

Fr Peter writes :

Dear People of St Matthew's

Hark! the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King; Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled: Joyful all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies, With the angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem: Hark! the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King.



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88), George Whitfield (1714-70),

Martin Madan (1726-90) and William Hayman Cummings (1831-1915) Music: Mendelssohn, from a chorus by Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-47), adapted by William Hayman Cummings

Festive, Flat out and Fabulous

Too many cooks? Not when it comes to Christmas

The carol we now know as "Hark! the herald angels sing", like the best Christmas puddings was a real team effort with at least four people stirring in various ingredients to bring it to its current form. Wesley's original, written as a Christmas Day hymn was first published in 1739, but helped along by one of Wesley's fellow students George Whitfield and the tune emerging a century later from a cantata to celebrate the invention of the printing press.

Christmas is a time for everyone, good news "for all", and we well can say "by all". The St Matthew's Crisis Care Christmas Appeal is stocking full of ideas to help people in need.

Monster Car boot sale at Adamshurst, packing community Christmas hampers for people in need, carols, coffee and care for the Aged, are part of a Christmas package to be launched by Bishop John Parkes at our confirmation service on the feast of Christ the King. It is also stir up Sunday, traditionally a good day to make the Christmas pudding, and comes at a time when we have been considering our TTT Time Talent and Treasures and thinking how we can offer our best to pull together toward Christs mission locally and globally. Christmas for everyone is a theme of the month where everyone in Albury is invited to be part of someone else's Christmas. Schools and community members will have an opportunity to contribute to St Matthews Crisis Care Christmas where help for the homeless and those suffering isolation or mental health issues becomes part of everyone's Christmas message. At our confirmation service the choir of all ages with sing at the launch of the community appeal which calls for donations of essential and Christmas food items, money donations and sleeping bags for the homeless. Our Christmas Care Coffee Van set up at the front of St Matthews will fund food and emergency shelter for the homeless as part of our St Matthews Crisis Care Christmas Appeal. A number of Albury schools including Trinity Anglican College, Albury High, Scots and Victory have already been involved as well as Rotary, Masonic Lodge, local businesses, individuals and community organisations with the Christmas appeal and more help is needed to help St Matthews help the helpless.

Local businesses, individuals and community organisations are helping with the Christmas appeal and more help is needed to help St Matthews help the helpless. There will be a Christmas tree set up before the St Matthews Carols service, where all community organisations can be represented and loved ones can be remembered. And St Matthew's living nativity will be present at St Matthews Carols and for the rest of the Christmas period.

Our special services reach out to people of all ages and all are very welcome. Please bring your neighbours or family or suggest it to a friend and you won't be disappointed. If someone is in need or needs to be visited then that might be your Christmas message to St Matthews and the result will be an answer to prayer for them. Christmas and Good news for all, and joyfully by all.

Fr Peter

Twelve days of Christmas to help us help the homeless

13 th December	Youth Group & others – Putting up the Christmas, crib and Christmas tree
14 th December	Car boot sale at Adamshurst – 8.00am–12noon, (Bookings by 9th December)
15 th December	Carols and lessons – 5pm
16 th December	Packing the hampers - afternoon
17 th December	Deliver of hampers – all day
18 th December	Aged Service at 10.30am
	ACC Carols & St Matthews Living Nativity – 4-5pm
19 th December	Murray Gardens Carols – 11am
20 th December	Riverwood Carols – 10am
21 st December	Living Nativity Practice at St Matthews
22 nd December	Cathedral Carols service – 7pm
23 rd December	Living Nativity Practice at St Matthews
24 th December	4.00pm Toddler Crib Service
	6.00pm Family service
	10.30pm Carols followed by 11pm Midnight Mass
25 th December	Christmas – 8.30am (note change of time from 9am)



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Parish Fete This was a great success .**\$14,617.65** was raised. Thank you to everyone who donated goods to the various stalls. To Jenny Prince & Lyn Winnel and your helpers for organising and running the pet show .

To Essie & Ken Osborne for organising and selling the raffle tickets for the major raffle, and thank you to everyone who took books of tickets to sell .

Coffee cart. We now have a coffee van in the church grounds Monday to Friday mornings. Parish Council encourages you to come and buy a coffee. The owner of the van will be paying the church each month , so this is another means of income for us.

Youth Group Some of the youth group have been busy doing exams but they have been contributing to the work of the church in various ways

Anglican Food room October was a busy month. Angle & Barb have started getting food from the food bank.

The first order for 60 Christmas hampers has come in.

Car boot sale It was decided to hold a car boot sale on 14th Dec at Adamshurst.

Confirmation to be held on 24th November

Christmas Day Service to commence at 8.30 am. Please note change of time.

Flags for the Chapel. Greg Aplin has offered to donate a NSW flag & the Police Department will donate a Police flag.

Votive candle money box Someone has broken into the cash box. Ray our head verger is looking at ways to make the box more secure. As head verger, Ray does a lot of work including training the people in the sanctuary. It's a big commitment.

Air conditioning unit. The bellringers have purchased a unit for the bell tower. A vent has to be put into the wall before the unit can be used.

Finances Balance in the No 1 a/c at 31st October \$12870.40. By the end of 2014 we hope to have a balanced budget.

Talent Time & Treasure. Parish Council has decided to go ahead with this again. Please fill in the forms provided especially the yellow form as this will give us some indication of how much money should be coming each week. It will also assist the finance committee working out a budget for the coming year. Putting your name on the form is optional, so you can remain anonymous.

Kaye Kennedy <u>Secretary</u>



Sharing our Treasures

As the year draws to a close, we thought it timely to reflect on many of the things that happen at St Matthew's that benefit ourselves, the wider community, and add to the good fortune of those involved with St Matthew's. Firstly we would like to thank people for being involved in the Time, Talent and Treasure program, and committing



to sharing in the ongoing ministry of our church for another year. As the saying goes, *there is no 'l' in team,* and it is as we continue to work together we can reach out to others in the wider community.

Here is a reflection on some of the ways that we have been helped, or helped others throughout 2013 :

Fundraising for fire and flood relief

Daniel Kuzeff (fundraising to build houses for families in The Phillipines) Head Space and support for families of suicide victims

Music Foundation – has supported training and development of choir members, trebles, young people learning guitar and organ for the benefit of the whole church and community

Music ministry – choir, organists, pianists, organ recitals, support at funerals, concerts

Youth group 'sleep over' for the homeless – 80 bedding, toiletry and food packs put together for those in need

Bible Society Hymnfest

Relay for Life – concert and fundraising for cancer research

Church Fete and markets to raise money for ongoing ministry of the Church

- Food and Christmas hampers by the end of the year we will have given out over 500 food hampers, countless meals, blankets, pillows, toiletries, etc.
- Monster Garage Sale fundraising for homeless and ongoing ministry of the church

Involvement with 'Albury's Own' and establishment of the 'Armed Services' Chapel

Establishment of St Matthew's Albury Crisis Centre

These events take many hours of hard work and organization and we would like to thank each and every person involved for your assistance.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank St Matthew's Ministry Team and Pastoral Care Team who spend many hours each week ministering to those who are sick, housebound, grieving, in hospital, with mental health issues, or needing any sort of support. Whether in time or money, the way people give at St Matthew's makes Albury/ Wodonga a better place, and we particularly thank Fr Peter and Fr Alan for leading us, continually looking for ways to reach out to others, and reminding us to 'not just talk about it, but DO IT!' We look forward to continuing to work together and sharing God's love for the world in 2014.

Cathy Carden and the Finance Committee

Children's Church in November

Baptism was the subject of November Children's Church. A lifelike baby doll took centre stage, wearing a 100year old gown and bonnet. The theme was' Sharing God's Promises', where promises are made on behalf of an infant at baptism. The children were asked to choose a name for the 'baby', 'Mary Sarah' was chosen. Member of the congregation took the part of parents, Godparents, and the 'baby' was' baptised' by Rev. Maureen. The children were shown some objects which were 'symbols' we all understand, e.g. a cross, a rainbow, and a Macca's takeaway bag, and the children were shown how the symbol of water being central to all life ,as well as the oil, and candle at baptism are all symbols.

🛧 The action songs were all enjoyed, and 2 of the older girls assisted with the preparation 🛧

for communion. As is the custom now, all the

congregation received the elements in front of the children's altar.

One of the young children had a lovely little book

about Jesus with moveable pictures, Father

Peter shared with the congregation. Our proces-

sion was headed by Grace Horner then drinks and

 \bigstar flapjacks at the front of the church in perfect \bigstar spring weather.

★ Julie Scott Spokesperson for M.U St. Matthew's



Fete Treasures Stall

Much appreciation to all for the donation of goods to our treasure stall and a big thank you to the very hard workers on the day. Great efforts to Norma for your lovely crochet rug and the raffle ticket sales. To Joe and his team, thank you all for setting up our stall and trestles on the day. Thank you all once again.

MONTHLY OFFERINGS

Week	Planned Giving	Open Plate	Baptisms
6 October	\$1007.00	\$330.45	\$ 90.00
13 October	\$1472.00	\$506.30	\$144.55
20 October	\$1362.00	\$776.65	\$
27 October	\$1271.00	\$806.75	\$ 50.00

Offerings now take into account payments paid directly into the Bank. October Evensong total \$206.10

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 BSB 082 406 Account no. 17053 2923

Aged Care Christmas Service 2013

We are arranging an Aged Care Christmas Service for residents of the Aged Care Facilities where we conduct services during the year and want to include as many people living in the community as well. This will be a shorter service, suitable for those unable to sit for too long.

If you know of anyone who, through lack of mobility, frailty or difficulty with transport is unable to attend church regularly, would you please consider inviting them, bringing them and supporting them on the day, alternatively would you let Deb know in the office and we will try and arrange to get them there.

The date is Wednesday, 18th December at 10.30 at St. Matthew's Church, and morning tea will be served following the service.

🛐 Carol Read

RELAY FOR LIFE - ST. MATTHEW'S ANGELS

RAISED \$6335.00 !

Thankyou to everyone who participated!

To Robbo' who was our' Miss Relay' entrant

To everyone who donated to this worthy cause.

Thankyou to the people who set up and pulled down our camp site. To everyone who supplied food and drinks, thankyou. When most of you were all warm! and cosy in your beds, I was walking during the early

hours, and it was very cold.!

This year's relay raised \$450,000, and there were more participants. Kaye Kennedy



<u>MEN'S GROUP</u> <u>REPORT</u>

The Men's Group had a breakfast on Saturday 9th November, and 25 men, Rev. Alan Kelb included, attended. The cooks were John Martin and Joe Nesbit. Cereals and eggs bacon and sausage and baked beans made for a great meal! A good gathering of men had an excellent time of fellowship.

The next breakfast will be at the Church of God in Lavington (TBA) Graeme Scott Secretary



November Men's breakfast at Rectory



St Matthew's Monster CAR BOOT Sale

at ADAMSHURST 603 David Street Albury December 14th ⁸ am -12 pm GOLD COIN DONATION AT THE FRONT GATE TOWARDS

ST MATTHEW'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

COME ALONG AND FIND SOME GREAT BARGAINS

EXPRESSO COFFEE VAN , BBQ, Vintage Clothing , Baby Items, Car Parts, Furniture , Bric a Brac, Handmade Goodies, Books , Plants , toys



St Matthew's Monster CAR BOOT Sale

at ADAMSHURST 603 David street Albury

December 14th 8 am -12 pm

\$20.00 per car ... Bring along your treasures and make some money for Christmas

Payment must be made by Monday December 9th at St Matthew's Office (next to the Church) Positions will be allocated , book early to secure a spot

SCHOOL SCRIPTURE 'SRE' Special Religious Education



SRE does still exist in our Albury schools, however we need your **prayer** and **support** to keep this valuable mission going. Volunteers are required so every class in every school will have a scripture teacher in Albury.

The reason I teach SRE is because God helps and Blesses me in this task with good support and resources. Children just embrace it.

Our SRE Area coordinator is **Hazel Hawkins PH:60256750** for any inquiries. Any help is good help, thanking you, Hazel Colclough St Matthews 'All the fun of the fete'













Music Foundation—teachers, musicians and scholars



Music—Culcairn Country Music Club making a donation for homeless





YOUTH REPORT Youth rules Ok ? ...with a bit of Help

Malala Yousafzai the young Pakistani girl who was shot by the Taliban said "One Child, One Teacher, One Pen and One Book can change the world", it makes you think of the opportunities and fortune that a good educational background can give you. But unlike Australia, the educational systems around the world do not provide the same opportunities or fortunes that we might expect. It seems a good time to take up the challenge, and jump in the deep end, and actually trying to do something about it myself.

I was given such an opportunity by my university through my current degree to apply the skills that I have learnt practically to make a change. I will be going back to India for a month in January with 40 other Australian students as part of a Social Impact project organized by an Australian organization called 40K Group. In India, I will be staying with 7 of those 40 students in a tiny village called Dodda Gubbi (while the other students would be located in villages around us) just outside the 'IT hub of the world' Bangalore, as we figure out ways in which we could help those communities.

Community development!!

It is guite ironic that just a few minutes drive from the globalised city of Bangalore and its 'IT' glory, that we have a village that has been subjected to neglect on part of the government and in part by the wider world community. This project trialling in Bangalore could be applied to projects anywhere in the world including communities within Australia with just slight modifications to suit local aspects. **Snapshot of the action** The students come from across Australian Universities who are willing to get their hands dirty (as the 40K website describes), Our objective is to create a (Social) Business, one which derives profit which is trickled down to the community directly, without administrative hassle because we handover the project to them once its complete. This Business could be doing anything legal but must be profitable to sustain our next objective, 40K Plus pods. These pods are unique tools that use tablets designed to engage local children to gain Numeracy and English skills, each Australian student participating in the program also has to deliver a unique teaching module to the kids studying at the pod to help them better their skills. The kids who come to these pods are some of the most underprivileged children in the world, their parents work in the local quarry mines (that supports Bangalore's booming infrastructure) and are paid under \$2 a day. Imagine supporting yourself and your child's education on that minimal income ??? This program ensures that they don't miss out on opportunities because they can't speak English. From personal experiencel know without education there would be no escape from the circle of poverty. The most dangerous question "-with an opportunity and I pad what would Jesus do ?"

Education in India is quite prohibitive to some and only comes down to either merit (scholarships) or money, Unlike Australia where ordinary students can HECS their fees, the Indian system has no such benefits in place and the students have to either pay upfront or not study at all!!!!, no matter how much you desire to do so. 40K plus pods are currently being subsidised by donations (I would like to call these 'a helping hand') and funding from governmental grants but the aim is to provide **self funded programs** and cash flows that can be related to future expansions. The Australia-India helping hand arrangement especially for Anglicans has a historical connection. **Many forget that Australia was part of the diocese of Calcutta.**This project is great for young Christian students like me because it ensures that we could also have greater economic and mission co-operation between the two countries towards the future.

Helping others to help themselves!!! We need your help NOW , can you make it part of your personal or congregation mission to support the foundation and its objectives. The project itself will

be active in the coming few months, however there will be need for start-up money and also to support the communities in their times of hardship. Every dollar in India goes a long way, and each dollar you give is deductible from the taxman. A \$1000 will support a school teacher for a year and \$20 for the books and other supplies for the kids. We are essentially a rural diocese and together we can change the lives of poor rural children in India to give them a totally different future. It could be a new year's resolution but what's really needed is not yet another a strategic plan for the filing cabinet, but like the best Anglican Pizza- Faith base and an Action Topping think about it, pray about it, and let's do it together.

If you want to know more about 40K here is the website http://40k.com.au/about/ You can contact

HUMOUR.....

In a small Southern town there was a "Nativity Scene" that showed great skill and talent had gone into creating it. One small feature bothered me. The three wise men were wearing firemen's helmets. Totally unable to come up with a reason or explanation, I left.

At a "Quick Stop" on the edge of town, I asked the lady behind the counter about the helmets. She exploded into a rage, yelling at me, "You Yankees never do read the Bible!" I assured her that I did, but simply couldn't recall anything about firemen in the Bible.

She jerked her Bible from behind the counter and ruffled through some pages, and finally jabbed her finger at a passage. Sticking it in my face she said, "See, it says right here, **'The three wise men came from afar.''**

What would have happened if it had been three wise women instead of three wise men?

- 1. They would have asked directions...
- 2 They would have arrived on time....
- 3 helped deliver the baby....
- 4 cleaned the stable...
- 5 brought practical gilts...
- 6 and made a casserole !

NEWSPAPER HEADLINE BLOOPERS-

- include your children when baking cookies
- Something went wrong in jet crash
- experts says police begin campaign to run down jaywalkers
- safety experts say that school bus passengers should be belted
- Drunk gets nine months in violin case
- Survivor of Siamese twins joins parents
- Miners refuse to work after death
- Juvenile Court to try shooting defendant
- Two Soviet ships collide, one dies
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- Astronaut takes blame for gas in spacecraft



ON THE RECORD

Baptisms

We welcome into Christ's family3 NovemberBlake Alexander FREIJAH
Aliana Marion PEARCE

Weddings

We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony27 OctoberElio DORIA & Nicole Anne STAPLETON2 NovemberDavid George BENYON & Candice Lee FULFORD





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

4 November 9 November 15 November 19 November

Helen Georgina TRAVAŠSÁROS Norma CARRINGTON r Ivy Maree DUNLOP r Joan Matilda HODGE



Confirmation & Reception into the Anglican Church

We welcome into Christ's family

William Henry EVANS, Harriett Frances EVANS, Sarah Emily HORNER, Grace Amy HORNER, 'Jan' Eileen Janette KING, Ronan Craig KRUGER, Lachlan George McEACHERN, Shem Matthew Gerard VESELY, Andraya Elspeth Grace VESELY and Sandra BOBISCH

Years Mind — December & January

We pray for those whose anniversary falls at this time December –

[']Joan' Marjorie Joan FYFE (4th), Bert WINSTANLEY (4th), Alan Barton FOSTER (6th), Shirley-Ellen TUCKER (7th), Gerald DIGBY (10th), 'Wally' Walter Alfred MORAS (11th), George JARDINE (13th), Emily GLANVILLE (15th), Ivan Rex PIKE (15th), Stella Apphia POWELL (15th), Kathleen JARDINE (15th), Betty Lorraine SULLIVAN (16th), 'Max' Maxwell Isaac JONES (19th), Clifford Harold MOREY (21st), Dolly YEOMANS (21st), 'Roddy' Roderick Broun DAVIES (22nd), Irene BREY (23rd), Maria WHITE (24th), Annie BROOKS (26th), 'Ron' Ronald BRADDY (27th), 'Dick' Albert Alan EISENHAUER (29th), Shirley BOWTELL (29th), 'Fred' Sidney Frederick THORMAN (30th), 'Harry' Henry Samuel DYE (30th).

<u>Janúary –</u>

Bonnie DUGAN (2nd), Dorothy Jean STORES (2nd), Shirley RUTHERFORD (3rd), William Hamilton LESTER (4th), Olive WILSON (5th), Eric COLEMAN (7th), Clarence Leonard RICHARDSON (9th), Frank BLACK (9th), Kevin CURNOW (Priest)(9th), Harold SCHNELLE (12th), Ilma LESTER (12th), 'Les' Leslie BLEASDALE (13th), Belle SHORT (16th), Henry HODGSON (17th), Shirley BULLIVANT (17th), Reginald PIPER (19th), Viva GABRIEL (20th), David DUNWOODIE (20th), Dorothy HEPPNER (20th), George EISEN-HAUER (21st), Jean Roberta HABERECHT (21st), John Lester ROACH (21st), Bernard Joseph STORES (22rd), Elsie Evelyn FORBES (25th), Colleen SAMPSON (28th)







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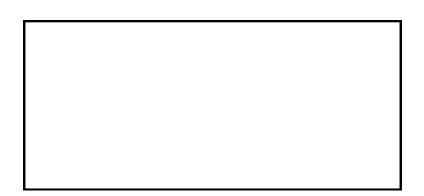
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