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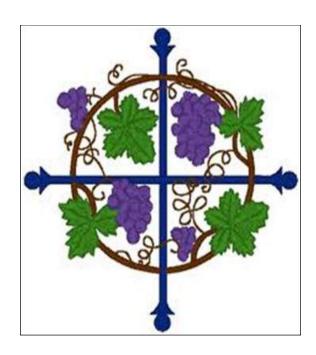
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**PARISH OF ALBURY** 

**JULY 2015** 

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

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, Live in me from day to day, By His love and power controlling All I do and say.

Kate Wilkinson—Women's Welfare worker 1925

#### Saints and synods

The recent diocesan synod will leave

different impressions according to our mission priorities The highlight for me the Matthew McInnes Award to Shem Vesely, recognising the integrity between his service in the sanctuary and his ministry in the parish and to the stranger in Albury. It is inspiring to see those involved in worship also involved in active ministry to others before or after the service, that is why at St Matthews there is a low priority for dead silence before and after worship - what is far preferable is the experienced lively conversation and pastoral interest of a parish family.

As 2015 Tasmanian of the year and marriage equality advocate Rodney Croome said when he visited St Matthews is **not a congregation but a community.** That has been achieved not by strategic planning but strategic living and shared strategic leadership.

It is immediately contagious and challenging and continually asks uncomfortable Q & A's about the contribution of the good news in Christ to contemporary society.

The strategic planning process at the tail end of the synod described the challenge - the great gulf between the dreams of mission and the people and resources by which they might become a reality.

Sharing the love and sharing the challenge is making this a growing adventure in Albury as more community members schools and outsiders become part of a family gathered around Christian action Victory Lutheran College recently joined St Matthews crisis care mission to the homeless, and their practical action to provide a solution was widely publicised in the media. Under the leadership of

their teachers including St Matthews own Valerie Ratcliff, students engaged local businesses and individuals, took hundreds of soup orders, turned St Matthews rectory and parish centre into a pop up soup kitchen, made the soup, delivered it and made up welfare parcels for those in need as well as emergency packs for homeless people. The funds raised – approaching \$2000 togetherness with donations from the Roman Catholic parish of Northern Albury (Fr Kevin) and the Albury Lions club as well as The Budda Shop at Yackandandah, individual donations will



help build a permanent shower for the homeless - all through strategic action leading to a strategic result.

Local home grown and homespun spirituality gave us a Celtic weekend to warm the heart with a Celtic spirituality workshop in partnership with St David's uniting church, a Celtic cocktail party with Fr Alan Kelb as Celtic master of ceremonies from the Yackandandah and Tallangatta highlands, Fr Malcolm Halford accompanist, with pipers dancers poets and musicians and nearly 200 tartan clad revellers.

The winter solstice also brought a freezing night to remember youth suicide family survivors and prevention and once more St Matthews represented faith groups in the company of the amazing Sussan Ley and Cathy McGowan and hundreds of supporters in QE11 Square, all working together to combat depression and problems with youth mental health and building community resilience support and understanding.

Magna Carta Sunday in June saw Australia's greatest human rights lawyer and national treasure Julian Burnside speak on justice and freedom .in a stirring address he spoke of the imperatives of both the gospel and the law that were ignored by both government and opposition in Australia and lamented the silence of Christian leaders. A standing ovation packed church, great music and memorable community event made it another landmark day on the Albury and regional calendar.

Marriage Equality should not be a controversial subject ,just as the abolition of slavery was hard won in the face of silence from many Christian communities and many other racial and discriminatory barriers brought down only after the battle was safely won on other fields so the churches are exercising extreme caution .it is the caution that stands in the way of change .there have a been very few Australian in Anglicans involved in positive action notably the late Bishop of Gippsland Bishop John McIntyre, who remains an inspiring example of Christian engagement. Evensong in July will follow the theme of the Royal baptism with an invitation to bring baptismal gowns and photos for an exhibition on the evening.

#### Fr Peter





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#### **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

**National Trust:** We are always looking for donations for either Restoration or Capital Works or the Music Foundation. Remember these are tax deductible

**QE2 square.** The Art Gallery is to open in September. Discussions are taking place between St Matthew's and Albury City. When we have an answer you will be advised.

**Church Heating.** We are currently looking into the problem re the heating. One thing we are hoping to do is to replace all the switches with one switch. This will prevent people being able to randomly change the settings. A portable heater has been purchased for the church sitters to use. PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN IT OFF WHEN YOU LEAVE THE CHURCH!.

**Antique Roadshow** now to be held in September. More details later.

**Anglican Food Room** 22 food hampers handed out in May & 2 shower packs.

**Finances.** Our expenses are exceeding our income. Therefore we have to draw down on our investments so that the bills can be paid. The batteries in the smoke alarms in the church need replacing & to do so we need to hire a lift so that the alarms can be reached. This is not going to be cheap. The money raised at the Celtic weekend will help but it will not be enough. Also there is the cost of fixing the problem with the air conditioning. If you are able to give a little extra each week it will help. Thank you to those of you who have increased their giving. Please be assured that Parish Council is trying to reduce our expenditure.

#### Kaye Kennedy



Fr Joel—combined Evensong with St Patricks and St Matthews Choirs at St Matthews



Leanne & Maureen discussing the Op Shop options

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# **Evening Group News CAKELESS CAKE STALL**

Our treasurer told us that \$489.10 was raised for the cake less cake stall. Thank you to everyone who donated. This money will go towards the leasing for the office

photocopier.

After the meeting, members enjoyed a bowl of soup & some finger food. This will provided by the members. After we had finished eating we then played Musical Bingo. Instead of numbers being called out, the members had to name tunes being played. The titles being on their bingo card. It was a lot of fun & was enjoyed by all. For our July meeting we are going out for lunch. New members are always welcome

President

Kaye Kennedy

#### WANTED!! TEDDY KNITTERS!!

A pink or blue Teddy is presented to each baby that is baptised at St. Matthew's, and Mother's Union is after parishioners who are knitters, willing to make these teddies! **Betty White** has a simple pattern for teddies, and during the colder months, it may appeal to folk to sit by the fire and knit some! Please speak to Betty White or Stephanie Stephenson if you are interested in this worthy activity! **As we have many baptisms at St. Matthew's we need plenty of teddies it's hard to keep up with the demand!** 

CHRISTIAN CARDS Just a friendly reminder that if you are after a Christian card for a specific occasion, during the winter recess, the M.U. Cards stall is operating at the 10am service on Wednesday.





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## 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 June

As it was the Celtic weekend, Children's Church & was amalgamated with the Celtic Mass at 9am on \*

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Sunday 21st. Invitations were sent out to the children inviting them to the Mass. The children were involved in the opening procession, waving rainbow streamers, and Father Peter read an indigenous account of the creation of the world by the rainbow serpent 'The dreamtime'. The service continued with the homily given by John Stewart the Spirituality Workshop presenter. Communion followed. The children were involved with bringing foodstuffs for the needy up to the altar. After the service,

there was special food for the children's church children, and there were Irish dancers and the Pipe band to entertain both the children and congregation.

#### Julie Scott

Children's church spokesperson for M.U. Albury.





Children lighting the Winter Solstice Candle at the Celtic Mass



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# RELAY FOR LIFE 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> October 2015

I have registered a team for St Matthew's called **St. Matthew's Angels.** 

Please consider being part of the team. Relay starts at 9.30 am on the Saturday, finishing at 9.30am on Sunday.

The cost is \$15.00 if you register before the end of August, otherwise \$20. Registration fee entitles you to a T-shirt, insurance and administration costs. It doesn't count as a donation.

You can register on line. Put in **Relay for Life Border 2015.** Find Albury/ Wodonga.

Go to join a team, then search, find St Matthew's Angels. You will be asked your fund raising goal. I suggest a minimum of \$20. Hit join as a new participant. Fill in all the boxes with an asterisk. If you don't answer any of the questions that needs to be answered, you will be told.

If you don't want to register on line I will be happy to do it for you.

The sooner you register, the sooner you can start collecting donations.

The official launch for Relay will be on the 25<sup>th</sup>July in the front of Terry White's Chemist. So if you have any questions why not come & ask one of the committee. Also there will be registration forms available.

Kaye Kennedy



Victory Lutheran School involved in the 'soup day' fund raiser for a shower for needy at St. Matts.

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By 1874, Albury had grown considerably, the parish decided to demolish Blackert's buff-misined church and build a new one designed by William Boyles, also of Sydney, Stortage of funds was again a problem, so econtractor, Free and Co., built only the new shamed, the purish intending to replace Blackert's nave later. The new church was opened on January 13, 1876. The new durch was opened on January 13, 1876. See Matthew's remains a unique mixture of the Boyles and Blackett designs.

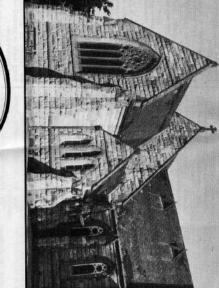
Local granite and brick was used in a sample nave, with its Norman-style main doorway and "Gothie" windows. Blackett's design included butresses and a south doorway.

The nave had a shingles roof until the owner of the Albury Banner, George Adams, paid for an iron roof in 1904.

Most stained-glass windows in the nave were made in England and installed for the rebuilt church in 1876. Another window horsors Howard Douglas Tracy, a music teacher who was organist at St Mathow's for 30 years until his death in 1933. Among his pupils was the noted bass, Malcolm McEacherm.

Originally designed to carry a tall struc-ture, because the supports as oppor-spire built in the late 1960s and containing a single bell. Inscription reads: "To the honor-and glopy of God, AD 1906, I, James Mitch-lell, of Table Top, NSW, declicate this bell in hoving memory of my mother, Elizabeth Mitchell, only daughter of Gabriel Louis Ma-rie Huon de Kerllieau, Brittany, France, born at Parramattat, NSW, AD, 1850: James Mitchell left 4000 pounds to the church, and 2000 pounds to the Goulburn diocese.

The sanctuary, organ chamber, transepts and part of the nave were completed at the end of 1875, a project that owed much to the insumbant, Camon Acooks. The exterior is mainly of granite and Table Top freestone. A fine pitch-pine roof lined with Murray pine is covered in Welsh slate. A foundation stone laid by Thomas H. Male at the northeast cover on March 20, 1874, is no longer wishle. The contractors were frew and Co. The enlarged church was formally opened on January 12, 1876. Early lighting was by The north runsept is now the lady Chamber of the contractors were the same of the contractors were frew and Co.



HERITAGE WEEK 88 17-24 APRIL

Report: HOWARD JONES
Pictures: DAVID GERAGHTY

Prancis Chapel

• Sanctuary window:

The gloriously-colorful main leaded lights were the gift of a Mr Disson in 1875, and were made by Lyon, Cortier and Co., of Sydney. They deplot Jesus Christ and "the calling of St. Marthew", surrounded by smaller representations of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Above is a crowned figure, "Christ in Majescy", and below the inscription, "No Man Comech To The Father But By Me".

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Five smaller lights and 19 tiny ones are built into the windows.

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well Edmondson, also Albury's first of Mate's store.

The Colours of the 2/23rd Battalion ("Albury's Own") were laid up in St Matthews on April 27, 1947. Bishop Harc consecrated them on the formation of the battalion in 1940 and they figured in the battles of Tobruk, El Alemein, Finschafen and others.

Among the St Matthew's silverware are communion vessels bought by Bishop Chal-mers in London and first used on Christmas Day, 1897. A marble memorial stone commemorates Canon Alfred Davidson Acocks, Vicar of Albury for 17 years, until his death in 1890, aged 53,

A brass plaque commemor Hilton Dight, a businessman brick home stands next to . School in Kiewa St. Mr Dight d aged 72, leaving a bequest to the standard of t orates Charles an whose fine Albury High t died in 1913, the church.

George Toutcher Fleming, s died in 1912, was a member church building committee, bears a Masonic emblem. solicitor, who of the 1876
The plaque

Other plaqu

Two small brass plaques were provided by Lionel and Eileen Griffith, of Woodstook, after World War I, together with a Union Jack and Australian flag. One honors Geoffrey Carmichael Griffith, killed in action in France in 1916. The other is in memory of all Australians killed in the war. A marble tabler for Annie Bull, aged 25, who died July 7, 1866, was erected by her friends. Several plagues:

This a reproduction of the Cross of Sacrifice in war cemeteries. It was dedicated on April 19, 1922, by Bishop Radford and unveiled by MaJor-General Sir Granville Ryrie.

Iron fence:

ental fence and gates (now erected in 1908, the gift Thurgoona, in memory of Hora

Built in 1869-70 of the Rev D. E. Jone Albury's finest two-st that period. during the Incumban es, the Rectory is one storey brick buildings

#### **Celtic Weekend**

















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#### HUMOUR

<u>The Wisdom of Steven Wright</u> ... If you're not familiar with the work of Steven Wright, he's famous (comic) erudite scientist who once said, "I woke up one morning, and all of my stuff had been stolen and replaced by exact duplicates."

His mind sees things differently than most of us do. Here are some of his gems.-

- 1 I'd kill for a Nobel Peace Prize.
- 2 Borrow money from pessimists they don't expect it back.
- 3 Half the people you know are below average.
- 4 99% of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
- 5 82.7% of all statistics are made up on the spot.
- 6 A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.
- 7 A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
- 8 If you want the rainbow, you have got to put up with the rain.
- 9 All those who believe in psycho kinesis, raise my hand.
- 10 The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
- 11 I almost had a psychic girlfriend... but she left me before we met.
- 12 OK, so what's the speed of dark?
- 13 How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink?
- 14 If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.
- 15 Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
- 16 When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- 17 Ambition is a poor excuse for not having enough sense to be lazy.
- 18 Hard work pays off in the future; laziness pays off now.
- 19 I intend to live forever. So far, so good.
- 20 If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?
- 21 Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.
- 22 What happens if you get scared half to death twice?
- 23 My mechanic told me, "I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder."
- 24 Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?
- 25 If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.
- 26 A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.
- 27 Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
- 28 The hardness of the butter is proportional to the softness of the bread.
- 29 To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.
- 30 The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.
- 31 The sooner you fall behind, the more time you'll have to catch up.
- 32 The colder the x-ray table, the more of your body is required to be on it.
- 33 Everyone has a photographic memory; some just don't have film.
- 34 If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.

#### For the Kids -:

- Q What do you call two rows of vegetables?
- A. A dual cabbageway.
- Q. Why did the biscuit cry?
- A. Because it's mother had been a wafer so long.



#### ON THE RECORD

#### **Baptisms**

#### We welcome into Christ's family

24 May Susan Jane HYLANDS

31 May Joseph Andrew ROBERTSON

Chloe Olivia PARTL

7 June Lucy Joy DUNLOP

Scarlett May TAYLOR



#### Weddings

We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony
No weddings in June



#### Funerals

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

26 May Russell George Bruce NATION

9 June Erica Joan DUNN

16 June Elizabeth Rose DALLINGER



#### Years Mind — July

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

Marion TAYLOR (1st), Jean Mavis KENNEDY (2nd), Valerie GIBBS (2nd), Debbie Lyn McKEON (3rd), Jean BLACK (4th), Joyce Olive SCHRODER (5th), Barry WILLIAMS (6th), Emily Edith MOREY (7th), Jean OGILVIE (7th), Thelma May WEIDNER (8th), 'Dot' Dorothy Grace SCOTT (8th), Aileen HORE (9th), Julie-Anne WEBB-MOLE (10th), Norman Alfred REED (11th), Lynnette Margaret AVERY (12th), Keith GRAHAM (13th), Alice Irene TREWELLA (13th), Charles William SAUNDERS (14th), Ida Mary MALE (16th), Ron SCOTT (18th), Samantha Trudy BOOTH (18th), Eric Maudsley BROMFIELD (19th), Jennifer Lynn HUTCHINSON (19th), Marjorie Jean BECKHURST (20th), William Alexander KIRKWOOD (21st), Stephen HOLMES (Priest) (21st), Joyce Elizabeth CLARKE (21st), Geoffrey STEWART (22nd), Georgia PALFRAMAN (22nd), Wilma MILLER (25th), 'Lex' Herbert Alexander PIERSSENE (26th), Rodney JOSSEYLN (28th), Corey CHURCHILL (28th), Patricia Frances LUND (28th), Lilian Joyce CUNNINGHAM (29th), Kathleen Eva EAGLES (29th), Luke WILLIAMS (30th), Leslie Albert GRAY (31st)

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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

Last Sunday of every month—Matins with Holy Communion

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