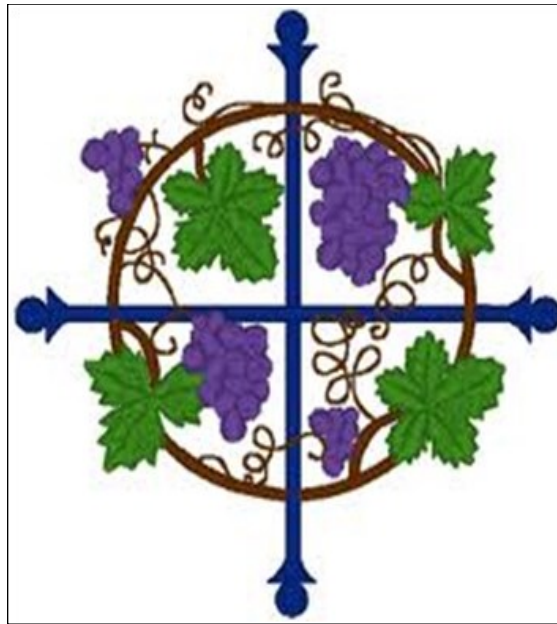


ST MATTHEW'S GRAPEVINE



PARISH OF ALBURY

APRIL 2013

Fr Peter writes :
Dear People of St Matthew's

*Thou, whose almighty Word
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight;
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And, where the Gospel's day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light!*

*Thou, who didst come to bring
On Thy redeeming wing
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind,
O now, to all mankind,
Let there be light*

Written by John Marriott, from an English clerical family was born in 1780 lived a brief 45 years (as did his son and member of the oxford movement Charles Marriott) was a friend of Sir Walter Scott and lived through a period of epidemic and poverty both their ministries were noted for their pastoral emphasis, and flying in the face of current concerns of "health and safety" ministered to the total needs of their community Body, mind and spirit

Aged Care Easter service: Our pastoral care team and Mothers Union planned a service inviting older congregation members and in consultation with aged care providers and together we devised a service taking the holy week journey from Palm Sunday through the Passion to the Resurrection all in 35 minutes including parts of well known hymns and an abbreviated liturgy that accorded with the needs of the congregation and also offered Holy Communion. The result was very encouraging made all the more delightful by the presence of a little 4 year old girl on what happened to be her birthday twirling down the aisle in her new floral dress and telling the congregation, many of whom were in wheelchairs about the excitement of Easter using the Easter garden set up in front of the pulpit as a prompt for her story. It became a vivid experience of newness and excitement in connection with the Easter message and was followed by a special morning tea and catching up with old friends who for many years shared weekly fellowship in a pew but now are in different aged care situations. We will certainly follow it up with similar services during the year and was an effective demonstration of a liturgical offering that related to the whole person—body mind and spirit and took account of where they actually were in their life situation and we shared the blessing of being valued not just for who we might be or who we were but just as we are .

Easter is a time when many have been used to family and church celebrations but time and frailty sometimes mean that those who have had a long-term spiritual commitment can make it to church.

Lent - workout for the mind lent@stmatthews provided an opportunity to stretch the mind as well as the soul. Many use lent as a time to lose a few kilos and give up chocolate or the extra glass of red but the St Matthews lent lectures on Sunday's and weeknights brought



Mercy Place Easter Service

a diverse range of eminent speakers on a range of subjects from living with disability, the treatment of refugees, equality in marriage and human sexuality, **Professor Geoffrey Blainey** delivered what many consider to be the finest address ever heard at St Matthews. Professor Blainey historian, author and Australian living treasure spoke without notes on the 225th anniversary of the first service of worship in Australia. In a mesmerizing tour de force the Professor addressed local and global themes of church and society, engaged with the children in the congregation and took over 300 people present on a journey that was brought to a magnificent and hopeful conclusion. Ann Blainey author of the recent Australian book of the year on Melba accompanied her husband who spoke admiringly of the music offered by choir and organ and then stayed for a long lunch of about 50 people stretched across the forecourt and garden. We were very grateful that the Blainey's are already organizing a return visit.

Mick McGlone & Prof Geoffrey Blainey



Youth works, hospitality and engaging with the whole person. Christianity is a tradition about unexpected outcomes and strategic plans are often turned on their heads by God's provision. Outreach across the generations has been discovered in the most unlikely places - who would think that the fastest growing youth group in the region could be based around a diet of choral high mass with incense and sausage rolls. The colour and movement offered by liturgy sometimes dismissed as "traditional" has actually been the most effective vehicle for outreach engaging as it does with the whole person and all the senses making the most of the changes offered by each season and festival. Weekly music and liturgy meetings interact with children's, youth and pastoral care agendas always having an eye to adapting international ideas from English cathedrals and colleges with whom we are in contact. Not having a parish facility in which to meet has been a challenge but the frequent sausage sizzles put on by the youth for various community causes as well as sausage rolls and nut and artificial colour/flavour free jelly snakes and 50 wicker chairs so people can prop after the service have created a church culture where people get to know each other better, not just as a body in a pew but as a whole person.

The whole person and the catholic faith, body mind and spirit and whole person ministry has been a hallmark of catholic faith and practice and famously articulated by such giants as Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Seeing ourselves as part of a global family rather than a club for like minded insiders is an opportunity to welcome people from outside our parish and occasionally our comfort zones. We were thrilled to welcome the **Governor of NSW Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir** back to St Matthews for a special Choral Evening song led by Bishop John celebrating community organizations and volunteers.

Canon Jane Hedges from Westminster Abbey one of England's leading church figures who was involved with the royal wedding and papal visit will preach at St Matthews as we celebrate the assumption of Mary on the 18 of August.

The youth, the whole youth and nothing but the youth? Looking at youth issues, health and wholeness body mind and spirit is a challenge, looking at engagement through social and spiritual dimensions. Liturgically it has meant enduring that younger people can be accommodated through flexibility to allow for sporting commitments. To see that younger people are represented in the sanctuary, the reading and intercession rosters, choir and that children's and youth issues are represented on the parish council. An open baptism policy and welcoming strangers, youth mental health and homelessness issues are part of the deal and we have found that a focus around real issues has had an effect in draw-

ing youth participation. Thinking out of the square and brainstorming with food and fellowship had been the basis of AAP, Albury Anglican pizza, from which has been catapulted the Bishops social justice competition and dragon boat racing and upcoming climb of "the rock" and "Albury mayors miles" climb of Mt Kosciuszko Youth summit on the 2nd of May will welcome famous Australian judge and human rights figure Michael Kirby as well as one legged mountaineer Will Elrick and young village builder Daniel Kuzeff to St Matthews. Schools will be invited to send present and potential youth leaders as well as young people facing special challenges .more details in the next issue.

Dealing with the whole person is not just providing a band but often a bed or advocacy function, our youth winter project will focus on providing sleeping bags and practical advice for young people in crisis.

On **Good Friday**, 29th March at 3pm Opera diva Liane Keegan, American Conductor Dobbs Franks and Japanese Violinist Kaori Sparks will present some of the most famous music written for the Easter season including the famous Aria from the St Matthew Passion and "When I am laid in Earth". Liane, star of the Adelaide Ring cycle, is probably the finest singers in the country and following her recent return to Australia from the major German Opera Houses was chosen by conductor Richard Bonyngue for his one off concert in Sydney and by the Victorian opera for their Opera gala, so wonderful that we have her here for one performance with a famous conductor and celebrated violinist entrance will be by donation towards disaster relief and youth opportunity.

Music a must !! St Augustine reminds us that "he who sings prays twice" St Matthews music promises a series of important concerts to be highlighted in our diaries. Firstly Good Friday brings an operatic star, American conductor and celebrated violinist performing some of the greatest music of the season. Rising star and Miss Saigon lead singer Shanuel Sharma who has wowed audiences across the country with his fine young tenor voice since he has left the world of rock bands will present a special concert on 27th April. The Benjamin Britten centenary is celebrated in a concert by Merlyn Quaife on 6th July and includes a premiere performance by local composer Gordon Kerry and Australia's premier accompanist Andrea Katz will play. Don't forget the monthly St Matthews Choral Evensong that regularly brings 70 people together for a musical and worshipful treat followed by a champagne supper. Once again all most welcome.

Fr Peter



Sue Fyfe and Gwen Schnelle



Ken Curnow—Palm Sunday

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Annual General meeting was held at the beginning of March. At the meeting the following were elected to Parish Council.

Vicki Chick (Fr Peter's warden), Ken Curnow and Joe Nesbit (people's wardens)
Angie Barney, Cathy Carden, Mark Carden, Ken Davenport, Ray Fietz, Robyn Gibbs, Kaye Kennedy, Carol Read, John Satchell, Robyne Slade, Stephanie Stephenson, Kay West (Parish Councillors.)

Parish Centre. Bp John told the meeting that a number options had been looked at last year. It is the desire of the Diocese and the wardens that an outcome happens. He knows that the parishioners want a meeting space. The Rectory needs to be a safe haven for Fr Peter, so these things need to be sorted. A new building will need Council approval, It will have to be something we can afford and it needs to serve the parish into the future. He hopes, but cannot promise that something has happened by the new year. The new building must be able to produce an income.

Financial Report from AGM

Income \$230,799.26 – increase of \$26,000 from previous year.

Planned Giving \$66,691.90

Open plate \$38,788.60

Parish fete \$10,215.50

Baptisms \$652.45

Rent \$26,826.14

Other income - National Trust reimbursement \$24,328.73 This trust account now empty – so we will investigate tax donations to get more in this account for this type of work.

COSTS – Expenses - \$353,191.64

Diocese assessment \$155,364.27 includes priests salary \$112,126.51 + \$41,837.76, insurance. Insurance has gone up considerably

Heat, light & power \$14,862.34 which has gone up

Wages – Deb and Cassie - \$51,155.56

Net Loss of \$78,638-70 (after interest received from investments with Diocese at Wangaratta of \$55,000, and transfer of money from the No. 2 account and Ida Cunningham Trust)

Take off Repairs & Maintenance of \$67,644.23 + \$97,900 172,213.09 (including fence and air-conditioner)

– includes some costs for the garden and fundraisers such as Christ College concert – where often accounts have been paid out of the No. 1 account, but often income/or profit is deposited to the No. 2 – this is probably about \$50,000 of this money.

Tree Pruning. It was decided at the Parish Council meeting that a number of trees will be pruned. Permission will be sought from Albury City, quotes have been received.

Website this has been updated.

Anglican Food Room 35 hampers were distributed in February, along with 247 packets of mince. Barbara Hoodless is now helping Angie, which is a great help to Angie.

Highgrove. We now have new tenants in Highgrove.

New choir stalls have been designed for the gallery, thanks to Jim Wenham (Wangaratta)

Harvest Festival Market went well, hope to have another one later in the year

Michael Kirby to visit on 2nd May when Fr Peter hopes to have youth summit.

Looking at ways where we can reduce our electricity costs

Finances. Balance in No 1 a/c at 5th March \$18,162.07.

Kaye Kennedy



March Children's Church at St Matthews

Children's Church began with rousing singing and quiet meaningful prayers! The theme centred on JESUS and the story of His love for all of us, the *Easter Story*. The service was led by Father Peter and the Reverend Maureen. The *Easter Story* was shared with the children by Judith and helpers. The washing of the feet and the elements of the *Last Supper* the bread, the wine were all explained as well as the significance of the Cross, by Father Peter. The children and congregation participated in everything with enthusiasm and joy. The celebration of the Communion at Children's Church and worship with musical praise and song, was followed by a sausage sizzle gathering. 13 children and 25 adults participated. Preparation prior and during the service involves so many unnamed people and helpers, including Linda who designs the Invitations! Special thanks to Tom, David and Cathy for the music. Thank you all. May all have a Joyous **Easter** encapsulated in the words of Jesus..

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life".
John 3:16 King James Bible "Authorized Version", Pure Cambridge Edition
 Prepared by Judith Frew-Kleeman...MU Children's Church team member.
 Julie Scott, Children's Church spokesperson





EVENING GROUP NEWS

Evening Group are holding a
CAKELESS CAKE STALL in April.

We are raising funds towards the lease of the photocopier, which we pay for each six months, the cost being \$840.00.
Having no Hall to hold functions in makes it very hard to raise money.

Envelopes will be in the pew sheets on April 7th, and will be collected after church for the next 2 weeks.

(See Margaret, Pam or Helen.)

We are also holding a **CARD PARTY** on **MONDAY 27th MAY**
Legacy House at 1pm—4pm

Bookings can be made by phoning **Margaret** on 6062 3512
or **Pam** On 6021 3571

A Service of Remembering *For all who have lost loved ones*



To be held at

St Matthew's Anglican Church
Kiewa St, Albury
at
6pm
on
Friday 10th May 2013

Dragon Boat Races

St Matthews Dragon Boat Racing an idea for our Youth Lenten Project. The event organisers BraveHearts Albury (a cancer survivors group) have been organising this for 5 years now and have raised considerable funds and awareness for Cancer survivors. This Annual Dragon Boat Regatta is held on the Wodonga Lakes and attracts crowds and teams from as far as Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney and also many local teams. St Matthews competed in the community day event.



Before the races started the boats were blessed by a Buddhist Monk who chanted an ancient prayer in one note! And then the boats were officially Dragon Boats for the day. We had 2 practice runs through the course before the event day and on the final race day we had 3 races. Each team would qualify for the finals based on their time performance ie. The team with the best overall heat times qualifies to the final round.

The idea of Dragon Boat racing is quite unique. It is a team sport and tests your energy and Mental Togetherness. Everyone learns to think as one and respond as one team, allowing you to feel your place in the system. It's a great sport to take part in as a church team and at one point I am sure that Fr Peter, who was on the boat, was at his spiritual best, praying that we didn't tip over. His attire on the other hand was of 'Strategic Importance' which made sure that the other teams were distracted by him (I am not sure if it actually backfired on us). With a mini Church outfit complete with a purple T-shirt (everyone in the team wore this to symbolise Lent and World Woman's Day) and a collar with black shorts and Orange Crocs. The main MC suggested that someone should get hold of the fashion police when he saw Fr Peter while we were paddling out to the starting line.

Our team banner was taken from the Altar of St Matthews and was attached to one of our team tents. Our team had an average age of 19 compared to 35 of the other teams. With 22 people on board one boat this was a significant factor. This did not hinder us though as we had a crack at the start and kept moving on till we heard our Sweep screaming Paddles Up. Overall there were no injuries except for a wasp sting which did not deter the recipient of such inhospitality from completing the regatta.

As expected from a Church team participating for the first time we were last but luckily not the team that drowned on the day. Everyone on board had great FUN. We had the most number of people who came down to support us. And most of the support was well received. St Matthews was the First Church Team to take part in an event like this and we are proud of having such a strong community spirit behind us.



We would also be looking at regular team practices for our next event which will be sometime in October. This will ensure that we are in the best form possible.

GO OOOOOOOO ST MATTS

Clinton



Laurel Foster and Fr Peter



Lent Lecturers—Daniel Kuzeff & Will Elrick

MONTHLY OFFERINGS

<u>Week</u>	<u>Planned Giving</u>	<u>Open Plate</u>	<u>Baptisms</u>
3 February	\$1201.00	\$ 728.60	
10 February	\$1004.00	\$1022.90	\$ 35.50
17 February	\$1917.00	\$1005.50	\$154.40
24 February	\$1096.50	\$ 865.10	\$120.00

*Offerings do not take into account any payments that are paid directly into the Bank.
February Evensong \$156.15.*

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

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Message from Fr Alan

Thank you all for your support and encouragement throughout my ministry within St Matthews. This year has seen a new arrangement between St Matthews and Tallangatta, your ongoing support has been valued. Lee and I thank Fr Peter, Deb, the choir, and all parishioners especially for their support at my induction and your ongoing reinforcement and friendship.

May the good news of Easter live on in your hearts and give you peace.

Fr Alan

LENT LECTURES 2013—Home and Away—Belonging and Separation



Fr Peter, Alan Beavis, John Ross, Tim Fischer
and Fr Kevin



Fr Bill & Rowena with Fr Robert



Fr Peter, Bp John McIntyre, Vicki & Fr Alan



Fr Peter with Rowan Callick & Elaine



Tim Fischer



Dr Ray Cleary

H U M O U R

Only 5% of University Graduates figured it out, will you?.....

Can you answer all seven of the following questions with the same word?

1. The word has seven letters...
2. Preceded God...
3. Greater than God...
4. More evil than the devil..
5. All poor people have it..
6. Wealthy people need it..
7. If you eat it you will die....

Did you figure it out?

Try hard before looking at the answers.....



Did you get it?

Give up?

Brace yourself for the answer.....

NOTHING!

NOTHING has 7 letters
NOTHING preceded God
NOTHING is greater than God
NOTHING is more EVIL than the devil..
All poor people have **NOTHING**
Wealthy people need **NOTHING**
If you eat **NOTHING** you will die...

Send this brain-teaser to your smart friends and see if they can answer it!

ON THE RECORD

Baptisms

We welcome into Christ's family

17 February	Giaan Louise BEARD Christopher Andrew BEARD Shari EDWARDS George Eric WHITSED
24 February	Aneska Johanna Alexandra HAY
24 March	Darcy Arthur CAMPBELL Noah Leslie CAMPBELL



Weddings

We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony

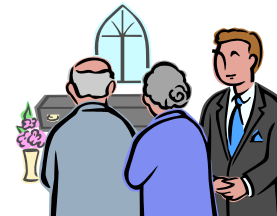
26 January	Benjamin James Taylor ROBINSON & Kara Leigh WEBSTER
2 March	Mathew John TYRRELL & Miranda Lee HEINRICH
16 March	Christopher John DEVLIN & Bernadine May O'DONOVAN



Funerals

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

27 February	Keith Dalwyn HORE
28 February	Geoffrey Arthur PEARCE
4 March	Livinia Amaya Joy DUGGAN
5 March	Helen CHESHIRE
11 March	Gwendoline Elizabeth McDONALD
15 March	Francis John McDERMOTT



Years Mind – April

We pray for those whose anniversary falls at this time

Lou NICHOLSON (2nd), Rosalind Myree COCKS (6th), Sheila Georgina ELLIS (7th), Harold James William PURSS (12th), Margaret PIESSE (PS)(15th), Dillon WHITE (16th), Nina Edith BERRY (17th), Dorothy Zillah CLARKE (19th), James Archibald KENNEDY (20th), Coral YARRINGTON (21st), William John FORBES (21st), Mervyn EISENHAUER (22nd), Madaline KARAFFA (23rd), Peter BLEASDALE (24th), William COLEMAN (25th), Norman John NICHOL (26th), James Lester JACKSON (26th), Albert DAWSON (28th), Joan DAWSON (28th), Florence Helena KOTHE (29th), 'Jean' Alice Jean HEINJUS (29th), Ivy Irene SMITHEN-BECKER (29th), Ern BLEASDALE (30th)

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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

9.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist
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10:30 a.m. Children's Church 3rd Sunday every month
5.00 p.m. Evensong (Only 1st Sunday of every month)

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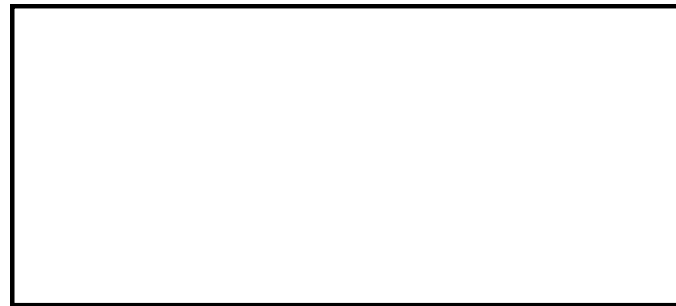
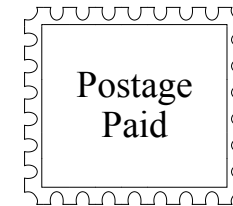
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