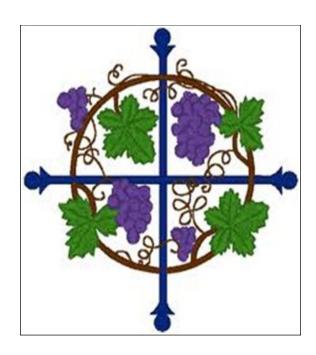
# ST MATTHEW'S GRAPEVINE



PARISH OF ALBURY

NOVEMBER 2013

# Fr Peter writes : Dear People of St Matthew's

Hymn: God moves in a mysterious way
God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea
And rides upon the storm.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take; The clouds ye so much dread Are big with mercy and shall break In blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust Him for His grace; Behind a frowning providence He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast, Unfolding every hour; The bud may have a bitter taste, But sweet will be the flower.

Blind unbelief is sure to err And scan His work in vain; God is His own interpreter, And He will make it plain.



William Cowper, great friend and hymn collaborator (with John Newton of "amazing grace" fame) penned this famous hymn after an aborted suicide attempt following a severe bout of depression ,He was amazed that as he purposed to find the river bank of the Thames in order to "end it all", heavy fog rolled in and he became disoriented and found himself instead at his own door, and he mused that God must have other plans for him .Sometimes while getting lost in the thick fog of anxiety and activity it is only later that we can see Gods providential hand has been at work .

Australia is currently in the grip of another wave of Bush fires.

The true mission community significance of the great fire of 1991 that destroyed St Matthews' Albury can only be appreciated as we look back through the lens of history. After more than 20 years we can see that Despite the destruction, through the rebuilding process the church has become owned in a special way by the whole community which was a blessing that could never be appreciated in the very real "heat of the moment".

All Saints is a time of looking back and looking forward with thankfulness for light and life that has been shared, and the light, even from those whom we no longer presently, see that illumines our steps. We give thanks for those who have helped and served our churches and communities.

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"He certainly has a good pair of lungs."
The Royal Baptism, was a moment in history but links us with a future hope. At St Matthews we celebrated the baptism of Prince George with a Royal display by Essie Osborne and a real baby (Eliza) in a beautiful old fashioned English pram, and some cracking good English hymns, special morning tea and donations to assist the parents and baby's unit at Wodonga. The Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby who performed the baptism in London reminded the world that Prince George joined 2000

million other Christians as part of a global family. Prince George was also baptised in water from the River Jordan and thanks to a gift of Jordan water from Bishop John members of the congregation of St Matthews and students from Trinity Anglican College were sprinkled the same water, reminding us that we are part of the same story of death and resurrection. Following the service the Bells of St Matthews rang out over the city of Albury, in celebration of the great day.

Entry into the Christian family also reminds us of the opportunity of confirmation which is coming up on 24<sup>th</sup> of November, please be in touch is you think you have missed out on the opportunity.

**Weekday services!!** Sunday doesn't suit everyone, and a growing number of people choose to make the most of other opportunities to meet together at St Matthews.

For the "early, early birds" 7am for Morning prayer is a great way to start the day or 8.am mass on Tuesday in the St Francis chapel finds a regular group of friends in a meditative service. 10 30am on Wednesday is a growing time of "short worship and long fellowship" with the joy of music (hymns) and morning tea and no incense for those who are sensitive .if you are finding Sunday a strain at times Wednesday provides a great alternative and you are sure to find a warm welcome.

#### St Matthews Music ministry shines across the nation.

The recent national PROBUS conference in Albury concluded with a special service that many said was the highlight of the conference. Opera star (romantically connected with the Jardine family from our choir!!!-no pressure!) Shanul Sharma flew up from Melbourne and sang some well known Pavarotti numbers, and Dianne Robinson and Sarah Winnel

added a very special beauty through the music they presented, and music director john Ross and organist David Luxon showed characteristic flexibility in their choice of music that would connect people across the denominational board, 450 people crammed into St Matthews gave a great ovation in appreciation and our musicians were great ambassadors well done!!





#### **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

**Coffee Cart** An application has been put in to Albury City for a coffee cart to be set up in the church grounds in the mornings during the week for people passing by to buy a coffee. The owner of the coffee cart will be giving a certain sum each week to the church .

**Clergy Report** Fr Alan reported that everything had gone well while Fr Peter was away. He thanked the Parish Council for their support & said he had enjoyed the experience of doing the extra work.

**Solar Panels** This project has been shelved. Will look at it again after Fr Peter vacates the rectory.

**Outreach.** Letters have gone out to bereaved families inviting them to attend a memorial service.

**Anglican Food Room** 30 hampers were distributed during September. 110 meat packs were received. Angle & Barbara are now utilising 'Food Share.' Coles have agreed to give us a 10% discount on goods purchased for the Christmas hampers, also there will be no delivery charge.

**Finance.** Our expenses are exceeding our income. The finance committee are looking at ways to improve our income. If you have any ideas please let Parish Council know. **Balance in the No 1 account at 30**<sup>th</sup> **September \$12,298.50 less accounts to be paid \$16,737.81.** To enable us to be able to pay our accounts, Parish Council has decided to close our term deposit account with the NAB & transfer the funds to the No 2 account which we will draw on when necessary.

**St Matthew's Village** The Community centre is nearly completed.

**Narthex** The pamphlets to be put into a pocket rack.

**Bell Tower.** The bell ringers have agreed to pay for a two way air conditioner to be installed in the tower. It will need to be vented into a window.

Kaye Kennedy <u>Secretary</u>

<u>CONFIRMATION</u>: to be held 24TH NOVEMBER AT 9 am. Service.



<u>CLASSES STARTUP TO BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY</u>

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#### TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE PROGRAM

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St Matthew's Albury

In November last year at St Matthew's we initiated a 'Time, Talent &Treasure' program to allow everyone in our community to reflect on what God has given us, and to commit to using our time, talents and money to further God's kingdom in this place, and it was decided that this would become an annual event. We have so much to be thankful for, belonging to a vibrant Parish, with a beautiful church building and garden, wonderful music, daily services and activities to be involved in. The way that the



whole community pulled together to give St Matthew's back to Albury is a constant reminder of the message of new beginnings and the opportunity to share our lives with one another.

It is exciting to be involved in a Parish where we have people aged from 5-95 years old ,actively involved in showing God's love to others in so many different ways in the local community, in work places, to neighbours, family and to the wider world. During the past 12 months we have become increasingly aware that whilst we have a wonderful place to worship and we provide care for many people, this comes at a cost, and the costs continue to increase. Throughout the year our weekly giving only meets approximately 50% of our expenditure and costs of running the parish. This results in us needing to fundraise or drawdown on funds held in Term Deposit to raise at least an additional \$100,000 per annum. This puts a lot of strain on people within the Parish, and our goal this year is as people become aware of this area of need that we can increase our weekly giving to have more income on a regular basis. We continue to encourage the use of Direct Debit to facilitate this. We are also formalizing and will make people more aware of opportunities to give to Parish work through major projects such as the Music Foundation and to the National Trust, and also through bequests, for those unable to give on a weekly basis. We therefore ask that you prayerfully consider this as we continue to work towards our Parish goals:

- 1. To provide opportunities for spiritual, theological, and Scriptural growth.
- 2. To provide a welcoming, friendly environment in our activities and services which has no barriers to membership.
- 3. To creatively address the issue of evangelism and to promote the Christian faith in this community.
- 4. To continue the enhancement of parish facilities which enable us to create opportunities for people to use their gifts and abilities and enable them to be fulfilled in the service of God and others.
- 5. To continue to outreach to those in need, including the sick, the homeless, the lonely, and all who call on us for help

The program will have a slightly different format to last year, and we look forward to sharing it with you later this month.

Cathy Carden, Treasurer, Parish Council and Finance Committee

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#### Children's Church in October

RCH The subject for October Children's

Church was The Lord's Prayer'. David
 Luxon played the piano which has been
 relocated into the Children's /Lady Chapel,
 and as usual played his jaunty child friendly
 music, which is much enjoyed. After 2
 action songs which the congregation
 enthusiastically took part in, with Fr.
 Peter's usual encouragement, Claris



Each sentence was discussed, and children held up illustrated sheets
 appropriate to a sentence.

☐ Illustrated cards of the prayer, with fridge magnets on, were handed to the 
☐ children and families, and we joined together in saying the prayer. All were 
☐ encouraged to keep the card handy on the fridge, and learn it off by heart.
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The children were invited to prepare the children's altar for Communion, which they did willingly. There were approx 15 children attending, 2 of our original kids were there!.

The children were given the bread and a sticker, before the rest of the congregation. took communion. As usual at the conclusion of the service, the children and some adults chose instruments and did our figure 8 procession. It was a perfect spring day, and people enjoyed drinks and yummy flap jacks and delicious hot sausages, served by some of the 9am congregation as well as our own wonderful welcomers!

Julie Scott C.C...Spokesperson for Mother's Union, St. Matthews.





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#### PRAYER CIRCLE QUIET DAY

On October 3, a small group met at the Cathedral at Wangaratta for the Prayer Circle's Quiet Day. Fr. Thomas Leslie, currently chaplain at the Cathedral College led the day, speaking about the 'Lord's Prayer'.

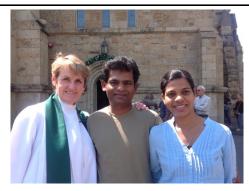
We looked at different versions in Matthew 6:9-13, and Luke 11:2-4. Following the outline of the 'Lord's Prayer' it can been seen there are 5 clear aspects to the prayer-

- 1.Addressing God
- 2.Request for the World— now and in the future.
- 3.Request for self— basic existence
- 4. Spiritual need- forgiveness
- 5. Request for Guidance— now and in the future

We discussed how we address God, when we

speak to him, and how we picture God as we communicate. Confident in our relationship with God, we should desire the coming of God's Kingdom.

Kerry Wilkinson Leader, St. Matthew's Prayer Circle.



Rev'd Maureen with George and Sandy Ignatius

## **MONTHLY OFFERINGS**

Week	Planned Giving	Open Plate	<u>Baptisms</u>
1 September	\$1657.00	\$1044.35	\$
8 September	\$1190.00	\$ 506.90	\$
15 September	\$1986.90	\$ 689.70	\$
22 September	\$1290.00	\$ 396.00	\$
29 September	\$ 900.00	\$ 574.65	\$

Offerings now take into account payments paid directly into the Bank. September Evensong total \$106.40

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) Account Name St Matthew's Church Albury No 1 Account

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# THE ORGANIST ENTERTAINS!



# **Martin Setchell**

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Wednesday 13 November

5.30pm Pre-concert talk by Jenny Setchell "Computers, cameras and carbuncles - behind the scenes with a touring concert organist"

### 6pm ORGAN CONCERT

Tickets at the door: Pre-concert talk – no charge; **Concert \$20, under 18 years free.** 

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Daniel Bowen Trinity Anglican College Vice Captain and Proud mum Linda Dale



Pastoral Care Support Team Fr Colin Wellard and wife Robyn



Tuesday morning Eucharist group—Fr Peter, Ray Fietz, Sam Goddard, Mary McCallister, Iris Jackson-Jones and Angela Braybrooks



Wednesday Eucharist celebrating the Royal Baptism



2013 Probus Rendezvous Thanksgiving Service at St Matthews—John Ross, Shanul Sharma & David Luxon

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# St Matthew's Church Choir Presents A Service of Lessons & Carols Sunday 15 December at 5.00 pm at St Matthew's Church Kiewa Street Albury DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: JOHN ROSS ORGANIST: JOHN SCOTT RECTOR: THE VENERABLE PETER MACLEOD-MILLER. ARCHDEACON OF THE HUME

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## HUMOUR

Things that worry me......



Why do banks charge a fee on 'insufficient funds' when they know there is not enough money?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

Why do they use sterilized needles for death by lethal injection?

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?

Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?

Why is it that no matter what color bubble bath you use the bubbles are always white?

Is there ever a day that mattresses are not on sale?

Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator with hopes that something new to eat will have materialized?

Why do people keep running over a thread a dozen times with their vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it, then put it down to give the vacuum one more chance?

Why is it that no plastic bag will open from the end on your first try?

How do those dead bugs get into those enclosed light fixtures?

Why is it that whenever you attempt to catch something that's falling off the table you always manage to knock something else over?

In winter why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?

How come you never hear father-in-law jokes?

And my FAVORITE.....

The statistics on sanity is that one out of every four persons is suffering from some sort of mental illness. Think of your three best friends -- if they're okay, then it's you.

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## **ON THE RECORD**

## **Baptisms**

We welcome into Christ's family

6 October Benjamin John MILLER

Violet Jean MARTINS

13 October Lincoln Andrew DEAS

Stella Rose WARD

27 October Eliza Marlin Eleanor BELGRAVE

Xavier Charles LEE Chelsea Rae ZULJEVIC



## Weddings

We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony

19 September Ian HAMILTON & Kellie HARRISON



#### **Funerals**

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

27 September Nathaniel Rickards John HILLIER

10 October Caitlyn Eve HILL
14 October Betty Marietta LLOYD

16 October Nola DOWN

18 October 'Matt' Matthew Craig BOWND



## Years Mind — November

We pray for those whose anniversary falls at this time

Margaret EISENHAUER (3<sup>rd</sup>), Margaret KRIEGER (3<sup>rd</sup>), Nancy SNARE (8<sup>th</sup>), Aileen NICHOLS (10<sup>th</sup>), Henry Randal KOTHE (11<sup>th</sup>), Irene GIBBS (12<sup>th</sup>), Lola Edith Alice RICKETTS (13<sup>th</sup>), Mary LEMKE (15<sup>th</sup>), Harold Herbert MOREY (18<sup>th</sup>), Mary LORD (19<sup>th</sup>), Edna HUNICHEN (20<sup>th</sup>), David Bruce WHITE (23<sup>rd</sup>), Edward James STAR (23<sup>rd</sup>), 'Billie' Mary Alma NORMAN (24<sup>th</sup>), 'Jo' Mavis Joan BARRELL (26<sup>th</sup>), John KENNEDY (27<sup>th</sup>), ), Emma Adelaide SMITH (27<sup>th</sup>), Lester YENSCH (28<sup>th</sup>)

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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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