# ST MATTHEW'S GRAPEVINE



**PARISH OF ALBURY** 

DECEMBER 2012

Fr Peter writes: Dear People of St Matthew's

O come O come Emmanuel

O come, o come, Emmanuel! Redeem thy captive Israel. That into exile drear is gone Far from the face of God's dear Son. Reioice! Reioice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee. O Israel.



Cologne 1710, based on the ancient Advent Antiphons 🥳 Tr TA Lacey 1853-1931 and Editors 3

Advent marks the beginning of the new church year and we are swept into the Christmas celebrations and before we know it we will have tripped into 2013. I wonder how we will rate this last Jubilee and Olympic year? There have been many changes at St Matthews and so much to be thankful for, in the way that people's ... talents, time and treasures have been offered generously for our Good and Gods glory. Changing and looking forward is a theme of advent and nothing is accomplished without it. Thanks to the wardens, parish council, head verger, Deb and Cassie, musicians, servers, readers, bell ringers, those supporting youth ministry, Julie and the grapevine team, welcomers, flower guild, garden staff, Mothers Union, Sanctuary team, 'all working together and making a difference'. I am very excited about our confirmation which is another opportunity to step forward and play our part in this team.

Service times!!!! Change can be invigorating but if you forget don't stress! The kettle is boiling for anyone who happens to be early, most services will be at 9am in December and January except for the 3rd Sunday in December when we have the 8.30 am followed by the 10am children's mass.

Congratulations to Fr Alan Kelb at the announcement that he is to inducted as priest in charge of Tallangatta on Saturday 8th December at 11.00am we wish Fr Alan and his wife Lee the very best, particularly as they will remain half time at St 🦜 Matthews, now concluding many years of effective ministry in a variety of roles in North Albury. Our choir will assist the singing of the induction service and St 🐧 Matthews will be there in force to support them, if you would like a seat in a car please inform the office.

Our Christmas services are being planned to communicate the good news of the season to all ages, we are fortunate to be able to draw on the best music and liturgy of the Anglican tradition, but also using the device of a living nativity to bring the message alive as first demonstrated by St Francis of Assisi. He was able to draw on 🕻 🦠 💦 the assistance of a rural community to work together to celebrate the birth of Christ 💦 and in Albury we are fortunate to do the same. This is a good time to value the child  $k^{*}$ 💦 born in the stable, the challenge of farmers whose livelihoods are so compromised 💦 💦 by markets and supermarket policies, and to remember all those who are told by 💦 governments that "there is no room at the inn" so as we gather around our tables a 🧗 remember the imperatives of hospitality and the Christ child whose family had no 🧗 where to lay their heads.

💸 St Matthews Christmas lunch. We thought that a lunch in our beautiful garden on 💸 Christmas day might be a good way to celebrate, please contact the office and put 🔭

down your name if you are free to join in and you will be told ways that you can contribute to the meal. If anyone would like to have a visit or Holy Communion for the Christmas season and can't get to a service please tell the office and we will be 🚯 glad to arrange it.

Recently after a service, a visitor enjoyed the choir so much and the singing of the 🐧 younger members, that he gave a substantial cheque towards our **Music Foundation.** We hope to use the music foundation to give younger members of our congregation and community a range of special opportunities. If you are able to contribute to this tax deductible foundation please see the office as talent time and treasure hits the road.

Ragain all most welcome at our Christmas services, bring a friend, neighbour or stranger. O come let us adore him Christ the Lord.

Fr Peter

#### 2012 CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

#### 16th December:

5.00 pm Carols and Lessons

#### 19th December:

5.00pm St Matthew's Living Nativity at Albury City Carols by Candlelight 24th December:

4.00pm Short Infants Carols Service with Donkey 6.00pm Children's Family Service with Holy Communion 10.30pm Carols followed by 11.00pm Midnight Mass

### 25th December:

9.00am Eucharist



Mothers Union AGM in the Church

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#### **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

<u>Thank you</u>—Thanks to an anonymous donor who has given a substantial amount for Pastoral Care and Outreach work within the church. Parish Council and the Rector will decide where this money will be spent. It can be used for leaflets, cards and the setting up for programmes.

<u>Garden—</u>he garden is looking fabulous. Coralie & Annie are very busy working in the garden.

Safety Issues—Handrails are to be put on the lectern & pulpit.

Parking—If you are unable to get a park in Kiewa St, you are invited to park behind the church when services are on.

Font to Lady Chapel—Looking at get a font that can be moved around.

Altar Frontal—s a work in progress.

Media—The Christmas broadcast for iprime will come from St Matthew's. Prime will also come & do a news story on the packing of the Christmas hampers.

<u>Outreach/Pastoral Care—</u>There will be a service in the Church for residents from Nursing Homes/ hostels & those who are housebound. Reverend Maureen Beattie is happy to help at St Matthew's two days a week for nothing. Deacon Heather Matthews loves visiting the older parishioners. Fr Alan also has been visiting & helping around the church.

Anglican Food Room—35 hampers, a \$20 fuel voucher & 32 packs of mince were given out in October. Christmas hampers—Angie Barney to decide what items to go into each hamper. There will be an opportunity for the young & old to pack the hampers.

Finances—At the 31<sup>st</sup> October the closing balance in the No 1 a/c was 35,922.66 Less cheques to be paid \$18,204.45. Closing balance in the No 2 a/c was \$30,321.84 less cheques to be paid \$749.07.

Relay for Life—Thank you to everyone who donated to this worthy cause. Thank you to those who participated. This year's relay raised \$370,000.00 with the St Matthew's teams contributed \$1095 towards this amount. I hope next year more will join the team & we raise more money. So keep the weekend of the 26<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> October 2013 free. The venue is yet to be decided.

<u>Confirmation</u>—to be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> December. There are about a dozen candidates, some children, some adults which is very encouraging.

<u>Bar-b-cue</u>—A barbecue has been donated this can be used by all groups for church functions. Thank you to the donors. I am sure it will be well used.

<u>Candles</u>—We now have battery operated candles in the sanctuary. This is making life much easier for our Verger.

Carols & Lessons—to be held on Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup>

Kaye Kennedy, Secretary

# MONTHLY OFFERINGS Week Planned Giving

Week	Planned Giving	Open Plate	Baptisms
7 October	\$1127.50	\$777.80	\$207.55
14 October	\$1015.05	\$714.70	\$142.10
21 October	\$1981.00	\$720.70	\$
28 October	\$ 807.00	\$721.25	\$ 73.00

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

Evensong September \$84.10

Direct Deposit into St Matthews Bank Account is available for or 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

#### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* **FETE RESULTS** ★ TAKINGS. **EXPENSES ☆** BBQ 400.00 788.95 Petrol ★ BOOKS 575.30 193.85 BBQ expenses 850.20 CAKES **EMBROIDIERY** 1082.10 MORNING TEA 509.50 274.50 **PRODUCE** 238.95 SLOT CARS 55.00 ★ TRASH & TREASURE 1418.30 CLOTHING 101.60 MAJOR RAFFLE 2760.80 DONATIONS 210.00 **GARDEN RAFFLE** 1215.00 TOTAL \$10080.20 **TOTAL** \$593.85 Expenses 593.85 Profit \$9486.35

#### FIRST FLEETERS

FEATURE PRESENTATION—9.45am Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December, in St. Matthews a member of the local Chapter of the Fellowship of First Fleeters, Chris Power, will give an address, 40minutes, on Reverend Richard Johnson. Reverend Johnson was the first minister of religion in Australia who arrived with the First Fleet on the "Golden Grove" in 1788. Reverend Johnson was a Church of England minister and founded St. Phillips the first church in Australia. Interested persons welcome—admission free. Keith Crossley

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#### Dear Fr Peter and the Parishioners of St Matthew's,

Thank you very much for my gift and the morning tea in my honour. The Matins service was beautiful, a lovely ending to so many happy years at St Matthew's.

As I said that morning each clergy have provided such unique experiences in my

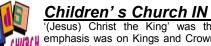
worshipping life for which I am eternally grateful. The friendship, love and support I have been blessed to enjoy with the parishioners has made my time at St Matthew's so special.

You will not be forgotten in my prayers. May St Matthew's continue to flourish but remain that very special, warm and welcoming place.

Thank you most sincerely, Kind regards, Cate Austín



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### Children's Church IN NOVEMBER 2012

'(Jesus) Christ the King' was the theme of Children's church, and the emphasis was on Kings and Crowns. On the children's Altar, sat a globe of the World with a crown o top, symbolizing Jesus Christ being 'King of the world.'

Father Peter involved the 20 children in the service, and the service got off to a fine start with 🖈 the song 'He's got the whole world in his hands' with actions, which lots of the congregation ioined in with! The service was a Communion service, and Fr Peter explained what the objects used during Communion were used for, and their symbolism. Fr Peter spoke to the congregation,& the children created a crown for themselves, and there were some very impressive examples at wear/show and tell! There were some Sydney and Melbourne visitors who enjoyed the service, and stayed after the service for a cuppa and sausage in

There is a family who come from Warrnambool as often as they can, to take part in the service, they are always warmly welcomed!

Adrian Wintle and Cathy Carden provided the jaunty music, and of course there was the procession with instruments to finish the service.

. We had the sausages, pikelets and drinks at the back of the church, as the wind was chilly, and the small children were safe inside.

Next Children's church will be a Christmas one and the invite will indicate if a costume is required etc!

Iulie Scott, Children's Church Spokesperson for M.U Albury

#### PARISHIONER PROFILE - BRUCE AND LEE McILWRAITH

Bruce and Lee purchased a house block of land at Thurgoona in 1993 after staying with friends, who lived in Thurgoona, and enjoying the country atmosphere after having lived in Melbourne for some years. Three months before Bruce's retirement in December 1998 they commenced building a house and moved in on 31 March 1999. Prior to

moving to Thurgoona we lived in Malvern and Bayswater where we attended St. George's Anglican Church our three sons were all in the choir. Lee's working life was as a Secretary whereas Bruce enlisted in the Army at the age of 16 and during 21 year's service he spent time in Thailand, South Vietnam (as a member of Australian Army Training Team - Military Advisor to local forces) Singapore and most states of Australia. After leaving the Army he was employed as a Tipstaff to a County Court Judge in Melbourne for 23 years. Upon retiring and moving to the area we attended a service at St. Matthew's and found the parishioners very welcoming and friendly and we are happy to belong to the St. Matthew's family where we have now made many friends. We were Fete organizers until health problems arose. We have 9 grandchildren and our first Great Grand Daughter arrived June 2012.



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Part of St. Matthew's Relay for life team The team raised \$1095 for the Event



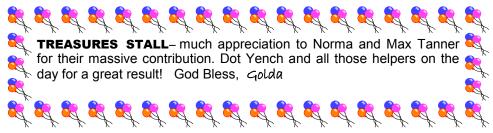
Sarah Winnel at Remembrance Service



Fr Peter holding Isabelle Bryce who came to the rectory for a visit today to show off her new t-shirt made by her godmother. Isabelle was baptised on the 28<sup>th</sup> October 2012.



Evening Group AGM and Christmas party



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# The Church, Youth and all things Possible.

Youth values are assets not liabilities. Can we think about Human asset management? It's about strategies, directions and outcomes and positive reinforcement not just judgment and condemnation and revenge. "An eye for an eye would leave the whole world blind" *Gandhi*. Baptism and confirmation is about positive Christian identity and life direction not about 'love with a gun at its head'. The newly appointed Archbishop of Canterbury is heading an upper house inquiry into ethics and banking in the UK. This has allowed the Church to put itself in a



position of exploring the ethical and moral behaviour of society around the world. In the Anglican world it is not just to come up with simple answers but utilizing scripture, tradition and reason to ask some tough questions. Developing a Christian Haiku might be one way of moving forward and bringing others along with us.

#### **OUR TIME IS NOW**

The challenges of Youth Mental Health have a flow-on ripple effect throughout the community and there needs to be an integrated response from the church that looks at the whole person; body, mind and spirit. It's a matter of taking the problem seriously and demonstrating politically. These issues need to be worked upon either by starting Youth Help programs in churches or by advocating and pursuing the creation of institutionalised Mental Health response services such as Headspace. Immediate action of clergy and the broad community in general should be to resolve these underlying issues and the bottlenecks that are facing the community and its action on Youth Mental Health rather than proposing strategies to deal with these issues in the distant future. Response to Natural disasters, institutionalised scandals as well as pay rises for MP's takes on an immediate effect and not put in a holding pattern until economic circumstances make it safe to land. Why is the welfare of Australian youth put on the backburner?

#### CHANGING THE CULTURE

We as Young Christians have the opportunity to be Market Makers and will be leading the way by sparking and feeding the fire of Social Justice. Leading from these initiatives The Bishop of Wangaratta's Social Justice Competition has received over 50 entries from educational institutions around the Diocese and from as far as Melbourne and Brisbane. This is an excellent result and an extraordinary example of response by Young Australians gearing for the issues that currently face refugees and asylum seekers. These entries are now being marked and the Final Result of the competition will be announced by our Final Judges **Julian Burnside** AO QC, leading human rights advocate and social justice commentator, **Rowan Callick**, South-East Asian correspondent for The Australian and **Bishop John Parkes**. For Allocating their precious time and effort I would also like to thank Cathy Carden, Jane Atkinson and Marion Bennett for being our preliminary judges.

#### REAL CHRISTMAS REAL HOPE

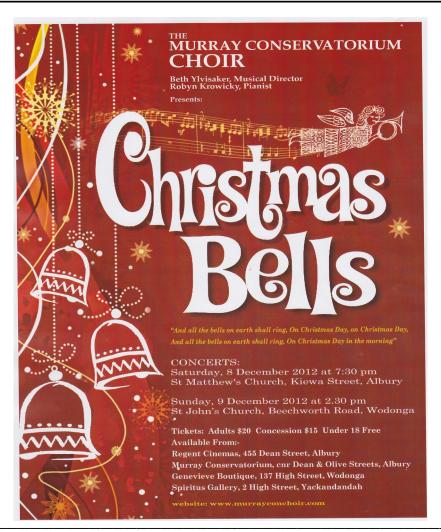
Prayer and action God being born into our world was not just about a good idea but actually doing it and breaking into our reality. Christmas is about world realities colliding and working together for outcomes that we can be proud of to lay on our table. At this time of the year we need to pray for all Christians abroad and at home, who are persecuted for believing in our faith and for whom Christmas as we know it, is far from the first thing on their minds. The Youth wants to take a positive response in our community and we have decided to take on the preparation of Anglicare Hampers for vulnerable people in our community. These hampers will include Christmas treats for those who will receive them. We will also help decorate St Matthew's for Christmas. This year we will also be present for Carols by Candlelight at Albury helping to bring a real nativity to the local community following the examples of St Francis of Assisi. It's God's real story breaking into our real story, its God's real offer of rescue into our real lives.

#### New Year and New issues.

**Being the good news Local and Global**. Even before the dawn of the New Year shines through, AAY will be taking on a subject that is close to most farmers and affecting rural communities, we will be looking at Local Goods and Local Products. This new program will look at helping local farmers compete with the BIG 2 retail companies. It will allow us to promote local producers in an innovative

manner ensuring that these producers do not lose on the opportunity to sell their ucts and overcome the market malfunctions. This program will look at Diary producers in Albury and also other food producers who have been participating in the local farmer's market. A day outing is being organised sometime in early January, All Diocesan Youth are invited to join us and should contact St Matthews office or their local parish and register. This could make a difference and we are looking at the way the idea has been taken up in Australia and other countries and repackage it to give it legs in local paddocks and communities.

Clinton Monteiro, AAY



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#### **News from the Belltower**

It has been a busy month for the St Matthew's bellringers with a visit from some English bellringers who came to attempt to ring a peal. This was successful on the afternoon of October 31. Hungry and

thirsty after almost three hours of continuous ringing we entertained them with light refreshments in the garden. Being very experienced ringers they have rung at many towers during their bellringing careers, but they were most complimentary of our ring of bells. "Beautiful bells" they said.

On November 23 and 24 we will again entertain visiting bellringers, this time coming from Sydney, Canberra, Tasmania and some locations in Victoria, to support us in our endeavours to improve our skills. The visit will commence with a quarter peal attempt at 4.30 PM on the Friday involving two of our local ringers in a band of eight. A BBQ in the garden will follow after which there will be general ringing for those who were not involved in the guarter peal.

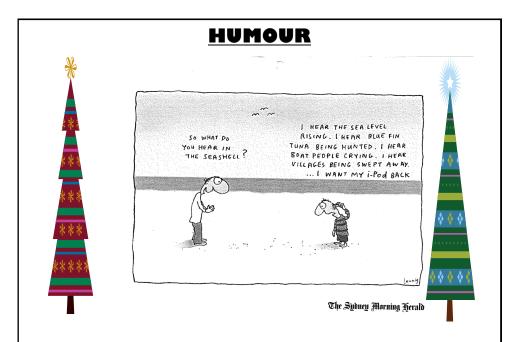
This schedule will continue throughout the weekend at Beechworth and Wangaratta towers, and all who participate should gain some benefit from the visit.

Pam Thorman

#### HELP! HELP!! HELP!!! MISSION (??) POSSIBLE?

- Fr Peter has asked me to undertake a project to establish a detailed inventory of memorials/gifts/items and the names of those who gave them to St. Matthews (Rectory and
- old Parish Hall included). St. Matthews is very fortunate in that, through the splendid work by Lilian Coleman and Sadie Moffitt, a booklet already exists which lists a comprehensive record of many such items.
- The main thrust of the new project to be undertaken is to ascertain whether there are additional items and donors which need to be acknowledged and enhance the record already in place. An area of particular focus will be to revisit the fire disaster and determine if there were items destroyed and may have not been recognised. It is hoped parishioners with a long association with St. Matthews could have personal knowledge which will provide a more detailed record.
- The new project will be an ongoing and evolving one—researching the past, adding the present and catering for the future. Although the Christmas season is upon us I want to sow seeds now in readiness for the work in 2013. As a starting point will be a display of 6 pages of the magnificent work done by Lilian and Sadie. These pages will be posted on the glass wall of the Narthex (right hand side). Hopefully the display will trigger interest, thoughts and memories and help recall data **YOU** think of value to the project e.g.
- what do you know of the restored fence, the Cenotaph, the garden memorials, Rectory ■
- clock, Parish Hall sword, gazebo, lead-glass windows in Parish Hall, etc, etc. The project will welcome any information **YOU** think should be part of the proposed catalogue—the more to sift through the better.
- If you are able to contribute information please do so in WRITING—this reduces confusion and misunderstanding. Contributions can be left at the office or emailed to me at <a href="mailto:kecrossley@tpg.com.au">kecrossley@tpg.com.au</a>
- Anyone interested in the project and willing to volunteer to join a small team would be most welcome. I look forward to your assistance and will sincerely appreciate any help you can provide.

Keith Crossley



#### An Irish priest was transferred to Ballina Catholic Church.....

Father O'Malley rose from his bed one morning. It was a fine spring day in his new Ballina parish.

He walked to the window of his bedroom to get a deep breath of the beautiful day outside.

He then noticed there was a Donkey lying dead in the middle of his front lawn.

Not knowing who else to call, he promptly called the local police station.

The conversation went like this:

"Good morning. This is Sergeant Jones. How might I help you?"

"And the best of the day ter yer good self. This is Father O'Malley at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church.

There's a Donkey lying dead right in der middle of me front lawn."

Sergeant Jones, considering himself to be quite a wit, replied with a smirk,

"Well now Father, it was always my impression that you people took care of the last rites!"

There was dead silence on the line for a moment and then Father O'Malley replied:

"Ah, 'to be sure, that is true; but we are also obliged to notify the next of kin."

- Q. What toe never gets corns?
- A. Mistletoe
- Q. Can you find the secret Christmas message hidden in these letters? ABCDEFGHIJKMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
- A. NOEL (NO L)

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# ON THE RECORD

# <u>Baptisms</u>

We welcome into Christ's family
28 October Isabelle Anne BRYCE



# **Weddings**

We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony

3 November Bartholomew James OATES & Nicole Amy CRUICKSHANK

3 November Jared Ashley MOREY & Katherine Elizabeth HINDLE

17 November Ryin TIGHT & Kim Robina PFEIFFER

24 November Lance David MILES & Kristy Leigh VANDERMEER Scott Robert John NUGENT & Krista Jane NISBET



## <u>Funerals</u>

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

26 October Sybil Doreen BURDACK

29 October Keith JONES 5 November Jessie HAY

14 November Murray James BROWN



# <u> Years Mind – December | January</u>

We pray for those whose anniversary falls at this time

<u>December</u> –

Marjorie Joan FYFE (4<sup>th</sup>), Bert WINSTANLEY (4<sup>th</sup>), Alan Barton FOSTER (6<sup>th</sup>), Shirley-Ellen TUCKER (7<sup>th</sup>), Gerald DIGBY (10<sup>th</sup>), George JARDINE (13<sup>th</sup>), Emily GLANVILLE (15<sup>th</sup>), Ivan Rex PIKE (15<sup>th</sup>), Stella Apphia POWELL (15<sup>th</sup>), Kathleen JARDINE (15<sup>th</sup>), Betty Lorraine SULLIVAN (16<sup>th</sup>), 'Max' Maxwell Isaac JONES (19<sup>th</sup>), Clifford Harold MOREY (21<sup>st</sup>), Dolly YEOMANS (21<sup>st</sup>), 'Roddy' Roderick Broun DAVIES (22<sup>nd</sup>), Irene BREY (23<sup>rd</sup>), Maria WHITE (24<sup>th</sup>), Annie BROOKS (26<sup>th</sup>), Ronald BRADDY (27<sup>th</sup>), 'Dick' Albert Alan EISENHAUER (29<sup>th</sup>), Shirley BOWTELL (29<sup>th</sup>), 'Fred' Sidney Frederick THORMAN (30<sup>th</sup>), 'Harry' Henry Samuel DYE (30<sup>th</sup>)

**January** – B

onnie DUGAN (2<sup>nd</sup>), Dorothy Jean STORES (2<sup>nd</sup>), William Hamilton LESTER (4<sup>th</sup>), Olive WILSON (5<sup>th</sup>), Eric COLEMAN (7<sup>th</sup>), Clarence Leonard RICHARDSON (9<sup>th</sup>), Frank BLACK (9<sup>th</sup>), Reverend Canon Kevin CURNOW (9<sup>th</sup>), Harold SCHNELLE (12<sup>th</sup>), Ilma LESTER (12<sup>th</sup>), 'Les' Leslie BLEASDALE (13<sup>th</sup>), Belle SHORT (16<sup>th</sup>), Henry HODGSON (17<sup>th</sup>), Shirley BULLIVANT (17<sup>th</sup>), Reginald PIPE (19<sup>th</sup>), Viva GABRIEL (20<sup>th</sup>), David DUNWOODIE (20<sup>th</sup>), Dorothy HEPPNER (20<sup>th</sup>), George EISENHAUER (21<sup>st</sup>), Jean Roberta HABERECHT (21<sup>st</sup>), Bernard Joseph STORES (22<sup>nd</sup>), Elsie Evelyn FORBES (25<sup>th</sup>), Colleen SAMPSON (28<sup>th</sup>)

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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

NOTE DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY—one service only at 9.00am

8:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Family Service—(Children's Church 3rd Sunday every month)

Lasst Sunday of every month—One Service Only—Matins with Holy Communion 9.00 am

Evensong (Only 1st Sunday of every month) 5.00 p.m.

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Lyn Winnel

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