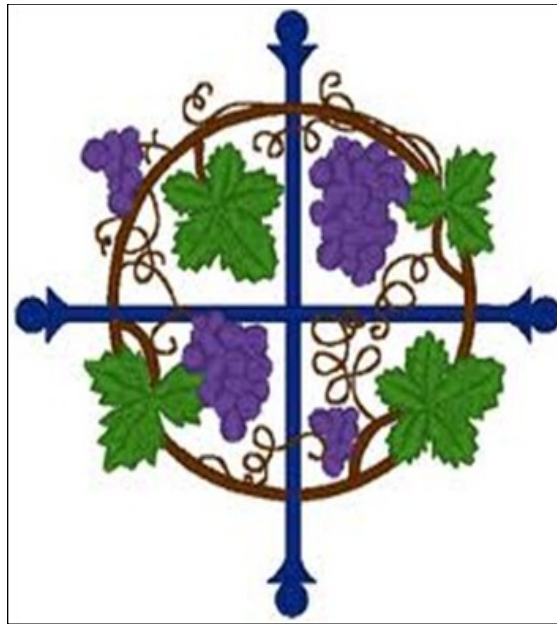


# ST MATTHEW'S GRAPEVINE



**PARISH OF ALBURY**

**AUGUST 2014**

**Fr Peter writes :**  
***Dear People of St Matthew's***

*What a Friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer!  
Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer;  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer;  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,  
Thou wilt find a solace there.*



Dean of Westminster John Hall

Joseph Scriven was born in 1819 of prosperous parents in [Banbridge, Ireland](#). He was a graduate of [Trinity College, Dublin](#). At the age of 25, he decided to leave his native country and migrate to Canada. His reasons for leaving his country seem to be two-fold: the religious influence of the Plymouth Brethren upon his life estranging him from his family. His fiancée accidentally drowned in 1845, the night before they were to be married. The grief-stricken young man moved to Canada. There he again fell in love, was due to be married and the young woman suddenly fell ill of [pneumonia](#) and died. He then devoted the rest of his life to helping others. He received news from Ireland of his mother being terribly ill. He wrote a poem to comfort his mother called "Pray Without Ceasing". It was later set to music becoming the hymn "[What a Friend We Have in Jesus](#)".

He carried many sorrows and was subject to bouts of depression. After one such bout his friends found him drowned in a river.

Homeless but not friendless. Tragic death of young Albury Man who was helped by many. But found the road back to happiness too steep and hard and died on the way. The funeral of Michael Collins will be at St Matthews Albury that he thought of as home and where many in Albury tried to give him a hand when so many doors had been shut and the key thrown away. Michael had been helped by St Matthews crisis care and made his base in sanctuary of the church garden in the pavilion dedicated by the governor 2 year ago year. He was helped by so many from St Matthews, the Uniting Church and Fr Kevin, given assistance through donations of bedding and food and toiletries, had a hot shower and meals at St Matthews. Where he stayed with his partner who is carrying his child. It was while he was away on a trip to see her family that he was found dead after accidental overdose from drugs he'd got from the doctor to ease his pain.

Who would have guessed his time was so short? Australia has given up on the good Samaritan in favour of sovereign borders, much safer option but a bit too close to the chest to be called caring. He'd been in trouble with the law, been in detention and found the world was closed to him from then on, no forgiveness, no one able to give him a fresh start whether accommodation or a job. So he turned back to drugs to deaden the pain. We can't judge him for that. He was successfully shown the door a bit like having his boat turned back. Some would call it tough love. It just looks like sorrow to me and to many others. Thankyou to all who tried to help in so many ways. All those who cooked emergency meals. Schools and individuals who dropped off sleeping bags those who donated money for the homeless that was used to give him a bed now and then. You'll never be sorry you did it, Michael is not around to say thank you but we appreciate signs of compassion and humanity when it's easy to walk in the other side.

A Garage sale and car boot sale will be held Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at Adamshurst to help us help the homeless. You will never be sorry you lent a hand. And thanks to all. Thanks for all who try to help.

NAIDOC WEEK—Didgeridoo and pipe organ, indigenous and non-indigenous, young and old were at St Matthews to honour indigenous servicemen and women at the beginning of NAIDOC. Wiradjuri

Elder Nancy Rooke said it is the first time that all members of the indigenous community have been invited to such an important community commemoration in a church in Albury. In the last 2 years 2 chapels have been dedicated – one to the indigenous community and the other to the armed forces as a chapel of honour. Representatives of the indigenous community, government and armed services were in attendance and wreaths laid in commemoration.

Archdeacon Peter Macleod-Miller, Rev Christine Moi Moi of St Davids Uniting Church and Fr Kevin Flanagan of Sacred Heart Catholic parish will invite all churches and politicians on both sides of the Border and people of all faiths or with an interest in humanitarian issues to join in a screening of an award winning film highlighting the issue of nations turning their back on refugees in times of need. Member for Indi Cathy McGowan has already agreed to attend and member for Farrer Sussan Ley is on the invitation list.

Former prime minister Malcolm Fraser has compared the current actions of the Australian Government with the tragedy of Nazi Germany when many nations turned their back on their humanitarian obligations, refusing to assist Jewish refugees with fatal consequences. The award winning drama Voyage of the Damned (1976) is based on the real story of MS St. Louis, a German ocean liner carrying Jewish refugees on an ill-fated journey to Cuba in the weeks before the start of World War II. Adapted from Gordon Thomas and Max Morgan-Witts's book of the same name, it follows the crew and fate of the passengers who find themselves helpless pawns of both Nazi propaganda and anti-Semitism by countries on the other side of the Atlantic refusing them political asylum. As a Nazi official states in the film, when the whole world has refused to accept them as refugees, no country can blame Germany for the fate of the Jews. A footnote discloses the fates of some of the main characters, suggesting that more than 600 of the 937 passengers ultimately lost their lives in Nazi concentration camps. The film highlights the human imperatives of compassion and highlights the cost of refusing to learn the lessons of history. "Voyage of the Damned" Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> of August at 6.30 pm

at St Matthews Albury entrance is free



Rector's warden Vicki Chick with the new Dean of Wangaratta Fr. Ken, wife Stephanie, and children Jacob & Zoe

The new Anglican Dean of Wangaratta Fr Ken Goodger and his family visited St Matthews Albury ahead of his installation at the cathedral at the end of the month

Members of the congregation were delighted to meet Fr Ken, Stephanie, Zoe and Jacob and they joined in lunch at Adamshurst after the service, the induction service will feature members of St Matthews choir and sanctuary team as a foretaste of the shared ministry challenge that we share with our cathedral and other parishes in the diocese

Budget Blues and Budget Blessings—

Thankyou to all who have increased their giving as we assist even more people as people feel the pinch. Our commitment to assist the poor, to examine the way that indigenous people, the unemployed and the disabled, the poor and refugees are treated should cause people of all political persuasions to "come out" as Christian people dedicated to social change and calling those who represent us to account.

Will he arrive with a parrot head umbrella? This month also brings the consecration and enthronement of a new Bishop of Riverina Fr Rob Gillion from Sloane Square the former home of Pamela Travers the creator of Mary Poppins



Fr Rob Gillion

**Fr Peter**

### **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

**Spotlights in Church.** Some of these are not working. It was moved at the meeting that Joe go ahead with having new globes put into the lights. It will probably cost between \$300 and \$400 to access these lights. Some sort of lift is required to reach them and the machine has to be transported to & from the building.

**Advertising Sign at front of church.** We are looking at changing this sign.

**Cleaning of Church.** It was decided at the meeting we would have work bees 4 times a year the first in September. It will be announced at church & in the pew sheet when the first one is to be held.

**Website** This needs to be updated regularly. Is there anyone who would be interested in doing this? If so please contact the office.

**Pastoral Care.** During the last week several people have been using the shower. A number of sleeping bags & clothing has been given out.

**St Matthew's Village Residents** had a casserole tea in the Martin Centre. They are been encouraged to use the centre.

**Finances.** Funds available at the end of June \$25694.11 less cheques to be paid \$34,775.96 plus monies to be transferred \$7,000 from Highgrove and \$15,000 from Term Deposit.

Kaye Kennedy Secretary

**Please note—Sunday 3rd August**

**9.00am Eucharist—Marking the centenary of the outbreak of WW 1**

**5.00pm Evensong—commemoration of the Centenary of the commencement of the Great War 1914**

### ***Eucharistic Ministry***

**Eucharistic Ministry at Mercy Health, began in October 2011** as an initiative of Rev. Maureen Beattie during her time as Pastoral Care Associate there, and also through the efforts of Grace Sharon. The same team has visited regularly each Thursday since then, either taking the Eucharist to individual patients, or helping to conduct the monthly service which is organised by the Northern Albury Parish. Sadly for us, Gill Mackay had to retire from this ministry in May, and we will miss her presence very much.



To mark the end of her time with us, Rev. Gayle Ockenden, Pastoral Care Associate, Mercy Health conducted a Eucharist at the hospital. Christine Arnold, Manager, Mercy Health attended and spoke of their gratitude for Gill's time and effort with the team and she and Gayle presented Gill with a delightful candle to help her to remember her time with us. Father Peter was also able to be present and we enjoyed cake, coffee and conversation afterwards.

Ray Fietz has been able to come back on board with us and Robin Wellard has accepted an invitation to join the team, which now comprises: Bert and Sylvia Williams, Sue Fyfe and myself as team leader.

Carol Read



Three aspects of the Naidoc Week service at St. Matthews





### **Children's Church**

*N.B As this publication preceded July Children's church, the July and August reports will be found in the September edition of Grapevine.*

*Julie Scott, Children's Church spokesperson*





**St Matthew's Evening Group**

invites you to

**Come for walk around St Matthew's Garden**

with ***Robyn Gibbs***



On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September

Commencing at 10 am

ENTRY \$5.00 includes Morning Tea

In case of rain Robyn will give a talk in the church about the garden.



**For further information contact Margaret on 02 6062 3512**

**MEDITATION**  
**THE HARD SAYINGS OF JESUS (7)**

"You are the salt of the earth: but if the salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored?" (St Matthew Chapter 5, verse 13)

This saying of Our Lord has become the basis of one of the greatest compliments that can be made to a person – that he or she is "the salt of the earth". It is an acknowledgement of that person's positive attitude, and contribution to those around them and to society. In the ancient world, salt was highly valued. One writer describes it – "There is nothing more useful than sun and salt." This was because it was associated with purity, as a preservative, and most of all as adding flavour to food. Why then, does Jesus describe the Christian as "the salt of the earth?"

Salt adds a bit of zest, and added flavour to food. Our Christian faith is to give a new flavour to life. All too often people have considered Christianity to be somewhat of a miserable belief, full of "don't's". Some Christian groups forbid the use of certain foods, alcohol, and dancing to name a few examples. There is nothing wrong with these things in themselves. It is how they are used (abused) that causes problems.

Robert Louis Stevenson recorded in his diary, "I have been to church today, and for once I am not depressed." Our faith should be a joyous, happy one. We need to show this to our society, which all too often has a depressed outlook on life.

Joy and happiness are to be hallmarks of the Christian in public and private life.

Christians are to be seen by others as living examples of the power and grace of God active in their lives. They are to create an example which others are encouraged to follow.

Jesus goes on to say that there is a danger that we, as "the salt of the earth" can fail to live up to our role. (The salt loses its flavour) Our society has many distractions which can deflect us from following Our Lord. Our 'words and works' need to reflect those of Jesus Himself. Our world needs the example of people who are prepared to focus on Our Lord, and as such be a guiding light (with all the attributes of salt) in our world.

This is a short prayer with which we can start each day.

"Forth in Thy name O Lord I go, My daily labour to pursue.

Thee, only Thee resolved to know, In all I think, or speak or do."

*Fr Colín*

***'Heart and Mind' – the four Gospel journey for radical transformation.***

**Come on a journey with Alexander Shaia's work on the Gospels.**

**This work is life changing in how we understand the four Gospels.**

Anticipated to start in July - with St David' people in a small group.

This is not a study group nor is it gathering of information we are companions on the way, at first laying the groundwork for the journey. After a break we look at Matthews Gospel through a new lens – waking and facing change, climbing Matthew's great mountain. Participants will need to purchase the book -'Heart and Mind' -The Four-Gospel Journey for Radical Transformation –Alexander Shaia with Michelle Gaugy. The book (cost \$30) can be paid for over the course of the first introductory sessions.

Please watch for further details as they become available. For more information and expressions of interest **see Rev'd Maureen Beattie**







Fran and David, Celtic Night



Jo and Lisa



Shanul and Sandra



Sarah Winnel and Partner at Deb Ball



Julie Ling

### **AMEB MUSIC CRAFT - Lyn Winnel**

Music has a huge impact on me as it runs deep in my soul. It leads me on a musical journey towards meaningful and relaxation. It is quite spiritually uplifting and fulfilling in many ways. Music to me is a source of inspiration and the truest expression of deep feelings.

It makes me expand new possibilities, discovering beautiful things and an understanding of myself. My horizon has been lifted as I get a lot of benefits from being a member of the choir as it's important to St Matthew's Church. I feel privileged that I sing to God in praise and worship.

When I finish singing for a service, I have the feeling I was engaged in the service, drawing closer to Him. Listening to God's words has helped me understand His messages. Music is a powerful endless change, it helps me connect to life. My appreciation for music has deepened and I'm grateful it gives me something to do.

I have been broadening my knowledge in the language of music theory. Making me aware of why I am singing and what it is about. Music helps me to pray and teaches the awareness of the choir contribution to worship life in our church. My musicality has grown to understand the musical ministry and depth of liturgy within the church community.

While developing in my music theory I've continued to go down the path of musical appreciation as I successfully completed four exams over 2013 and 2014 with the Australian Music Examinations Board in Music Craft. The four exams have helped me to develop naturally, unlocking the structure in music and giving me the required skills to be a part of the church choir. The results: 100% High Distinction; 97% High Distinction; 94% Honours and 100% High Distinction. Music brings enjoyment to my life and it is still vital to the life of our parish.

Being a part of the church choir and making a contribution to offer the parish is a heavenly blessing. It is a physical activity which requires concentration and dedication. It has many intellectual rewards and to me it's worthwhile being a chorister as it helps me to relate to the church. St Matthew's Church will always be a big part of my life. I was not expecting anything, I never expect what I was dreaming therefore what I was dreaming is often closer than I expect.

*Lyn Winnel*



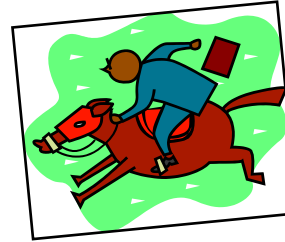
Soup at Rectory for Wednesday Fellowship Group at Adamshurst



MU Wave of Prayer

# **H U M O U R**

## **CATHOLIC HORSES**



A punter was at the horse races playing the ponies  
and all but losing his shirt

He noticed a Priest step out onto the track and  
blessed the forehead of one  
of the horses lining up for the 4th race.

Lo and behold, that horse - a very long shot - won the race.

Next race, as the horses lined up, the Priest stepped onto the track. Sure  
enough, he blessed one of the horses.

The punter made a beeline for a betting window and placed a small bet on the  
horse. Again, even though it was another long shot, the horse won the race.

He collected his winnings, and anxiously waited to see which horse the  
Priest would bless next.

He bet big on it, and it won. As the races continued the Priest kept  
blessing long shots, and each one ended up winning.

The punter was elated. He made a quick dash to the ATM, withdrew all his  
savings, and awaited for the Priest's blessing that would tell him which  
horse to bet on.

True to his pattern, the Priest stepped onto the track for the last race and  
blessed the forehead of an old nag that was the longest shot of the day.

This time the priest blessed the eyes, ears, and hooves of the old nag. The  
hunter knew he had a winner and bet every cent he owned on the old nag.

He watched dumbfounded as the old nag came in last. In a state of shock, he  
went to the track area where the Priest was.

Confronting Him, he demanded, 'Father! What happened? All day long you  
blessed horses and they all won. Then in the last race, the horse you  
blessed lost by a mile. Now, thanks to you I've lost every cent of my savings.

The Priest nodded wisely and with sympathy.

'Son,' he said, 'that's the problem with you Protestants,  
you can't tell the difference between a simple blessing and last rites.

## ON THE RECORD

### *Baptisms*

*We welcome into Christ's family*

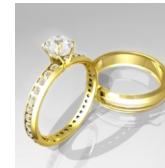
6 Jul	Savannah Lily McMAHON
13 Jul	William Kevin Michael WRIGHT Hailey Erin Jayne WRIGHT Taylor John Michael WRIGHT



### *Weddings*

*We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony*

No weddings for July



### *Funerals*

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

11 Jul	'Dot' Dorothy Grace SCOTT
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### *Years Mind – August*

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

Matela Constance STAR (1<sup>st</sup>), 'Roy' Charles WALKER (2<sup>nd</sup>), Noel Walter GOULD (3<sup>rd</sup>), Stan HEPPNER (3<sup>rd</sup>), Norman William SEMMLER (4<sup>th</sup>), Shannon James Robert READ (4<sup>th</sup>), Louie Irene PIPER (6<sup>th</sup>), Dorothy Edith STAR (8<sup>th</sup>), Warwick PAFRAMAN (9<sup>th</sup>), Baby Ann COLEMAN (11<sup>th</sup>), Carl James HUNICHEN (13<sup>th</sup>), Georgie EISENHAUER (14<sup>th</sup>), Michael John CLARKE (14<sup>th</sup>), Neville "Harley" McALLISTER (14<sup>th</sup>), Norman EISENHAUER (15<sup>th</sup>), Aden James DEVINE (15<sup>th</sup>), Ernest Francis GRANT (18<sup>th</sup>), Eric SEIDEL (19<sup>th</sup>), Harry LORD (21<sup>st</sup>), Brian Hector GILL (Priest)(22<sup>nd</sup>), Robert Charles BECKHURST (23<sup>rd</sup>), Henry Anzac POWELL (25<sup>th</sup>), Thora PIKE (25<sup>th</sup>), Henry Keith ROCK (27<sup>th</sup>), Arthur George COWLES (31<sup>st</sup>)





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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  
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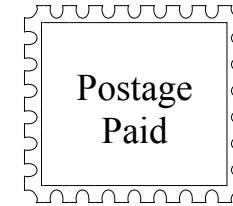
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