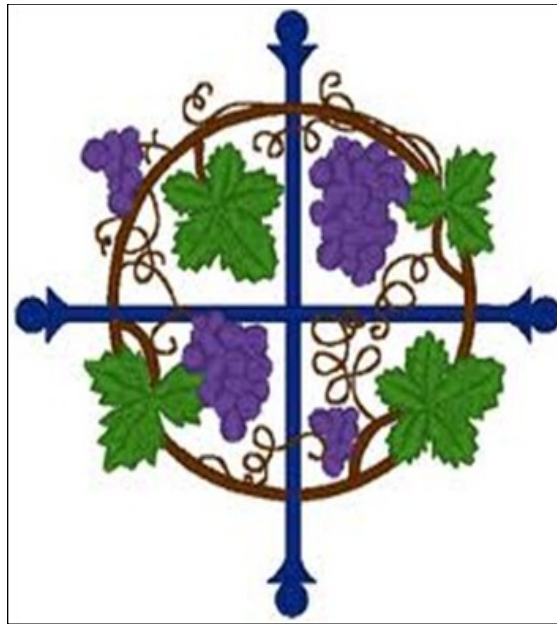


# ST MATTHEW'S GRAPEVINE



**PARISH OF ALBURY**

**MARCH 2014**

Fr Peter writes :

*Dear People of St Matthew's*

*Forty days and forty nights  
Thou wast fasting in the wild;  
Forty days and forty nights  
Tempted, and yet undefiled.*

*So shall we have peace divine:  
Holier gladness ours shall be;  
Round us, too, shall angels shine,  
Such as ministered to Thee.*

*Keep, O keep us, Savior dear,  
Ever constant by Thy side;  
That with Thee we may appear  
At the eternal Eastertide*



“Lent” coming from an Anglo Saxon word for “spring” is a time of renewal and spiritual exercise akin to a spiritual gym programme, our lent lectures of Sundays and Tuesday are intended to stretch and challenge. The inner revolution is matched by continuing changes in the St Matthews garden, pastoral care, music ministry, youth and outreach providing more opportunities for engagement and ministry to the people of Albury.

**Big love big changes!**

**Shrove Tuesday pancakes in St Matthews's garden at 6pm** joining with St Davids Uniting congregation with Gold coin donation

**Ash Wednesday** – 5<sup>th</sup> March, with services at 10.30am and 6.00pm.

The Sundays of lent at 9am will look at practical applications locally and globally of “**Love without borders**” and the first Sunday of lent St Matthews welcomes the Wiradjuri Council of Elders.

**Lent: love without Borders** I am pleased to say that lent is an opportunity to make big changes for the better and grateful to St David's Uniting church and Rev Christine Moimoi and her congregation for a growing partnership in ministry.

We all remember the bad old days when different denominations hid from each other behind different prayer books and in different buildings and all suspecting each others buildings to fall down if we entered. I have been stunned at the way we have been able to sing from the same sheet in important areas of homeless

Aunty Nancy Rooke and Robyne Slade  
outside the church



and mental health and recently over women's health and privacy making a very effective contribution to a community conversation.

**"Film and Food for thought"**. This lent will share Tuesday nights "lite Lenten bite" at 6pm (fishcake or quiche and salad with gluten free options) followed by a classic film on a Christian theme at 6.30 pm in the Ballroom at Adamshurst and a short sheet to get some Lenten thinking started.



Reverend Christine Moimoi & Fr Peter

**Bringing the Harvest Home** in Albury.

The last Sunday before Lent sees a something **more** than a traditional harvest festival with a happy marriage of tradition and children's family service that combines choral high mass with children's action songs. The corporate making of a harvest loaf, and animals during the service, Chickens were perched on hay bales next to the pulpit "thankfulness" theme bringing up food to the altar and distributed to needy individuals and families through "St Matthews Anglicare food room".

What a great way to begin Holy week "Stainers Crucifixion" – 12<sup>th</sup> April, Saturday night before Palm Sunday with special soloists and a "come and sing congregation".

Pews, incense and Pastoral care, God deals with us as whole people, and sometimes we have real bodily concerns that effect our life together, thanks to all those who take the time to mention ways on which we can care in practical ways .we are responding by trialling padded additions to our pews for greater comfort, please try one out and let us know what you think,

Incense causes a problem for some so once a month, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday we are a "smoke free zone" there are also other concerns that might be raised and we will do our best to respond in a way that helps all of us.

Another **monster car boot** and garage sale – 8<sup>th</sup> March to help us help the homeless, starting at 8am to 12noon.

Upcoming **Concerts and music** – 22<sup>nd</sup> March is the Invenio Singers, and 29<sup>th</sup> March there will be a Gospel Choirs concert.

Get it together –fellowship opportunities, **men's breakfast** - 1<sup>st</sup> March (St Marks), 5<sup>th</sup> April (St Matthews).

Lent donations for 2014 will be to the wellness centre for local cancer relief and youth opportunity, there might be an opportunity during morning teas to give a small donation, there is a little band of people producing Sunday morning scones, you might like to donate SR flour or sugar, jam or anything else. You might even like to help at the Rectory before church 8am, give Essie a call and she will give you clear directions.

*Fr Peter*

## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

**This will be the last report from the current Parish Council.**

**Safety Issues.** A sensor light has been installed in the outdoor toilets.

**Rectory.** When Fr Peter moves to Adamshurst the rectory will then revert back to being used for Parish activities. Parish Council is considering putting someone in as a caretaker. This person would live upstairs. We are also considering putting an op shop in the old library, which would be opened probably Fridays and Saturday mornings. The back room would be used for church group meetings.

**Lights in the Church.** New lights were installed in the choir gallery. To prolong their use, the electrician has advised that they not be turned on for a few minutes, then turned off, which shortens their life span, but to leave them on until you have finished.

**Lent talks.** Fr Peter is talking to several people asking them to speak on Sunday mornings during Lent. On the Tuesday's during Lent he hopes to show classic films.

**Skirting boards** These are nearly ready to be put back.

**Finances.** Funds available in the no 1 a/c at 31<sup>st</sup> Jan \$19148.82 add transfer of funds from No2 a/c (previously term deposit) \$5000. Plus funds transfer from Highgrove \$8,000, less cheques to be paid \$26232.66. Funds available \$5916.16.

Cathy Carden was thanked for all the work she had done during the past year as treasurer.

**Youth Group** Matthew-Paul Fowler along with the other members of the Youth committee have put together a programme for the youth.

**Anglican Food Room** 24 hampers were distributed during January and 254 packs of mince were received.

**Noticeboard.** Considering looking at a magnetic sign. The present notices are causing a lot of frustration.

**Parish Fete** will be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October—more details later

*Kaye Kennedy* **Secretary**

## MONTHLY OFFERINGS

<u>Week</u>	<u>Planned Giving</u>	<u>Open Plate</u>	<u>Baptisms</u>
5 January	\$ 745.00	\$816.35	\$123.60
12 January	\$ 790.00	\$575.70	\$ 50.00
19 January	\$1807.00	\$789.55	
26 January	\$ 640.00	\$674.60	

### **NOTE THIS MONTH**

*Offerings paid directly into the Bank have not been taken into account.*

*No Evensong in January*

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



# PANCAKE NIGHT

## Come and enjoy some yummy pancakes and fellowship!

### Tuesday 4th MARCH

### from 6 pm in rectory gardens

#### Hot & cold fillings

(Please bring last year's palm cross to burn for Ash Wednesday)

### Gold coin donation per person

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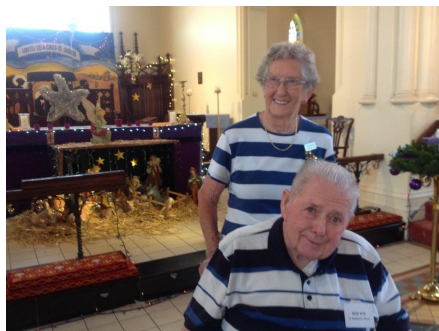


# K I S CHURCH Children's Church in February

'Love hearts' were the order of the day on 16th February,  
 2 days after Valentine's Day! Theme; 'Love one another as God loves you'!  
 The church was decorated with pink hearts with appropriate bible verses on them. The church was alive with 29 children of all ages, their parents and grandparents, we all enjoyed singing some great new action songs! Tom Summerfield, under David Luxon's direction played some of the songs. Father Peter asked the children about what it means to give a 'heart' to someone, and chocolate hearts were given to each child to give to a parent or grandparent from a cute little heart-shaped box with teddy bears on it. Father Peter expanded on what it means to offer our love to someone, in this case, parents or carers, that is, being co-operative and helpful to our loved ones. Sarah Horner read the short reading for the day. Red heart fridge magnets with the message 'treat others as you would like to be treated' were also given to the children, one to a family, to keep handy on the fridge, to remind us all of this all-important message! Some young adults from the youth group were available to read out questions from the 'preparation for Communion' part of the service sheet, several of the older children helped prepare the children's altar for Communion. As usual, all the children came up for a blessing, and the parents took Communion at the top of the aisle in an informal way. With 2 crucifers, our 'All things bright and beautiful' procession was an impressive affair, and at the final blessing Fr. Peter had to speak loudly over the happy din of returning the instruments to the box! Iced cordial, tea and coffee, flap-jacks, and scones were enjoyed after the service, and the kids loved playing chasey around the maze and the gardens in **general**.  
*Julie Scott, Children's Church spokesperson for M.U. Albury.*



Some of the Children's Church children in the maze after the February service



Bob and Thelma Bye



M. U. AUSTRALIA  
**L A D Y D A Y**

**Tue. 25th March**

**HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL WANGARATTA**

**HOLY EUCHARIST 11AM**

*Celebrant* : Bp. John Parkes

**GUEST SPEAKER** : Dr. Pauline Glover

\$5 donation to ABM.

**B.Y O. own lunch**

*Thankyou !* Following my recent knee operation, my grateful thanks to Father Peter, who anointed me, and to Rev Maureen and to the many parishioners who prayed for me and wished me well. It made an enormous difference and I feel truly blessed.

*Angela Braybrooks*

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

**7th March, 10 AM,**

**St. Patrick's Church**

**ALBURY**



**MEDITATION**  
**The Hard Sayings of Jesus (2)**

**“But many that are first will be last, and the last first” (St Mark 10:31)**

The Pharisees were regarded as among the most holy and pious members of the Jewish nation. They believed that this was a correct assessment of their life. In a parable of Jesus (The Pharisee and the Tax Gatherer – St Luke 18: 10-14) – the Pharisee prays “God, I thank you that I am not like other men...I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.” Jesus remarks however of the Pharisees, “on the outside you appear as righteous, but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness”. (St Matthew 23: 27-28) Why would He say this ? Theirs was the sin of pride and pride is not the first of the Seven Deadly Sins for nothing. The Pharisees observed with exactitude, the Law which had been built up from The Ten Commandments over centuries. For example, in order to keep the Sabbath Day holy (4<sup>th</sup> Commandment) it was necessary to observe over 1000 rules and regulations! Again of the Pharisees Jesus said, “you neglect the more important matters of the Law – justice, mercy, and faithfulness”. (St Matthew 23: 23-24)

Jesus then, condemns the Pharisees because of their pride in themselves. For us today, pride can be a barrier between ourselves and Our Heavenly Father. Our abilities, our achievements, our position in society or our living standards can blind us to the fact that these aspects of our life are gifts from God and are to be used in His service. They are a blessing as they can benefit not only ourselves, but others too. They must not however, become a barrier through pride, to our relationship with Our Heavenly Father. We need to acknowledge that they come from Him. We must not assume then, that the chief places in the Kingdom of God have been guaranteed for those who boast they have given up much to follow Jesus.

It is possible to take pride in one's self-denial and feel that by this means we have established a special claim on God. There will be some surprises in the Kingdom of God. Those who have been very prominent in this world may have to be very humble in the next; those who have not been noticed here may well be prominent in the world to come. The standards of heaven are not necessarily the standards of earth. Earth's first may be last and the last may be first. Jesus said, “love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and love your neighbour as yourself...there is no commandment greater than these”. (St Mark Ch: 12: Vs 29-34)

*Reverend Colin Wellard*

**St. Matthew's Parish**  
**A.G.M**  
(Straight after 9am service)  
**Sunday 2nd March 2014**





St Matthew's Monster GARAGE Sale and  
CAR BOOT Sale  
at ADAMSHURST  
603 David Street Albury

Saturday March 8th  
8 am -12 pm

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

Payment must be made by Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at St  
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St Matthew's Village Christmas Party—  
committee members.



Carol, Rev'd Maureen, Rev'd Heather and  
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Bell ringing Master Jim Jefferies with his wife  
Mavis



Vicki, Val, Annie and Sandra after a service



John, Oliver with Hans Uwe Hielscher after his  
Organ Recital

# H U M O U R

One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a Well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do.

Finally, he decided the animal was old, and the well needed to be covered up anyway; it just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey.



He invited all his neighbors to come over and help him. They all grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well. At first, the donkey realized what was happening and cried horribly. Then, to everyone's amazement he quieted down.

A few shovel loads later, the farmer finally looked down the well. He was astonished at what he saw. With each shovel of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something amazing. he would shake it off and take a step up.

As the farmer's neighbors continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, he would shake it off and take a step up.

Pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and happily trotted off!

Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick to getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a steppingstone. We can get out of the deepest wells just by not stopping, never giving up! Shake it off and take a step up.

**Remember the five simple rules to be happy:**

**Free your heart from hatred - Forgive.  
Free your mind from worries - Most never happen.  
Live simply and appreciate what you have.  
Give more.  
Expect less  
NOW .....**

Enough of that . . . The donkey later came back, and bit the farmer who had tried to bury him.  
The gash from the bite got infected and  
The farmer eventually died in agony from septic shock.



## **MORAL FROM TODAY'S LESSON:**

When you do something wrong, and try to cover your ass, it always comes back to bite you.!

## Baptisms

*We welcome into Christ's family*

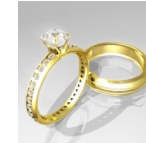
2 February	Harrison Blake SELL
9 February	Lucas Don YOUNGER
23 February	Aria Lily MOUNT
	Abbigayl Josalynn BLAZELY-FOX



## Weddings

*We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony*

21 December	Alexander George HAWKE & Amelia Julija McMANNUS
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## Funerals

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

30 January	'Bill' William Stanley MERRIMAN
5 February	Johannes Reinhard Wilhelm BEIER
10 February	Gordon Ross OSMAND
16 February	Elizabeth LESLIE



## Years Mind – February

*We pray for those whose anniversary falls at this time*

'Jim' James Charles EVANS (2<sup>nd</sup>), Benjamin PARKER (3<sup>rd</sup>), James Roy MONK (3<sup>rd</sup>), Joan THOMAS (5<sup>th</sup>), Gwen Elizabeth McDONALD (5<sup>th</sup>), Jeff HOLLAND (6<sup>th</sup>), Penny SNELL (6<sup>th</sup>), Aimee Lea KOEHLER (7<sup>th</sup>), Michael HEALY (8<sup>th</sup>), Gloria CORBAN (11<sup>th</sup>), Phyllis STEPHENS (12<sup>th</sup>), Henry KNOBLE (13<sup>th</sup>), Minnie EISENHAUER (13<sup>th</sup>), Sr Clare (13<sup>th</sup>), Joanne Lesley NESBIT (14<sup>th</sup>), Roy WINSTANLEY (17<sup>th</sup>), Allan Keith MOREY (22<sup>nd</sup>), Frank GIBBS (23<sup>rd</sup>), 'Doll' Dorothy WEIDNER (23<sup>rd</sup>), Leonard LEMKE (26<sup>th</sup>), Mildred WINSTANLEY (28<sup>th</sup>), Frank HARDY (30<sup>th</sup>), Nita KLOSE (30<sup>th</sup>), Brian Marcus CLIFF (30<sup>th</sup>), Joan DAVIS (31<sup>st</sup>)

### **Message from Fr Alan and Lee Kelb.**

*Thankyou for your support, kindness and generosity shown to us throughout significant times at St Matthews, your thoughtfulness in particular my ordination, birth of our first grandchild and family illness and during the bereavement of after the death of Lee's father has been appreciated..*

*We look forward to continuing our ministry within the parish*





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#### **Weekdays**

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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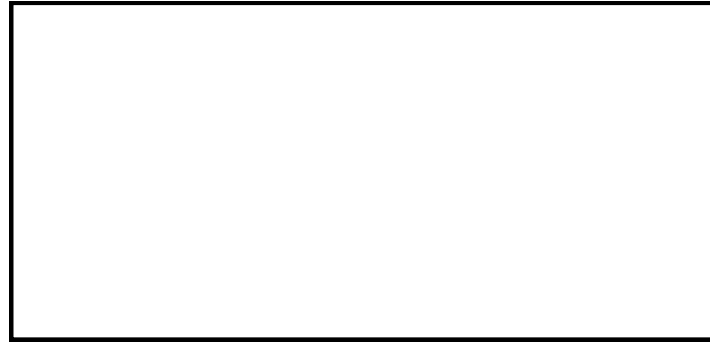
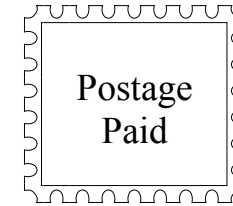
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