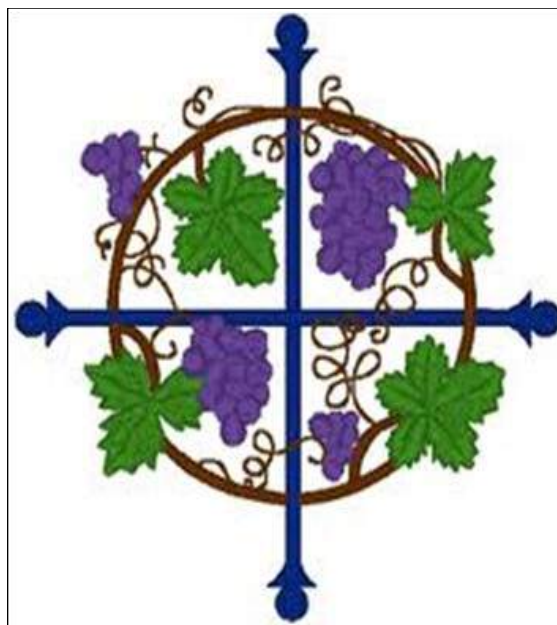


# ST MATTHEW'S GRAPEVINE



**PARISH OF ALBURY**

**AUGUST 2015**

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

*In the bleak mid-winter  
Frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron,  
Water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
Snow on snow,  
In the bleak mid-winter  
Long ago.*

*Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him  
Nor earth sustain;  
Heaven and earth shall flee away  
When He comes to reign:  
In the bleak mid-winter  
A stable-place sufficed  
The Lord God Almighty,  
Jesus Christ.*



Fr Peter and Hon. Tim Fischer

Christina Rossetti, from an amazing artistic family and circle was nevertheless effected by mental health issues and changed her mind about many matters, to experience God in the rich colours of life rather than as a set of propositions. The same thawing of ideas is experienced as society moves to act of matters of injustice in treatment of refugees, care of the environment, acknowledging indigenous people and affirming marriage equality.

**Winter wonderland** might well be the theme for our upcoming youth snow trip on the Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> of August \$25 kids (subsidized) or \$60 for adults will get you up there and through the gate and a discounted snow gear hire from Brunoski's Wodonga will ensure a happy day. Departing St Matthews at 7.30 by coach, then picking up snow gear and people from Wodonga and Dederang and back at 5pm please call or email the office, last year we had 50 who came and had a great time so book early to avoid disappointment.

**"Return of the Jedi"** August will see the return of Jenny Prince and Lyn Winnel from England and more experience in church music working toward the RSCM gold medal award in the future, we look forward to a rush of enthusiasm and all the fun and warmth they bring to the St Matthews family.

**Adamshurst ballroom concert - Geoffrey Saba 22<sup>nd</sup> August Schubert Extravaganza**, Australian Concert Tour - International pianist with Dominic Walsh, Tenor and Opera Queensland young artist in song cycles by Beethoven

and Schubert followed by a solo programme of some of Schubert's finest works for piano, with rave reviews from the Sydney morning herald- In a "Song snack and sonata" programme including a snack champagne reception. Saturday August 22<sup>nd</sup> starting at 2pm with 2 song cycles followed by reception and then 4-5.50pm "Schubert showstoppers" piano programme. Tickets \$50 (\$40 for St Matthews Music foundation members), from St Matthews office, proceeds to "St Matthews Music Foundation for country kids".

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August -Albury's Own 2/23rd** celebration service at 9am 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Albury's Own regiment with special music for Anzac and Albury and wreath laying by local schools.

**Spirit of Anzac National exhibition Evensong** 6<sup>th</sup> of September with the Hon Tim Fischer and local dignitaries and school representatives.

## **20<sup>th</sup> September St Matthews Patronal Festival at new time 10am (for Festival only)**

with special Guest Speaker Famous Australian judge and human rights commentator Michael Kirby

### **Stop press !!**

Today we have heard from celebrated Australian Soprano Greta Bradman, the subject of a recent 'Australian Story' programme and Patron of St Matthews Music Foundation who will come to Albury for a Gala concert on Dame Joan Sutherland's Birthday 7<sup>th</sup> of November at St Matthews with a gala reception at Adamshurst for foundation members. She will also launch her new CD recorded in Switzerland with Maestro Richard Bonyngue, Dame Joan's famous conductor husband. More details later.

### *Fr Peter*



New Hospital Chaplain Catherine Dawson with Cathy Carden and David Martin



RSCM Class in the church

### **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

**Air conditioning:** We have asked for a quote to only have two switches for the air conditioning. It is set at the moment to come on automatically at certain times during the week. If it is needed at other times it can be turned on manually. What is happening at present is it gets turned on to manual but not switched back to automatic. Parish Council would like it set so that if it has been on manual after a certain periods of time it will revert back to automatic.

**Pastoral Care** There will be a service and high tea at Adamshurst on 5<sup>th</sup> August for people who are unable to attend Sunday Church.

**Anglican food room** 18 food hampers were given out in June and 5 meals.

**Work for the Dole** We are looking into the advantage of having someone that is on work for the dole working at the church. We would be paid \$1000 per placement for 6 months. The only problem with this is they have to be supervised all the time. They will have to work for 25 hours per week.

**Votive candle money box:** Again someone has broken into the cash box and stolen the money. Ray the head verger is looking into ways we can make the cash box more secure. The money collected pays for new candles and other items for the sanctuary.

**Finances** After all the June cheques are cleared there will be a balance of \$4952.30. Plus the deposits for the month of July. We are expecting some very large bills this month, water, gas & electricity, plus the usual accounts we get each month.

*Kaye Kennedy*

### **LONG SERVICE LEAVE**

Debra Davenport is taking long service leave from 14<sup>th</sup> August. We wish Deb & Pete all the best as they travel Europe. We hope she comes back refreshed and ready to come back to work. Debra you will be missed.

### **FETE This will be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

**in QE2 Square** This is a parish event, it would be good if all groups within the church took part, so if you have any ideas for new events to be included as well as the usual stalls, let Christine Nesbit .know.

**There will be a pet show at the fete, being organised by Jenny & Lyn.**



## ***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 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. There will be registration forms available.

*Kaye Kennedy*



*'Everyone is invited' ..... to have fun at Children's Church !*

## MEDITATION

### THE BEATITUDES (6)



**“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.”  
Matt. 5:9)**

Every Christian is meant to be a peacemaker in the home, community and the Church. Although Our Lord said he had ‘not come to bring peace but a sword’, he meant that conflict would be the inevitable result of his coming into the world. But we should never ourselves seek conflict or be responsible for it. On the contrary, we are called to be peacemakers. We are to actively pursue and strive for peace – and so far as it depends on us, we are to live peaceably with everyone. St Paul writes, **“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge my friends.....do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”** (Romans 12 verses 17-21)

The meaning of the word “peace” as Jesus uses it, is that the highest task which a person can perform is to establish and keep right relationships between people. But peace-making can be a costly exercise and often involves pain. For example when we are involved in a quarrel, there will be either the pain of apologizing to the person we have injured, or the pain involved in reproving the person who has injured us. Or, we may not be personally involved in a dispute but find ourselves struggling to reconcile two groups or individuals who are at variance with each other. In this case there is the need to listen carefully and sympathetically, rid ourselves of prejudice, and strive to understand the opposing points of view. In spite of this, we risk being misunderstood, or failing in our attempts to bring about reconciliation. But St Paul encourages us...**“Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace”**. The writer of the Psalms says, **“Let us seek peace and pursue it”**. (Psalm 34:14)

In our efforts to reconcile people in the face of conflict, we are performing a god-like work. Just as Our Heavenly Father has reconciled us to himself through the pain Our Lord suffered on our behalf, so we attempt to unite others in the face of bitterness and strife. A good interpretation of this Beatitude could read.. **“Blessed are those who help to bring about right relationships between others, for they are doing a god-like work.”**

O living Christ who still  
Does all our burdens share  
Come now and reign within the hearts  
Of all those everywhere.

*Father Colin*





## **Children's Church in July**

The Theme for this day was the 'Good News- All are invited, all are welcome!'

Balloons and welcoming signs greeted the congregation and the 18 Children and their companions enjoyed the jaunty action songs, each child was given a sparkly coloured party hat on arrival, to keep with the theme of being invited to Jesus' party! The reading was about how people were invited to a party, but gave all sorts of excuses why they couldn't come. Father Peter took the service and asked the children how they feel about being invited to a party, and being excluded, as well, the children responded enthusiastically! Fr. Peter said that all people were invited to be at Jesus' party, whether they had been good or bad, and Jesus told us all the GOOD NEWS of how to be more like Jesus. The children helped prepare the Children's altar for Communion, having been each given the name of a special item used for the Communion such as the bread, and wine, and water etc., which they presented to the verger, who then gave them the item, to place on the altar. Tom Summerfield, and David Luxon very ably played for the service. It was great to welcome some very small, and in one instance, very well travelled little people, who enjoyed the service. All the children entered into the spirit of the service, and the procession to our theme tune, was very joyful and noisy! Frankfurts and honey joys as well as fruit were available after the service, and milo was very popular with the children! We missed our two willing helpers, who were unable to be with us, and hope they will soon be able to be back with us!

**Julie Scott** *Children's Church spokesperson for Mother's Union, Albury*



**Albury-Wodonga Regional Branch of Association of Independent Retirees AGM at Adamshurst**



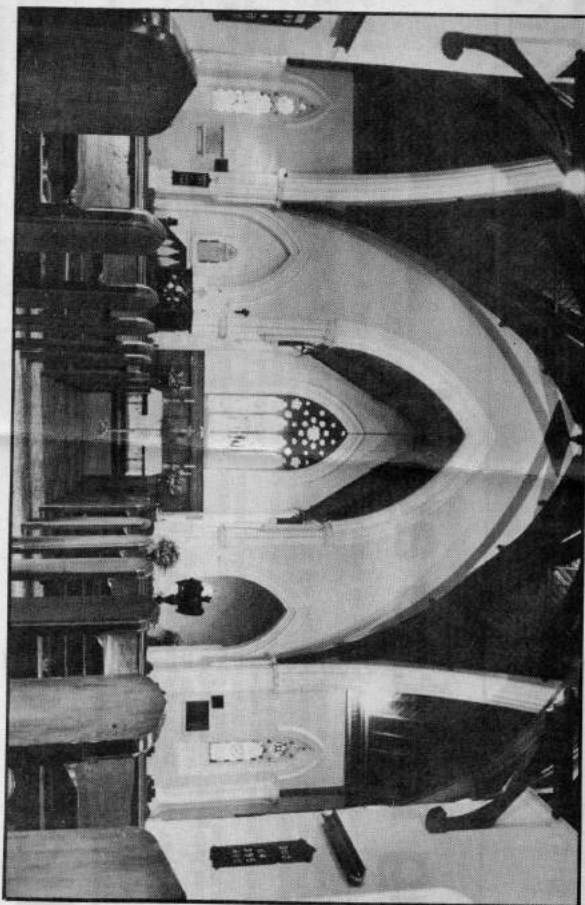
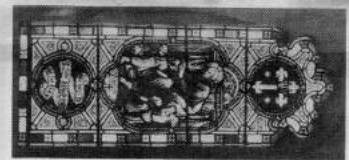
**Sunday 19th July—'Sharing the Good News'**





*This Chapel was burnt down 1912 rebuilt & opened Sept 95*

Border Morning Mail, Saturday, April 23, 1928—35



THE Church of St Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist is Albany's oldest church building.

While it is a significant part of our past, the church is really a living, working building.

St Matthew's is a story of God, of the church and of the people who have built it.

The nave and tower were built in 1857-59, and the chancel in 1874-76.

A noted architect, Edmund Blacketer, designed the first church in 1857.

Only the nave and the tower base were built by the contractor, Kirkpatrick. Lyle had to finance the parish, did not have enough money to complete the Blacketer design, which included a tall spire.

It was opened on March 13, 1859. The first rector, the Rev Henry Elliott, died in 1858 as the church was being built.

By 1874, Albany had grown considerably. The church decided to demolish Blacketer's plan and build a new church.

Shortage of funds was again a problem, so

# A part of the past still alive

An eagle lecturn was made by Walker, Sons and Bartholomew, of Sydney.

In 1940, a young cabinetmaker, Gerald Curtis, aged 22, made the fine retables, and porch, next 24 years returned to make the

Imperial and other furniture. In 1960, 100, editorial kneelers have been made recently by women members.

• Organ: George Fincham, a famous Melbourne organ builder, constructed this organ in January, 1876, in the chamber that is now the Francis Chapel. He gave it two Gothic

naives. It was moved to the other to the nave. Originally the organ contained 1429 pipes. The first organist was William Newell. Max

well Edmundson, a businessman who was also Albany's first postmaster and manager of Alice's store.

of Alice's store.

## **NEWS FROM THE TOWER**

**The blessing of the bell ropes on Sunday July 14** was the final stage of the replacement of the ropes. Every ten years or so it becomes necessary to replace the ropes due to wear and tear. Ropes are custom made in the UK making the process of replacing and importing them very expensive. At a cost of just under \$4000 we recently took delivery of the ropes and soon



had a team putting them into place with Jim doing most of the hard work. My grateful thanks go to Jim and the support team for a job well done.

The Blessing was important to us and we were delighted to share the experience with the congregation by the use of a camera which projected the images of the proceedings on to a large screen in front of the pulpit. I feel sure this was enjoyed by the congregation as many had positive comments after the service with some declaring they had no idea what bellringing involved.

**Murray, thank you so much for organizing the camera work.**

Please remember if you would like to watch the bellringers at work on a Sunday morning, do come up and you will be made most welcome.

**Pam Thorman, Tower Captain**

**Naidoc Service—  
5th July**



**Victory Lutheran School -Soup Kitchen day at St Matthews—24th June**



# H U M O U R



"I couldn't be bothered hunting, so I just grabbed some 'McDonalds'..."

## For Grandpas!

A small girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?" "Yes sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago". "Oh", she paused, "Grandpa, did God make me too?" "Yes indeed he did", he said, "God made you just a little while ago".

Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it isn't he?"

## A child's view of thunderstorms

A little girl walked to and from school daily. Though the weather that morning was questionable and clouds were forming, she made her daily trek to school. As the afternoon progressed, the winds whipped up, along with the lightening. The mother of the little girl felt concerned that her daughter would be frightened as she walked home. She also feared the electrical storm would harm her child, so she drove along the route to her child's school. As she did, she saw her walking along. At each flash of lightning, the child would stop, look up and smile. More lightning followed quickly, and with each, the girl would look up at the streak of light and smile. When the mother drew up beside the child, she lowered the window, and called "What are you doing?"

The child answered; "I am trying to look pretty, because God keeps taking my picture !

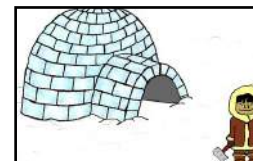
## For the kids

**Q. What do you call a kid with a dictionary in his pocket?**

**A. A smarty pants**

**Q. What is an 'IG'?**

**A. An Eskimo's house without a toilet.**

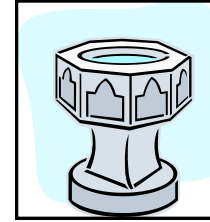


## **ON THE RECORD**

### ***Baptisms***

*We welcome into Christ's family*

28 June Kale Paul DANHIEZ-VOGEL  
Lucy Belle JARVIS  
5 July Declan Wayne MARTIN  
Max Ian SHIRLEY



### ***Weddings***

*We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony*

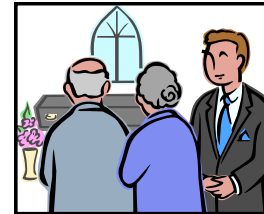
No Weddings in July



### ***Funerals***

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

24 June Valerie Dare TOMKINS  
25 June Robert Sydney BYE  
3 July Peter Malcolm YOUNG  
3 July Shirley Teresa FERGUSON  
8 July Graham Frank SUMMERS  
16 July Maurice Arthur CHICK  
17 July Ann GORDON



### ***Years Mind – August***

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

Matela Constance STAR (1<sup>st</sup>), 'Roy' Charles WALKER (2<sup>nd</sup>), Noel Walter (3<sup>rd</sup>), Stan HEPPNER (3<sup>rd</sup>), Norman William SEMMLER (4<sup>th</sup>), Shannon James Robert READ (4<sup>th</sup>), Patrick O'DONOGHUE (4<sup>th</sup>), Louie Irene PIPER (6<sup>th</sup>), Dorothy Edith STAR (8<sup>th</sup>), Warwick PALFRAMAN (9<sup>th</sup>), Baby Ann COLEMAN (11<sup>th</sup>), Carl James HUNICHEN (13<sup>th</sup>), Georgie EISENHAUER (14<sup>th</sup>), Michael John CLARKE (Priest)(14<sup>th</sup>), Neville 'Harley' McALLISTER (14<sup>th</sup>), Norman EISENHAUER (15<sup>th</sup>), Aden James DEVINE (15<sup>th</sup>), Ernest Francis GRANT (18<sup>th</sup>), Eric SEIDEL (19<sup>th</sup>), Harry LORD (21<sup>st</sup>), 'Charlie' Robert John LAPPIN (21<sup>st</sup>), Brian Hector GILL (Priest)(22<sup>nd</sup>), Robert Charles BECKHURST (23<sup>rd</sup>), John Michael MILES (23<sup>rd</sup>), Henry Anzac POWELL (25<sup>th</sup>), Thora PIKE (25<sup>th</sup>), Henry Keith ROCK (27<sup>th</sup>), Arthur George COWLES (31<sup>st</sup>)

Please Note—


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#### **WEDNESDAY**

10:30 a.m. Eucharist

#### **THURSDAY**

No services

#### **FRIDAY**

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