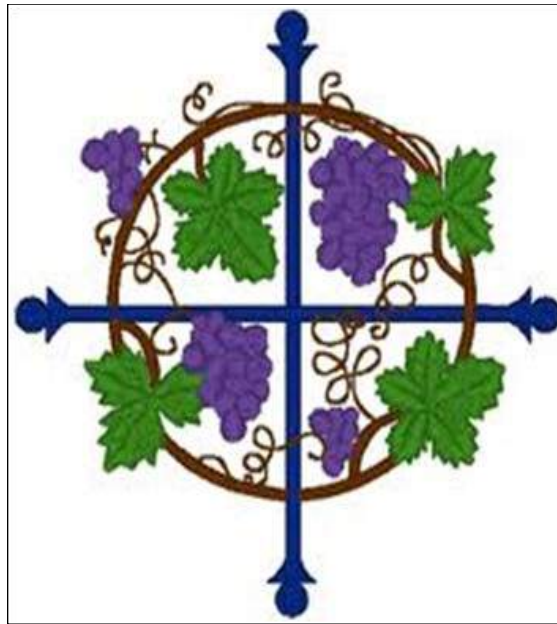


ST MATTHEW'S GRAPEVINE



PARISH OF ALBURY

JUNE 2015

Fr Peter writes :

Dear People of St Matthew's

Home grown, home spun Celtic
weekend 20th and 21st June

*The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.*

*Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.*

*Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me,
And on His shoulder gently laid,
And home rejoicing brought me.*



Looking around and opening eyes and heart is at the heart of Celtic spirituality and this familiar hymn is sung to the famous Celtic melody called St Columba.

"Taking a walk among our blessings" was also the good advice followed by high churchman Folliot Sandford Pierpoint 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. The Celtic weekend is a time of exploring those perspectives and being enriched by them.

Magna Carta Sunday the 14th of June at 9am at St Matthews

Celebrating 800 years of Magna Carta looking at themes of justice, liberty and community with a special service and guest speaker **human rights advocate Julian Burnside**, famous Australian judge **Michael Kirby** will also touch on the Magna Carta Legacy when he speaks at our Patronal festival in September.

St Matthews Music Foundation has been leapng forward with one of our organ scholars James Flores playing the famous Widor Toccata to a packed church on Mother's day

Recent Highlights included a Gala opening of the newly installed pipe organ at Adamshurst with the Pergolesi Stabat mater with stars of the Australian opera and Dr Allan Beavis and string quartet.

A concert celebrating Melba's birthday by celebrated Australian soprano Joanna Cole and address by Melba's most celebrated Biographer Ann Blainey was also held in aid of the music foundation.

And a special performance by the Australian Air force wind Quintet as part of our centenary commemorations of the great war was held in the ballroom at Adamshurst on the 29th of May.



Fr. Peter

BUDGET SCARE AT ST. MATTHEWS — PARISHIONER TELLS !

As a long time parishioner of St Matthew's (1958) I feel that I need to share my concerns about the financial situation that confronts us.

FACT. There is not enough income coming in on a weekly basis to pay expenses.

After studying the financial report that was presented at the A.G.M. I feel compelled to share my fears with you.

As a regular parishioner I attended the finance meeting on Tuesday 12th May.

The Committee shared with me the problems of meeting the weekly and monthly commitments.

I can assure you they work hard to try and improve the situation and no money is spent without a lot of consideration.

Any extras you see at functions, and after church "goodies" are paid for by generous donations from parishioners and clergy.

I thank the committee for welcoming two other parishioners and me, and sharing all their concerns which are the same as mine.

As there is not enough money being given on a weekly basis the Finance Committee has, been juggling accounts each month to cover expenses. These include a portion of our giving going to the diocese.

To do this, money has to be drawn from investments, and at the rate of current expenditure it won't be long before there is no "back up" from our investments, which came from the sale of the Parish Centre.

Some money from the sale of the centre has been used to install air conditioning--we now have to pay to be warm in the winter, and cool in the summer.

Maintenance on the Church and Rectory, the Heritage front fence, attending to rising damp in the church have been expensive outlays.

A mathematician in attendance at the meeting estimated that at best, at the current rate of interest -our "back up" money will last 8 to 10 years.

I may not be here then, it would make me 87 but that is " not a bad innings".

However, if this beautiful church cannot sustain itself it will not be able to afford a minister & secretary, or offer help to the needy, and will end up as some sort of museum as many other churches have done.

So, please give extra each week.

No one needs to know how much you give - I intend to increase my giving and I hope you will be able to do the same.

What is currently given each week covers only HALF OF THE MONEY needed to maintain the church.

We need to maintain St Matthew's as a place of worship. A place that can help the needy, as well as a place of social interaction and fellowship.

There is a huge amount of voluntary work done by many groups and individuals in and around the church grounds. BUT, we do need the dollars on the plate each week.

My late husband Bill, was Baptised, Confirmed, and Buried from this church. He was a server here for over 40 years.

The church is very dear to me as it is to many other maturing parishioners, who have worked tirelessly and given for many years before and after the fire devastation. They have always "pushed the barrow".

I appeal to you all to help keep this church "alive and well" for many years to come.

Please give generously as fetes and fundraising activities are not enough.

Sadie Moffitt.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Youth Group. A trip to the snow is to be arranged.

National Trust. Now is the time to consider donating to the National Trust and or the Music Foundation before the end of the financial year. You can claim both of these on your tax.

Vacant Land. We are having a another valuation done. When this is finalised, we will sit down with Albury City and discuss the matter. The Restaurant in the Gallery has been leased to someone from Melbourne.

Anglican Food room 19 hampers were distributed in April, and the shower used twice. Many frozen meals have been handed out. Barbara has been getting them from food share. She has given packets of cups of soups & small tins of spaghetti to YES and some soaps & shampoos to Betty's place. Thank you to all the parishioners who donate food.

Victory Lutheran School. Fr Peter & Vicki have spoken to the Year 9 students at the school. They want to help St Matthew's help the homeless. On the 22nd June they will be in Albury doing random acts of kindness, also going around the shops & businesses taking orders for soup which will be delivered on the Wednesday 24th June. They will be using St Matthew's as a base. They hope the money they raise will be enough to pay for the shower and washing machine & dryer.

Portable Shower. The shower that we have been using will probably be gone early July. We are looking at putting a portable shower behind the rectory.

Kaye Kennedy **Secretary**



Church cleaning working bee

To be held on Saturday 27th June

Commencing at 8 am Finishing at Noon

Please come along & help even if it's only for 30 minutes.

REMEMBER MANY HANDS MAKES LIGHT WORK

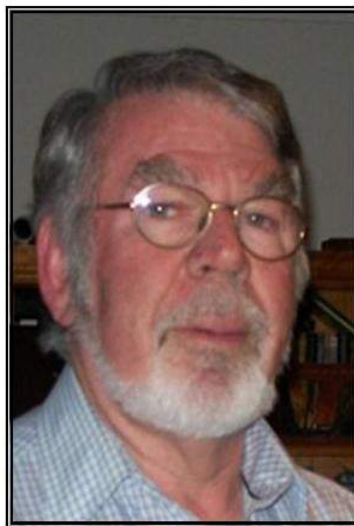
This is going to be a major clean, **pews will have to be moved..**

Please let the office know if you are able to come and assist in moving the pews.

You will need to be at the church at 8 am as the pews will have to be moved before the floors are cleaned.



*St Matthew's Anglican and
St David's Uniting Church
invite you to a
Celtic Christian Spirituality Workshop*



*20th June 9.30 am—1pm
Conducted by Retreat Leader John Stuart with local
Celtic Harper Mary Buckley*

St Davids Uniting Church 593 Olive Street, Albury

\$20 pp—morning tea included

Bookings essential: Phone Office: 02 6021 3022
Between 8.30am–1pm

Please see over for more info

MEDITATION
THE BEATITUDES (4)

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness for they will be filled.”

(St Matthew Chapter 5 verse 6)

Implied in this saying of Jesus is the meaning that the person who is blessed/happy is not necessarily the person who actually achieves goodness, but who longs for it with their whole being. Happiness comes to the person who in spite of failures, still holds to a passionate love for goodness. This saying is a challenge – sharp, intense demanding. How much do you want goodness? Do you want it as much as a starving person wants food? As much as a person dying of thirst wants water?

The Beatitude is also suggesting that something is wrong with our world, otherwise why hunger and thirst for righteousness? Every day we are confronted by violence, hatred, bullying and other forms of what we regard as being wrong. We seek solutions to these problems, usually by political means.

The problem lies with man himself – sin. This results from us not living as Our Heavenly Father intended us to live. The true wonder is that even in our sin we are haunted by goodness. We know that life is not as it should be, and we long for something better. All too often we are content with a sort of partial righteousness. We turn a blind eye to some practices (“sharp practices”) that may be a part of our life. Like the business man who was a pillar of the church – generous, kind and considerate, but in much of his business dealings he was not honest.

Goodness and righteousness can be defined as an act or attitude commendable by Our Heavenly Father. Throughout the Gospels and Epistles in the New Testament we can pick out which are commendable: for example peace, faithfulness, love, gentleness caring for and about others. These are the sorts of ideals which belong to goodness and righteousness. They are like the stars – we may never reach them but we set our life course by them. Even if a person never attains goodness but still hungers and thirsts for it, they are not shut out of blessedness.

Jesus’ promise is that “they will be filled”. This won’t be fully realised in this life – but with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, our worship together, our personal prayers, and our daily time with Our Heavenly Father, we will grow in personal holiness. And when Our Lord returns, as St John writes there will be “a new heaven and a new earth....there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” (Revelation 21 verse 1, 3 & 4)

Father Colin



About John Stuart: Retreat leader : Celtic Spiritually Workshop

John was born in Melbourne, Australia. He has spent his adult life engaged in the exploration of our journey into God. This exploration has led him along various paths; initially, as a priest in the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. Ordained in 1969 he served in parishes for eight years. One of the most important paths has been his work in the alcohol and other drug field. He realised here that the search for meaning had a deeper spiritual richness than he had previously realized. His path since 1990 has mainly been in the area of Spiritual Direction. He is currently a team member of The Living Well Centre for Christian Spirituality in Melbourne. He has served as President of The Australian Network for Spiritual Direction and is currently a council member of the Australian Ecumenical Council for Spiritual Direction. In conjunction with his work as a spiritual director he has continued his work in the alcohol and other drug field as well as work in hospital pastoral care. Another continuing path has been retreat work and spiritual and personal development with school and welfare agency staff.

John has recently returned from Jerusalem after a year (2013) as chaplain at St George’s Anglican College.



Children's Church in May

Our theme for May was Pentecost - Birthday of the church. The baptism of Macy Emily Land also took place during the service. A large gift box, containing a bible,



a heart, a picture of a family, and a candle, was opened by the children, and Rev. Maureen said that these items were Jesus' gift to us. The story of the first Pentecost was told, with headbands with flames for the children, and streamers to wave as the amazement and excitement of the common language the disciples spoke was spread about, as the disciples were given the gift of the holy spirit to

assist them in their lives. Baptism candidate baby Macy was a model baby, who took the service in her stride. Rowena Ginns with the assistance of Tom Summerfield were our pianists.

The baptism party did their best to join in the action songs, and took part in the pouring of the water, and signing the cross on Macy's forehead. Some of the party took communion when it was time. There were less children than usual, but the final procession was still enjoyed by the children.

Candles on The 'Church's Birthday Cake', decorated to look like flames, were lit and 'Happy Birthday' was sung, and the cake was later cut, and there was heaps of party food to be had. out the front in the sun. Coralie Williams bought three white doves, symbolizing the Holy Spirit, which were liberated to claps from everyone. As usual, our gallant helpers did a great job, serving the drinks.

Vale With the sad passing of Pat White, the Children's church team fondly remember the years that Pat was a valued welcomer at Children's Church and we mourn her loss.

Julie Scott. Children's Church Spokesperson for M.U. Albury



Sarah Winnel Year 12 at The Scots School Albury

is year's Community Ambassador for the school.

She has just completed a very busy Anzac period singing firstly for the opening of the *Field of Remembrance* in St Matthew's Church on Tuesday 14 April.

During Anzac weekend her schedule as lead singer was:

5:30 am Dawn Service at Monument Hill

9:00 am March

10:00 am Singing again at the Monument for the wreath-laying ceremony

11:30 am Howlong Anzac Day service

2:00 pm National Anthem for the Football at the Albury Oval

Sunday 26 April – Centenary Commemorative Service at St Matthew's Church, and singing in the choir

She was very happy to see both her brother Matthew and her Anzac projects on the Gallipoli campaign, displayed in the church for the *Field of Remembrance* Mothers' Union meeting and the Centenary service for the Anzac Commemoration in St Matthew's Church.

Sarah has been performing this community service for the past 6 years as well as singing for Remembrance Day and other RSL events during that time.



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20th June From 6 pm



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Piper: **Andrina Dixon**

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Bookings: Church Office: 02 6021 3022

Phone between 8.30 am – 1 pm

Results from the April Car boot/ Garage sale

CARBOOT SALE

This is the total banking for the car boot/ garage sale held in April. Thanks to several generous people there were no expenses but they cannot be expected to pay for the expenses each time we have a garage sale.

Considering it was a wet day, and several people couldn't find us I think we did very well.

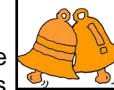
Gate	\$ 120.30
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CAKES	\$ 188.70
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NIC NACKS	\$ 248.35
PLANTS	\$ 199.60
BEC'S DANCING	\$ 61.00
BOOT SITES	\$ 180.00
TOTAL	\$1,548.50



At the car boot garage sale on 16th May, we made just on \$1,000. Thank you to everyone who donated items, helped on the stalls and came along & purchased goods. I will do a summary of each of the stalls takings for the July Grapevine.

Kaye Kennedy

Belfry News



On ANZAC Day we rang the bells Half-Muffled for Half an Hour before the start of the Albury Centenary Parade. Later in the morning, six of our ringers attempted to ring a Quarter Peal of Plain Bob Doubles to mark the occasion. Plain Bob is the oldest Change Ringing Method which was first described in the late 1500s.

A Quarter Peal must consist of at least 1260 Changes and may last somewhere between 40 and 60 minutes to complete. In this Method, each change consists of 6 bells striking a different sequence, or Change, and the interval between bells is less than half a second. This requires each ringer to concentrate completely for every second.

This was the first Quarter Peal attempt by our local ringers for many years. Although we had all rung Peals (at least 5040 Changes) or Quarter Peals previously, we did not achieve our target this time, managing to only complete 600 true changes of very good ringing. We were a bit disappointed, but all agreed to make another attempt soon.

We have two new young learners, Jess and Kevin, starting basic rope handling training. With their Mum, Karina, Aunties Le-Vene and Amanda, the Caton family will be able to ensure our bells will continue to ring out for many years to come.

We have ordered new Bellropes from England which are being manufactured as this report is being compiled. We are financing the cost from Wedding Bell fees and other donations collected over many years. We are always happy to entertain visitors to the Tower to display how the bells are rung; we ring 8.30 to 9.00 before Sunday Morning Service and 4.30 to 5.00 before Evensong on the first Sunday of the Month, and practise every Tuesday from 5.00 to 6.30pm, except for Holy Week.

Jim Jefferies Ringing Master

H U M O U R

JOKES THAT CAN BE TOLD IN CHURCH!

*Two boys
were walking home from Sunday school after
hearing a strong preaching on the devil. One said to the other,
'What do you
think about all this
Satan stuff?' The
other boy replied, 'Well, you know how Santa
Claus turned out. It's probably just your Dad..'*

*Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered
to her mother, 'Why is the bride dressed in white?'"
The mother replied, 'Because white is the color of
happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life.' The
child thought about this for a moment then said, 'So
why is the groom wearing black?'*

*Three boys are in the school yard bragging about their fathers.
The first boy says, 'My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper,
he calls it a poem, they pay him \$50*

*The second boy says, 'That's nothing. My Dad scribbles
a few words on piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him
\$100.'*

*The third boy says, 'I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles
a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes
eight people to collect all the money'*

*An elderly woman died last month. Having
never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In
her handwritten instructions for her memorial service,
she wrote, 'They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want
them to take me out when
I'm dead.'*

For the kids -

Q. Why are elephants wrinkled all over ?

A. They are too big to fit on an ironing board.

Q. What does a snake learn when it goes to school?

A. Hiss-tory.

ON THE RECORD

Baptisms

We welcome into Christ's family

10 May Hayden James YOST-CRAIG
 Tammie Marie CRAIG-YOST
 Bradley Douglas YOST-CRAIG
17 May Macy Emily LAND



We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony

No weddings in May



Funerals

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

27 April Lorna Joan JACK
7 May Daphne Merle CLARKSON
8 May Gary Ernest PLUMMER
14 May Patricia Mary WHITE



Years Mind – June

We pray for those whose anniversary falls at this time

Naldrett Phylliss CORNELL (1st), Pearl BLEASDALE (2nd), Beatrice WEBB (2nd), Roy CLAY (3rd), Jack NICHOLS (3rd), Marjorie Boyd MOORE (3rd), Beatrice SLOAN (4th), John RIDE (7th), Enid Caroline NORMAN (9th), Albert Clarence SEARLE (11th), 'Ted' Walter Edward HAMILTON (11th), Kevin BOWTELL (12th), Isabel Mary RICHARDSON (13th), Dorothy Jean DUNWOODIE (19th), Peter Salmon COLCLOUGH (19th), Wilfred COLLI-COAT (21st), Joan PETERS (21st), Horace OGILVIE (21st), Reginald WHITE (22nd), Jean KENNEDY (23rd), Robert BEAL (Bishop)(24th), Nick WELCH (25th), Jean HANMER (26th), Shirley McELROY (27th), Joyce KRIEGER (28th), Eddie BARNEY (28th), Ella Florence FORBES (30th)

CHURCH MENS GROUP

The Anglican Men's Group met at St Matthews on Sat 2 May at 8 am .

Men came from St Marks and some northern Albury Parishes

About 20 men attended , we had a cooked breakfast and plenty of Christian fellowship to boot.

The Guest Speaker was Ken Curnow who spoke about a recent Probus trip he did to Canberra and Crookwell. It was indeed a great trip apparently and included a visit to a sock factory that has been operating for about 3-4 generations very successfully. They are exporting woollen socks so it is clearly a successful enterprise. Ken thought the socks were so good he bought a pair . The wool is sourced from local growers so that is a good thing too.

Our thanks must go to the team who organised the breakfast and cooked the food for us

Graeme Scott Hon, Sec.





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8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

WEDNESDAY

10:30 a.m. Eucharist

THURSDAY

No services

FRIDAY

10.00 a.m. Eucharist at Riverwood (except 1st Friday). All welcome

SUNDAY

9.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist
Last Sunday of every month—Matins with Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. Children's Church 3rd Sunday every month
5.00 p.m. Evensong (Only 1st Sunday of every month)

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