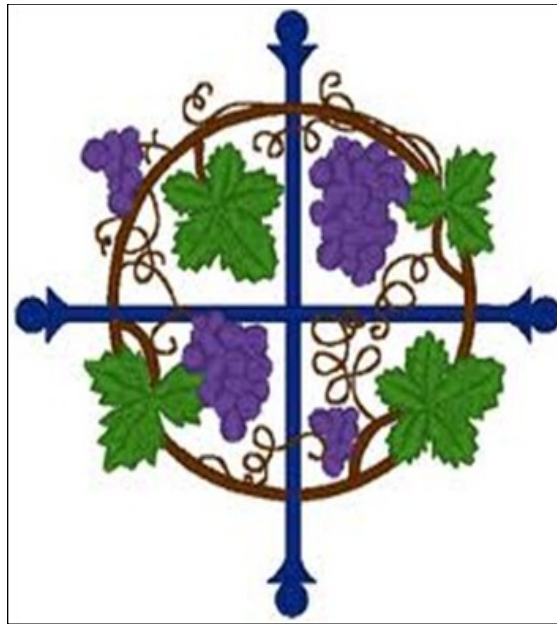


ST MATTHEW'S GRAPEVINE



PARISH OF ALBURY

APRIL, 2014

Fr Peter writes :

Dear People of St Matthew's

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.*

Refrain:

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.*

*Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness, hymns of triumph
sing;
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.
Refrain*

*No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. Refrain*



Former parishioner Max Barry, and Fr Peter

Edmond L. Budry wrote "A Toi la Gloire," "Thine Be the Glory," in 1884, after the death of his first wife. "Conquering Son" is a fitting military title Jesus whose resurrection we celebrate each Sunday, and not just on Easter day. Stanza 3 asks that this conquering hero will also help us fight our greatest enemies, failures challenges and disappointments—even death. Death is here compared to the Jordan River, which the ancient Israelites in their 40 years of wandering in the wilderness, had to cross before they could finally settle in the Promised Land. Thine be the Glory is sung to one of only three hymn tunes written by Handel and first was published in its current form in 1933 designed for youth hymn singing for a generation marked by the losses of the great war .

This year **Holy week and Anzac day commemorations are wedded together** inconveniently, but this great hymn sings to both, a battle done and in the hope of peace As Dion, a regular St Matthews has reminded me that -

Anglicans are a bit like Anzac biscuits-Well rounded but a bit rough around the edges!!!

The civic Anzac field of remembrance is set up in the St Matthews chapel of honour this year due to the construction work in QE II Square and after great public appreciation of the last remembrance day service held in the comfort and dignity of the church rather than outside in the weather.

Lent comes from a word meaning "spring" and for many it is a time of interior gardening, weeding out those thoughts and practices that aren't beneficial and allowing room for new life to grow.

It has been a time of growing together with the Uniting and Anglican parishes using the medium of Film to ask some Lenten questions, also a time of sharing in being with each other sharing facilities, hospitality and faith.

Sharing the Love: Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the stable, Simpsons donkey, the donkey at Bethlehem and the donkeys of Palm Sunday are all rolled into one, with the "Ag Plot" at a local school providing a regular haven, and the donkeys being creatively used by teachers to engage local children, some of whom find regular classes challenging.

Donkeys are getting ready for Palm Sunday and a spell back at St Matthews and in the Palm Sunday stable when the internal doors are removed from the southern porch and it becomes a Palm Sunday interactive, child friendly tableau, Easter day will team with real life with chicks and rabbits welcome to join in the service.

The Sunday before lent we decided to keep as **harvest** so we don't lose the great Anglican harvest traditions forged in other hemispheres, seeing the church decorated with scare crows, great sheaves of corn and donations of food and sleeping bags brought to the altar for St Matthews crisis care to assist the homeless.

Our choir, organists and music scholars – (about 45 in total) thrilled the packed church with a multi part multi instrumental musical offering from the Lady Chapel – with the theme that we all have a role to play in Gods harvest.

“Green tips for spiritual springs a few words from the St Matthew Garden !!!!”

Seed time and harvest ? garden enthusiasts will know that this is “**P time**” poppies, primula's, pansy's and polyanthus. And a few S's –snap dragons and stocks. Put in poppy seeds on Anzac Day for remembrance flowering. And if we are thinking about church Spires – foxgloves, larkspur and delphiniums for a inspirational spring flowering.

Stop press!!!! Confirmation opportunity

7th of December - 2nd Sunday of Advent at 9am please see a member of our ministry team for details or contact the office

Thankyou to scores of people as part of the St Matthews family and friends who joined our **Dragon Boat team** raising money and awareness for those living with cancer.

It was marvellous to see parents and children, the youth group sanctuary and bellringing team, choir and parishioners participating and cheering each other on and a wonderful community witness in the area of social engagement.

Petitions, politics and practical love and social justice

Good Samaritans running to help while others are running for cover

This month St Matthews has continued to be a focus for community concerns hosting the Petition for Privacy which is at the heart of the debate on **freedom of speech** and **freedom from intimidation and in support of community campaigners for public health and welfare Dr Pieter Mourik, St Matthews women's health champion Susie Reid and Dr Rebecca McGowan.** The action meeting have also been hosted at St Matthews and over 5000 signatures collected, many thanks to so many who have thrown themselves into the battle when they might, as so many politicians have done, run for cover and furiously handballing community concerns to others.

A cut above: A close shave revealing what Christian love is made of Fr Allan Kelb's sermon on the transfiguration coincided with a week of “shave for a cure” starting with many St Matthews parishioners supporting one of our choir members (and music scholar) Andraya Vesely who had 15 years of hair growth shaved off at Trinity Anglican College to raise money and awareness for cancer support an research .the Sunday sermon was graphically illustrated with Chaplain Charles Vesley's shining pate and later joined by choir member Olwen Steele's raising a few thousand dollars and an enormous amount of awareness in the area of cancer support.

“Hedging” your BEST. Congratulations to St Matthews's overseas liturgical advisor, friend and recent visitor, and preacher, Canon Jane Hedges, Subdean of Westminster who has been announced as the next Dean of Norwich with her induction in June.

Breaking news also with the announcement of the Rec Ken Goodge of Caloundra as the next Dean of Wangaratta.

Fr Peter

The Resurrection Countdown—'to hell and back'

Saturday 12th April	Stainer's Crucifixion Community regional performance with soloists including Opera Australia at 7.30pm
Sunday 13th April	Palm Sunday family service with donkeys and palm blessing at 9am
Monday 14th April, Tuesday 15th April and Wednesday 16th April – Compline - simple meditative holy week night prayer at 6.00pm	
Tuesday 15th April	Chrism Mass at the Cathedral at 11.00am
Tuesday 15th April	Opening of Anzac field of remembrance at St Matthews at 2.00pm
Thursday 17th April	Maundy Thursday – Eucharist with washings and stripping of Altar at 7.00pm
Friday 18th April	Good Friday – Passion hymns and Readings at 9.00am, followed by 10.30am Walking of the Stations of the Cross starting at St Marks.
Sunday 20th April	Easter Day – one service at 9.00am with Baptisms
Friday 25th April	Anzac Day

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Fr Peter welcomed the new parish councillors members, Jane and David Atkinson and Jenny Prince.

Kaye Kennedy was nominated as secretary

At the Parish Council meeting the position of Treasurer was still vacant. Cathy Carden will continue with the assistance of Ken Curnow as treasurer until another one is appointed. Cathy has resigned from this position, so is hoping someone else will take on the role.

Parish Centre It has been decided that we will not be going ahead with a new parish centre. There is no room for car parks, unless we were to put them underground which would cost a fortune. We don't want to go into debt. Every avenue has been explored.

Website Need to look at ways we can improve our website. Perhaps change the photo of St Matthew's, include a calendar, the names of Parish Council members.

Pastoral Care. Jenny Prince and Lyn Winnel have been asked to help with the singing at the Lutheran Homes.

Anglican Food Room 30 bags of food handed out in February, 12 care packs valued at \$12 each given to students at CSU. Fr Peter hands out meals everyday.

Treasurer's Report Received another \$10,000 for the music foundation.

Available funds in No 1 a/c at 28th Feb \$10,265.63 add transfer of monies \$5,000 from No. 2 a/c and \$7,000 from High grove Less a/cs to be paid \$20,248.86 balance \$2016.77

Available funds in No. 2 a/c \$121,849.07 less transfer of \$5,000 to No. 1 a/c less a/cs to be paid \$1702.64 net funds proposed \$115,146.43

Kaye Kennedy Secretary

BRIEF REPORT FROM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

There were 62 people at the meeting. Thank you to everyone who printed their name when signing in, it makes it so much easier for me to type up the attendance list. There were a number of apologies.

Fr Peter's Report It has been an amazing and productive year. He thanked everyone, the wardens, councillors and all the organisations. Have done things we didn't plan to do. He thanked us being challenging, for our contribution and making his life easy.

Treasurer's report.

Cathy told the meeting that the reports had not been audited in time for the meeting. But in the past six months the finances have improved. She thanked the wardens, finance committee, fete committee, Fr Peter and Fr Alan. Fund raising efforts have given us a stronger bond with each other.

Cathy announced that she was stepping down as treasurer. We do have our book keeper Cate, whose work is important as is the treasurers.

Auditor It was moved that we call for tenders for an auditor.

Wardens Vicki Chick is Fr Peter's warden, the people's wardens are Joe Nesbit and Ken Curnow.

Councillors It was decided that we would have 12 councillors David Atkinson, Jane Atkinson, Angie Barney, Cathy Carden, Robyn Gibbs, Kaye Kennedy, Jenny Prince, Carol Read, John Satchell, Robyne Slade, Stephanie Stephenson, Kay West.

Fr Peter has asked Ray Fietz (Head Verger) to attend the meetings as an observer.

Parochial Nominators are Angela Braybrooks, Joe Nesbit and Robyne Slade

Lay Synod Reps are Angela Braybrooks, Kaye Kennedy and Robyne Slade. The supplementary reps are Robyn Gibbs and Carol Read.

Parish Centre It has been decided not to go ahead with the purchase of Bellbridge's. It would cost a fortune to do up. We need to look at what land we have. Hope to sell the land behind the church. We have received a valuation for it. Albury City is keen to buy it but after the completion of the Art Gallery.

We don't want to spend money on a new centre and not make anything out of it..

Looking at turning the library into an op shop and probably open it a couple of days a week. The long term plan is to buy a shop and use it as an op shop.

Conclusion Fr Peter said it is the happiest he has ever been, the wonderful venture we are being part. He encouraged us to speak up. He thanked us for our prayerfulness and willingness, the best is yet to come.

Kaye Kennedy **Secretary**

JAMES MITCHELL DESCENDANTS



Sally Huxtable, baby Daisy & Jackie Dunn



Sandra MacLeod-Miller with Honor Auchinleck



Children's Church in March 2014

The theme for this day was "Getting ready for Easter", and Fr. Peter who took the service, talked about the events around Easter, bunnies, Easter eggs, but how Jesus and others around him felt about his coming death, and showed the children a crucifix. Fr. Peter then pointed to the Stained Glass window above the altar, and said this was a picture of Jesus, after he came alive again and went up to heaven to be with God his Father. The reading was about the Easter story.

The 18 children were invited to decorate the waiting tomb and garden, with rosemary, garlands, butterflies, pebble paths, and Easter books.

Later, the older children, as is now the custom, helped prepare the altar, and Fr Peter told the children that two of the cloths etc used with the chalice and paten are called 'pall', and 'corporal,' words associated with a body, because the bread and wine signify the body and blood of Jesus..

The older children took part in involving the congregation in the Eucharistic Prayer, with questions, which are answered by the congregation, it is a version of the Eucharistic prayer, easy for the children to understand.

The children were given a blessing, and the older confirmed children and adults were given communion. There were rousing action songs, as usual, and David Luxon and Tom Summerfield were the accompanists.

Next Children's Church is on Easter Sunday, and probably will involve the whole congregation at 9am, however the usual children's church invitation will make this clear to our families.

The musical procession took place, and little gingerbread men, and tea, coffee etc. were had after the service.

Julie Scott

Children's Church spokesperson for M.U. Albury



Children's Church children in the garden



Amelia—young St Matthews children reaching for the stars

EVENING GROUP

Meets the 3rd Thursday each month in Rectory 7 pm

Please note we will be meeting at 5 pm on 17th April, so that the members can attend the Maundy Day service.

Our programme is varied, we commence each meeting with a short service, then we might have a guest speaker, or a quiz. In May we will be holding our annual card party, proceeds from this will go towards the rental for the church photocopier. For more details See notice in this Grapevine. In late September we will be doing a garden walk around the church garden. On Oaks Day in November we are holding a luncheon in the garden at Adamshurst. The Evening group is opened to any lady in the Parish, we are a friendly group. Our meetings are short they usually finish about 9 pm.

Kaye Kennedy



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MEDITATION

The Hard sayings of Jesus (3)

“And in the Ninth hour, Jesus cried with a loud voice – Eloi, Eloi lama sabachthani ?” – which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me ?

(St Mark Ch:15 v 34)

How often have we heard people cry words like these ? “Why has this happened to me? Where is God ?” It seems that Our Lord on the cross felt the uttermost depths of human experience – the despair of suffering. For us, if bitter tragedy enters our life, we can feel as if Our Heavenly Father has forgotten us. We can feel that He has deserted us when we are overcome by a situation that is beyond our comprehension. Jesus understands our feelings because He has been in the same situation. He knows that sense of desolation

where Our Heavenly Father seems to have left us.

In that suffering of Our Lord we see the cost of His wholehearted obedience. He prayed in the Garden, “yet not my will (Father) but yours be done”. (St Matthew 26:39)

He experienced in His suffering the reality of apparently being forsaken by God. Jesus is no visitor from another realm who avoids involvement with this world of ours. There is no depth of dereliction known to human beings which Our Lord has not experienced. Because of this, Jesus is qualified to be our understanding helper in our most extreme need.

So when we call to Our Heavenly Father in our time of need, He who called out in His need on that first Good Friday, knows what it feels like. But there is this difference – He is with us now to strengthen and sustain us.

It would have been a terrible thing if Our Lord had died with that cry on his lips. But He did not. St John records His final cry, “It is finished”. (St John Ch:19 v 30). This is the cry of one

Who has completed his task and triumphed over adversity. We too can triumph when like Jesus, we refuse to believe that Our Heavenly Father has left us. We too can triumph like Jesus when we never let go of our faith and trust in spite of life’s difficulties . He entrusted Himself to the goodness and love of Our Heavenly Father.

“Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example when they hurled their insults at him He did not retaliate; when He suffered He made no threats. Instead He entrusted Himself to Him who judges justly”

Though death was near, Jesus realised the last obstacle had been hurdled and the task of redemption completed. Heaven’s door was open.

Fr Colin Wellard



The catering committee ladies Jan Draper and Essie Osborne with the help of Reverend Christine Moimoi serving up soup prior to the Uniting and Anglican parishes using the medium of Film to ask some Lenten questions.



Her Majesty The Queen and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh attended an Observance for Commonwealth Day at Westminster Abbey on Monday 10th March 2014.

They were accompanied by TRH The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall and TRH The Earl and Countess of Wessex.

In his Bidding the Dean of Westminster, the Very Reverend Dr John Hall, said: 'In this year of the Commonwealth Games, we think in particular of the unique character of the Commonwealth, bringing people together from countries large and small, rich and poor, each with their own distinctive histories and traditions, and building from all the teams a coherent international community, Team Commonwealth.'

--Kerry Wilkinson

The Queen is welcomed by Cn. Jane Hedges (who preached at St. Matthew's last year) as she arrives for the Common Day observance at Westminster Abbey



James in the indigenous chapel



Andraya Vesely shows off her new look after shedding her locks for 'Shave for a cure'

WANTED: PEOPLE FOR SIDESPERSON'S DUTIES

Over the past 30 years I have been involved with St. Matthews we have had a roster system in place for sidespersons.

St. Matthews works on a weekly roster inside each month, therefore you would be on duty for the same week each month. 1st Sunday, 2nd Sunday, 3rd Sunday or 4th Sunday

The roster has been working without much concern until recently with John Martin & myself doing most of the duties. With John's recent ill health the roster has come into question. John & I had been looking at approaching other members of the congregation to take up this opportunity of service and Martin & Patricia Hendrix took over doing the 4th Sunday of the month late last year, along with Frank & Jan Draper who do the 2nd Sunday.

We are looking for one or two couples or pairs of people to take up this opportunity.

This duty is a commitment for one Sunday a month.

You must be prepared to be at the church before 8.15 am.

The Duties are -

- . Put pew sheets into hymn books & put on table.
 - . Make sure there is order of service leaflets on the table
 - . Put some prayer books on table.
 - . Check the roster to see who is taking up the gifts (bread & wine).
 - . Check the roster to see who is on morning tea.
 - . After the "Greeting of Peace" organise the gifts (bread & wine) with the rostered people.
 - . Collection - As soon as the offertory hymn commences, go to the front pew and hand the plate to the first person in the pew who will pass it along. When it gets to the end they should pass it to the person seated behind them, and the plate will come back to you. Continue on your side of the church to the back row.
 - . People count. As the plate is being passed along, count the number of people.
 - . When the collection is finished, add all the two counted numbers together and add the choir.
- The person who takes the collection to the altar rail places the plates on the Offering Plate and tells whoever takes the money from them, the total number of communicants.
- At the end of the service when the books are returned, separate the books from the Pew Sheets & Order of Service. Put the books and Order of Service sheets away, and the used Pew Sheets etc into the garbage bin.

If you are prepared to do this, please talk to Joe Nesbit.



Ray Fietz, head verger, with Sue Fyfe—aged care ministry musician and child minding a bear for the prayer circle



Limbering up for the Dragon Boat Race

H U M O U R

THE SNEEZE

They walked in tandem, each of the ninety-two students filing into the already crowded auditorium. With their rich maroon gowns flowing and the traditional caps, they looked almost as grown up as they felt.

Dads swallowed hard behind broad smiles, and Moms freely brushed away tears.

This class would NOT pray during the commencements, not by choice, but because of a recent court ruling prohibiting it. The principal and several students were careful to stay within the guidelines allowed by the ruling. They gave inspirational and challenging speeches, but no one mentioned divine guidance and no one asked for blessings on the graduates or their families. The speeches were nice, but they were routine until the final speech received a standing ovation.

A solitary student walked proudly to the microphone. He stood still and silent for just a moment, and then, it happened. -

All 92 students, every single one of them, suddenly SNEEZED !!!!

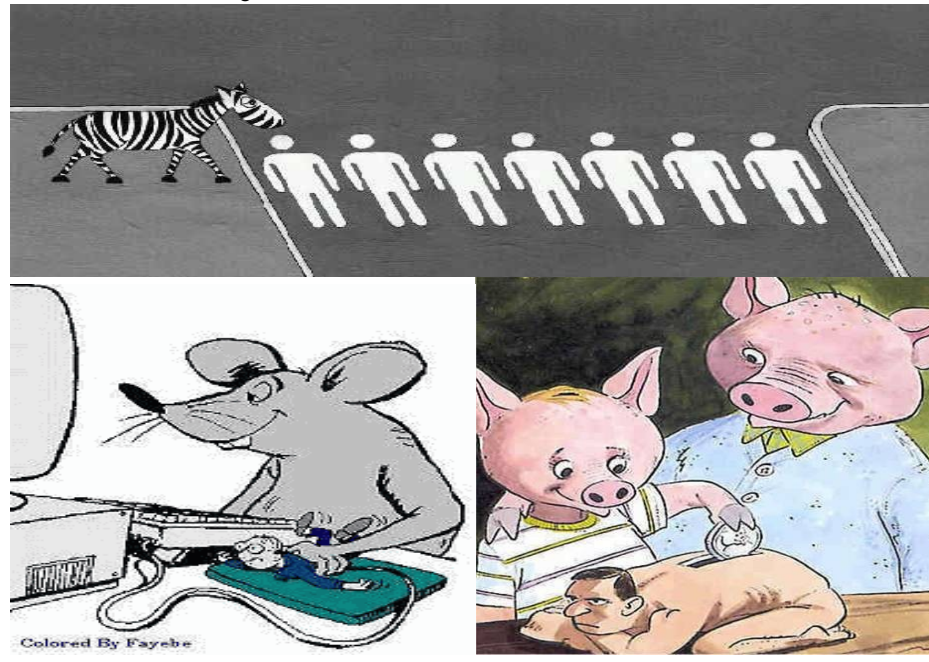
The student on stage simply looked at the audience and said, 'GOD BLESS YOU'

And he walked off the stage...

The audience exploded into applause. This graduating class had found a unique way to invoke God's blessing on their future. This is a true story; it happened at Eastern Shore District High School in Musquodoboit Harbour, Nova Scotia.



The wishful thinking of three animals



ON THE RECORD

Baptisms

We welcome into Christ's family

8 March Charlie Lawrence Thomas GILLIGAN
 9 March Briar Rose DANHIEZ-VOGEL
 15 March Tyrone John HENNINGSSEN
 16 March Scott Philip HAWKINS, Harry Terrence HAWKINS and Elsie Ivy Irene HAWKINS
 23 March Max Aiden HUDSON
 James Nicholas PILTZ



Weddings

We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony

15 March Brent James BARBER and Jessica Rose BROWN
 22 March Tyrane Mark GEE and Sarah Louise PARKER
 Daniel Mark COTTRELL and Jacqueline Maree TINK



Funerals

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

3 March Dana Narelle CREASER



Years Mind – April

We pray for those whose anniversary falls at this time

Lou NICHOLSON (2nd), Brendan David JONES (2nd), 'Ros' Rosalind Myree COCKS (6th), Sheila Georgina ELLIS (7th), Eva Edith COBCROFT (9th), Harold James William PURSS (12th), Margaret PIESSE (PS) (15th), Dillon WHITE (16th), Nina Edith BERRY (17th), Dorothy Zillah CLARKE (19th), 'Rex' Allan JENKINS (19th), James Archibald KENNEDY (20th), Coral YARRINGTON (21st), William John FORBES (21st), 'Jack' John Maxwell TYRRELL (21st), Laurence Henry ALLOTT (Priest) (21st), Mervyn EISENHAUER (22nd), Madaline KARAFFA (23rd), Peter BLEASDALE (24th), William COLEMAN (25th), Norman John NICHOLS (26th), James Lester JACKSON (26th), Albert DAWSON (28th), Joan DAWSON (28th), Florence Helen KOTHE (29th), 'Jean' Alice Jean HEINJUS (29th), Ivy Irene SMITHENBECKER (29th), Ern BLEASDALE (30th)

MONTHLY OFFERINGS

Week	Planned Giving	Open Plate	Baptisms
2 February	\$1626.90	\$739.55	\$129.80
9 February	\$1051.00	\$716.75	\$109.10
16 February	\$1420.75	\$835.30	\$ 65.45
23 February	\$1329.00	\$562.65	\$130.00

Offerings now take into account payments paid directly into the Bank. February Evensong \$286.20

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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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