, Deb, Ray and the many others who are holding the fort. And I continue to hold St Matthews in my prayers.

Fr Peter



The Reverend Jane Hedges, Canon Westminster (coming to Evensong at Matthew's August 2013.



Westminster Abbey

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Bomber Command Memorial

Max Barry OAM, a member of A.I.R. Illawarra Branch was able to attend the dedication and unveiling of the Bomber Command memorial in Green Park London by H M Queen Elizabeth 11 on 28 June 2012. At the end of WWII there was discomfort that civilians had been killed

during bombing, and despite the fact that 40% of the aircrew in Bomber Command gave their lives in the war effort no memorial was ever raised nor was a campaign medal awarded. This memorial has been made possible by public donation and three British philanthropists Lord Ashcroft, John Caudwell and Richard Desmond.

It was a sunny 28°C day in London. Admission to the unveiling was by ticket only. Security was obvious. Veterans had a Memorial ticket (1000) to the front tiered seating and carers and family members had a Salute ticket (5000) to the rear area with a large screen to show the proceedings. Thousands of Londoners watched outside. The Royal Family turned out in force; first the Dukes and families then the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall and lastly HM Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh. Following the unveiling, the Queen and Duke departed. Veterans were then invited forward to see the memorial close up and speak to and shake hands with Prince Charles.

It was an occasion to remember lost mates and realize one's luck to be there. Max had been a rear gunner in a Lancaster bomber who had to bail out over France from a burning aircraft and later become a POW in Poland and Germany until the end of the war in Europe. He then returned to Britain and then Australia to study Veterinary Science.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

- **The National Trust** has advised that they will only give us the money that has been deposited in St Matthew's name. An application is to be made to Heritage NSW for funding and also to Albury City. We are applying for this money to pay for the restoration work on the fence.
- **Garden.** The garden is looking good. Coralie Williams as a volunteer is doing great work in the garden. Thank you Coralie.
- **Safety Issue.** By the time you read this, the ramps to the doors of the church & rectory should be covered with non slip material. Parish Council are looking at maybe putting a rail at the lectern for people to hang on to when getting on & off the step.
- **Moving font to Lady Chapel.** Phil Stephenson has advised that he has the machinery to lift and move it.
- Altar Frontal. Fr Peter to look whilst in England for a new altar frontal or ideas for one.

Grenadier Guards to visit on 7th October.

- **Outreach.** The committee are working on a brochure to be handed out to new-comers. They are also looking at getting a Eucharistic team to take communion to the housebound.
- **Anglican Food Room** 13 hampers were distributed in July. 22kg mince given to the food bank & 20kg to Betty's Place. Angle has had business size cards printed with the service times on them, to be put in each hamper.
- **Finance** The Finance Committee are looking at having a Commitment Sunday, when Parishioners will be asked to give their Time, Talents & Treasures. It will probably be some time early in the new year. On this day they will be asked how much they are prepared to give each week and if they would like to volunteer their time doing the various things that need to be done in the church each week. If we know how much money is coming in each week, we can plan our budget around these figures.
- **Confirmation.** Several people have put their name down for confirmation to be held on 9th December. If you would like to be confirmed please contact the office between 8.30 am & 12.30 pm week days.
- **Vestry.** Parish Council are looking at plans to redesign the vestry. New cupboards are to be installed also they were hoping to put water into the vestry so that the vessels could be washed there & not have to be taken to the flower room. But there are a number of obstacles that prevent this from happening.

Kaye Kennedy Secretary

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 27th October at Wodonga Raiders Football/Sports Ground. Biralee Park, finishing on Sunday morning Survivors morning tea at 10 am Candlelight ceremony of hope at dusk.

If you would like to be part of St Matthew's team You may join on line Relay for Life Border 2012 find St Matthew's team & join, or contact me.



Cost to join before 28th 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 forms are available in the narthex or you can register on line. Relay for life border 2012, find the St Matthew's team.

Remember the earlier you register the sooner you can start fundraising!. Kaye K..



Grapevine



🕻 <u>Children's Church is 12 in August !</u>

Children's Church 12th Birthday was celebrated on the 19th August!

After the usual pre-service bustle of putting the birthday sign and balloons, up and preparing the sausage sizzle party for after the service, we expectantly awaited the kids and parents!

The absence of Father Peter, who is in the U.K. on holiday, Rev'd Maureen Beattie was the celebrant. As Maureen introduced herself, a concerned little voice \Rightarrow piped up "**But the King's not here**"! which started the service off on a good \Rightarrow humoured note!, and it was said as an aside; (*"indeed, the King' is visiting the* Queen in England!')

The theme of the day was Jesus is the Bread of life, and after an action songs, and prayers, Cathy Carden, with a loaf of bread as a prop, spoke to the children about bread and it's role in Jesus' teachings. Maureen gave the adult Homily.

★ Later, during the communion, the children and all the communicant congregation $\stackrel{\star}{\Rightarrow}$ shared the now consecrated loaf, we all stood around in a circle while the bread $\stackrel{\star}{\Rightarrow}$ was given to each one, and then the wine. This gave a very close and pleasant $\stackrel{\star}{\Rightarrow}$ focus to the communion.

'Happy Birthday' was sung, and sparklers were waved about the birthday cake, and the team and children posed for photos in front of the birthday sign.

All things bright and Beautiful' with instruments was sung at the end of the service,
 and most stayed for a sausage in bread, and other party food, and a birthday cup
 cake & drinks. Maureen took the children outside to scatter the consecrated bread
 for the birds. Cathy Carden provided the music, and the children's talk, we thank
 her for this. As our usual morning tea team member is away overseas, our front of
 house members served hot and cold drinks like real troopers– thanks!
 Lule scott Children's Church spokesperson for M.U St. Matthews

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MONTHLY OFFERINGS

Week	Planned Giving	Open Plate	Baptisms
1 July	\$ 952.00	\$634.10	\$214.20
8 July	\$1050.00	\$409.10	\$51.10
15 July	\$1524.00	\$568.70	\$130.15
22 July	\$1576.00	\$417.35	\$200.30
29 July	\$ 970.00	\$713.15	-

Offerings do not take into account any payments that are paid directly into the Bank. *Evensong July* **\$351.70**

Direct Deposit into St Matthews Bank Account is available for those wishing to make a donation or for your planned giving. Parish Banking Details. Bank National Australia Bank (NAB) Account Name St Matthew's Church Albury No 1 Account BSB 082 406 Account no. 17053 2923

Men's Group Report

The Men's Group met at St. Marks North Albury on Saturday 4th August.



We had a breakfast first and then heard from some Gideons on the work they are doing with placing bibles in Indonesia.

They showed us some computer slides of the schools and organizations they have visited in the west of Indonesia.

They are meeting with warm acceptance by most of the people who are hungry for bibles. This goes counter to what most people might think in a predominantly Muslim country although we were told that there are Muslims, Buddhists and Christians in this part of the world.

The Gideons are giving free bibles to all school students from above year 7 level. They also place bibles in hospitals, schools, motels and hotels.

One Indonesian businessman rode along very bad (unmade) roads to remote villages and handed out bibles. The roads were so bad he fell off his motorbike a number of times. He had to get more delivered to him by two motorbikes to cover all the people who wanted one!

The next meeting of the Men's Group will be at St Johns church Thurgoona [on Tabletop Rd just south of the Kinross Woolshed] on Saturday 1st September at 8.30am. Graeme Scott, @ St Matthews.

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NEWS FROM ANGLICAN WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

An early reminder of the A.W.A Archdeaconery Luncheon on Wed. 3rd October.



This will begin with morning tea from 10.30am for travelers, followed by a Eucharist at 11.00 am, then across the road to the 'Albury Club' for soup, sandwiches, tea and coffee at \$12 p.p. **The speaker at the lunch will be Jill Allen from Anglicare.** Jill is from the Wangaratta Diocese, and most of us know her. Please put this date in your diary and invite your friends.

There will be more details later. Bookings to me Helen Martín on 60212869

Youth Spotlight - "On a wing and a prayer"

Australian Opals captain Lauren Jackson has enthusiastically endorsed the growing calls for Albury -Wodonga to get a headspace centre. She is an excellent role model for all young people and rather than just being an Olympic champion among us, she is using her opportunity to assist in focusing on an immediate human need. The youth at St Matthew's look up to her for inspiration and also supports the cause of having a headspace in Albury Wodonga and having a real solution in tackling mental health issues. Just as Lauren Jackson has promoted this issue we ask the schools, universities, education institutions and sports organisations get behind this noble cause and help our youth have a bright, safe and productive future.

As mental health is everybody's business so too should the treatment of refugees be of universal concern. Albury Anglican Youth are deeply concerned about the treatment of asylum seekers and refugees in Australia. Handballing issues is what politicians do best, but should we as Australians and Christians be handballing with the lives of innocent and vulnerable people. Should this be the way that we represent ourselves in the world especially with international media including CNN, BBC and Al Jazeera to name a few, broadcasting reports on Australian policies and the Australian attitude towards refugees and asylum seekers?

Where did our values of ANZAC spirit and a 'fair go' disappear, Is this the Australia that we call home? Will this define us as an inhumane, fearful and uncaring nation or do we just not sing the second verse of our national anthem because we don't really mean it. With Julian Assange being granted Asylum Seeker status by the Ecuadorian Embassy, should they have locked up the Australian citizen and treated him the same way as we treat Asylum seekers here?

The youth group has reached a consensus that we are tired of hearing the people that represent us spreading hatred, fear, and promoting the inhumane treatment of vulnerable people just to stack up their vote banks. As we are the future representatives of this country we do not want to be branded being 'racist, ignorant and extremely arrogant' because of the actions of the few that are representing us today. The decisions that are currently

being implemented, renew our image as an unwelcoming, uncaring but most of all an Un-Christian nation.

The youth group has also decided to take part in the Relay for Life to support the cause that has affected so many of us. We are looking forward to join as a group with St Matthews and warmly invite youth from the diocese to join us in our team.

Our next group meeting will focus on the above topics and we would also be looking at our local council representatives and what they would be doing to help the local youth. **Clinton Monteiro**, *Albury Anglican Youth* (*AAY*)





The children Rev. Maureen and the team get into the action songs at August Children's Church



'Q & A ' at the Children's Church birthday church service !



During the communion 'preparation'



Janette & children with 12th birthday cake

Parishioner Profile - Kathy Cherry

"Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee"

I live at Wodonga but came to St Matthews through being invited by my friend Necia and despite the fact that life is full and busy, St Matthews has become an important part of my life.

I am a practice nurse and love my job, and I have two sons and we have shared some ups and downs but God has been there for me in unexpected ways. I have gained lots of strength and encouragement from my friends at bible study held at St Matthews village and to the services at St Matthews. An unexpected blessing has been coming to St Matthews for morning prayer at 7am during the



week ,that we have in the small St Francis chapel. This year I have had a few health issues of my own, but the extra effort to get to church has been well worth it. This year has also been about taking new risks for God and financially I have also stepped out in faith to help the ministry at St Matthews and God has blessed me and I can only encourage others to take the plunge in thankfulness and prayer and look forward to all that God will do with us together at St Matthews this year.

I have a little black poodle, Kim, who joins us for morning prayer and quite appropriately in the St. Francis chapel with the beautiful window of St. Francis with the animals and light streaming through the coloured glass seeming to paint lovely patterns on the chapel walls. Kathy



Fr.Peter blessing Thelma and Bob Bye, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary

God and Grass

Thought you gardeners would enjoy this conversation between God and St. Francis. It is hilarious because it is so true.

GOD:



Frank, you know all about gardens and nature. What in the world is going on down there on the planet? What happened to the dandelions, violets, milkweeds and stuff I started eons ago? I had a perfect no-maintenance garden plan. Those plants grow in any type of soil, withstand drought and multiply with abandon. The nectar from the long-lasting blossoms attracts butterflies, honey bees and flocks of songbirds. I expected to see a vast garden of colors by now. But, all I see are these green rectangles. St. FRANCIS: It's the tribes that settled there, Lord. The Suburbanites. They started calling your flowers 'weeds' and went to great lengths to kill them and replace them with grass. GOD: Grass? But, it's so boring. It's not colorful. It doesn't attract butterflies, birds and bees; only grubs and worms. It's sensitive to temperatures. Do these Suburbanites really want all that grass growing there? ST. FRANCIS: Apparently so, Lord. They go to great pains to grow it and keep it green. They begin each spring by fertilizing grass and poisoning any other plant that crops up in the lawn. GOD: The spring rains and warm weather probably make grass grow really fast. That must make the Suburbanites happy.

ST. FRANCIS: Apparently not, Lord. As soon as it grows a little, they cut it-sometimes twice a week. GOD: They cut it? Do they then bale it like hay?

ST. FRANCIS: Not exactly, Lord. Most of them rake it up and put it in bags. GOD: They bag it? Why? Is it a cash crop? Do they sell it? ST. FRANCIS: No, Sir, just the opposite. They pay to throw it

Cont..... October GV.

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ON THE RECORD

Baptisms

We welcome into Christ's family				
22 July	Amelia Cate WRIGHT			
	Lily Jen LEPKHAMMANY			
5 August	Eli Thomas RODD			
12 August	Callan David McLACHLAN			
26 August	Ben Christopher WALTHER			
	Lindsay Ellen WALTHER			



Weddings

We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony 25 August Michael John SCHOFIELD and Blair Patricia GORMLY



Funerals

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

20 July'Rene' Alice Irene TREWELLA27 JulySamantha Trudy BOOTH

3 August Daphne Lorraine WAITE
8 August Norman William SEMMLER
8 August George Alfred SMITH (Ashes Interment)

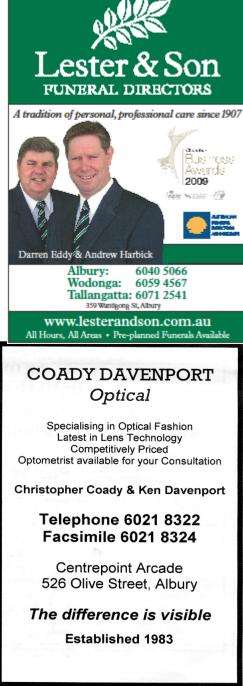


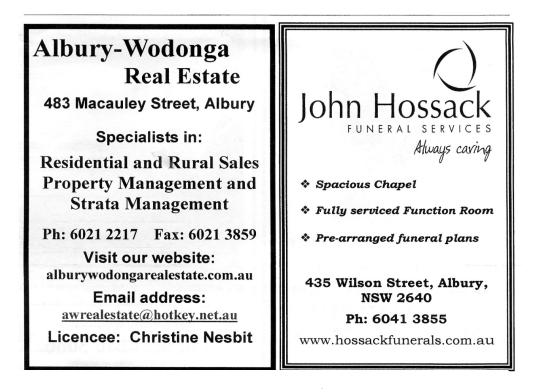
Years Mind - September

We pray for those whose anniversary falls at this time

Ray Walter MOREY (1st), Gertrude Emery KIRKWOOD (1st), Gordon William GRANT (2nd), George Keith DURIE (6th), 'Dorrie' Doris Dardanelle SARROFF (7th), Patricia Leslie HABERECHT (8th), Alexandra BROOKS (9th), Laurie ANSTIS (10th), Scotty SHEATHER (12th), Reginald Marcus James NORMAN (12th), James Etherington JACKSON (12th), Doug YENSCH 13th), 'Flo' Florence Angela BERRY (13th), June deTARCZYNSKI (14th), Percy EISENHAUER (15th), James William PURSS (15th), George de TARCZYNSKI (24th), Donald DRYSDALE (28th), Emily FORBES (28th), Ronald Hope BRINDLEY (29th), Kenneth Frank CUSWORTH (30th), 'Mollie' Mary CHICK (30th).













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	
No services	
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-Matins with Holy Communion
5.00 p.m.	Evensong (Only 1st Sunday of every month)

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