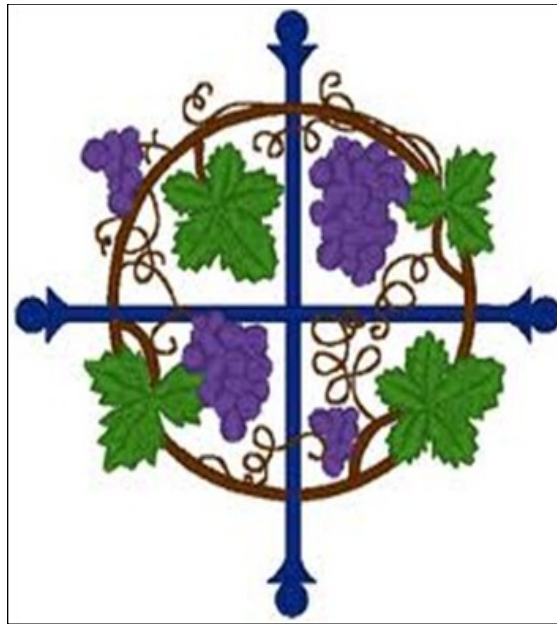


ST MATTHEW'S GRAPEVINE



PARISH OF ALBURY

JUNE 2014

Fr Peter writes :
Dear People of St Matthew's

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down Thy head upon My
breast."*

*I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad;
I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me
glad.*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one, stoop down, and drink, and
live."*

*I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light;
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my Star, my Sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk, till travelling days are done.*



Fr Peter, Ann & Prof Geoffrey Blainey

Horatius Bonar has been called "the prince of Scottish hymn writers." was ordained in 1838, and became pastor of the North Parish, Kelso, in lovely surroundings so in harmony with his poetic temperament. His hymns were written in very varied circumstances, sometimes timed by the tinkling brook that babbled near him; sometimes attuned to the ordered tramp of the ocean, whose crested waves broke on the beach by which he wandered; sometimes set to the rude music of the railway train that hurried him to the scene of duty; sometimes measured by the silent rhythm of the midnight stars that shone above him.

The Celtic weekend 21st and 22nd of June is an opportunity to reconnect with something ancient and homespun, and reflect on the original Blessing granted to the world that was made "very good the presence of "Cath Connelly" in Albury has inspired a Celtic cocktail party or Celtic cabaret, a workshop and special Celtic mass with Celtic music and a liturgy that has gone back to Celtic roots and promises to be very special, please ask Rev Maureen or the office if you need any information.

In June I will be dashing over to England to conduct a wedding and taking part in the induction of Albury Visitor Canon Jane Hedges from Westminster Abbey as Dean of Norwich.

Congratulations to Dr Allan Beavis on a stunning organ recital when more than 50 people were thrilled, enlightened and amused by a varied programme of French and German organ masterpieces finishing up with the famous Widor Tocatta to thunderous hooting and applause eliciting much conversation at the high tea reception at Adamshurst that followed.

Congratulations also to Fr Alan for a splendid



Real milk, real people and real leg power at
Yackandandah when the electronic organ failed and
the old pedal organ came to the rescue

Turkish night at Tallangatta and for the great effort of the St Matthews crowd who arrived consumed and even threw themselves into the belly dancing.

And to Andraya Vesely on receiving the Diocesan youth award at Synod in Wangaratta and to choral scholar Clinton Monteiro for his recent cantoring efforts in choral matins and mass, and to Clarisse Summerfield for attaining the level where she now wears the surplice in the choir.

Did you know? And little quick choral Q&A.

A **surplice developed** from the first century Alb (from Albus-white) and looks like an angel outfit, but do you know the origin of its shape and name ?

The first mention of the surplice is from the middle ages, 12th century and was first worn by clergy and later by anyone taking part in the service, its unusual shape is derived from the weather in northern Europe where it was first worn, and the lack of central heating requiring the wearing of "fur undies" so the choir didn't die of cold during the anthem ([Late Latin](#) *superpelliceum*, from *super*, "over" and *pellis*, or *pellicia*, "fur garment".

The shorter cotta [meaning 'cut-off' in Italian], as it is derived from the cut-off alb.

At St Matthews our choir sanctuary team and congregation are part of an ancient spiritual relay of Christian word and action.

And I am so thankful that people from near and far are helping to equip younger people for musical ministry in our own day and for the futures through our music foundation which is tax deductible so great news for tax time as it is upon us !! You can make a tax deductible donation to St Matthews National Trust or St Matthews music foundation before 30th June, for further details contact the office.

Many thanks for those who continue to support the important work of pastoral care and practical assistance through our food room and help for the homeless.

Fr Peter



Field of Remembrance in St. Matthews



Choir at Synod



On for young and old !! Clarisse Summerfield wears the surplice for the first time Sunday as the middle ages catches up with the youth group at St Matthews

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Youth Group Report. Matthew-Paul is trying to organise two activities a month for the youth. If anyone has any ideas of activities that the youth might be interested in, please see Matthew Paul.

Notice Board. We are still looking at prices for a magnetic sign.

Sensor Light. The sensor light that was in the toilets has been stolen. Fr Alan is going to try and work out where another one can be installed that won't be as easy to remove.

Finances—Weekly giving has gone up by 20% which is very good. Available funds as at 30th April \$19,148.82 less accounts to be paid \$9,594.88 which means we will have to draw down from the No 2 account

The car boot sale is coming up on the 31st May and the Celtic festival Weekend in June will help in boosting our income.

Pastoral Care Rev Maureen doing a marvellous job regarding pastoral care.

Anglican Food room Angie is organising people to make up meals for the homeless. These are to be given to Fr Peter to hand out when someone comes to the door, looking for food. 23 hampers, 2 shower packs and 4 hot meals were handed out during April. A donation of \$20 was given to purchase containers to put the meals in.

Fr Peter accepted a cheque for \$1,000 from Radio 2AY to assist the homeless.

St Matthew's Village New furniture, blinds and curtains have been ordered for the John Martin room at the village.

Please put into your diary
St Matthew's Market
to be held on
18th October
in QE2 Square
commencing at 8.am
More details later.

Kaye Kennedy **Secretary**





Bill and Rowena Ginns celebrate 50 years of marriage!



Carole Read and Brian Monk support Tallangatta Parish



Maureen Beattie, F. Peter and Iris Jackson-Jones at Tallangatta



Children's Church for May 2014

The theme for May was "The good Shepherd".

Father Peter had several 'sheep' of different sorts, and told the 16 children that although all these sheep were different, they were all loved by the shepherd, just as Jesus the Good Shepherd loves us, with all our faults and individuality!



Children with Flowers for Mother's Day

We sang action songs, and 'Ba Ba black sheep', popular with the littlies!

The children were quick with their answers to Fr Peter's questions about sheep, shepherds crooks, and what sheep need to be healthy and happy. One of the children read the lesson, from an Ipad!

As David Luxon was unavailable at the last minute, Tom Summerfield was our pianist, doing an excellent job, despite not having the music for 2 of the songs, Tom's parents supported him during the service, and we thank them all!

The children, as usual grouped around the children's altar during the preparation, and one of the older children asked the 3 questions included in the preparation for Communion, with the congregation answering.



Children's Church children in May!

The usual musical procession took place with our 2 crucifers, and after the service, the children and their parents tried blue scones jam and cream, and cordial, tea and coffee.

The autumn weather was mild, and the church and Rectory gardens looked beautiful in their autumn colours!

Julie Scott Children's Church spokesperson for St. Matthew's MU

MONTHLY OFFERINGS

<i>Week</i>	<i>Planned Giving</i>	<i>Open Plate</i>	<i>Baptisms</i>
6 April	\$1717.00	\$ 737.90	\$151.20
13 April	\$1457.00	\$ 978.00	\$ 88.05
20 April	\$1342.00	\$2564.90	\$
27 April	\$1303.25	\$ 521.25	\$ 65.50

Offerings now take into account payments paid directly into the Bank.
April Evensong \$170.95

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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Biggest Morning tea at Adamshurst

MEDITATION
THE HARD SAYINGS OF JESUS (5)

“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own Father and Mother, wife and children—yes and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.” (St Luke Chapter 14, verse 26).

When Jesus said this, He must have really ‘set the cat among the pigeons.’ It seems to be quite offensive . It is a ‘hard saying’ for it is difficult to accept and hard to reconcile with the general teaching of Jesus. For God said, “honour your Father and your Mother”. (St Matthew Ch:15, verse:4)

We need not take the words of Jesus with cold and unimaginative literalness. As I have said elsewhere, Eastern language can be very direct and vivid. It is meant to make us sit up and take notice. Often to shock us. So when Our Lord tells us we are to “hate” our nearest and dearest. He does not mean the word “hate” as we understand it. Jesus meant that no love in this life can compare with the love that we must bear to Him. Here, “hate” means to love less. This Hard Saying of Jesus is followed by the saying about taking up the cross and following Him. The implication is that putting one’s family into second place is one way of taking up the cross. The interests of God’s Kingdom must take first place in the life of the followers of Jesus. Jesus does teach however, that we should make provision for family, and St Paul in writing to his friend Timothy reinforces Our Lord’s teaching when he writes, “If anyone does provide for his relatives and especially his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever”. (1 Timothy Ch:5, Verse 8)

It is natural for us to make what provision we can for our nearest and dearest. The emphasis of Jesus lies in treating the Kingdom of God as nearer and dearer than our immediate and extended family. Because of the resistance on the part of those who were listening to Him to accept this necessity seriously, Our Lord insisted following Him was paramount. He did so in the most arresting and challenging language at His command. Jesus said, “There is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the Gospel who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time and in the age to come eternal life.” (St Mark Chapter 10 Verses 29-30).

Celtic Exhibition

All Day, Saturday 21st June, St. Matthew’s Church

Admission - Gold coin donation

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
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From 10 a.m. - Morning Tea for travellers

11.00am. - Eucharist - Celebrant : Bishop John Parkes

Preacher - The Dean - John Southerden

Luncheon to Follow - Purbrick Hall

1.15p.m.- Guest Speaker

Luncheon Cost: \$10 - Raffle: \$1

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H U M O U R

It was written by an 8 year old who lives in California.
He wrote it for his third grade homework assignment, to
'explain God'. I wonder if any of us could have done as well!



EXPLANATION OF GOD

'One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grownups, just babies.

I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk ,he leaves that to mothers and fathers.'

'God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio and T.V. because of this. Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off.'

' God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps him pretty busy, so you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your mum and dad's heads asking for something they said you couldn't have'.

'Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any who come to our church.'

'Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work, like walking on water and performing miracles, and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God.... They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him.
But he was good and kind, like his father, and he told his father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them, and God said OK.

..... Continued in July Grapevine

ON THE RECORD

Baptisms

We welcome into Christ's family

20 April	Talon Jay SUMMERFIELD
27 April	Tarleigh Jade PRATER
17 May	Theodore Kai PARKER
	Abel Michael LUXTON
	Grant Kenneth GOLDFINCH



Weddings

We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony

26 April	Matthew Nathaniel James McMASTER & Sara Louise WILBY
10 May	Bradley James SPEED & Gabrielle Jane RYAN
	Daniel Leigh EVANS & Charlene Evelyn GIBSON



Funerals

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

24 April	Barry HART
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Years Mind – June

We pray for those whose anniversary falls at this time

Pearl BLEASDALE (2nd), George EISENHAUER (2nd), Beatrice WEBB (2nd), Roy CLAY (3rd), Jack NICHOLS (3rd), Beatrice SLOAN (4th), John RIDE (7th), Enid Caroline NORMAN (9th), Albert Clarence SEARLE (11th), Kevin BOWTELL (12th), Isabel Mary RICHARDSON (13th), Dorothy Jean DUNWOODIE (19th), Peter Salmon COLCLOUGH (19th), Wilfred COLLICOAT (21st), Joan PETERS (21st), Horace OGILVIE (21st), Reginald WHITE (22nd), Jean KENNEDY (23rd), Robert BEAL (Bishop)(24th), Jean HANMER (26th), Shirley McELROY (27th), Joyce KRIEGER (28th), Eddie BARNEY (28th), Ella Florence FORBES (30th)



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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
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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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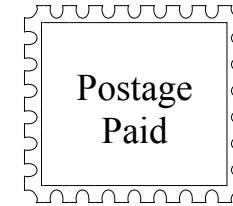
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