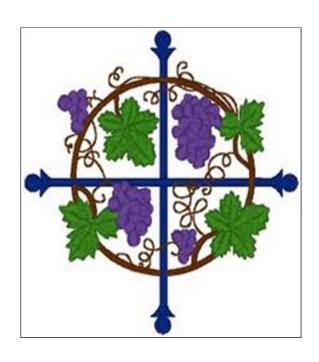
ST MATTHEW'S GRAPEVINE



PARISH OF ALBURY

FEBRUARY 2013

Fr Peter writes: Dear People of St Matthew's

My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me; Love to the loveless shown, That they might lovely be. O who am I, that for my sake My Lord should take, frail flesh and die?

The words of this famous Lenten Hymn were written by the 17th century Suffolk poet and clergyman Samuel Crossman and set to music by John Ireland who wrote the tune in 15 minutes in a cafe for a friend. Both men lived in turbulent times and had complicated personal lives Crossman survived a number of theological and political reversals and died shortly after being appointed Dean of Bristol and John Ireland staggered like Don Quixote through a series of unfulfilling

F.Peter with Shanul Sharma



relationship s dying in a windmill where he had made his home but gave the world some of its most evocative 20th century music as his legacy. Lent comes from an Anglo Saxon word meaning "spring "and so it is a good time to wake up to important Christian themes and the interface with critical current world issues.

The Theme of our Lenten series at St Matthews is "Home and Away" - Belonging and separation. Good news is for sharing and St Matthews is using the Lenten opportunity to assist our wider community to stretch and exercise our individual and corporate minds around some challenging issues using it like a mental and Spiritual gym membership to tone up spiritual muscles toward greater performance. This year we are glad to announce some of Australia's most eminent speakers in particular disciplines as our 2013 Lent lecturers including the Hon Tim Fischer, Historian Professor Geoffrey Blainey, Rowan Callick South east Asian correspondent for the Australian and former Journalist of the year. Music for Lent, Holy Week and Easter also holds some special surprises at St Matthews with our music department securing special choral works and the visit of international conductor Dobbs Franks and Australia finest dramatic contralto and the star of the Adelaide Ring cycle Liane Keegan for a special Holy Week collaboration details to be announced later.

"Holy Spirit come confirm us" Advent 2012, the beginning of a new church year was welcomed at St Matthews with the largest local **confirmation** since 1996 with confirmation of 18 people with a great range of ages, occupations and interests. Farmers, students, artisans, mothers, skateboarders and bellringers gathered on the second Sunday of Advent as Bishop John prayed for the work of the spirit in their lives. It was very encouraging to see so many new faces who are already making a contribution to the changing face of the Border Christian community. Christian activism, living the life, "walking the walk" and well as "talking the talk" was

Christian activism, living the life, "walking the walk" and well as "talking the talk" was brought in to sharp focus with the presence of 22 year old **Daniel Kuzeff** who has walked from Melbourne to Albury and donated his wages for a year to help build a village for 500 people in the slums of the Philippines' capital Manilla. Wishing Daniel well for his project Bishop John called particular attention to the power of faith in action. Members of AAY Albury Anglican Youth had shared in the walk and raised money through BBQ's toward the village. With the help of "young and old" Daniel's village building project will be one of the St Matthews Lenten support projects.

"If I were a shepherd, I would bring?"

Time Talents and Treasure: stewardship and opportunity for the new year. The St Matthew's finance committee (after consultation with Rev Michael Jones from

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Yarrawonga) put together a parish stewardship programme that ran at the beginning of Advent when over three weeks we considered the imperatives of sharing our mission opportunities through offering our Time Talents and Treasure and we look forward to using the unfolding outcomes to enhance our mission capacity for the next year and strengthen and encourage parish life.

"To hear the Angels sing" 300 people came to hear the St Matthews **community carols and lessons** with music by the choir of St Matthews and Readings by community leaders, politicians and broadcasters with 8 young people rendering a modern poem turning our thoughts to the current treatment of refugees with "Away in detention no crib for a Bed" themes.

This was the final service for Wagga **organist and Music director** Adrian Wintle, before 2013 when previous music director John Ross (former Murray Conservatorium Director) and John Scott (former St Matthews Organist) resume their former positions at St Matthews Music department after a break. With a full programme of consolidation and building new repertoire ahead, the "St Matthews music foundation" founded by a grant from an appreciative visitor from Sydney will enable young church musicians to improve their skills, inaugurate new ways of building a new generation of organists and church musicians facilitate opportunities for larger parishes to help smaller ones as we share the riches of our musical heritage.

Our Living nativity (with donkeys sheep and alpacas against a floodlit Bethlehem backdrop) was once more set up in the QEII square for the Albury City carols in the presence 8,000 people where children were also given bright yellow printed "Jesus" balloons reminding them whose birthday we celebrated and parish members gave out bookmarks with service times. We all agreed that it was a most worthwhile outreach activity as were trips to Tallangatta and Yackandandah taking various combinations of Rectory animals for community carol events.

"O come let us adore Him" more than 1000 people crammed into **St Matthews over Christmas** with many sitting on the floor or on hay bales, "being careful not to be trampled by 4 year olds" as tiny shepherds, kings and angels with the assistance of a Christmas stable with donkeys, sheep and alpacas helped to bring the Christmas story alive. New born lambs, chicks and a miniature rabbit all played their part and the newly installed air-conditioning unit was a real gift as outside the "North wind was tossing the leaves and could have tested the festive sprit" on account of the roasting Christmas Eve Albury temperatures "inside St Matthews it felt like "In the bleak mid winter" but there were smiles of relief all around.

Piped music, painted Nativity Tableau with masses of atmospheric lighting and a converted church porch into a Bethlehem stable with greatly extended church opening hours with an enhanced book and gift stall made the assistance of a committed band of "church sitters and welcomers" all the more effective, and the season "went out with a bang" when the **Epiphany Sunday** high mass commenced with a precession of three children visiting from Sydney dressed as kings leading three alpacas in glittering camel harness attended by great clouds of incense from the sanctuary party. A full church with many visitors and these three children who insisted that their parents delay their return to Sydney so they could come to church and share something beyond their normal experience (with an interested media presence) added a great deal to theme of the unwrapping of the Good News to be shared by all people.

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"Be Born in us today and tomorrow and all year". Thanks for record effort: Good news shared, delivered and unwrapped. For 8 years Angie Barney, St Matthews Emergency Food room co-ordinator has continued the good work inaugurated by Yvonne Jackson and Archdeacon John Davis in providing special material aid in the form Christmas hampers recently coming under the umbrella of Anglicare. Emergency relief is available through the rectory and food room 365 days a year and has expanded to include the provision of ready meals and advocacy to homeless people and over the last few years extending to the provision of emergency accommodation when required and often complicated by financial and social vulnerability associated mental health issues. In melting Christmas temperatures the need for assistance has snowballed from only 35 hampers in 2006 to nearly 300 over the extended Christmas period for 2012/13. With the explosion of need has come an explosion of offers to help, and this year St Matthews church was turned into an emergency food hamper workshop Angie directing operations with members of Albury Anglican Youth preparing hampers for distribution to a wide range of individuals and welfare organisations. We were very grateful for special assistance through donations from Rotary, Albury Wodonga Masonic lodges, Trinity Anglican College, ANZ bank as well as individuals, not to forget the extra effort made by the St Matthews parish family and Northside Hotel who provide weekly mince meat portions to supplement our regular food assistance. St Matthews emergency assistance totalled over \$22,000.00 for 2012 alone and 2013 has started with increased levels of need possibly due to the holiday closure of so many agencies. This does not take into consideration the daily drop in service provided, innumerable cups of tea, coffee and cold drinks and the sanctuary provided in the St Matthews garden pavilion every day.

Fr Peter



Youth Group with The Bishop



Ken Curnow at the 'Living Nativity'



Congratulations! Sam Goddard turns 90



Christmas Day lunch, Rectory Gardens.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

LANDSCAPING Need to keep watering. Four watering cans have been purchased which can be used by anyone who would like to help with the watering.

<u>SAFETY ISSUES</u>. Hand rails have been placed near the lectern & pulpit. To the people who use the lectern or pulpit please use the hand rails they have been put there for your benefit.

PARISH CENTRE. Waiting for Bp John to authorise someone to negotiate on our behalf. We are hopeful this year we might aquire a property.

<u>WEBSITE.</u> Charles Vesely is doing a great job with face book . It's a great way to get information out

<u>OUTREACH.</u> The Christmas service for aged care residents went well. A lot attended the service which was followed by morning tea. Which gave them the opportunity for some fellowship.

The carol service at Murray Gardens was an outreach service and it is hoped that this year to have more services there.

Rev'd Maureen Beattie is happy to work in the Parish two days a week. She will probably do visiting. So if you know of anyone that needs a visit or if you would like a visit yourself please let the office know.

ANGLICAN FOOD ROOM 19 hampers were given out in December along with 264 Christmas hampers. Angle would like some help in the Anglican Food Room so if you think you can help please talk to Angle.

<u>MUSIC DEPARTMENT</u>. Adrian Wintle has resigned. John Ross will return in February. John Scott has also returned. It's good to have them back again. It's been great having a few of the choir members in the gallery each Sunday even though they are on holidays.

CONFIRMATION. We had 18 candidates and a variety of ages. It was a great day.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES. More than 1000 people attended the services lots of visitors.

HARVEST FESTIVAL. This will be held on Sunday 10th Feb. It is important that we acknowledge thework of the farmers.

HARVEST FESTIVAL MARKET. This is to be held on Saturday 9th Feb in the church garden.

PARISH AGM to be held on Sunday 3rd March. Bp John has been invited to preach at the service before the AGM and also to attend the meeting.

FINANCES No 1 a/c closing balance at 31/12/2012 \$4896.71 less cheques to be paid \$3961.94 No 2 a/c closing balance at 31/12/2012 \$26307.10 .

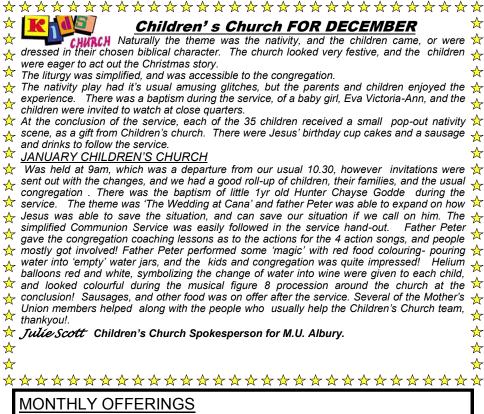
Ken Davenport has resigned as treasurer and Cathy Carden has agreed to take on this position. Kaye Kennedy Secretary

ST MATTHEW'S AGM TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY 3RD MARCH

FOLLOWING THE 9 AM SERVICE

PLEASE SEND YOUR REPORTS TO THE OFFICE BY THE 13TH FEBRUARY. SO THAT THE BOOKLETS CAN BE PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED BEFORE THE MEETING.

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MONTHLY (<u>OFFERINGS</u>		
Week	Planned Giving	Open Plate	Baptisms_
4 November	\$1382.00	\$574.05	<u> </u>
11 November	\$1193.00	\$562.90	
18 November	\$1216.70	\$687.10	
25 November	\$1111.50	\$555.25	\$ 85.40
Week	Planned Giving	Open Plate	Baptisms
2 December	\$1202.20	\$ 825.75	\$50.00
9 December	\$ 782.00	\$ 759.15	\$62.20
16 December	\$1376.00	\$ 785.75	\$50.00
23 December	\$1208.00	\$1101.50	\$72.50
24/25 December	\$ 147.00	\$3852.95	
30 December	\$ 772.00	\$ 587.35	
Offerings do not ta	ake into account any	payments that are pai	d directly into the Bank.
Evensona November \$144.90 Evensona December \$179.60			

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EVENING GROUP NEWS

I would like to wish you all a happy healthy New Year.

We hold our meetings at 7.30pm on the third Thursday in each month in the St Pats' village in Olive Street.

New members will be warmly welcomed to join our meetings. Margaret may be contacted on 60623512 or Pam on 60213571 for more information.

Our planning meeting will be held on 21st February so have some new ideas please.

Margaret Shearer, President..

PARISHIONER PROFILE FOR GRAPEVINE Mark & Cathy Carden

Mark and Cathy moved to Wodonga from Bathurst in 1995 with their 3 children. Mark is the Manager of Student Administration at Charles Sturt University and Cathy is a teacher and Pastoral Care/Special Education co-ordinator at St Augustine's Primary school in Wodonga. They started coming to St Matthew's about 12 years ago, and their 3 children were confirmed by Bishop John in 2002. Both Cathy and Mark come from a strong Anglican tradition, - Cathy's grandfather was an Anglican minister, and her uncle was a Bishop. They began attending the



10.00 am service which was more focused on the children, and Cathy assisted with a small Sunday School Kids program at that service for a few years, and continues to play the piano or guitar at Children's Church on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Now that the children are grown up (Julie still lives in Wodonga, Andy is studying Paramedics at La Trobe Uni, Bendigo, and Nathan is studying Digital Media & Film at Deakin Uni in Melbourne), they have a bit more time to be involved with the Church. Mark is on the committee for St Matthew's Village and both Mark and Cathy are on Parish Council and the Finance Committee.

What do they love about St Matthew's?

- the music, and the high priority and focus that children have - both when Fr Keith was here and with Fr Peter. They appreciate the Anglican tradition of service, but also enjoy the variety of music and different approaches to services. They love the garden development and being part of a church community that is vibrant, active, welcoming and caring to all members of the local and wider community.

Other activities they enjoy - reading, going to the movies, travelling, and Cathy enjoys playing tennis each week.

Mark and Cathy Carden

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On Sunday 2 December at Evensong,

Sarah Winnel, Year 9, was presented with the Royal School of Church Music Medal in recognition for ten years loyal service to St Matthew's Church Choir. Sarah began as a Treble Chorister at the age of six and for the last six years has served as Head Chorister. Sarah has ongoing outstanding loyalty, industry, commitment and musicianship in choral singing.



Youth Spotlight Report

Anglicans are not great at giving quick answers but we are not frightened of kicking around the big questions either. The new year and Lent are approaching so it's a great time to give our minds a workout to tone spiritual muscle and to improve our overall performance.

The **Bishop's Social Justice Competition** has asked Youth of the region and beyond some immediate questions about Australian identity based on the National Anthem. We have received a wide range of answers from around the country. Eminent Judges in Human Rights, journalism and media will announce their decision on Australia day with awards to be presented on the 3rd of March 2013 by Bishop John.

What does it mean to be Australian? Do we define national identity based on the language of a country's food and leisure activities. This Australia Day presents a challenge. A quest to find a definition for an Australian identity and form a perspective to help us ask another question 'What does it mean to be an Australian Christian'? and young Australian Christian in 2013.

Australia's early development on one level assumed Christian values. In the past this has allowed the church space to provide a moral backing and room for a Christian perspective among the many perspectives in society's bookshelf. The place for Christian values is well and truly under discussion but it's good to throw our own oar in, as society seeks the answers.

There is a solid Christian basis to 'A Fair Go' as an essential Australian notion that allows everyone in this country, old and new, rich and poor, educated and uneducated, young and old, the chance to gain an equal opportunity in order to satisfy their contributions to this Nation. But Australians seem to have now head-butted this idea. Refugees are targeted to be outcasts and have been persecuted for seeking asylum here. Boats after Boat are being put in the spotlight by the media following their arrival. Many Christians happily take up arms to fight to impose a particular view of Church as an institution or over how or by whom institutional power is exercised. But what about some passion for far more important battle, a direct response from Christ himself to today's Humanitarian crisis which is about changing hearts and changing the world as a result. Jesus said "Love one another as I have loved you".

As Christian Australians what do we think about the message to the outsider and those in need. This is the news that is broadcast. To what extent, is it good news or reflects gospel values?

"If you come here seeking asylum we will LOCK you Up on An Island Somewhere Far Far Away, were NOBODY can see you. Eventually you will be allowed in our country because you were found to be legitimate. But at the same time we can't Care about your Family who are in some war-zone or if your children are killed by some radical Terrorist organisation because we don't believe in family reunions or else you would be, just another 'Economic Opportunist'. We don't care at all about families, as long as you are Safe and here with us." What part of the Christian message involves a tent in a heat capsule as a solution to anything?

They are hard questions and the solutions are not simple because they are about real life but it's not about them and us. **Good news is for those in the boat just as much as for those safely on shore**. It is dangerously clear that a Christian attitude or at least asking a few Christian questions might well sink the current solutions and we might need to go back to the drawing board and ask more dangerous questions that is 'How would we want to be treated ourselves' and then (even more dangerous) do we have the guts to act on it.

Clinton Monteiro

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Team assembling Christmas food parcels at back of Church



253 special Christmas food Hampers Ready for distribution, with the team

The Epiphany of the Lord



Special Christmas service for the less ambulatory members of congregation



Fr. Peter with Daniel Kuzeff & friend



Church decorated for Christmas 2013



M.U. members and congregation members enjoy a picnic at the Botanic gardens, January

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Bishop David Farrer used this prayer during a service he took at St Matthews several years ago.

Disturb us Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves, When our dreams have come true because we dreamed too little, When we arrive safely because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us Lord, when, with the abundance of things we possess, We have lost our thirst for the waters of life; Having fallen in love with life, we have ceased to dream of eternity, And in our efforts to build a new earth, We have allowed our vision of the new Heaven to dim.

Disturb us Lord, to dare more boldly,
To venture on wider seas, where storms will show your mastery;
Where, losing sight of land, we shall find the stars.
We ask you to push back the horizons of our hopes,
And to push us in the future in strength, courage, hope and love.
This we ask in the name of our Captain, who is Jesus Christ. AMEN



St. Matthew's Harvest Festival Market

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HUMOUR



After getting all of Pope Benedict's luggage loaded into the limo, (and he doesn't travel light), the driver notices the Pope is still standing on the curb.

"Excuse me, Your Holiness," says the driver, "Would you please take your seat so we can leave?"

"Well, to tell you the truth," says the Pope, "they never let me drive at the Vatican, and I'd really like to drive todav."

"I'm sorry, Your Holiness, but I cannot let you do that. I'd lose my job! What if something should happen?" protests the driver, wishing he'd never gone to work that morning.

"Who's going to tell?" says the Pope with a smile.

Reluctantly, the driver gets in the back as the Pope climbs in behind the wheel. The driver quickly regrets his decision when, after exiting the airport, the Pontiff floors it, accelerating the limo to 205 kms. (Remember, the Pope is German.)

"Please slow down, Your Holiness" pleads the worried driver, but the Pope keeps the pedal to the metal until they hear sirens.

"Oh, dear God, I'm going to lose my license -- and my job!" moans the driver.

The Pope pulls over and rolls down the window as the cop approaches, but the cop takes one look at him, goes back to his motorcycle, and gets on the radio.

"I need to talk to the Chief," he says to the dispatcher.

The Chief gets on the radio and the cop tells him that he's stopped a limo going 205 kph.

"So bust him," says the Chief..

"I don't think we want to do that, he's really important," said the cop.

The Chief exclaimed, "All the more reason!"

"No, I mean really important," said the cop with a bit of persistence..

The Chief then asked, "Who do you have there, the mayor?"

Cop: "Bigger."

Chief: "A senator?"

Cop: "Bigger."

Chief: "The Prime Minister?"

Cop: "Bigger."

"Well," said the Chief, "who is it?"

Cop: "I think it's God!"

The Chief is even more puzzled and curious, "What makes you think it's God?"

Cop: "His chauffeur is the Pope!"

ON THE RECORD

Baptisms--We welcome into Christ's family ;

25 November Tihana Jane SCHWANDT 2 December Dallas James CHESHIRE 9 December Morgan Joyce Beverly HOWE 16 December Eva Victoria-Ann SHÉLLARD 18 December Eileen Janette KING

23 December Lewis John HAZELL

Isaiah Igor PATSIN-ROGALSKI 23 December

23 December Saskia Arwen BLAZEY Hamish Fraser COLCLOUGH 24 December 24 December Oliver Charles COLCLOUGH 2013

Cadence Annabel PRINCE 6 January 20 January Hunter Chayse GODDE



Confirmation—We welcome into Christ's family those who were admitted for first Holy Communion; Baptised;

Conformed on the 9th December 2012

Morgan Joyce Beverly HOWE, Mia AMOS, Aleisha McMENAMIN, Emily- Rose AYERS, Sue Ann MERKEL, Paul A. BECKHURST, Andre LABROOY, Lynette LABROOY, Karl MONTEIRO, Victoria Grace PARKER, Hannah Elizabeth RIBSTEIN, Elizabeth POULIANAKIS, Declan QUINLIVAN, Jaxon QUINLIVAN, Isaac Joseph SIMPSON, Paul Thomas SUMMERFIELD, Thomas Michael SUMMERFIELD, Ben Christopher WALTHER, Lindsay Ellen WALTHER, Kaylene WEST

Weddings—We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony

12 December Stephen James WATSON & Sharon Monica D'ARCY

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6 January Daniel Robert Shane ROBINSON & Dianne Catherine PRINCE

Funerals-We pray for those who have died and extend our sympathies to those who mown

27 November John Charles Shuter

Dr Geoffrey Noel HOWSAM 6 December

Nancy DEXTER 10 December

Dianne Isabell ELPHICK 13 December 14 December Fiona Maree DILLON 17 December Walter Alfred MORAS

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24 January 'Baz' Barry Frances McIVOR

Years Mind —

February—We pray for those whose anniversary falls at this time

Betty BRADDY (1st), Isabel Maggie BROMFIELD (1st), Syd PIPER (2nd), Craig Leigh WHITE (4th), Ivy Adelaide GRANT (7th), Mavis Jean SMITH (9th), 'Bill' William Joseph MOF-FITT (11th), Eva STRACHAN (13th), Dot CLAY (14th), Grahame LING (16th), Warren Littlewood JONES (19th), Reginald Clark STAR (20th), Sandra Jean RIDE (20th), Douglas Campbell COLLING-WOOD (21st), Clifford Raymond MEARS (22nd), Betty Lyall KIRKWOOD (23rd), Joan HENSHAW (24th), George Henry Hales COLEMAN (25th), Geoffrey James COLQUHOUN (26th), Ross Littlewood JONES (26th)





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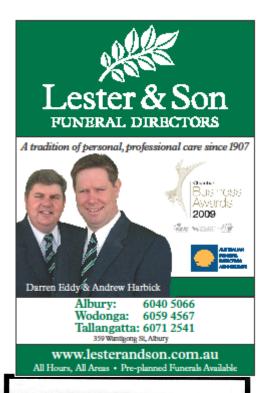
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8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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 LENT—the main service only at 9.00am

8:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

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

9.00 am Lasst 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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