

ST MATTHEW'S GRAPEVINE



PARISH OF ALBURY

SEPTEMBER 2013

Fr Peter writes :
Dear People of St Matthew's

1. *Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone;
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever,
and her confidence alone.*
2. *To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today!
With thy faithful loving-kindness
hear thy people as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls alway.*
3. *Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain;
what they gain from thee forever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.*



4. *Laud and honor to the Father,
laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one;
one in might and one in glory,
while unending ages run
(Tune "Westminster Abbey")*

The history of Westminster Abbey is fascinating. The first church on the site is believed to date back to the establishment of a Benedictine monastery in the mid-seventh century. The Abbey was later constructed by King Edward the Confessor. It was consecrated on December 28, 1065. Edward died days later. Since then the Abbey has had continual refurbishments and additions. Interestingly, though, the ground plan of the Abbey remains original. In a sense, Edward laid the foundation of the Abbey.

Henry Purcell had composed music to glorify the God. Purcell was intimately involved in the music of the Abbey. At various stages of his life, he tuned the organ and served as its organist. He is buried beneath the organ--at its foundation.

Long before King Edward or Henry Purcell or John Wesley, an anonymous writer prepared a hymn written in Latin. Many years after they lived.

It was translated into English by John Mason Neale, a 19th century Anglican clergyman and Latin scholar. Neale was an unlikely man to do anything significant. As a young man, health problems caused him to leave active service as a clergyman, and he became the administrator for a home for elderly people. When he tried to revitalize the chapel services there, he was rebuked by the bishop and forbidden to conduct services. He started an order of Anglican women devoted to helping the poor, and when one of the sisters died, a riot ensued at the funeral that required police to bring the mob under control he could have been shaken but his foundation was sure.

The recent visit to St Matthews by Canon Jane Hedges the Archdeacon of Westminster and subdean of Westminster Abbey brought to life the connection between St Matthews and the Abbey through the marble pulpit once at Westminster and now in Albury via Bendigo.

Archdeacon John Davis was able to fill some gaps in the story to take back to the Westminster historians and Canon Jane shared the imperatives of welcome that undergird the Abbeys ministry and her own role of canon steward While in Albury Canon

Jane and her husband Chris visited Wangaratta Cathedral and various ministries of St Matthews including indigenous perspectives and spent time with Pastor Darren and the Aboriginal health service as well as a very interesting meeting with our worship committee looking at ways of improving the ways we worship.

The sung mass, children's mass, lunch in the forecourt with 50 people and festal evensong with a special focus on the ministry of bellringing also celebrated so much that we share in a rich musical tradition, pastoral concern and community outreach.

Canon Jane has invited us to plan a **Westminster parish Pilgrimage for 2014**, so more details later.

A recent highlight and perhaps taste of more things to come was our Cocktail and Cabaret concert held in the Gothic magnificence of St Matthews, which rang to the sound of some spectacular singing from our own young Pavarotti Shanul Sharma and associated artists. The air was also full of lively conversation and the laughter of a wonderful night of entertainment and fellowship. Many thanks to Fr Alan and his committee for all the hard work and to all who came a big thankyou.

STOP PRESS—Don't forget the visit of NSW Governor Prof Marie Bashir to St Matthews for the Chapel of Honour to Albury's Own Regiment on the 1st September at 9.00am.

Fr Peter



Chris and Canon Jane Hedges with Music Director John Ross



Canon Jane Hedges and Cathy Carden



Essie Osborne and Angela Braybrooks with Canon Jane Hedges.



Canon Jane Hedges, Vicki Chick and granddaughter Eliza

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Youth Report. It is important to involve young people into the life of the church. Fr Peter is looking at ways into which the youth can be involved in the Sanctuary. Parish Council would like to acknowledge the work members of the Youth Group did at the garage sale.

Car Parking. When you leave after the Sunday service if you have parked beside or behind the Church please drive on the area closest to the right of the palm tree. The Albury City Council has reinforced this area so that it can be driven on. Some people have been driving further away & sprinklers have been broken which the Albury City is not happy about. As we have had a lot of rain it also becomes very muddy.

St Matthew's Sign, Looking at getting a tear drop sign which can be used at things like the fete, dragon boat race, Relay for Life. The sign at front of the church also needs correcting.

Outreach & Mission A request went out asking people to wear their name badge to church.

Anglican Food Room 18 bags were distributed in July. 306 packs of mince were received. Have given out lots of frozen meals to the homeless and people on low incomes. Barbara Hoodless has completed food preparation certificates. We will be ordering food from the food bank at Wodonga. This will cost us \$50 per year.

Finances Income this year is up from last year, expenses have gone down but it is more than the income. Though the gap is reducing. Parish Council is considering having a trade table once a month on a Sunday morning perhaps on the 3rd Sunday to help raise some money.

Raffles It was decided that there only be one raffle at a time except on fete day when each stall can have a raffle. The finance committee to discuss the guidelines which will be reported back to you.

Kaye Kennedy Parish Council



Fr John Davis with Canon Jane Hedges



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!**



Children's Church in August

Children's Church had it's 13th birthday on 18th August!

The theme for the day was 'Mothers'- especially Moses' Mother!

We were thrilled to have Canon Jane Hedges, from Westminster Cathedral giving the children's talk. We began the service with 3 action songs which all were involved with, Tom Summerfield played the piano,- David Luxon was there to oversee - with Silvio Montieiro, and Cathy Carden accompanying.

The children acted out the story of Moses and the bullrushes, with some excellent costumes and props. With great supervision, the children both read the story and acted the parts of the play, which they did very well.

At the end of the play, Canon Jane posed 5 questions to the children, concerning the role of Mothers, especially around how babies cry and dirty their nappies! (The children were encouraged to demonstrate how loud babies cry, which gained enthusiastic response!) In the story, it had been suggested by the clever older sister of Moses, who was watching to see what would happen, that the Egyptian Princess who found the baby, wouldn't want to be involved with the more 'hands on' parts of bringing up a baby, but that a perfect 'nurse' was available, hence the Princess intrusting her new 'son' to this nurse, actually his own Mother! It is a timeless story!

The children gathered around the children's altar, and bought the water and wine for the Communion, and assisted with the collection.

At the end of the service, there was a group photo, around the pulpit, from Westminster Abbey! We sang 'Happy Birthday', before the musical procession to our theme tune! As it was a lovely sunny day, we all gathered around for sausages in bread, and other yummy birthday party food!,

Julie Scott spokesperson for Children's Church for M.U. Albury



Canon Jane Hedges with the Children at the 13th birthday celebration

St Matthews Cocktail Party



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





Canon Jane preaching from the pulpit originally in Westminster Abbey.



Sandra and Coralie out in the garden



Luncheon with Canon Jane after the service in the Rectory gardens



'Concert for Peace'—with Natsuko and Kaori

YOUTH REPORT



I once overheard someone say "Christians aren't Humanists and we should not get into conclusions that just because we are Christians we should uphold the values of a good humanist" The definition of a humanist is someone who cares about and does something for the goodwill of humanity. The definition of a Christian according to him was someone who was ready to work within the framework of Christ, The Church and the bible for the good of society. I beg to differ, because I believe that Christians are Humanists and so should everyone be. What distinguishes us humans from other animals is that we have an intelligent brain that allows us to make decisions. I don't believe that we should bias our opinion based on the literal biblical translation, but on a translation that best suites our needs at a given particular time. If we do confuse between these distinct groupings of people would that justify Christianity to be superior to other religions?

If we do put these distinct biases in place then where would today's multicultural society fit in? Would there be a place for non-believers and other religions in a Christian response. Apparently not, Christians do have an advantage in responding to humanitarian crisis's because we do have so many institutions that are in place to serve the urgent needs. And we do need some humanity in place in today's Australia which seems to have forgotten its progressive past. Australia was one of the first country's to have women voting in general elections, one of the first in the western world to recognise non whites as citizens. We also welcomed warm heartedly the thousands of 'white' refugees that came here after the horrors of World War II. But when it comes to 21st Century issues such as asylum seekers or Homeless people or even the institutionalisation of same sex relationships and marriages of Australian Citizens or the equal opportunities offered to aboriginal people there seems to be a lack of leadership by either major political factions. Neither has the Church responded in a positive manner or shown any form of new direction, as it is still testing the waters before diving in. But these attitudes do not result in anything but the continuation of these injustices.

Not many people know the correct amount of people currently being detained in overseas detention camps that are not subject to Australian laws and civil protections, nor does anyone know how many children will be transferred there to deter people from seeking positive outcomes to their dire situations. Nauru is not a solution or a regional focus plan; it is an island with a population of about 20,000 and we are about to dump 4,000 people into tents in the middle of that tropical country. And who pays for this, well let's just say its part of the budget deficit which includes feeding the people in the centre and possibly flying in and out all the supplies and personnel to keep the detention camp functioning. Imagine a 20% increase in the number of people attending a Sunday service and the chaos that would cause in terms of logistics. I know some folk in my church cant keep up with the moderate increases in the number of new visitors in our church and we have even resorted to tagging people to some extent. This showcases the problems faced by these homeless 'boat people' as a result of this appalling Australian behaviour.

But showing some humanity goes a long way. As most Australian will never be allowed to visit our offshore detention camps we can only imagine what life would be like there. But we can see something that is much closer to home. The food program at St Matthews is funded entirely by local donors who in turn support the local need. Homelessness in regional towns is ridiculed by some politicians but it is a reality. The common person on the street might not see it but the institutions serving the needs have

been far outstretched and are failing to cope with the exponential increase in demand. Homeless people do not like to go out on the street and yell out their plight. They are quite embarrassed and shy to even confront help. It sometimes leads to an underground homeless state which is bad because service providers cannot afford help towards them and they sometimes fall through the cracks. There are also cases of mental health, alcoholism and drug abuse issues which should not be blamed on the individual because all they want to do is get rid of the pain or at least forget about it. It should be addressed in a positive manner that leads to successful rehabilitation and allows the individual to lead a normal life.

These issues only highlight our need to be more susceptible to the human needs present today. If you do have some spare time, spend it by volunteering or by financial support to the various charities and help fix a human need. Maybe one day they will Thank You back, you might never know how things change.

Clinton Monteiro



'Winter wonderland 'night at Tallangatta, with Priest in Charge Fr. Alan and guests- a great night!

MONTHLY OFFERINGS

<i>Week</i>	<i>Planned Giving</i>	<i>Open Plate</i>	<i>Baptisms</i>
7 July	\$1460.00	\$503.50	\$ 77.30
14 July	\$1485.00	\$624.80	\$110.00
21 July	\$1399.00	\$693.00	
28 July	\$1086.00	\$698.30	

Offerings now take into account payments paid directly into the Bank.

July Evensong total \$555.00

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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H U M O U R

A thief who stole a calendar, got 12 months

A bicycle can't stand on its own, it is too tired.

A boiled egg is hard to beat.

To write with a broken pencil is pointless.

A thief fell into concrete and became a hardened criminal.

It was an emotional wedding, even the cake was in tiers.

If you jump off a bridge in Paris, are you in Seine?



TESTING TIMES!

I was testing children in my Glasgow Sunday School class to see if they understood the Concept of getting into heaven. I asked them, "If I sold my house and my Car, had a big jumble sale and gave all my Money to the church, would that get me into heaven?"

"NO!" the children answered.

"If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the garden and kept everything tidy, would that get me into heaven?"

Again, the answer was 'No!'

By now I was starting to smile. "Well, then, if I was kind to animals and gave sweeties to all the children, and loved my husband, would that get me into heaven?"

Again, they all answered 'No!'

I was just bursting with pride for them. I continued, "Then how can I get into heaven?"

A six year old boy shouted, "Yuv got tae be blooming - well' **DEAD** " !

.....Kinda brings a wee tear tae your eye!..

Q. What does a student need if he is away from school during the final exams?

A. A good excuse.

ON THE RECORD

Baptisms

We welcome into Christ's family

4 August William Timothy WATSON
Oscar Donald BAGULEY
Olivia Matilda SMILLIE
11 August Alex Sharyn JUNCK
Isaac Joel Charles WILLIAM-MOREY
25 August Pearl Louisa ROBINSON



Weddings

We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony

No Weddings in August

Funerals

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

2 August Kathleen Eva EAGLES
'Lex' Herbert Alexander PIERSSENE
6 August Dorothy Joan FRANKS
9 August Charles 'Roy' WALKER
Shannon James Robert READ



Years Mind – September

We pray for those whose anniversary falls at this time

Ray Walter MOREY (1st), Gertrude Emery KIRKWOOD (1st), Gordon William GRANT (2nd), George Keith DURIE (6th), 'Dorrie' Doris Dardanelle SARROFF (7th), Noel Jack SNARE (7th), Patricia Leslie HABERECHT (8th), Alexandra BROOKS (9th), 'Debbie' Deborah Mary Kaily NITSCHKI (9th), Laurie ANSTIS (10th), Scotty SCHEATHER (12th), Reginald Marcus James NORMAN (12th), James Etherington JACKSON (12th), Doug YENSCH (13th), 'Flo' Florence Angela BERRY (13th), June deTARCZYNSKI (14th), Percy EISENHAUER (15th), James William PURSS (15th), Anne Isobel DAVIES (18th), George Austin ATKINSON (22nd), George deTARCZYNSKI (24th), Donald DRYSDALE (28th), Emily FORBES (28th), Ronald Hope BRINDLEY (29th), Kenneth Frank CUSWORTH (30th), 'Mollie' Mary CHICK (30th)

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7.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

TUESDAY

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

WEDNESDAY

10:30 a.m. Eucharist

THURSDAY

No services

FRIDAY

10.00 a.m. Eucharist at Riverwood (except 1st Friday). All welcome

SUNDAY

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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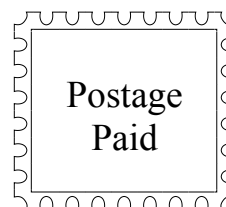
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