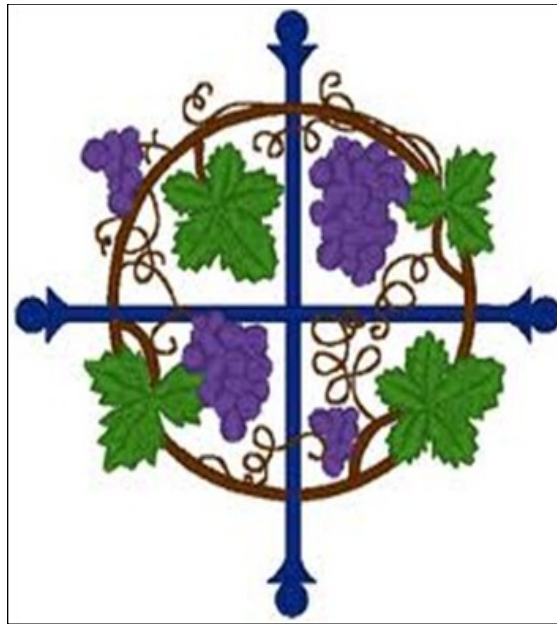


ST MATTHEW'S GRAPEVINE



PARISH OF ALBURY

MAY 2014

Fr Peter writes :
Dear People of St Matthew's

Alleluia Christ is risen! He is risen indeed
Alleluia

More than 1000 people came to St Matthews during holy week.

Palm Sunday saw an amazing turnout including special visitors from Sydney including Greg Loveday, who has a special practical commitment to our music foundation with only with only one

casualty when Annie Snow got her finger caught in a donkeys mouth – a very loud hosanna and lucky to still have the finger, to make the Easter lunch!!

Maundy Thursday was also memorable following the example of Fr Kevin, as we **washed hands** rather than feet and had 100 percent participation rate from the 80 people who were there, Good Friday's moving service of passion music and readings was followed by joining in the combined churches walk of witness and stations of the cross in North Albury

On Easter Sunday every seat was taken and some standing (there were **50 children** and some of them were on knees or standing next to the Easter garden with the chickens and rabbit or next to the palm stable with the donkeys

There were 3 trumpets ,bubbles ,candles and sparklers ,lots of visitors, wonderful music by a full choir and organ and sanctuary team ,a stirring bag-piped rendition of Amazing grace by St Matthews organ scholar ,choir member and piper Andrina Dixen

Solemn con-celebration by a squadron of priests, not to forget joyful peals of bells from our tower and champagne and Easter cakes and scones to finish !

8 year old Talon Summerfield, (who knew all the answers to the Easter questions!!) was baptised as we all renewed our baptismal promises and there was a lot of holy water being splashed around across the congregation

Holy Water, as we know, is a symbol of spiritual purification. It reminds us of our baptism.

Most Sundays of the year, we call this blessing the Asperges, from the opening word of the chant that accompanies the ritual. "Asperges me, "Thou wilt sprinkle me, Lord,

But in Easter Time, we sing a different chant. and to a **new setting by John Ross our director of Music**. It is called the Vidi Aquam, again from the first lines which mean "I saw water This is a vision seen by the Prophet Ezekiel in chapter 47 of his book. These waters became the source of amazing life; plant life and all kinds of fish. Plants that never die and fruits that never fail. This vision speaks, of eternal, spiritual life that is available to us through Christs Easter victory



In Ezekiel's vision, the water flows from the right side of the temple. The piercing of Christ's side from tradition was also from the right side John's gospel says that the soldier "opened" the Lord's side. Not merely pierced, stabbed, punctured – but opened. Like a door; a door that leads us to another world. In a sense, His opened heart becomes the door by which we enter into heaven. So in joy we respond: alleluia

Thankyou to all who helped us to celebrate

Easter with such joy and also to commemorate ANZAC day in new ways through the presence of the field of remembrance in our chapel of honour and by the special service on the Wednesday before ANZAC day, we shouldn't forget the **St Georges day rally** by 20 very enthusiastic rovers and scouts and a specially produced St Matthews service that brought St George alive in an Easter way, the highlight was



the end with Tom Summerfield good scout and St Matthews music scholar giving a stirring rendition on the organ and an encore on the piano to an enraptured young audience

Liturgy is the work of the people, and the church service is a small part of the wider ministry of St Matthews in which we also engage many others in the community and through the media.

A special honourable mention to those who engage in social justice issues and those engaging politically and in the media—**Susie Reid**. The mothers Union those who help in pastoral partners, our youth, those who work for the homeless and the refugees, for mental health equality and inclusion, **and all others who don't wait for the applause** to throw themselves into the struggle for others.

Wonderful to have contributions, to our St Matthews Crisis Care winter appeal, and to our music foundation well done and **an extra glass of Easter champagne and an extra egg for each of you.**

Stop Press – special music foundation concert and reception Sunday 25th of May – our organ tutor, and celebrated organist and educator Dr Allan Beavis OAM will give a special organ recital at 2.30pm followed by a reception at Adamshurst, entry by donation.

TAX Time is coming up and you can make a tax deductible donation to St Matthews National trust or St Matthews music foundation.

Fr Peter

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

EVENSONG 6TH APRIL. The 100th anniversary of James Mitchell a benefactor of St Matthew's will be commemorated at this service.

Youth Group. There many activities planned for this group. Usually two activities per month.

Repairs in the Church. The skirting boards have been re placed. We now need to put bitumen base paint on the outlets to keep them water proof.

Advertising sign. Still looking at putting up a magnetic sign.

Outreach and Mission. Preparation is being made for the Field of Remembrance Service also the Anzac Day service. The Wednesday service prior to Anzac day will be tailored for people who cannot come on Anzac Day.

26 hampers were handed out during March and \$35 was given for prescriptions.

Thank you. To the members of the Albury Wodonga Bikefest group who gave \$2000 to Anglican Food Room. We continue to get donations of food, money, sleeping bags and clothes.

St Matthew's Village. New furniture is to be put into the new community centre Car boot sale These seems to be popular. The cake stall sales were very good. Thank you to everyone who donated goods for the stall or purchased them.

Organ. The organ that is at the Trinity Anglican College Baranduda is to be returned to the church.

The Anzac Field of Remembrance is to be held in the Church. There was positive response from the Council when we had the Remembrance Day Service at St Matthew's.

Finances: funds available at 31st March \$20,662.50 less accounts to be paid \$21,701.87 add \$5,000 transfer from Highgrove available funds proposed for No1 a/c \$3960.63

Kaye Kennedy Secretary

MONTHLY OFFERINGS

<i>Week</i>	<i>Planned Giving</i>	<i>Open Plate</i>	<i>Baptisms</i>
2 March	\$1246.00	\$767.65	\$
9 March	\$2058.00	\$797.75	\$ 38.35
16 March	\$1366.00	\$955.00	\$163.90
23 March	\$1052.00	\$631.55	\$ 44.10
30 March	\$983.00	\$682.40	\$ 90.00

*Offerings now take into account payments paid directly into the Bank.
March Evensong \$132.00*

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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Ezekiel (Zeke) Halford receives his Baptismal Candle after his Baptism on Palm Sunday



Children's Church Easter Season 2014

Invitations covering Palm Sunday and Easter Day were sent out to the children, and there were many children's church children at the Palm Sunday service where they followed the unfolding Easter story. The children were involved during both services, being part of the procession at the beginning of the Palm Sunday service, waving streamers and 'palms'. The children enjoyed taking part in the dramatic reading, making donkey hoof sounds, clapping, cheering, dancing, running sounds with the rest of the congregation. Five of the children's church children were baptised at the service.



Melissa, Summer, Christina, Ariel, and Ezekiel (Zeke) Halford, make their Baptism responses

There were over 30 children at the Easter service, and although not strictly a children's church service, the children were involved with blowing bubbles, and waving battery lit candles. Sitting on cushions at the front, the children listened intently to the Easter Reflection, which they could follow, about the real meaning of Easter, (not chickens and bunnies) with Fr. Peter's humour!

One 9 year old boy was baptised, and the congregation was also anointed with holy water! The children were involved, sitting close to the action!

Three of the children spoke to the Eucharistic prayer, asking 3 questions of the congregation. The two donkeys, quietly eating at the side door provided a diversion for some of the younger children. The helium balloons proved fascinating and many were given to the children at the conclusion of the service.

The children were given an Easter activity sheet to take home and they and their parents mingled outside for Easter eggs and food and drinks

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





EVENING GROUP NEWS

At our March meeting Carmen from Fifields Pharmacy spoke to the group about medications:- Medications can relieve, control, and be a prevention tool. Medication should not be kept in the bathroom, maybe in the kitchen. They should be stored at 25 degrees or below. Exercise helps with diabetes and hypertension. When purchasing over the counter medications, talk to the pharmacist before using them.

The Evening Group has given another \$840 towards the rental of the office photocopier. We are holding a card & games party on the 26th May at Legacy House. Cost \$12 includes afternoon tea and a lucky door ticket. Why not make up a table for a sociable afternoon !

Kaye Kennedy



2 aspects of the Palm Sunday service



Celtic Weekend
With Retreat leader &
Celtic Harpist Cath Connelly

St Matthews Anglican Church Albury

21st – 22nd June



Celtic Spirituality Workshop – conducted by Cath

Saturday 21st June: 10am – 3pm \$25 pp including lunch
Bookings Essential 02) 6021 3022 between 8.30am – 1pm

Drawing on connections to nature, a passion for learning, prayer, soul friends, music, art, poetry and pilgrimage, Celtic spirituality offers a deeply engaging way of relating to God. Spiritual director, retreat leader and professional Celtic harpist, Cath Connelly is well qualified to lead us through a day of exploring the major themes of this form of spirituality. The day will be reflective, experiential and informative. It will include harp music, meditation, input sessions and time for personal reflection.

COCKTAIL PARTY/CONCERT - Saturday 21st June from 6pm

Performances from Ireland; Scotland & Wales

Singers: Dianne Robinson, Shanul Sharma, Dancers: Highland—Karen Mann with piper Declan Dempster, Irish—Cathies Celtic Dance, Recitation—Jan Skinner, Harpist—Mary Buckley, Pipes & drums—Albury Wodonga Pipe Band
\$35 pp includes finger food & 2 glasses of wine.

CELTIC MASS 9am - Sunday 22nd June

PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON - CELTIC HARP PERFORMANCE with Cath Connelly

22nd June 1pm – 3pm \$15 pp

You are in for a treat as Cath Connelly this popular performer returns to Albury to delight you with storytelling and the lyrical sounds of the Celtic harp. Cath's performance will include a selection of tunes from Ireland, Scotland and Wales as well as some original compositions. Relax and enjoy a wonderful weekend with Cath!

Bookings: Church Office: 02 6021 3022 Phone between 8.30 am – 1 pm
<http://www.cathy.com.au/homepage>

Down Memory Lane

With the royal tour of William and Catherine, The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge in progress, I thought I would take a look back at the visit of Prince William's parents, Charles and Diana, the Prince and Princess of Wales, back in 1983. The Prince and Princess of Wales made their home at nearby Woomargama where Prince William spent his time. There was great excitement when Fr Ken Patfield announced that the Prince and Princess of Wales would be attending Easter Day worship.

This was in the old church. Entry was by ticket.

On 3 April more than 10,000 people crowded Albury to greet the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Only 320 people – most of them regular parishioners – were allowed into the church. Another 200 sat on stools in the church grounds to hear the service over an amplification system.

The Officiating Clergy for the day were:

The Venerable Ken Patfield Th L Archdeacon of Albury, and Rector of St Matthews Parish Albury

The Most Reverend Sir Philip Nigel Strong BA, MA, ThD, DD, CMG 1958, KBE 1970

The Reverend C Nagle Th.L (Archbishop's Chaplain)

The Organist was David Luxon, Soloist – Miss Christina

Barry, Trumpeter – Mr R Belt of the Albury City Band



Princess Diana at the service

After Their Royal Highnesses were seated God Save the Queen was sung

The Hymns that were sung at the service were:-

First Hymn: Hail to the Lord's anointed

Gradual Hymn: The strife is O'er

Offertory Hymn: Lord enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

Final Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen today

Kerry Wilkinson

Thank you! John and Helen Martin and family, wish to sincerely thank all their friends from St Matthew's, as well as the Clergy and many "groups" for their prayers, visits and cards, during John's long stay in hospital.

It has been of great comfort to know how others care, especially in such a time of need. He is making an excellent recovery but still has a long way to go,

With our love and thanks, Helen

THE HARD SAYINGS OF JESUS (4)

Jesus said "If anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. (St Matthew Chapter 5, verse 39)

There is a story of a young boy who read this passage when at Sunday School. A few weeks later he had a fight with another boy and decided to put these words of Jesus to the test. The inevitable happened - he was hit on the other cheek !!! The young boy wasn't sure if the saying of Jesus was wise after all.

What then does Jesus mean? In common with much of the Jewish teaching methods, Our Lord uses picturesque language to convey some not so obvious truth. In Western Society, we are very "matter-of-fact". That was the boy's mistake. We cannot take it literally. We must get behind the 'picture' to discern the teaching Jesus conveys.

Jesus is saying, 'don't seek revenge', but seek to do something to your antagonist's advantage. This saying is hard, as Jesus is prescribing a course of action contrary to our natural inclinations. So to take the saying literally is to miss His point.

The lifestyle of the Kingdom of God is much more demanding than what is normally expected. The ideal for the Christian person is that they will not harbour resentment nor seek retaliation for any insult, no matter how deliberate or hurtful it may be. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you." "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful" is the teaching of Jesus. I suspect that we would be more willing to observe the old Law of "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth". It is true that in our relationships in society, evil must be discouraged and punished. That is the responsibility of Civil Authorities and the Judicial System, but for the individual Christian it is necessary to rise above those natural inclinations of vengeance and revenge.

This can be very difficult at times. That is precisely why this is a Hard Saying of Jesus. In spite of unimaginable suffering, Corrie ten Boom, who was sent to Ravensbruck Concentration Camp during the Holocaust, was able to forgive her persecutors. She preached reconciliation, and the need to forgive those who have injured us. "Do not repay evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone".

(St Paul's Letter to the Romans Chapter 12 verses 17-18).

Father Colin Wellard



H U M O U R



A tourist in Vienna is going through a graveyard and all of a sudden he hears music. No one is around, so he starts searching for the source. He finally locates the origin and finds it is coming from a grave with a headstone that reads: "Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827". Then he realizes that the music is the Ninth Symphony and it is being played backward!

Puzzled, he leaves the graveyard and persuades a friend to return with him. By the time they arrive back at the grave, the music has changed. This time it is the Seventh Symphony but like the previous piece, it is being played backward

Curious, the men agree to consult a music scholar. When they return with the expert, the Fifth Symphony is playing, again backward. The expert notices that the symphonies are being played in the reverse order in which they were composed, the 9th, then the 7th, then the 5th.

By the next day the word has spread and a crowd has gathered around the grave. They are all listening to the Second Symphony being played backward. Just then the graveyard's caretaker ambles up to the group. Someone in the group asks him if he has an explanation for the music. "I would have thought it was obvious" the caretaker says -

.....**"He's decomposing."**

ON THE RECORD

Baptisms

We welcome into Christ's family

30 March	Sarah Elspeth BOYD Isabelle Anne BOYD
6 April	Taj Nicholas PHIBBS Amy-Leigh Lillian BAILEY Sophie Mia Louise EDGAR
13 April	Melissa Aileen HALFORD Summer Louise HALFORD Christina Jade HALFORD Ariel Marie HALFORD Ezekiel Xavier HALFORD Scout Luca BARTEL Hallie Ann BOSLEY Millicent Patricia GREGORY Oscar Nicholas GREGORY



Weddings

We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony

12 April	Luke Anthony EVERSON and Maryellan Veronica HARMER
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Funerals

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

26 March	Graeme Ernest HODGSON
3 April	'Jean' Beryl LINDNER
11 April	Peggy Jean GORDON



Years Mind – May

We pray for those whose anniversary falls at this time

Dorothy May SCHNEIDER (3rd), 'Sally' Sara Margaret REID (5th), Rupert Douglas ROSS (6th), Sandra Kathleen FELTON (7th), Steve BREY (8th), Thelma Zena ROCK (9th), Geoff COLE (9th), Dulcie Esther BROMLEY (10th), Lawrence Ernest TURNBULL (Priest)(12th), Dulcie Adelaide MURPHY (12th), Joyce STAR (13th), Valerie BOWEN (13th), Sarah WHY-SALL (14th), Myra HEALY (15th), Violet READ (16th), Thelma Kirsten SCOTT (17th), Albert Edward BERRY (18th), Margaret MONTE (20th), Shannon Cherie HUTTON (21st), Stuart MENZIES (21st), Edwin RIDE (23rd), Stella BLEASDALE (25th), Leslie John SHORT (27th), Irene Jessie SEYMOUR (27th),



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5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

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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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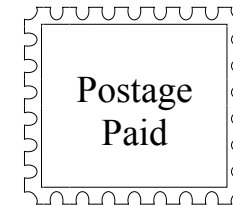
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