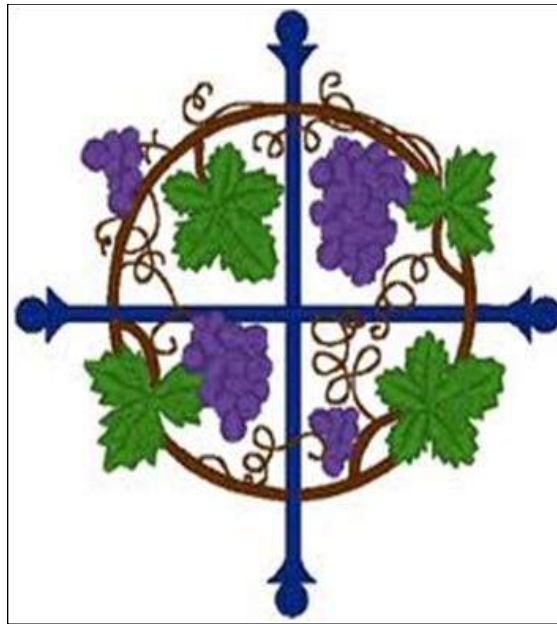


ST MATTHEW'S GRAPEVINE



PARISH OF ALBURY

FEBRUARY 2015

Fr Peter writes :
Dear People of St Matthew's

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell,
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.



Fr Peter with Dr Beth Wilson

This famous hymn by the wife of the Bishop of Derry Cecil Frances Alexander who also wrote *Once in Royal David's City* and *There is a green hill far away* Cecil Frances Alexander. The hymn was inspired by some lines by Coleridge.

"He prayeth best, who loveth best; All things great and small; For the dear God who loveth us; He made and loveth all."

It is a challenging perspective at times of international fear. How should Christians respond to global terror except with faith and hope and love?

Living with a spirit of gratitude is the essence of "harvest festival" that we are keeping on the Sunday before Lent begins – Sunday 15th of February at 9am.

Thankfulness also for opportunities to serve others and the Christmas services that welcomed over 1000 people to St Mathews were occasions of gratitude for then blessings the last year and looking forward to the new.

Our music foundation, giving opportunities to a new generation of church musicians is a wonderful initiative and I particularly commend the organ recital on Mendelssohn's birthday Tuesday 3rd of February by Dr Alan Beavis followed by a reception at Adamshurst as a great way to kick off the musical year.

Shrove Tuesday pancakes in the rectory garden on the 17th of February is not to be missed.

Ash Wednesday begins our Lenten renewal looking toward Easter with Mass at 8am, 10.30am and Evensong at 6pm all with ashes.

Our lent lectures will be a series of significant speakers at 9am Sunday Masses on themes of liberty and justice and the community on the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta.

Speakers include Tasmanian of the year human rights champion Rodney Croome, historian Professor Geoffrey Blainey, Police Superintendent Beth Stirton, Bishop John Parkes, former Victorian Health Commissioner Dr Beth Wilson and hopefully The new Federal Minister for Health the Honourable (and inspiring) Sussan Ley, with many congratulations to her on her recent appointment and to her father Edgar Braybrooks on his recent 97th birthday.



We continue to look at the challenges of contemporary faith and spiritual authenticity already looking at medical privacy, tolerance, the environment, advocacy and youth opportunity pastoral care and community engagement already on the list for our parish planning day as we step into the uncharted waters of 2015.

Fr Peter



Bp. John , Vicki Chick and Joe Nesbit



Bishop and the Choir



Bp. John addresses the Confirmees



Auntie Nancy with Cr Ross Jackson

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Website Media. There is a person who is interested in looking at the website and is happy to keep it up to date.

Clergy Report. Fr Peter thanked everyone who contributed to the Christmas services. The Bishop was amazed by the number who attended. He congratulated Ray (head verger) on a job well done. The services ran well thanks to the serving team & head verger. He also said Ken Curnow & his helpers did a great job looking after the animals.

Anglican Food room 257 hampers were given out last year plus 307 Christmas hampers along with numerous cups of tea, coffee & milo.

St Matthew's Village. Their Christmas party was a great success. The residents are happy.

Organ & Choral festival. Dr Allan Beavis to be asked to organise a festival.

Lenten Talks. The theme will be Justice & Liberty. Fr Peter is hoping to have a speaker at the Sunday services. On the Tuesday nights he is arranging to join with St David's congregation and show a film at St David's.

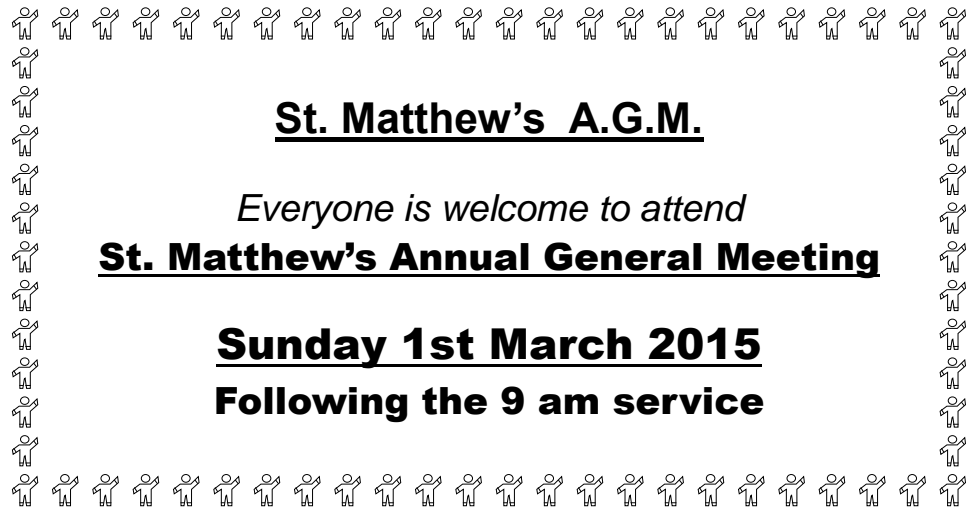
AGM - Parish Annual General Meeting to be held on 1st March.

Dragon Boat race. St. Matthew's Youth Group has been offered a place in the race. They will be attending.

Finances. No 1 account available funds at 31st Dec. \$16,566.70 less accounts to be paid \$17023.42 Balance \$456.72

Corryong Parish. St Matthew's has been asked to take the services at Corryong. It will only be one Sunday in the month and one Thursday.

***Kaye Kennedy* Secretary**



St. Matthew's A.G.M.

Everyone is welcome to attend

St. Matthew's Annual General Meeting

Sunday 1st March 2015

Following the 9 am service

RELAY FOR LIFE 2015

Relay For Life began in the USA in May 1985 when colorectal surgeon, Dr. Gordy Klatt, wanted to raise awareness of cancer and boost the income of his local cancer charity. Since then, Relay For Life has become the largest fundraising event for cancer in the world. Celebrated by more than 4 million people in over 20 countries, this inspirational overnight event empowers and unites local communities to fight cancer. Relay For Life is a chance for communities to recognise and celebrate those who have overcome cancer or are undergoing treatment, as well as the people who care for them. Relay also provides an opportunity to celebrate the memory of loved ones lost to cancer. Each Relay For Life event is organised by a local volunteer committee on behalf of Cancer Council. Teams of 10–15, which are headed up by a team captain, get together and fundraise year-round. Teams participate in a relay-style walk or run, challenging themselves to stay on the track overnight. Each event is unique and you can stay for the whole event and camp overnight, enjoy the fun activities and attend the moving ceremonies that make Relay For Life so special. The event will be held in Albury as yet the venue has not been decided.

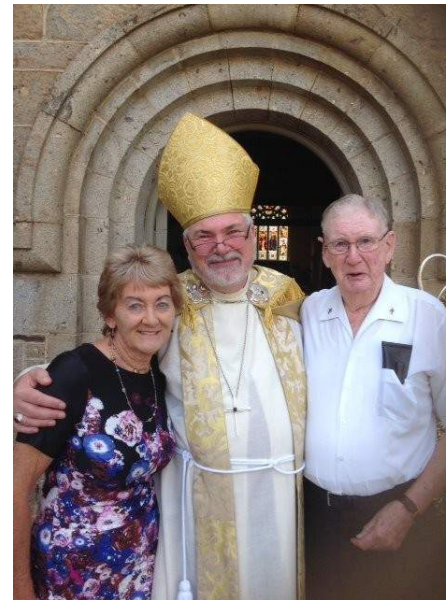


St Matthew's hopes to have a team in this year's relay. Please consider being part of that team. More details as to when and how you can register will be in a later issue of the Grapevine.

Kaye Kennedy



Thelma & Bob Bye at the Christmas aged care service



Bp. John and the Wellard's

MEDITATION

THE HARD SAYINGS OF JESUS

“So also my Heavenly Father will do to every one of you if you do not forgive your brother from your heart”. (St Matthew 18:35)

This saying of Jesus arises out of a conversation between Jesus and Peter. Our Lord repeatedly impressed upon His disciples the necessity of forgiveness. They were not to harbour resentment, but freely forgive those who hurt them. But then Peter asked, “how often? Seven time ?” Peter considered seven to be the limit of reasonable forgiveness. The reply of Jesus was mind boggling ...”not seven times, but seventy times seven”. (St Matthew Ch:18 Verses 21-22)

We need to constantly remember that the Gospel, the Good News, is a message of forgiveness: it could not be otherwise because it is the gospel of a forgiving God. As one Old Testament writer says, “you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.” (Jonah 4: 2).

It is to be expected then, that those who receive the forgiveness which God holds out through the person of Jesus, and who call Him Father, will display something of His character and show a forgiving attitude to others. If they don't do this, what then? The teaching of Jesus is quite plain...“if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. (St Matthew 6:14-15)

In an earlier Meditation I mentioned Corrie ten Boom, who after World War II travelled widely as a missionary preaching God's forgiveness and the need for reconciliation. At one of her speaking engagements she came face to face with a guard from the Ravensbruck Concentration Camp in Germany where she and her sister had been interned. He was a man who had played an important part in the death of her sister. He asked her forgiveness for his terrible actions, and she found that her faith gave her the power to forgive. She writes, “I had to do it, I knew that. The message that God forgives has a prior condition, that we forgive those who have injured us.” In his letter to the Church at Ephesus, St Paul advises “Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” (Ephesians Ch:4: 32)

Fr Colin



Thank you St Matthews Parish !
*Dorothy so loved being a member of this wonderful and vibrant congregation!
For your kindness, thoughts, prayers& condolences.
To the people who attended Dorothy's funeral and made it a wonderful celebration of her life.
We thank you
Vicki, Byron, Nathaniel, Brady and Claire Gray
Dorothy's was indeed a life well lived!
Dorothy Ryan
RIP 10/03/1934 to 23/12/2014
Happiness never decreases by being shared!
Attributed to Buddha*



Children's Church Dec. 2014 and January 2015

Children's church in December was held on the 21st and 23 children attended. The theme was "Preparing for Christmas".

The children lit the 4th Advent candle. They were encouraged to think how they could prepare for Christmas, e.g. by being helpful, sharing, taking turns etc. There words were transferred to large silver stars, which were hung on the Christmas tree.

The children were then each given a small silver star, with a blank coloured strip on it, and wrote a word or two, on how they would prepare, and then put it on the Christmas tree at home. The children participated in the preparation for Communion, as usual.

The joyful musical procession took place, to the hymn 'Oh come all ye faithful'

Festive food, Christmas cup cakes, fruit platter, and other food was offered after the joyful service by our willing helpers!

Children's Church January Epiphany was the theme of the day. The celebrants spoke about 'Epiphany' meaning a new way of seeing things, and 'new beginnings', and mentioned how many of the children will be returning to school, or beginning school in this new year, and how Jesus can help them with these 'new beginnings'. Three wise women! acted out the part of the Magi, who brought gifts of Gold, frankincense, and Myrrh to Jesus after seeing the bright star. 20 children, ranging from early teens to babes in arms were there to join in the songs and answer the questions posed by Fr Peter and Rev Maureen, who took the service. There were lots of action songs, which were enjoyed. Jordyn Moir, ably supported by organist David Luxon, played for the service. The older children helped prepare the 'Communion table'. After the final musical procession, fruit, scones etc. Were consumed, offered as usual, by our great supporters.

Julie Scott, spokesperson for Children's Church, supported by Albury Mother's Union.



Lighting the final Advent candle

Sandy, George & Carissa Ignatius have relocated to Adelaide for 6 months to enable George to obtain necessary qualification we wish them well.

FEBRUARY THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK FROM MOTHER'S UNION

Sunday 1 February 2015 Botswana



Botswana suffers from high unemployment and a large proportion of the population is suffering with HIV/AIDS. Taking care of the country's high number of orphans is a top priority for Mothers' Union members.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4.6-7) We pray for God's continued blessing on members in Botswana. We thank you for their outreach to those in need and pray that their

Sunday 8 February 2015 Burundi



Gender-based violence is a problem in Burundi, but slowly things are starting to change, thanks to the work of Mothers' Union. We pray for all Mothers' Union initiatives to support loving, respectful and flourishing relationships. "Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. (Hebrews 4.16)

We pray for the future of the literacy and financial education work in Burundi and give thanks for all that has been achieved so far. May God lead members in effective ways of reaching out to communities and enabling self-sufficiency.

Sunday 15 February 2015 Uganda



Most of the people in Uganda are semi-illiterate, and the country faces problems such as poverty, disease and domestic violence. Many Mothers' Union members are considered community role models for their work in education and counselling. On Ash Wednesday may we focus on God's desire for us to put aside our selfish ways and play our part in living out the values of God's kingdom on earth.

"Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people." (Ephesians 6.18) We pray for our members in Uganda, that their vision to affect society for good would be fulfilled. May they be enabled to reach their full potential in all that God has given them.

Sunday 22 February 2015 Sudan and South Sudan



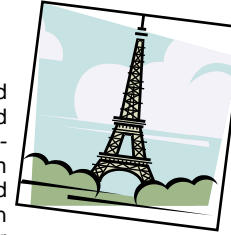
Many of the projects and programmes of Mothers' Union have been disrupted by political and humanitarian crisis which has displaced 1.3 million people. Mothers' Union has been at the forefront of the response to support these people and to bring peace, reconciliation and development to their country. "When a believing person prays, great things happen." (James 5.16)

We pray for the peace-building and trauma counselling carried out by members in South Sudan as they help communities adjust to post-conflict situations. May their partnership with the Church continue to be a source of blessing.



TWO INTREPID TRAVELLERS

A few cautionary tales from Sue and Ray's overseas adventures



As many of you will be aware, my friend Ray Fietz and I recently returned from a 6 week holiday to Britain, France and Germany. We started and finished together but also did some things individually. As Ray hadn't visited these countries before, he undertook a "Best of Britain" tour and then had several days to explore more of London and its environs while I visited friends in England and France and did a brief tour of WW 1 Battlefields in northern France. I then rejoined Ray in London and we travelled together over to Paris where I attempted to show Ray the main sights in just a few days. After which we flew to Hanover in northern Germany to stay with my friend Ilke and visit another friend in nearby Bremen. It was an exciting adventure, hectic at times, but where we also had the opportunity to set our own pace. In Ray's words, "we had a ball".

I was actually ill on the long flight over. (It's happened before)! Seeing my distress, the Qantas crew very kindly let me lie down for a couple of hours on a spare Business Class recliner seat. I guess that's one way to enjoy some extra luxury without paying for it!

We used our London hotel as a base, returning there several times and leaving luggage for safe keeping. So the staff at the reception desk got to know us and most were pleasant and helpful. But one man who had the job of porter remained dour and uncommunicative. Ray christened him "the Fuhrer".

Ray took a few days to adjust to the bustling crowds and hectic pace and noise of London. In particular, he was irritated by the underground train system, the Tube, where, after a journey of interminable corridors, stairs, lifts and giant escalators, just to get to a platform on a different line, it often seemed it might have been easier just to walk to one's destination. (Thankfully, in time, he did come to appreciate and understand the system).

Fortunately for Ray, our London hotel included a bar where he could recover from the day's activities with a quiet beer. He became friendly with one of the regulars, a pleasant fellow who also gave us valuable advice, such as where the nearest post office was. (Not an easy place to find)!

Ray's 11 day "Best of Britain" tour really tested his stamina. Each day started early and finished late; with so much to pack into each day, the group were continually getting on the bus and off the bus and there was very little free time. And with all those castles and churches visited, they had to climb thousands of stairs. Ray was the oldest person on the tour. One of the younger ones was a man who has run marathons in several countries. And he was totally exhausted! No wonder he congratulated Ray on how he was going!

As for "la belle France", I loved being back in that country and practising my French, but I soon found there were things I needed to be wary of. Having just arrived in Paris, I was unexpectedly met by my friend Yvette who hustled me into a cab and insisted the driver take us although, as I tried to tell her, those cabs were meant to be for pre-booked passengers. However, the driver had the last laugh. I later realised I'd paid him the equivalent of \$50 for what should have been a \$20 fare. I was clearly confused about those euros!

Just walking along the footpath or waiting to cross the road could be hazardous, as I discovered when I was nearly knocked over by cyclists whizzing by. Then I realised that the wide lane I was in was meant to be for cyclists – and there were plenty of them! In other areas where there were no such lanes, people on bicycles or scooters just seemed to weave in and out of the traffic, apparently unafraid of its volume and speed. Ray called Parisian traffic "mad" and was amazed that there weren't more accidents.

What could be more iconic in Paris than the Eiffel Tower? It's probably the number one attraction for



Waiting of a different sort can be experienced in the cafes and bars. It's quite acceptable just to order one drink and then sit there for ages undisturbed, talking to one's companions or simply watching the world go by. If you actually want to get the bill and leave, you have to call the waiter (and often it's not easy to get their attention). Ray was also amazed at the minuscule size of an "espresso" – about 3 mouthfuls of coffee! (Yet I found it quite a satisfying drink).

Perhaps the funniest experience we had was at a restaurant along the Champs Elysees where we stopped for lunch after visiting the Arc de Triomphe. The pleasant waiter arrived with a glass of beer for Ray. But just as he was putting it on the table, another waiter collided with him and the whole litre of beer spilt over the table and onto Ray's shirt and trousers! The poor waiter was so embarrassed and apologetic! But even Ray, though he was very wet, could see the funny side and we actually took a photo of the waiter to assure him there were no hard feelings. A good story to tell back home!

Sue Fyfe

2015 RSCM Summer School

In January 2015, the Royal School of Church Music Australia Summer School was held at St John's College, University of Queensland, Brisbane. Lyn Winnel and Jenny Prince were thrilled to represent St Matthew's Church Albury, at the school. The school was directed by Andrew Reid, whose was previously the Director of Music at Peterborough Cathedral, England. He is now the Director of the Royal School of Church Music, where his job is to lead the organisation in supporting the Church's worship through the ministry of music. He studied music at Cambridge as an Organ Scholar and impressively performed the complete works of Bach in one 25 hour recital. In his earlier career he was Sub Organist of Westminster Abbey, where he is most well known for playing at the funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's mother.



The Summer School aims to improve participant's vocal technique, while deepening their understanding of aspects of church music, composition, choir websites, Voice for Life, art of the organ, along with choral conducting, among other courses and workshops. Other wonderful events added colour to the school, including worship services, a trivia night, wine and cheese nights, and an exclusive organ recital led by Andrew Reid.

School participants sang in the course choir each day and at four major summer school events, including two exciting church services and two stunning concerts at locations such as St John's Cathedral, St Stephen's Cathedral and St Peter's College Chapel. It was a festival of beautiful, uplifting choral music by composers such as Mendelssohn, Brahms, Stanford, Archer, Wesley and Rutter. For Lyn and Jenny, being a part of the course choir was the most beneficial part of the school, being surrounded by and creating such beautiful music and it provided a special spiritual connection.

To conclude the Summer School, a dinner was held at Rydges Hotel at South Bank. This gave everyone a chance to celebrate their achievements and reflect on how much they had learnt during the course.

The next National Summer School will be held in Canberra, 11-18 January 2016. It will be directed by Katherine Dienes-Williams of Guildford Cathedral, England. Subsequent years will be held in exciting locations including Adelaide and New Zealand. One school will be under the direction of Malcolm Archer, director of Chapel music at Winchester College in England. It is a great opportunity to meet old and new friends who share a passion for choral church music.

Lyn Winnel

H U M O U R

And God Created New South Wales

God decided that he hadn't got it quite right when he created the Earth. Creation needed a bit of 'tweaking' to improve it. He spent some aeons of Eternity concentrating on particular problems.....

The Archangel Michael came into God's office to see how things were coming along. God smiled at him and said "I think things will be better this time, I'm working on balance. I've got roughly the same number of black and whites in South Africa. I've organized that where there are a lot of poor people there will be, in future, a lot more Mother Theresa types. In Italy they've got the Pope, but they've also got Silvio Belasconi.

The problem with my original Creation was that one side could become too strong. My new Creation will balance opposing forces so that humans can exercise their free-will properly."

"That's all very well," said Michael, but you spent an enormous amount of time in New South Wales, what were you doing there?"

"Oh there was a lot to do!" said God. "I had to clean up the State Government, arrange for the people to be church-going and virtuous, loyal and have a sense of fair-play. I had to arrange for them to be good family people, generous and yet morally upright. But it's all done. New South Wales has to be one of the most wonderful places on the face of the earth."

"That's wonderful," said Michael, "but I don't see where the balance is. You seem to have created something almost like Heaven on Earth, how is that balanced?"

"Oh you forget", said God. "In the middle of New South Wales is Canberra. If you're going to allow that sink of iniquity, then all that surrounds it must be **exceedingly virtuous.**"

In Memoriam

With all the sadness and trauma going on in the world at the moment, it is worth reflecting on the death of a very important person, which almost went unnoticed during the last few months. Larry LaPrise, the man who wrote "The Hokey Pokey", died peacefully at the age of 93. The most traumatic part for his family was getting him into the coffin. They put his left leg in, and then the trouble started.

Tales from a Nunnery

The priest was examining Sister's class in preparation for first confession, to see if they were ready. Unfortunately, the children knew nothing. When he questioned them about Baptism he became more and more frustrated!

There was a goat tied up to a nearby fence. In desperation the priest asked "What is the difference between me and the goat?"

One child said, " *the goat has a tail*".

For the Kids

Q. What is bad-tempered but likes custard? **A.** Apple Grumble



ON THE RECORD

Baptisms

29 November	Grace Isabella PATON
14 December	Kylah Ann GILCRIST Miles Frederick Victor HAMILTON
20 December	Abigail Elsie MAXWELL Chelsea Ann BLOCKLEY Tess Maree BLOCKLEY Felicity Joyce PRINCE
28 December	Danika Joy CHURCH
4 January	Mason Craig Francis DOUGHTY



Confirmation

We welcome into Christ's family

Alistair Cameron BREWER, Byron John Daryl BRIDGES, Olivia Bree FOWLER, Jessica Lucinda INNES, Kevin Garry INNES, Joshua David LANGFORD, James Gibbs WHYSALL

Weddings

We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony

29 November Justin Lee CHALK & Edwina Anne INGLE



Funerals

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

21 November	Thomas Edward KEARNEY
28 November	Janice Mary Elizabeth OSBORNE
2 December	Taylah Louise CRICHTON
5 December	'Gay' Gaynor Dawn TURNBULL
9 December	Gordon Kenneth MERKEL
18 December	Keith NEVINSON
18 December	Teresa May NIEHUS
19 December	Colin Douglas McHALE
19 December	Joyce Anne EAMES
23 December	Denis James RULE
14 January	Katarina Vasilija FILIPOVIC
15 January	Lucy MAGRATH



Years Mind – February

We pray for those whose anniversary falls at this time

February

Betty BRADDY (1st), Isabel Maggie BROMFIELD (1st), Syd PIPER (2nd), Jean Olive OSMAND (2nd), Craig Leigh WHITE (4th), Ivy Adelaide GRANT (7th), Stanley Victor RUDD (7th), Mavis Jean SMITH (9th), 'Bill' William Joseph MOFFITT (11th), Eva STRACHAN (13th), Karen Margo PICKERING (13th), Dot CLAY (14th), Grahame LING (16th), Crisostomo FRANCISCO (18th), Warren Littlewood JONES (19th), Reginald Clark STAR (20th), Sandra Jean RIDE (20th), Douglas Campbell COLLINGWOOD (21st), Keith Dalwyn HORE (21st), Clifford Raymond MEARS (22nd), Livinia Amaya Joy DUGGAN (22nd), Betty Lyall KIRKWOOD (23rd), Joan HENSHAWA (24th), George Henry Hales COLEMAN (25th), Geoffrey James COLQUHOUN (26th), Ross Littlewood JONES (26th), Helen CHESHIRE (28th). Lucy MAGRATH



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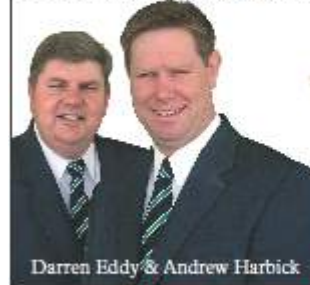
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WEDNESDAY

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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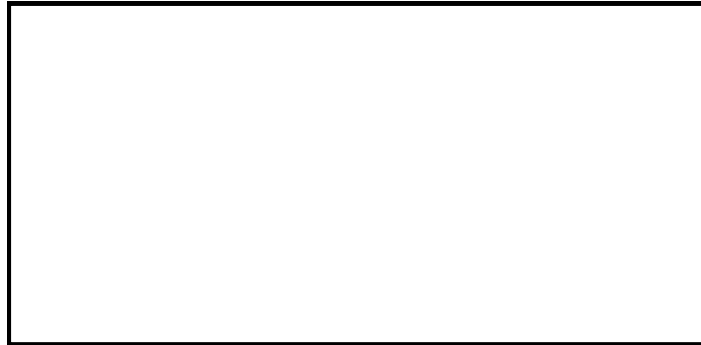
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