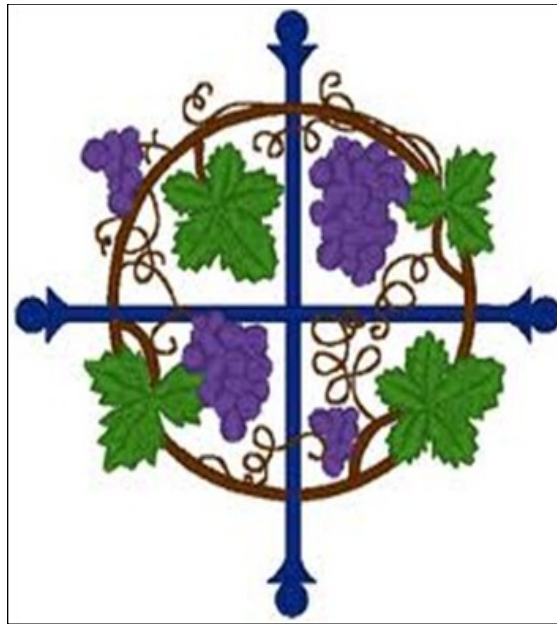


# ST MATTHEW'S GRAPEVINE



**PARISH OF ALBURY**

**OCTOBER 2014**

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

*When a knight won his spurs in the stories of old  
He was gentle and brave he was gallant and bold  
With a shield on his arm and a lance in his hand  
For God and for valour he rode through the land*

*No charger have I, and no sword by my side  
Yet still to adventure and battle I ride  
Though back into storyland giants have fled  
And the knights are no more and the dragons are dead*

*Let faith be my shield and let joy be my steed  
Against the dragons of anger the ogres of greed  
And let me set free with the sword of my youth  
From the castles of darkness ,the power of truth*



Jan Struther is quite unknown ,but she wrote the words to the children's hymn "when a knight won his spurs "and the famous "Lord of all hopefulness Lord of all joy "of course these have both been eclipsed by her nephew who created "The Simpsons".



Percy Dearmer was a gifted liturgist, communicator, team builder and social activist and after bringing together the English hymnal was responsible for the publication of "morning has broken", also commissioned Jan Struther to produce some hymns that communicated to a new generation.

Reaching youth was not rocket science for them but for Dearmer the result of 4 curacies through which he gained valuable practical experience, and for Jan Struther the exercise of being a professional journalist being able to grab the imagination of a wide range of readers. Later she was credited with helping to bring America to assist the allies in the Second World War through capturing the sympathies of the American public through her creation of the character "Mrs Miniver".

Reaching a new generation has been an unfolding adventure of engagement and education at St Matthews Albury building on the same foundations of shared experience, team building, multifaceted communication and education.

When more than 50 young people and their families joined in our recent snow trip we realised that it is the result of using the structures and people already around us and taking mission seriously and enjoying the Christian vocation as baptised members of Christ's family. In the last year Dragon Boat racing was another activity that drew impressive participation in a good cause and even better fun. These events become memorable beacons that light up the story of Christian community and are vehicles for outreach and team building.



If we looked for a peg to hang out youth ministry cap upon it is without doubt sharing in the worshipping life of the church through the ministry of music and serving in the sanctuary, through inclusion in worship via our children's church team and encouragement by the whole congregation through an attitude that is accepting and welcoming of the vibrancy and unexpected opportunities that young people and their families can bring to our parish life.

Our choir and serving team are a window into the life of our parish in which young people are affirmed ,valued ,educated and nurtured and it has nothing to do with luck or reading lists but by taking risks together and being sufficiently flexible to change course ,having a corporate eye for a change of wind direction ,for possible snags and then sufficient trust to hoist the sail together or wait patiently without giving up when we seem not to be making headway.

It looks like magic when we have nearly 1000 people over the Christmas season, when our Easter services are standing room only and when we have growing numbers at our monthly children's and family services and baptisms nearly every week, but it is not magic but commitment and teamwork and every warden and member of our parish council and ministry teams plays a part.

Our choir under the direction of John Ross provides educational opportunities in music ministry under the international banner of the royal school of church music through which the greatest scriptural truths are embedded on so many levels as sources of spiritual capital to be reflected upon and drawn on in daily life as well as enhancing our worship experience. Our commitment to young people is demonstrated in the patience and priority given to ensure that children continue to be encouraged and included from an early age. Starting with the assistance of the mothers union in helping to create a welcoming environment and children's play area, deliberate welcome to children at the first contact by the welcomes, office or in the liturgy. The inclusion of children and young people in the choir, sanctuary, as readers and at the altar as well as the wider mission of the church happens through shared planning opportunities and patience. I am very grateful to Matthew-Paul Fowler as well as our youth committee of teachers, working together with our children's church committee, pastoral care and music foundation to ensure that the welcome mat is continually rolled out to the young people of our church and wider community.



Our youth programme continually responds to the suggestions and aspirations of our younger people rather than a fixed agenda, and while that demands some extra flexibility increasing numbers and participation levels show that it continues to be the way to go.

Every major festival is planned looking at traction with younger people, and the considerable media profile of St Matthews in social action also targets youth issues particularly noting the way that the federal budget effects youth outcomes, equality in marriage, youth mental health and suicide prevention, and building resilience and homelessness as well as refugee and indigenous issues so that even outsiders recognise that Christian mission had a young face with experienced back up and encouragement.



Even the church garden has been used to bring a message of welcome and sanctuary to both young and old stranger. St Matthews supports community projects such as relay for life as well as having a deliberately open pastoral policy thanks to the flexibility of lay and ordained parish members, working bees, fetes, social programmes as well as liturgies attempt to welcome young people and their families.

We should not forget the tax deductible music foundation through the St Matthews music committee and our organ tutor Dr Alan Beavis that skills young people in music ministry on pipe organ, guitar and vocally as well as providing a resource and venue for local schools for a range of learning and experience based activities.

All this without a particular church school connection but seeing the whole community as equally in need of the ministry that together we can offer, and offering local and rural parishes the opportunity to join in events with other young people to experience the fun, fellowship, challenge and long term benefits that the Christian adventure can offer.

Fr Peter



Canon Jane Hedges, Dean of Norwich

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**Parish Centre/Rectory.** The piano room has been cleared. This room will be made into a meeting/counselling room.

The entrance to the back room is to be repaired. A decision is to be made as to whether new tiles are laid to replace the ones that are to be taken up or to recover the hallway with vinyl.

**Anglican Food room** 14 hampers were given out during August.

**Hailstorm.** Some of the mortar came off the front of the church after the hailstorm on the 9<sup>th</sup> September. Also some of roof tiles have been damaged. The Diocese has been notified.

**Finances** Our book work is being done by the Diocese. Each Friday Kaye looks at the invoices writes the cheques, which are then checked by Cathy who signs them. Then they are countersigned by one of the other signatories. On Monday the invoices are scanned and emailed to Julie at Wangaratta.

No 1 a/c Balance at end August \$26,034.79 less cheques not presented \$29,310.29 net available funds proposed for No1 a/c **-\$3275.50.**

**Fund raising ideas.** If you have any ideas for fund raising, please talk to one of the Parish Councillors.

**Church Cleaning.** The next church cleaning working bee will be in **December-**. More details next month (The September clean was well attended and a success!)



### **F E T E**

- **The fete is to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> October. Please come and support it.**

It would be great if we could have lots of cakes/ slices or biscuits for the cake stall.

Make jam, pickles for the produce stall. Please leave them at the office prior to the day, so that they can be priced.























Bring produce from your garden—it would be best to bring this on the day.

Donate books to the bookstall.

Bring cuttings that have struck to the plant stall. or these can be given to Coralie before the Saturday.

**Items for the book/ or treasure stall please leave at the office before Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>.**

Kaye Kennedy **Secretary**

**Dedication and Opening at St. Matthews Village**

Bishop John Parkes will dedicate and open new facilities at St Matthews Village, Cahill Place, which include completion of the new Community Centre, to be known as the Martin Centre. This naming is in recognition of some forty years' tireless work there by John and Helen Martin. The new centre, along with a new unit completes Stage 1 of the redevelopment. This redevelopment involved the demolition of a block of dated units to enable us to modernise the village and make it more appealing to prospective residents.

This is a wonderful opportunity to come and inspect the facilities at the village, to appreciate the work of the Manager, Brian Elliott, Lindsay Antone, our remarkable handyman and the Board, also to give thanks for this ministry of St Matthews and the Diocese.























We have plans approved for Stage 2 and will be meeting soon to investigate the viability of going ahead. The demolition of the two-storey block of units will be necessary to progress with these plans.

**The opening is scheduled for Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 at 11.am** with light refreshments to be served following the opening. There will be an opportunity to inspect some of the units (there is a three-bedroom unit vacant and available for purchase currently) and to talk to residents.

As parking is restricted, it is asked that you park in Dight Street (you will be directed through the village to the Community Centre). There will limited disabled parking in Cahill Place and this can also be used as a drop off/pick up point as well.

We would love to see as many as possible there to join in the celebration, please bring a friend or family member if you wish.

*Carol Read*

### Guidelines for Holy Communion

Be Prepared: Read the Readings Beforehand

Arrive Early **Observe Silence**

Pray while waiting for the Holy Communion to Begin

Actively and Reverently Participate Sing with the Choir Participate in the Responses

Prayerfully Listen to the Gospel Proclamation Attentively Listen to the Homily

Focus Your Attention to the Entire Celebration

Bear in mind that in each Holy Communion, Jesus is Present as in the Last Supper

Give Generously Sing/Pray to the Lord's Prayer Reverently

Smile and Sincerely say 'Peace be with You'

Reverently and Joyfully Partake the Body and Blood of Christ

#### **After Communion Kneel and Dialogue with Jesus**

Share with others the Learning and Impact the Readings, Homily and Mass had on You

Sing with the Choir Participate in the Responses

Prayerfully Listen to the Gospel Proclamation

Attentively Listen to the Homily Focus Your Attention to the Entire Celebration

Bear in mind that in each Holy Communion Jesus is Present as in the Last Supper.







## Children's Church for September

This month's service was held on the 20th anniversary of rebuilding of St. Matthews after the disastrous fire in 1991, on St. Matthew's Day the Patronal festival. The theme for the day was "The wise man built his house upon a rock". The children were shown two scenarios of one man building his house on sand, and another on a rock. The little 'prop' house on the sand, fell down when water was poured on the house and sand. Rev. Maureen told the children that the man who built on a rock, was like a person who believed in Jesus, and build his life and faith on the strong foundation of Jesus's message.

The 11 children were shown photos of the church from destruction to being re-built, and of course the Church's strong foundations both from the congregation, as well as the actual structural ones, were shown as both crucial to it's renewal.

Later several of the children were given cards with names of items used in the Communion service. During the preparation for communion, the children took the specific cards to the Altar, and were given the appropriate items.eg 'water' ',wine'

Rowena Ginns played the jaunty music for the service, and we all enjoyed the action songs. Declan and Jaxon carried the crosses for the procession. After the service, we had food and drinks in the sun, and enjoyed catching up.

*Julie Scott, Children's Church spokesperson*




**MEDITATIONS**  
**THE HARD SAYINGS OF JESUS 9**

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace on earth: I have come to bring peace, but a sword” (St Matthew 10: 34)

These words of Jesus are in stark contrast to what we normally think and read about Our Lord. After all, He said “Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called sons of God.” (St Matthew Chapter 5, verse 9)

When Jesus said this He meant that Our Heavenly Father is the God of peace, so that those who seek peace and pursue it, reflect God’s character. One thing is quite certain. Our Lord did not advocate conflict Quite the opposite. Jesus may have spoken from experience, for there are indications in the Gospels that members of his own family resented him. St. John records that even his brothers didn’t believe in Him”. (St John ch:7 verse 5).

The important point is that when he said he had come to bring ‘not peace, but a sword,’ he meant this would be the effect of His coming. It was not the purpose of His coming. Jesus’ words came true in the life of the early Church when members of a family who accepted the Christian faith, faced opposition from members who did not. St Perpetua is one example. In the year 203 A.D. Perpetua made the decision to become a Christian, even though she knew it could lead to her death – as in that year on one occasion actually attacked her. She separated from her family and soon was arrested and imprisoned. At her trial her father pleaded with her to renounce her belief. She was sentenced with others to be thrown to the wild beasts and they were martyred at a Roman festival. Perpetua’s last words to her friends were “stand fast in the faith, and love one another.” Her feast day is celebrated with these words in the face of persecution and death...”But you, man of God...pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called..” (1 Timothy, ch: 6 verses 12-16)

When confronted with Jesus, a choice has to be made – accept or reject Him. Give Him our utmost loyalty and follow His way of life for us, or turn our backs on Him and ignore Him. Don’t be discouraged. Live each day as if Christ were coming tomorrow. After all, He might !!

*Father Colin*



## **M.U. Weekly Prayers for October**



### **Thought for the Week from MU - Sunday 5 October 2014 Praise**

How great is our God! He is the same today as at the beginning of time and he will live forever! There is no problem too big or too difficult that he cannot overcome. So rejoice and be glad that he loves you.

"I will praise you every day; yes, I will praise you forever. Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise!" (Psalm 145.2-3)

*Lord, keep me worshipping with every breath I take. Remind me daily to let my spirit focus on you, so that I allow your will to inform every action I take.*

*We pray for the growth of Mothers' Union in Belize and Uruguay. We thank you for those who are already involved in our work and mission, and pray for others to join them.*



### **Thought for the Week from MU - Sunday 12 October 2014 Wealth and poverty**

Friday is the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. God made enough food for everyone to share. May we be part of the solution to end hunger in the world and look for opportunities in our own communities to help families struggling to cope.

"This poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything - all she had to live on." (Mark 12.43-44)

*Make us generous, Lord; generous with our time, our talents and our money. For all these come from you in order that we may use them in your service.*

*We pray for members in Mauritius and the Seychelles in all their initiatives to support family life.*



### **Thought for the Week from MU - Sunday 19 October 2014 Integrity**

"Wrong is wrong, even if everybody is doing it, and right is right, even if nobody is doing it." (St. Augustine). Lord, help us to have the integrity to stand for what is right, even when it makes us unpopular.

"May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope, Lord, is in you." (Psalm 25.21)

*We pray for those in government and positions of power, and for all who are being pressured to compromise their integrity, whether in a work or personal situation. Strengthen their resolve, that they may have the motivation and courage to act with integrity.*

*We pray that members in Ethiopia would reflect the integrity of Christ as they support and strengthen women in the church.*



### **Thought for the Week from MU - Sunday 26 October 2014 Family**

"What can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family." (Mother Teresa)

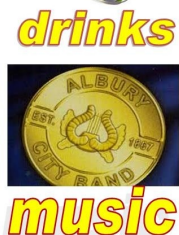
Saturday is All Saints' Day. We give thanks for those in our family who have led us in the way of Christ through their words and deeds. May we be a witness in our generation to the love and faithfulness of God.

"You are no longer foreigners and outsiders but citizens together with God's people and members of God's family." (Ephesians 2.19)

*May we work to support all those who do not have a loving family.*

*We pray for members in Canada as they work with the Inuit communities to counter parenting and social issues, and for their involvement with issues of gender-based violence.*





# **FETE**

**St Matthew's  
Fair on the Square**

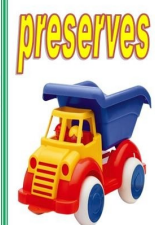
**SATURDAY  
18 OCTOBER  
QEII SQUARE**

**8.00 am—1.00 pm**

*Come and spend a  
pleasant morning  
browsing the stalls*



**Devonshire  
teas**



**BBQ**



**odds'n'ends**



**cakes**

Parish family snow trip pictures



# H U M O U R

*This poem is provided by Roma Jones, Parishioner and M.U. Member who has just turned 90 years young!    Congratulations Roma!*

## **Dear Lord**

Today dear Lord, I'm ninety and so much I haven't done,  
I hope dear Lord, you'll let me live until I'm ninety one.  
But I haven't finished all the things that I want to do  
Would you let me stay a little while until I'm ninety-two?



There are so many places that I would like to see,  
Do you think that you could manage to make it ninety-three?  
The world is changing very fast, and there's so much in store,  
I would like so much to live Lord, until I'm eighty-four!

And if my doctor tells me that by then I'm still alive!,  
It would be great, dear Lord, to live until I'm ninety-five!  
Then maybe you'll go further and let me choose and pick,  
And I'll be grateful, Lord, if I can live to ninety-six!

The Scriptures tell us often of the joys of reaching Heaven,  
So maybe you will grant me one—the joy of ninety-seven!  
By then, dear Lord, I'll be slowed down and p'haps a little late,  
But even then I'll have life's richest store at ninety-eight?

Each year on earth is precious, so I'm asking one more time,  
Dear Lord, with your permission, could I try for ninety-nine?  
Whatever years are granted me, whatever is my fate,  
I'll pray throughout them all that we will meet at Heaven's gate!

## **Taken literally ... out of the mouth of babes!**

Grandfather, having just picked his 3yr old Grandaughter from pre-school

Grandpa— “ Hello kiddo, did you have a happy day”?

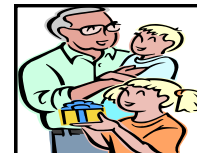
**Child** - “Yes Grandpa”

Grandpa — “Did you do any painting today” ?

**Child**—”Yes Grandpa”

Grandpa—”Did you paint an animal ?”

**Child** – (patiently) - “No Grandpa, we just painted on paper !”



## ON THE RECORD

### *Baptisms*

*We welcome into Christ's family*

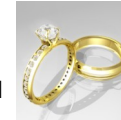
7 September Kiara Viola COAD  
Edward Jacob PEARCE  
13 September Hunter Jaxon CONNELL



### *Weddings*

*We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony*

13 September Thomas Henry GETTENS & Sophie Anne MARTIN  
20 September Christopher Mark WISE & Teigan Theresa COULSON  
Daniel Robert LYNCH & Leal Robyn BRAGG



### *Funerals*

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

21 August Helmut ZIKESCH  
1 September 'Charlie' Robert John LAPPIN  
5 September Ian David VINCENT



### *Years Mind – October*

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

Louise MOLESWORTH (2<sup>nd</sup>), Kit MOLESWORTH (2<sup>nd</sup>), Baby Matthew COLEMAN (6<sup>th</sup>), Ada Victoria PURSS (9<sup>th</sup>), Margaret SEYMOUR-HARDWICK (10<sup>th</sup>), Dylan JARDINE (10<sup>th</sup>), Nola DOWN (10<sup>th</sup>), Gwynne Harry SAMPSON (11<sup>th</sup>), Brian SCHOLZ (11<sup>th</sup>), Yvonne Lorraine COLLINGWOOD (12<sup>th</sup>), Annie Elizabeth COLLICOAT (13<sup>th</sup>), Bruce WINNELL (14<sup>th</sup>), Joyce MACKAY (16<sup>th</sup>), Lilian May COLEMAN (17<sup>th</sup>), Robert William WHITE (19<sup>th</sup>), Jack CLEGG (21<sup>st</sup>), Bill QUINLIVAN (24<sup>th</sup>), Bruce Athol WHITE (25<sup>th</sup>), 'Don' Donald John KING (25<sup>th</sup>), Roger Graham ABRECHT (26<sup>th</sup>), Norman Percy HABERECTH (31<sup>st</sup>), Alison MOLESWORTH (31<sup>st</sup>).

### **PRAYER CIRCLE -**

**From Wednesday 24 September to 5 November 2014 the Prayer Circle will be meeting at 12 noon in the St Francis Chapel instead of 9am.**

All are welcome to join us in worship and prayer for 30 – 40 minutes each week.

*For more details please contact Kerry Wilkinson on 6021 5102.*

Kerry







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Mon - Fri 8.30am to 6pm  
Saturday 9am to 4pm  
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#### **WEDNESDAY**

10:30 a.m. Eucharist

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No services

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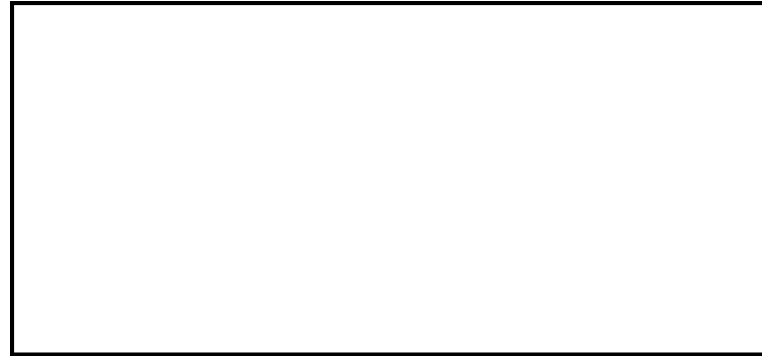
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