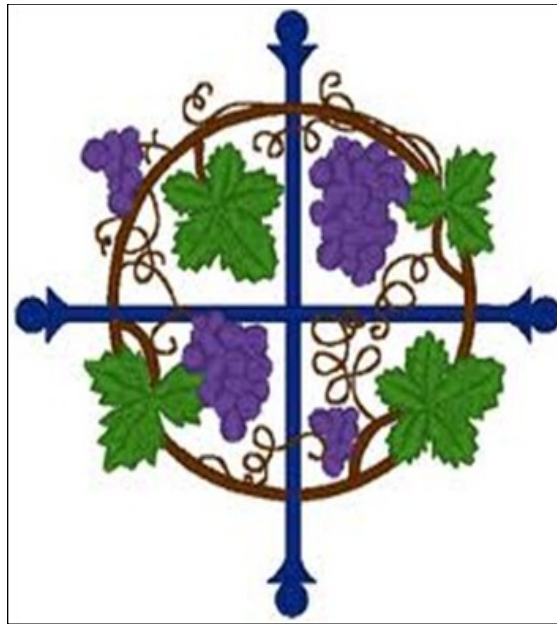


ST MATTHEW'S GRAPEVINE



PARISH OF ALBURY

SEPTEMBER 2014

Fr Peter writes :

Dear people of St. Matthews

Stop and smell the roses?

Feeling discouraged? "Take a walk among your blessings" was the good advice followed by good high churchman Folliot Sandford Pierpoint while was taking a walk one late Spring day, in the lovely area surrounding his home in Bath, England. Overwhelmed and encouraged with the beauty he saw, he sat down and wrote "For the Beauty of the Earth". Not only does Pierpoint thank God for His beautiful creation, but also for family, friends and other gifts God has blessed us with.



Fr Peter with Archbishop of Sydney

*For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the Love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
CHRIST, our GOD, to Thee we raise
This our Sacrifice of Praise.*

*For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:
CHRIST, our GOD, to Thee we raise
This our Sacrifice of Praise.*

*For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and brain's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Sinking sense to sound and sight:
CHRIST, our GOD, to Thee we raise
This our Sacrifice of Praise.*

*For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above;
For all gentle thoughts and mild:
CHRIST, our GOD, to Thee we raise
This our Sacrifice of Praise*

WARM WELCOME !

Cross Border celebration as new Dean welcomed to Wangaratta with "the works" - Bell ringers from a few towers across the diocese shook the air as the welcome to Holy Trinity's new Dean the very reverend Ken Goodger and his family rang out over Wangaratta. Many thanks to the St Matthews Bell ringers who stepped up to the tower at the last minute. Just the week before their annual meeting at Adamshurst cataloguing a whole year of service to the church and the community. The choir of St Matthews joined the cathedral accompanied by St Matthews organist John Scott. Deans from other Australian Cathedrals were present as members of the cathedral chapter placed a Cathedral cope on Dean Kens shoulders before he was inducted, commissioned and installed as Dean of Wangaratta by Bishop John Parkes.

The Bishop of Kensington and Bishops from across Australia joined us to welcome **Bishop Rob Gillion the new Bishop of Riverina** at St Albans Cathedral Griffith Bishop Rob and his wife Janine will be welcomed to the region at a festal evensong at St Matthews at a date to be announced. Also the Archbishops of Perth and Sydney and Bishops of Bendigo and Ballarat are making dates for St Matthews visits ,so we will we may need to install a roundabout in our pulpit in preparation for heavy preacher traffic.



Monster garage sale to help St Matthews help the homeless

- The recent death of a homeless couple and their dog in a car in Ballarat is dangerously close to home in Albury as In the last weeks St Matthews has hosted the funeral of a young homeless man who fell through the cracks from cycle of childhood neglect, running foul of the justice system and closed opportunities for employment and accommodation ending in an overdose and death. Every day homeless people with a range of personal and medical issues find sanctuary in the church and grounds. St Matthews crisis care has a policy of turning no one away with provision of emergency relief, bedding, advocacy and food 365 days a year working in partnership with many others. Our monster Garage sale and car boot sale at Adamshurst on Saturday 2nd August raised more than \$2000 to help St Matthews crisis care to help the homeless.

Commemoration of the commencement of the Great war in 1914 - At 11am on **4 August 1914**, the British Empire declared war on Germany. As a result, Australia also entered the war, a conflict that would cost over 60,000 Australian lives and changed families and communities. On Sunday 3rd August St Matthews hosted a special "Great War commencement centenary service with special music of the period, candle lighting, wreath laying and poppy seed scones for afterwards.

Civic MH 17 commemoration at St Matthews - The Federal Government with the assistance of State Government and The Albury City Council invited St Matthews to host a Regional Civic Service to remember the personal and community loss from the MH17 tragedy. Flags were flown at half mast and well known Catholic Priest Fr Kevin Flanagan wrote a prayer for the occasion from his hospital bed to be read by Rev Christine Moimoi of the Uniting Church. A message from the Prime Minister Mr Tony Abbot was read, schools and government representatives laid wreaths, and school children lit candles in memory of other communities that suffered. Wattle was used as a theme for the Australian commemoration and sunflowers as a reminder of images from the crash site where sunflowers were blooming among wreckage and passengers belongings. Special music from some of Albury's choir and most talented young musicians was again much appreciated.

'O for the wings of a dove' - **Sarah Winnel** has been singing for Albury's biggest occasions ever since she opened her mouth and a series of musical miracles started leaping out. She was one of the youngest in the world to win the Archbishop of Canterbury's highest vocal honour and sang 'You raise me up' at the community commemoration of the MH 17 tragedy on Thursday 7th August bringing tears to most people's eyes. She has also sung at many community carols by candlelight and Anzac services and has been a leading light at Scots School and the choir of St Matthews and has sung for charity all over the region. On Sunday the 10th of August was her 18th birthday and she sang the most famous anthem composed for a treble voice, 'Hear my prayer' and 'O for the wings of a dove' by Mendelssohn accompanied by the St Matthews choir under director John Ross, with Fr Malcolm Halford at the organ and was an unforgettable experience.



Border Polities invited to a film night by local churches to highlight operation sovereign borders and what is actually being shut out. Member for INDI Cathy McGowan joined Fr Peter and the ministry team of St Matthews, Rev Christine Moimoi of St Davids Uniting Church, Fr Kevin Flanagan of Sacred Heart Catholic parish as people on both sides of the Border or with an interest in humanitarian issues came to screening of an award winning film highlighting the issue of nations turning their back on refugees in times of need. The award winning drama Voyage of the Damned (1976) 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. It illustrates the human cost of a successful Sovereign Borders Operation, successfully turning back boat and shutting out international humanitarian obligations.

Children and Youth - Children church continues to grow after 14 years of trying different methods to reach a wide range of families with a mix of traditional and modern words and music many thanks to our children's church committee and the Rev Maureen Beattie as well as the St Matthews music department that provides everything from Mozart to the Wiggles. Our choir continues to encourage younger singers and tuition provided under the banner of the royal school of church music and our music foundation with organ, choral and guitar scholars is bearing fruit but the gallery is full! what a great problem to have. **Our youth group** is now gearing up for a St Matthews snow trip with a full coach heading off to Falls Creek, **so over 50 of our young people and leaders off to the snow !!!**

St Matthews day and celebrating 20 years since the reopening of St Matthews after the fire with a special service on Sunday 21st September at 9am with Archdeacon John Davis presiding.

St Francis Day Sunday 5th October at 9am will be a full family mass with the blessing of animals!!

Fr Peter

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Lights. Looking at replacing all the lights with LED lights which would reduce our electricity costs by at least 50%. Remember when in the church only put on the lights that are needed and please remember to turn them off when you leave the church.

Advertising Sign. This is still a work in progress.

Memorial Service Some of you might remember Glad Durie. Glad passed away in South Australia on the 1st August. A memorial service is to be held for her probably in November. She had been living with her daughter.

Archives. People continue to ask for family records.

St Matthew's Village The furniture for the Martin Centre is about to arrive. An official opening of the centre is planned for October. The residents seemed to be happy.

Garage & Car Boot Sale Between \$2,000 and \$2200 was raised. We didn't receive as many donations and goods this time.

Anglican Food Room 21 hampers were handed out in July

Finances. Balance June Statement \$41606.92 Less cheque not presented \$7700. Available funds at 31/7/14 \$33906.92 Less cheques already paid or to be paid \$31868.00 Available funds proposed for No1 a/c \$2038.92

Kaye Kennedy Secretary

WELCOME TO STRANGERS WHO NOTICE

Human rights campaigner and Equality in marriage advocate Rodney Croome AM wrote an article in a national paper entitled "meeting the faithful in Albury highlighting the success of a recent marriage equality visit to Albury which says it all

"If these outcomes had been the sum of the weekend, it would have been a great success. But something extraordinary happened that made the weekend quite precious. The local Anglican Archdeacon approached the info stall and asked us to church the next morning. On the spur of the moment we agreed to go. We arrived to a sea of ministers, deacons and vergers greeting a large number of parishioners: here was a community, not just a congregation. The elaborate High Church service was unfamiliar to me as someone brought up in the simpler Low Church tradition. But the choir transcended all such boundaries with the best voices I have ever heard in an Australian church. Then, during his announcements, the Archdeacon acknowledged us and our work, and we were given a round of applause. The warm welcome continued afterwards as we shared scones and jam with the congregation. Think about that for a minute: a long-established church in a small regional city applauds the work of those defending equality for same-sex couples. Over the last decade, there have been many moving moments in the marriage equality debate. But there can be few more indicative of how much Australia has changed for the better, and inspiring to those of us who campaign for equality, than the applause of the Anglican parishioners of Albury.

How wonderful that strangers are so welcomed, notice and spread the good news !

**St Matthew's Evening Group
invites you to
Come for walk around St Matthew's Garden**

With Robyn Gibbs



**On Monday 29th 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



Children's Church July

There were 25 children at the July, the theme was 'The Good Samaritan'. The children took part in acting out the story, with the help of Fr. Peter's many doll characters, which the kids enjoyed and the congregation were entertained by!

The children took part in preparing the children's altar and at the conclusion of the service, the usual procession took place. Janette had some hot dogs which were very popular for a snack!



Children's church for August & 14th Birthday!

The church was decorated with lots of balloons and appropriate birthday signage. The theme for the day was 'The loaves and fishes'. (The 9am congregation were aware of the 14th birthday, as the church had been decorated on Saturday night!)

The children read the story from story sheets, and Owen was the 'little boy with his lunch' who acted his part very well! Fr. Peter asked the children some questions relating to the story, and there were plenty of hands up to answer them! There were 16 children attending, and it was lovely to welcome some new faces. The children as is the usual thing, helped prepare the children's altar. As the theme was about sharing, there was a special loaf of bread, cut, containing pieces of bread for the congregation, and was used during communion instead of the usual wafers. David Luxon and Tom Summerfield were our musicians. 'Happy Birthday' was sung, and later, as it was a wet day, our birthday party was held in the Memorial Chapel area. In keeping with the 'Loves and Fishes' theme, extra food appeared from nowhere, and we were treated to a very generous amount of party food!

Julie Scott C.C. Spokesperson for St. Matthew's M.U.





Thought for the Week from MU - Sunday 7 September 2014

Learning

Monday 8 September is International Literacy Day. Mothers' Union Literacy and Financial Education Programme teaches basic skills we take for granted. Benefits gained enrich people's lives.

"Let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance." (Proverbs 1.5)

Give thanks for teachers who have inspired and helped us.

We pray for those who make policies in education and for continuing education for all ages.

We pray for our members in Peru, that they may be open to learn from your word.



Thought for the Week from MU - Sunday 14 September 2014

Harvest

We are well fed and nourished. We remember today the many who are short of food, whose harvests have failed, or whose livelihood has been destroyed by war, inhumanity and exploitation.

"Plant the good seeds of righteousness, and you will harvest a crop of love." (Hosea 10.12)

We give thanks for all who work on land and sea to provide our daily food, and pray that they might receive a fair return for their labour.

We pray for our members in Europe, that they would continue to discover the needs of their communities and show the love of Christ as they reach out with practical support.



Thought for the Week from MU - Sunday 21 September 2014

Reconciliation

Today is the International Day of Peace. Instituted by the General Assembly of the United Nations, this day is devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples.

"God was reconciling the world to himself through Christ, by not counting people's sins against them. He has trusted us with this message of reconciliation." (2 Corinthians 5.19)

Lord, we pray for peace and reconciliation throughout the world.

We pray for our members in New Zealand, that they would be encouraged as they carry out the mission of Mothers' Union.



Thought for the Week from MU - Sunday 28 September 2014

Valuing the elderly

Wednesday 1 October is the International Day of Older People. Help us to overlook the limitations that come with age and to see the whole person that God made and loves.

"Show respect to the elderly, and honour older people. In this way you show respect for your God." (Leviticus 19.32)

We give thanks for the contribution of so many older people to their community. We praise God for their knowledge and wisdom.

We pray for our members throughout Ireland, that they may be strengthened in heart and purpose.

MEDITATION
THE HARD SAYINGS OF JESUS (8)

“The Son of Man (Jesus) has authority on earth to forgive sins”. St Mark Chapter 2, Verse 10.

Imagine it ! How would you feel if your house was suddenly “unroofed” and a sick man lowered to the feet of a guest who was speaking to a large number of people who were gathered there. Well, that is what prompted this saying of Jesus. There was a reason for this. Part of the religious culture of the day was the belief that all sickness was the result of sin. No sickness could be cured until sin was forgiven. The man lowered to the feet of Jesus in the house that was “unroofed” was paralysed. The very first thing Jesus said to him was, “your sins are forgiven”. This was so the man's mind could be put at rest, and his healing could occur. Even today, medical science recognises that the mind can influence the condition of the body, even to the point of illness. It is called a Psychosomatic condition. The man in the Gospel story, believed that his sin was being punished by God. Once Jesus pronounced forgiveness of his sins (and it was believed) “Son, your sins are forgiven” (verse 5)

that man was able to be cured of his paralysis.

The claim of Jesus to have the authority to forgive sins, provoked the anger of the Pharisees. Jesus had dared to forgive sins – in their view the sole prerogative of God. To add insult to injury as far as the Pharisees were concerned, if Jesus was able to cure the man's illness, then it was absolute proof that his sins were also forgiven. Thus the claim of Jesus to be divine – the Son of Man, was indeed true. (The Son of Man was an Old Testament figure, regarded as coming to begin the reign of God.) The paralysed man realised the weight of sin on his mind was lifted and the cure effective. We need to be conscious of our own sinfulness, and seek the forgiveness of Our Heavenly Father. Whenever we see the cross or a crucifix, we should be reminded that Our Lord, on our behalf, suffered in order to forgive us our sin. As a popular hymn puts it...

“He died that we might be forgiven
To pay the price of sin.
That we might go at last to heaven,
Saved by His precious blood.”

Father Colin



Bellringer's dinner at Adamshurst



After the service for at Sarah Winnel's
18th birthday



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Scenes from the Garage/ Car boot Sale Adamshurst in August



St. Matthew's choir !



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H U M O U R

Now, this is for my dog friends and my friends who need to smile!

An older, tired-looking dog wandered into my yard. I could tell from his collar and well-fed belly that he had a home and was well taken care of. He calmly came over to me, I gave him a few pats on his head; he then followed me into my house, slowly walked down the hall, curled up in the corner and fell asleep.



An hour later, he went to the door, and I let him out..

The next day he was back, greeted me in my yard, walked inside and resumed his spot in the hall and again slept for about an hour. This continued off and on for several weeks.

Curious I pinned a note to his collar: 'I would like to find out who the owner of this wonderful sweet dog is and ask if you are aware that almost every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap.'

The next day he arrived for his nap, with a different note pinned to his collar: 'He lives in a home with 6 children, 2 under the age of 3 He's trying to catch up on his sleep. Can I come with him tomorrow?'

ON THE RECORD

Baptisms

We welcome into Christ's family

14 Jul	Gemma Kate POULTON
27 Jul	Alicia Jane GARLEY Zachary James GARLEY Rachael Anne GARLEY
2 Aug	Gemma Kate POULTON
10 Aug	Mia Louise WINNELL Lachlan Bruce William WINNELL
16 Aug	Indi Jade IVERSEN Taylor Shaun LETTS



Weddings

We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony

16 Aug	Nicholas Morgan BARBARA & Taryn Ann FRASER
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Funerals

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

18 Jul	Danny Peter NIMMO
23 Jul	Michael Douglas COLLINS
24 Jul	Wendy Suzanne BEARD
4 Aug	William Humphrey COGHLAN
8 Aug	Murray William James MAIR
14 Aug	Ewen David WALLACE (at Kergunyah)



Years Mind – September

We pray for those whose anniversary falls at this time

Ray Walter MOREY (1st), Gertrude Emery KIRKWOOD (1st), Gordon William GRANT (2nd), George Keith DURIE (6th), 'Dorrie' Doris Dardanelle SARROFF (7th), Noel Jack SNARE (7th), Patricia Leslie HABERECHE (8th), Alexandra BROOKS (9th), 'Debbie' Deborah Mary Kailey NITSCHKI (9th), Laurie ANSTIS (10th), Scotty SHEATHER (12th), Reginald Marcus James NORMAN (12th), James Etherington JACKSON (12th), Doug YENSCH (13th), 'Flo' Florence Angela BERRY (13th), June deTARCZYNSKI (14th), Percy EISENHAUER (15th), James William PURSS (15th), John Theodore MOLTSMANN (17th), Anne Isobel DAVIES (18th), George Austin ATKINSON (22nd), George de TARCZYNSKI (24th), Donald DRYSDALE (28th), Emily FORBES (28th), Ronald Hope BRINDLEY (29th), Matthew Craig BOWNDS (29th), Kenneth Frank CUSWORTH (30th), 'Mollie' Mary CHICK (30th)

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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
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5.00 p.m. Evensong (Only 1st Sunday of every month)

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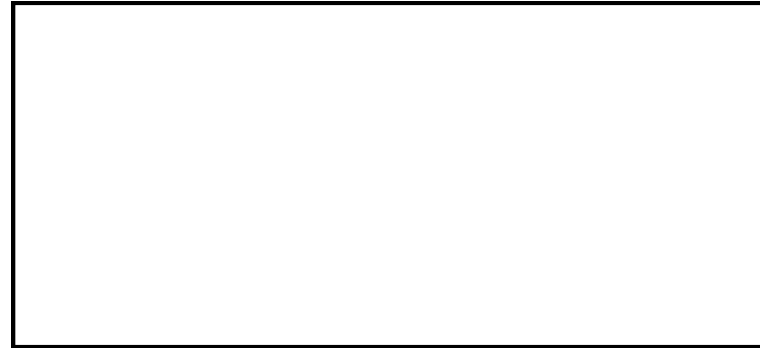
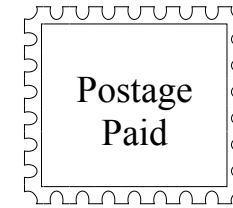
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