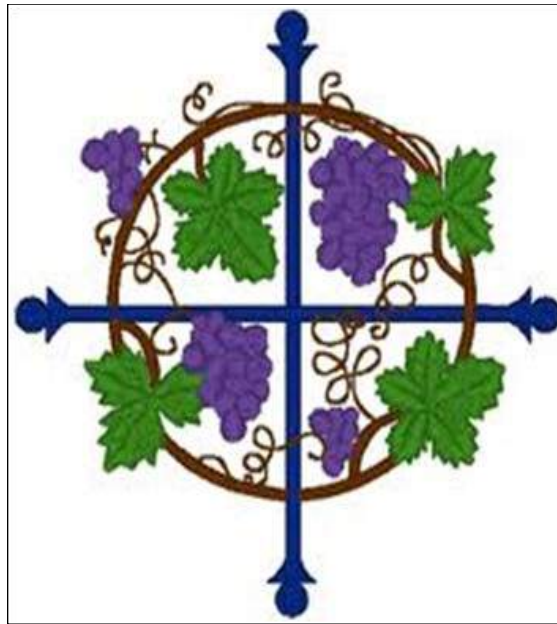


ST MATTHEW'S GRAPEVINE



PARISH OF ALBURY

MAY 2015

Fr Peter writes :

Dear People of St Matthew's

*Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.*

*I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.*

*Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.*



The great Anzac Hymn Abide With Me (misremembered from Luke 24:29, where the disciples meet but do not recognize the resurrected Jesus.) was composed by Henry Francis Lyte in 1847, Lyte wrote the words to his poem while he lay dying from tuberculosis, and lived only three weeks after its completion and was used first at his own funeral though the lyrics are usually sung to William Henry Monk's melody Eventide that he composed in ten minutes while looking at the sun setting.

"Abide with me" was hugely popular in the trenches of the First World War, and was sung by Nurse Edith Cavell the night before the Germans shot her for helping British soldiers to escape from occupied Belgium

It was a favourite hymn of King George V, Mahatma Gandhi and was sung at both the wedding of King George VI and that of his daughter, who would go on to become Queen Elizabeth II.

It was also sung at the funeral of Nobel peace prize winner Mother Teresa of Calcutta in 1997. On Sept 21, 2001 it was unforgettably played at Ground Zero by a Salvation Army band during the commemoration of the September 11 attacks.

It has been sung before the kick-off of world sporting events and often at funerals because of its intimacy and power.

Anzac day has been the focus of major community celebrations at St Matthews and as usual our musicians, sanctuary team and congregation have stepped up to the mark.

The Anzac field of remembrance now seems to have a settled home in St Matthews Chapel of Honour and another reason to support St Matthews Music and our music foundation training young musicians for the future as they serve the church and community

The music foundation is at the heart of the concert to open the restored historic organ at Adamshurst, possibly Australia's oldest pipe organ recently brought from Yorkshire and appropriately played by Dr Allan Beavis, our organ tutor, and featuring stars of

Opera Australia Sally-Ann Russell and Joanna Cole with a locally gathered but internationally drawn string quartet.

Friends of St Matthews music foundation will also be able to enjoy a special “**friends concert**” for **Nellie Melba’s birthday** on the evening 19th May in the Adamshurst ballroom in the presence of foundation Patrons including Tim Fischer and Professor Geoffrey Blainey with a talk and book signing on Melba by Ann Blainey the author of best selling Australian Biography “I am Melba”. The all Melba concert will feature Australian Opera star Joanna Cole.

The Anzac Theme continues with a “**Soldier on**” **concert by the Australian Air Force Wind Quintet** on Friday 29th May as well as a youth workshop at the Scots School the day before.

“**St Matthews Crisis Care**” helping the homeless has already had a **car boot and garage sale at Adamshurst** in very wet weather and will have another on Saturday the 16th May between 8am and noon all donations and help gladly received through the parish office.

“St Matts Youthworkz” formerly Albury Anglican Youth AAY, is currently planning new ways of engagement including a youth council and planning for the snow trip with seats for 80 to respond to the last sellout youth snow trip.

Easter Day Miracles with between 450 and 500 people crammed into St Matthews and standing outside for a wonderful Easter celebration with halleluiahs chorus, two trumpets instrumental ensemble choir of 40, baptisms sparklers, real chicks and rabbits.

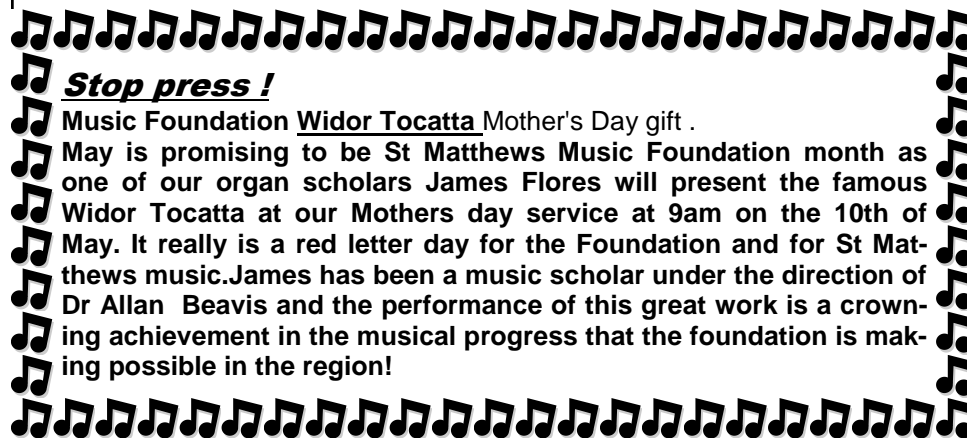
It was a marvellous service of renewal and hope and strangers at that service have already become new members of our congregation responding to the invitation “all are invited, all are welcome”.

Building on the success of our Lenten lectures we will be looking forward to **Julian Burnside, Michael Kirby and other national human rights figures visiting St Matthews** later in the year.

Many thanks to all who are part of the mission of Christ through the joyful St Matthews Adventure, as one of our lent lecturers observed in a national paper

“**St Matthews Albury, not a congregation but a community**”.

Fr Peter



Stop press !

Music Foundation Widor Tocatta Mother's Day gift .

May is promising to be St Matthews Music Foundation month as one of our organ scholars James Flores will present the famous Widor Tocatta at our Mothers day service at 9am on the 10th of May. It really is a red letter day for the Foundation and for St Matthews music. James has been a music scholar under the direction of Dr Allan Beavis and the performance of this great work is a crowning achievement in the musical progress that the foundation is making possible in the region!

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Youth Group. Fr Peter is hoping to form a Youth Council to try and give the youth of the parish a real voice in some of the decision making of the parish

National Trust donations. Donations given for the organ will be used for upkeep of the organ

Mission & Pastoral Care. At the Wednesday service during Holy Week people from the Aged Care facilities were invited. The service was well attended, with the people enjoying fellowship and morning tea after the service.

Fr Arthur Martin (Hospital Chaplain) is to retire. Also the head of Pastoral Care and the Chaplain are both leaving Trinity Anglican College.

Anglican Food Room

26 food hampers and approximately the same number of frozen meals were handed out in March. Three showers were provided. There has been some very generous donations of food given by the congregation.

Nellie Melba's Birthday On 19th May a concert is to be held to celebrate Dame Nellie Melba's birthday.

Ann Blayney who has written a book about Nellie Melba will be guest speaker. Joanne Cole is to sing some of the songs that Nellie sang.

Money raised will be for the music foundation. *Further details later.*

Celtic Weekend. This will be held on the weekend of the 20th & 21st June with a cocktail party & concert on the 20th and a Celtic Mass on the 21st. *Check the posters out in the church.*

Finances.

Balance expected at the end of March \$4339.54.

St Matthew's Evening group have given another \$840 towards the leasing of the photocopier. Thank you to the Evening Group for their generous donation.

Kaye Kennedy

Parish Council Secretary.



Childrens Church Teddy Bears Picnic



Good Friday



Evening Group News

At our April meeting, we took a walk along Dean Street in the 50's while sitting in comfort! One of our members brought along a copy of a talk which she had heard. The writer of the talk had taken a stroll down the South side of Dean Street from Young Street to the Gardens, then back up Dean Street to Young Street. The writer had named all the businesses that she could remember. Members enjoyed reminiscing and some of them could name businesses that had not been included. My how Dean Street has changed over the years! Some places I could remember, others I can remember my parents talking about. After our last meeting, we gave another \$840 to the Parish for leasing payments for the photocopier. When we are able, we endeavour to help pay for the leasing. It costs the Parish \$206. per month to lease the copier, which is used daily not only by the office but by the various groups. Over the last two Sundays in April, we handed out envelopes asking parishioners to donate towards a cakeless cake stall. Money raised will go towards photo copier leasing payments. Thank you to everyone who supported our project!.

Kaye Kennedy
President



Lent Guest Speakers and Easter Day



MEDITATION
THE BEATITUDES (3)

“Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth.” (St Matthew Chapter 5, verse 5) The word “meek” as used by Our Lord means gentle, considerate, courteous, humble. To have these qualities a person needs to be able to exercise self-control. Although we may think of Our Lord as “gentle Jesus meek and mild”, He did get angry. Consider His actions as recorded by St John Chapter 2, verses 13-17 when He cleansed The temple. Jesus was justified in being angry about this, but He kept His anger under control. His anger did not go on and on.

St Paul refers to the overarching ‘gentleness of the spirit of Jesus’, which characterized Our Lord’s ministry. He wrote, “By the humility and gentleness of Christ I appeal to you”. So a correct understanding of the word ‘meek’ in verse 5 above is to be of a gentle spirit and have a humble and gentle attitude to others. Because Our Heavenly Father thinks so much of us – by caring sufficiently for Jesus to die on the Cross for us, it should make us pause, and strive to be gentle, sensitive, and patient in all our dealings with others. The basis for these qualities is self control. It was Alexander the Great who in a fit of uncontrolled temper hurled a spear at his best friend and killed him. Alexander lived to regret that lack of self control. All too often today, we see and read of violence in the home, in sport, on the streets. Is the reason for this a lack of self control ?

St Paul lists self-control amongst the “fruits” or gifts of the Holy Spirit which can grow in us (see Galations Chapter 5 verse 22). Self control is a Christian quality for which we must strive continually.

The promise attached to this Christian characteristic is that the “meek” shall inherit the earth. I suspect that we would expect the opposite, for it appears that “meek” people get nowhere. They tend to be ignored, or people ride roughshod over them. It seems to be the tough and overbearing who are the ones to succeed – weaklings go to the wall. Yet this promise has been the confidence of holy and humble men of God. St Francis of Assisi is revered by the Church because many of his contemporaries believed that he came nearer to being the perfect follower of Christ than any other man who has lived. His humility, self-denial and gentle self controlled spirit, and his tenderness towards all living creatures, contributed to the veneration of St Francis.

The fulfilment of Our Lord’s promise will be on that day of regeneration when there will be a new heaven and a new earth for the “gentle in spirit” to inherit. The way of Christ is different from the way of the world. It is the self-controlled, gentle in spirit who have the mind of Our Lord, rather than the tough and the uncompromising. St Paul writes – “Be completely humble and gentle, be patient, bearing with one another in love.” (Ephesians Chapter 4, verse 2).



Father Colin



Children's Church in April

Another wonderful well attended children's church with lots of singing, a family communion where the children set the table and of course the children's talk for young and old. The children were asked name ten reasons why they come to church. They gave some beautiful responses Zeke who is only five said he comes to church to sing songs about God, others come because they want to hear stories about Jesus, to pray, to have fun, for surprises (there are plenty of these), for animals (we had two puppies brought by one of the families) for friendship and much, much more. Julie had made a jigsaw with twelve reasons for coming to church, the children brought these forward and they were placed in order on a Perspex sheet. When the whole twelve were complete the sheet was turned over to reveal the bigger picture on the other side 'JESUS'. Missing church makes it easier to miss the next week, and then the next and the number one reason NOT to miss church is... You are sure to miss something special that God has for YOU! What could that something be? The story of Thomas in the upper room was told by Rev Maureen and Fr Peter used his puppet Thomas. Jesus gives us and Thomas the bigger picture that when two or three are gathered together in his name, he is with us. So, what really important thing do we miss out on if we don't come to church? We miss out on the same thing that Thomas missed out on—the chance to be with Jesus and part of a bigger picture! Children's church at St Matthews is family friendly; it's wonderful to finish with the children processing around the church with an assortment of instruments singing 'All things Bright and Beautiful'. We have a great team effort and because of this CC is growing each month.

Rev. Maureen Beattie For Children's Church team and M.U. St. Matthews Albury



Children with donkey on Palm Sunday



Two readers at Good Friday service



Ned Monte at Easter aged service



Bleasdale family



Easter aged service



50 year membership certificates in Mother's Union presented by the Bishop at Lady Day

APRIL Car Boot and Garage Sale.

Thank you to everyone who supported the car boot and garage sale! Even though it was not a good day weather wise. We were able to raise approximately \$1200. As money is still coming in I will give a detailed list of what each stall made in the June Grapevine.

We hope to have another car boot & garage sale at the end May. So if you have any good quality furniture, antiques, jewellery that you would like to give, please contact Debra at the office.

REMEMBER NO ELECTRICAL GOODS OR MATTRESSES.

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Angels explained by American children



I only know the names of 2 angels, Hark
and Harold
Gregory ,age 9

Everybody's got it all wrong. Angels don't
wear halos any more. I forgot why, but
scientists are working on it..
Olive, age 9

It's not easy to become an angel, first you
die, then you go to Heaven, and then
there's still the flight training to go through.
And then you have to agree to wear those
angel clothes.
Matthew age 9

Angels work for God, and watch over kids
when God has to go somewhere else.
Mitchell age 7

My guardian angel helps me with maths,
but he's not much good with science.
Henry age 8

Angels don't eat, but they do drink milk from
holy cows.
Jack age 6

Angels talk all the way while they're flying
you up to heaven. The main subject is
where you went wrong before you got dead.
Daniel age 9

When an angel gets mad, he takes a deep
breath and counts to ten, and when he lets
out his breath again, somewhere there's a
tornado.
Reagan age 10

Angels have a lot to do, and they keep
busy. If you lose a tooth, an angel comes
in through the window and leaves money
under your pillow,

then when it gets cold, angels go south
for the winter.
Angels live in cloud houses made by God
and his son, who is a very good carpen-
ter.
Jared age 8

All angels are girls, because they've
got to wear dresses, and boys don't
go for it.
Antonio age 9

My angel is my grandma who died
last year. She got a big head start on
helping me while she was still down
on earth.
Ashley age 9

Some of the angels are in charge of
helping heal sick animals, and pets—
and if they don't make the animals get
better, they help the child get over it.
Vicki age 8

For the kids.

***Q. The more you take away, the bigger
I get, what am I?***

A. A hole.

***Q. What can you hold without
touching?***

A. Your breath

***Q. What kind of dress do you have but
never wear?***

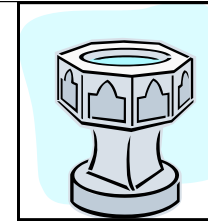
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ON THE RECORD

Baptisms

We welcome into Christ's family

23 March	Pyper Gertrude FLOWER Evie Grace BENNETT Winston Bill DRUETT
29 March	Zoe Catherine CLARK
5 April	Andrew Kenneth BROWN Ellie Violet DORIA Edwina Honor Louise DUNN Jacqueline Louise DUNN Holly McGILL Jamie McGILL



Weddings

We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony

11 April	Michael Robert WILSON & Sally Kay BURT Desmond Kaena O'CONNOR & Rebecca Naomi HANRAHAN
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Funerals

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

13 April	John Arthur APPLEBY
21 April	'Darkie' Ian WALTERS



Years Mind – May

We pray for those whose anniversary falls at this time


Dorothy May SCHNEIDER (3rd), 'Sally' Sara Margaret REID (5th), Rupert Douglas ROSS (6th), Sandra Kathleen FELTON (7th), Steve BREY (8th), Thelma Zena ROCK (9th), Geoff COLE (9th), Dulcie Esther BROMLEY (10th), Lawrence Ernest TURNBULL (Priest) (12th), Dulcie Adelaide MURPHY (12th), Joyce STAR (13th), Valerie BOWEN (13th), Sarah WHY-SALL (14th), Myra HEALY (15th), Violet READ (16th), Thelma Kirsten SCOTT (17th), Albert Edward BERRY (18th), Margaret MONTE (20th), Shannon Cherie HUTTON (21st), Stuart MENZIES (21st), Edwin RIDE (23rd), Stella BLEASDALE (25th), Leslie John SHORT (27th), Irene Jessie SEYMOUR (27th)

St. Matthew's Volunteer Organists – *Correction of information printed in the April 2015 Grapevine*

Our Principal Organist John Scott was omitted from the list of Malcolm Halford, David Luxon and Rowena Ginns, all free of charge voluntary serving organists.

Our Musical Director John Ross was incorrectly included, as he does receive a well earned honorarium for his services. As well as normal Sunday services, the organists also cover mid week Eucharist, other special events and Holy Days throughout the year.

The organists appreciate that they are not alone in providing free of charge services as there are many within our congregation who, because of their love of God and his church, happily serve St Matthews in many and varied ways. **Editor**



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WEDNESDAY

10:30 a.m. Eucharist

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SUNDAY

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Last Sunday of every month—Matins with Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. Children's Church 3rd Sunday every month
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