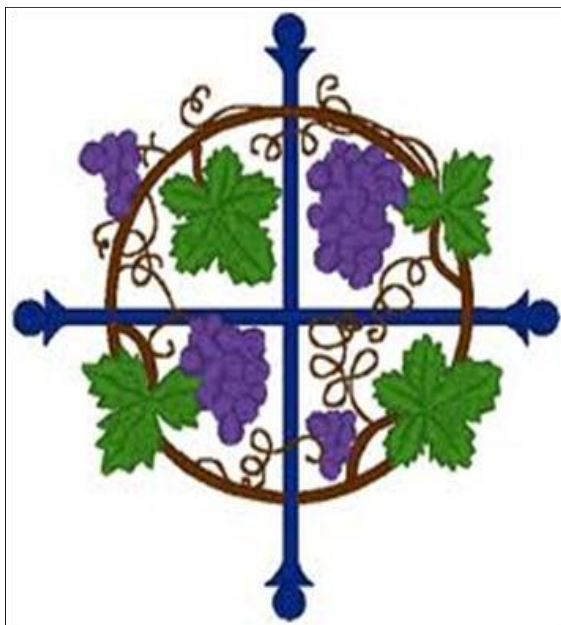


ST MATTHEW'S GRAPEVINE



PARISH OF ALBURY

JULY 2013

Fr Peter writes :

Dear People of St Matthew's

*How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrow, heals his wounds,
And drives away his fear.
It makes the wounded spirit whole,
And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary rest.* (**John Newton**)



John Newton (1725-1807) the author of amazing grace knew what it was to be broken and made whole and saw in his own personal salvation story a story to be shared by all people. His famous hymn “Amazing Grace” describing the journey from slavery to liberty has been taken as a global anthem that transcends time, creeds and political structures and is a hymn of “the loving interference of God “in our unsuspecting and often undeserving human situation”. His **friendship with William Cowper** (1731-1800) who himself knew the chains of **mental illness and depression** brought the most fruitful collaboration in hymns born of faith and human experience that have a integrity far beyond many modern attempts being born in the crucible of individual and community pain and in the heat of political struggle for change.

It was impressive that the most recent **Synod of the Diocese of Wangaratta** was focussed not principally on internal matters but on mission and growing mission opportunities to share the good news in many creative ways.

The synod gave leave for Oliver Hendriks, a student at Beechworth Secondary College to address the synod on “**Growing Youth and growing Music ministry** in Albury” that was one of many highlights of the synod. Oliver spoke on behalf of the biggest youth group in the Anglican diocese at St Matthews and appealed to the diocese to fund training in church music to continue the work that St Matthews is currently doing in training new organists, conductors and singers for tomorrow. He spoke of training in youth music being the reason for the explosion in numbers of young people. “While most of the music is traditional the students are young and the music is of top quality and you feel that you are really part of something special” he said. Oliver also said that St Matthews Albury provides scholarships in guitar and voice and spoke of the capacity to train praise bands for different music styles.

Oliver also spoke of the ideas of the St Matthews organ and choral scholars travelling around to smaller churches so that could have a live person instead of a CD helping out on the weekends in worship.

The Bishop also announced the **Matthew McInnes diocesan youth awarded to Morgan Howe** a 16 year old student at **Trinity Anglican College** Thurgoona who is a youth leader at St Matthews and organised the youth “**sleep in**” for the **homeless** that raised a great deal of publicity for the local problem and also led a drive for emergency bedding so St Matthews experienced an avalanche of sleeping bags, blankets and pillows which have been distributed to individuals and organisations to meet a current crisis in emergency accommodation.

The community discussion and media reports led through suggestions from local church leaders to a community **Forum on Homelessness** and the crisis in emergency accommodation **hosted by St Matthews** on Monday the 17th of June. The Forum was

very skilfully chaired by Fr Kim Benton a psychologist and respected public health care facilitator and manager in the south east Asian region. The night was opened with a reading of the Poem by a Famous Australian (who was also homeless for a significant period of his life) Henry Lawson "The Faces in the street" whose 146th birthday fell on the day.

About 130 people attended including people who had known homelessness, church and community groups, concerned individuals, representatives of government police and Youth groups St Matthews used the truckloads of emergency bedding to provide a dramatic visual context for the discussion, and the heating was turned off. Local musicians /songwriters with a connection to the conservatorium and TAC performed and a committee was started to progress the reopening of crisis accommodation that will be drawn from a wide range of community groups.

It was a major community event made possible by cooperation by the combined churches, not to forget as very accomplished facilitator and gave birth to the very positive steps already being made toward a good outcome for vulnerable people.

Garage sale - Thanks to all who have already contributed furniture and household goods to St Matthews Monster Garage sale at North street North Albury next Saturday 29th of June from 9am-2pm to **"help us help the homeless"**

St Matthews "Pastoral Partners" launch at after 5 training sessions.

Pastoral care as the heart of the mission of the church is being given a new kick start or pacemaker – at St Mathew's. The aim of Pastoral Partners is to provide a systematic way of providing inclusive, low key, caring support to every member of the congregation. Twenty members of St Matthew's congregation were invited to participate in the training to equip them more with 'what not to do' rather than what to do as well how to be a partner. Each pastoral partner will connect with four or five families within the congregation and keep a friendly eye out for those in their clusters. The emphasis is upon being a partner not an expert, "I have not come to help you" but rather "I would like to know you better and allow you to know me". Pastoral partners provides a care structure that works, if needs arise the ministry team is alerted. Often in our congregations people slip through the cracks because of lack of care. The pastoral partners will continue to meet bi monthly for support, debriefing and education to sustain the team. Members of the congregation are encouraged to be welcoming and hospitable to their partners so that this is a partnership.

Tax Time - End of Tax year just the beginning for many on the border "something old something new and something blue".

Professor Geoffrey Blainey on his last visit to Albury noted the curious coincidence that Albury is the home of the Australian tax office and that St Matthew is **Patron Saint of the Tax Return**. St Matthews is asking for **help for the homeless and for youth opportunity—with a new tax deductible incentive** just off the press as well as tax effective help maintaining a historic community icon. Individuals and businesses are also asked to consider helping young people on the Border through **tax deductible St Matthews music foundation** to help train



Forum—Homelessness
Clinton Monteiro, Cathy Carden,
Morgan Howe, Simone, Andy & Mike

young musicians' and the tax deductible St Matthews National Trust donations to maintain one of Albury's most significant landmarks.

Royal Trifecta - Two special Evensongs and a vice regal visit – 'King of the Instruments' Dr Allan Beavis OAM on **Sunday 7th July at 4pm with Evensong at 5pm**, Royal Abbey ('Westminster Abbey) Canon Jane Hedges on **Sunday 18th August at 5pm** and Vice Regal visit (farewell to Albury and Albury's Own Regiment) The Governor of NSW, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir makes a final visit to St Matthews before her retirement on **Sunday 1st September at 9.00am**.

Fr Peter

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Solar Panels: Parish Council looking into borrowing money from Wangaratta. The site inspection has taken place. At present our electricity is with Country Energy, which has been brought out by Origin. Origin Energy to take over the account using a Business plan. This will give us 14% discount, if the church & rectory are on the one account. We are also trying to get St Matthew's Village on the same account. At present the rectory is with AGL.

Altar Frontal: Continuing to look at ideas. Something will eventually happen.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Partners: There are 20 participants taking part. Each volunteer will be responsible for 5 clusters. Rev Maureen & Fr Colin have been visiting. Meals have been prepared and are in the freezer ready for Fr Peter to hand out.

Anglican Food Room: 16 hampers, 215 meat packs have been distributed during May. IGA East Albury have opened an account for us with \$200 credit which will allow Angie & Barbara to top up the food room. Barbara has completed a food supervisor's course.

Photocopier: The new photocopier has been installed, hoping that we will be able to print wedding & funeral service sheets.

Finances: We need to withdraw about \$8,000 from our investment account each month to cover our expenses.

Next year we hope to be able to give you a calendar of events which we hope will increase our fund raising.

No 1 account at 31st May 2013 \$31,490.46.

Choir: This has been going from strength to strength. Day by day more robes have been donated.

Dr Alan Beavis said he would be happy to tutor organ scholars. His fee would be the cost of air ticket.

St Matthew's Village: Brick work for community centre is nearly finished.

Kaye Kennedy
Secretary

NEWS FROM THE BELLTOWER JUNE 2013

Seven enthusiastic bellringers from Albury drove to Beechworth on Saturday May 25 to participate in an afternoon of bell ringing with ringers from Beechworth and Wangaratta. This was of benefit to all ringers but especially to the newer ringers from Beechworth who had a leap in confidence as a result. After the ringing we all went to a local coffee shop to enjoy some fellowship over a reviving hot drink.



So enthusiastic were the participants that it was decided to meet again in July, but this time at Wangaratta Cathedral where the bells are much heavier. We hope to continue these skills -development days on a regular basis with Albury hosting the following visit after Wangaratta.

Pam Thorman

Tower Captain



'Fallen Angel foils attack ! - the thieves couldn't get her over the fence!

St Ned's—Communion Service at
Murray Gardens



St Matthew's clergy celebrate at Tawonga, sharing
ministry across the Deanery



Children's Church in July



The Children's Church theme was "Sharing around God's Table". Numbers were down, however the children that were there took big parts in the service, helping with the breaking of a loaf of bread, and pouring the wine into the chalice, and the congregation were given parts of the bread loaf as the 'bread'. The procession at the conclusion of the service was it's enthusiastic and noisy self, and the children were given the remainder of the bread to give to the happy birds which were out the front of the church, hot food and drinks were consumed over a chat.



Julie Scott,
Children's Church
spokesperson

MONTHLY OFFERINGS

| <i>Week</i> | <i>Planned Giving</i> | <i>Open Plate</i> | <i>Baptisms</i> |
|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 5 May | \$1047.80 | \$ 837.90 | \$269.30 |
| 12 May | \$1195.00 | \$1162.05 | \$ 48.65 |
| 19 May | \$1250.50 | \$ 824.85 | \$ |
| 26 May | \$ 873.00 | \$ 748.75 | \$188.70 |

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

May Evensong total \$127.00

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)

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JULY MEN 'S GROUP BREAKFAST

The Men's group had a breakfast meeting on Saturday 8th of June at 8am. About 30 men attended and we had some great Christian fellowship. Fr Peter was our host and was ably assisted at the BBQ by Ross Altass and John Martin along with Fr. Alan and Joe Nesbit in the kitchen. Our guest speaker was Will Elrick who nearly died after a horrendous car accident. Will spoke of his accident and the surgery that saved his life. He lost one leg that had to be amputated at the pelvis and so he has to use crutches. Permanently. He was an inspiration to us all as he started doing some very difficult treks in the snow and high country on his crutches. Will is an example of what you can do after a lot of surgery and disability, if you put your mind to it.



Graeme Scott (Hon. Sec.).

Standing room only at the June Men's Breakfast

St. Matthew's Angels

***This is the name of St Matthew's team for
Relay for Life***



This year's Relay for Life will be held on 26th/27th October commencing at 9.30am at Bunton Park North Albury with the survivors & carers walk. The candlelight ceremony will be at dusk. The event will conclude on Sunday morning at 9.30 am. The team has been registered. **To register on line enter Relay for Life 2013 Border, then find the team name .**

If you do not wish to register on line you can give your registration form & money to either Matthew-Paul or Kaye. Registration forms will be available in the narthex. Registration fee is \$15 if paid by 22nd August, from the 23rd August it will be \$20. The registration fee covers participation, a T shirt, breakfast, entertainment, event staging, safety & security e.g. St John's Ambulance.

Please consider being part of our team, remember it is not a race you can walk or run. It doesn't matter how long it takes you to circle the track. If you can only come for a short time that's all right. It would be good if we had someone on the track at all times. **If you intend taking part you must be registered, you can register on the day if you wish.**

If you are unable to take part perhaps you might consider giving a **donation** to the team.

If you have any questions contact Matthew-Paul Fowler or Kaye Kennedy.

N. B. See advertising flier Page 9!



Anticipation for the sleepover!



Some of the participants of sleepover.



Dederang—This is different—sleeping in church!



‘ Really, how cold will it be?’

Norma
Tanner
crocheting for
the homeless



Synod—Morgan Howe and
Bp John



Synod—Oliver Hendriks and
Bp John



St Matthew's "Angels"

presents

a Concert for

Relay for Life

Sunday 8 September

2:00 pm

St Matthew's Church

vocal & instrumental solos, ensembles, choirs

ENTRY BY DONATION

Post-Concert Refreshments

Co-Ordinators: Matthew-Paul Fowler 0422 397 390
Kaye Kennedy 0439 980 780, Lyn Winnel 02 6025 1793



Fundraising is a
good thing!

PASTORAL PARTNERS AT ST. MATTHEW'S

After five training sessions Pastoral Partners' at St Matthew's has **commenced**.

What are Pastoral Partners' ?

It is a systematic way to provide inclusive, low key, caring support to every member of the congregation.

The congregation is divided into clusters of five family units and a trained pastoral partner.

- keeps a friendly "eye out" for the members of their clusters
- maintains regular contact with them
- prays for them
- alerts the ministry team as needs emerge.

Program Objectives:

- to provide a care structure that works
- to deliver good pastoral care at the coal face
- to equip church members for pastoral care
- to share the load evenly throughout the congregation
- to sustain a caring team



When your pastoral partner introduces him/herself please be welcoming and hospitable, remembering that it is a partnership.

There is nothing in life we cannot face together

Rev Maureen Beattie

Coordinator, in conjunction with St. Matthew's ministry team.



St. Matthew's Pastoral Partners Team

H U M O U R



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GOD HAS A SENSE OF HUMOUR!

A woman received a call that her daughter was sick. She stopped by the pharmacy to get medication, got back to her car and found that she had locked her keys inside.

The woman found an old rusty coat hanger left on the ground. She looked at it and said "I don't know how to use this."

She bowed her head and asked God to send her HELP.

Within 5 minutes a beat up old motorcycle pulled up.

A bearded man who was wearing an old biker skull rag.

The man got off of his cycle and asked if he could help.

She said: "Yes, my daughter is sick. I've locked my keys in my car. I must get home. Please, can you use this hanger to unlock my car?"

He said "Sure." He walked over to the car, and in less than a minute the car was open.

She hugged the man and through tears said "Thank You SO Much! You are a very nice man."

The man replied "Lady, I am NOT a nice man. I just got out of PRISON yesterday, I was in prison for car theft."

The woman hugged the man again sobbing, "Oh, thank you God! You even sent me a Professional!"

ON THE RECORD

Baptisms

We welcome into Christ's family

| | |
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| 8 June | Lucas Robert James HOARE |
| 9 June | Alfie Matthew BAYNE |
| | Kiharn Leslie John FITZGERALD |
| | Noah Bailey MORRISON |
| | Jonah Glenn MORRISON |
| 23 June | Mia Isabelle HUNT |
| | Kael Edward JERVOIS |



Weddings

We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony

No Weddings in June

Funerals

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

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|---------|---------------------------|
| 31 May | Robert Wayne WOODHOUSE |
| 4 June | Naldrett Phylliss CORNELL |
| 13 June | Kathleen Florence NORMAN |



Years Mind – July

We pray for those whose anniversary falls at this time

Marion TAYLOR (1st), Jean Marvis KENNEDY (2nd), Jean BLACK (4th), Barry WILLIAMS (6th), Emily Edith MOREY (7th), Thelma May WEIDNER (8th), Aileen HORE (9th), Julie-Anne WEBB-MOLE (10th), Norman Alfred REED (11th), Lynnette Margaret AVERY (12th), Keith GRAHAM (13th), Alice Irene TREWELLA (13th), Charles William SAUNDERS (14th), Ida Mary MALE (16th), Ron SCOTT (18th), Samantha Trudy BOOTH (18th), Eric Maudsley BROMFIELD (19th), Jennifer Lynn HUTCHINSON (19th), Marjorie Jean BECKHURST (20th), William Alexander KIRKWOOD (21st), Stephen Holmes (Priest) (21st), Geoffery STEWARD (22nd), Georgia PALFRAMAN (22nd), Wilma MILLER (25th), Rodney JOSSELYN (28th), Corey CHURCHILL (28th), Patricia Frances LUND (28th), Lilian Joyce CUNNINGHAM (29th), Luke WILLIAMS (30th)

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5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

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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
Last Sunday of every month—Matins with Holy Communion
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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