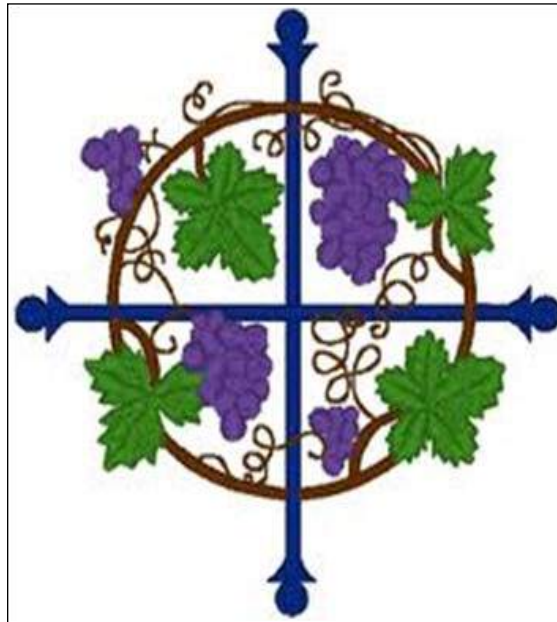


# ST MATTHEW'S GRAPEVINE



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**SEPTEMBER 2016**

**Fr Peter writes :**

***Dear People of St Matthew's***

(The ballad of George Fox by Sydney Carter)

*There's a Light that was shining  
when the world began,  
And a Light that is shining in the heart of man:  
There's a Light that is shining  
in the Turk and the Jew,  
And a Light that is shining, friend,  
in me and in you.*

*With a book and a steeple and a bell and a key  
They would bind it for everbut  
they can't, said he.  
O, the book, it will perish, and the steeple will fall,  
But the Light will be shining at the end of it all.*

*There's an ocean of darkness  
and I drowned in the night  
Till I came through the darkness  
to the ocean of Light;  
You can lock me in prison  
but the Light will be free.*

*And I'll walk in the glory of the Light, said he.  
Walk in the Light, wherever you may be!  
Walk in the Light, wherever you may be!*



Sydney Carter who wrote "Lord of the Dance" also wrote so many poems and hymns probably yet to be appreciated that express a modern faith that draws us closer to life's supermarket rather than museum

September marks St Matthews Day in the 25th anniversary of the fire that turned this regional icon into an inferno. There are some disasters that create more than they destroy and the rebuilt St Matthews Albury in the heart of Albury stands as a tribute to the hope and generosity of our community.

Never has a phoenix risen more dramatically from the ashes and become a sign of change and renewal, emblematic of the essential dynamic of our tradition. Albury's central precinct has changed and we have been partners in that development. The Christian tradition is also in a state of renegotiation and of that process we are not curators but partners in the spiritual gymnasium that stretches and builds a stronger community.

Our recent interfaith opportunities allow us appreciate those who have built foundations and designed community bridges and say a rousing "thank you". Heading the list Fr Kevin Flanagan, easily the best best recognised regional face of inclusive faith will be our guest speaker at our St Matthews day service in Q&A celebration interview. Also recognising outstanding community service in their centenary year the Albury Central fire department will be honoured at that service.

The recent 50th anniversary of the battle of Long Tan honoured the bravery and sacrifice of Ernie Grant, in a memorable service led by Reverend Maureen Beattie, and address by Chaplain Charles Vesely, special music from St Matthews choir, the pipes and drums of the Scots School Albury and members of the Grant family and armed forces representatives.

Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup> marks 15 years since the twin towers were attacked in an incident that commenced an era of terrorism and conflict to the present day, so the theme upon that day will be toward world peace and reconciliation.

We are continually reminded that the record of our own country and religious tradition has a way to go in establishing fairness and equality for all. the recently inaugurated social justice committee in the Diocese welcomes back the very considerable gifts of our friend in mission Suzie Don Leonard and links the schools and parishes in themes of social action. Save the date - the Albury Chamber Music Festival 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of November (<http://www.alburychambermusicfestival.com.au/>) will be a landmark event coming from the platform of our music foundation and association raising musical opportunities and tuition for local kids.

Congratulations to Paul Summerfield, and the Friends of Nolan House. The op shop with Leanne, Barbara, John & Lyn and our stella volunteers, our welcomers and all who help in so many ways to provide a welcome. Special mention and get well wishes to Coralie Williams and her family following a recent bout in hospital, we are so grateful for the foundations of hospitality to friend and stranger that she has established as well as her presence in the garden that has become a famous place of shelter and refreshment in central Albury, thanks also to the team who are now continuing her wonderful work and we look forward to finding new ways to reach out to our community.

Confirmation of faith is an opportunity to think again about nailing our colours to the mast and if you know someone who may be interested then please contact the office. Best wishes and thanks to all who do so much to make St Matthews a special place, whether regularly worshipping with us or sharing in prayer or service from home, hospitals, farming or leadership across the breadth of our community.

*Fr Peter*

### **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

**Hallway in Rectory.** On the list of jobs to be done

**Hailstorm Damage Church roof** Also on the list of jobs to be done.

**Rising Damp** Ken has the brush & paint so it will be done.

**Sound system.** Waiting for a quote form Albury Sound & lighting.

**Website.** This needs to be spruced up. It's not been updated. Needs things on it like Grapevine, special services, concerts.

**Anglican Food Room.** 25 hampers were given out in July, the shower is being used daily, numerous cups of tea/coffee are given out each day.

**Op Shop \$628.** Was taken in July. We will probably need to find a larger shop. If you are interested in volunteering at the op shop please contact **John or Lyn Schuberg.** Shop is open **Wed, Thursday and Friday ,10am to Noon & Noon to 2 pm**

**It would be advantageous if a Mental Health Nurse could come to the church once a week to talk to the people who come for coffee.**

**The Defibrillator** this has been ordered.

**The committee for the Albury Chamber music festival** has been working hard. The programme is finalised. For more information you can go to the website Albury Chamber Music Festival. Tickets will be available at MAMA

**NB. Tickets will not be available at the church office.**

**Finances.** At the end of July were in \$2824 in the red.

*Kaye Kennedy* Secretary

# *St Matthew's Albury*

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**SO THAT DEBRA CAN PUT THE BOOKLET TOGETHER.**  
**THANK YOU.**



*Kaye Kennedy*

## **MEDITATION**

### **HOW TO FORGIVE**

Peter came to Jesus and said, "Lord how often will my brother sin against me and I forgive him ? Up to seven times ?" Jesus answered, "not seven times, but seventy times seven." He went on to say

" The kingdom of heaven is like a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants ... " (St Matthew Ch:18 verses 21-35)

When Peter asked this question he thought he was being particularly generous by suggesting seven times. The Rabbis, the teachers of the Jewish faith, taught that forgiveness should occur three times only. By suggesting seven times, Peter expected to be warmly commended by Jesus.

Note the answer of Our Lord, "not up to seven times , but seventy times seven." In other words there appears to be no limit to forgiveness.

To illustrate his point, Jesus tells the story of the servant who is forgiven a great debt by his master, but then went out and dealt mercilessly with a fellow servant who owed him a debt- a mere fraction of what he had owed.

This parable teaches a lesson that runs throughout the New Testament – we must forgive in order to be forgiven. As Our Lord has said, "blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy." St James writes "judgement is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy." Divine and human forgiveness go hand in hand. Yet in any act of forgiveness, the forgiven person must be truly sorry for what has happened. There has to be genuine repentance and an earnest desire not to re-offend. It is rather like the son in the Parable of the Prodigal Son, who realises he has been offensive to his father, returns home and requests to be treated like one of the servants. He was truly sorry for what he had done and sought to make amends.

In the above parable there is the contrast between the two debts. The King forgave his servant a debt of over \$5 million in today's money. That same servant refused to forgive a debt of about \$10.00 . The point here is that nothing others do to us can compare with what we have done to Our Heavenly Father. Our disregard and contempt of Him and His way of life for us, our exploitation and lack of care for our wonderful world and our lack of concern for each other.

We have been forgiven a debt which is beyond all paying. The sin of human beings brought about the death of Our Lord and it is through Him that we have been forgiven. We must forgive others as God has forgiven us.



*Father Colin*

Cast your care on Jesus, tell him all your sin  
All your strong temptations, and the wrong within.  
He himself was tempted and he pleads above  
For the soul that asks for pardon through his love.





## ***Children's Church in AUGUST***

"Sharing God's Love" was the theme for this month's Children's church. We also celebrated the 16th year of Children's Church.

Rev. Maureen took the service, and spoke about how God's love is endless, like a round ball which has no beginning or end, as a piece of rope has. Several action songs were sung including a round 'Father, I adore you', in which each side of the church were involved. A story from very recently, was shared, in which a child with a disability was excluded from a child's party, and then when the exclusion was discovered, efforts were made to address this, to the delight of that child's family. God excludes nobody.

A special bread loaf was offered at communion, and the pieces of bread from it were given to the communicants and the children, symbolizing sharing around God's table.

Cup cakes, forming a birthday ensemble, each with a colourful candle letter from the words "Happy Birthday" were lit and blown out by the children, and to conclude, the musical procession was enjoyed!

People gathered to enjoy the party fare, in the sun, at the service conclusion. We thank David Luxon and Tom Summerfield for their combined music! We also thank our very faithful helpers!

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





St Matthews happy helpers—  
Jenny Prince and Lyn Winnel



**St Matthews Albury—Commemoration  
of the Battle of Long Tan Service**



Jack and Bob Grant remember Ernie—  
Photo—Border Mail







# **FETE**

## **St Matthew's Fair on the Square**

**SATURDAY  
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8.00 am—1.00 pm**

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## **NEWS FROM THE TOWER**

### **FIRST RING IN THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE**

July 13 was the chosen date for the visit of the talented Christ College Cambridge Choir. In celebration of the choir's visit, the Bellringers decided to add to the atmosphere by ringing for a half hour before the performance.

Soon after we commenced to ring the door opened and a young man by the name of Will Bosworth, entered announcing that he was a member of the choir, also a bellringer and would love to ring with us.

We were delighted to welcome Will into our midst and soon discovered that he was a very talented bellringer who, when at home, rang at Great St. Mary's, the University Church in Cambridge. This tower was one of the early towers to introduce Change Ringing in the late 1500's or early 1600's so it is a very historic church in many ways.

In signing the Visitor's Book at the end of the session, Will excitedly declared that tonight's ring was his first in the Southern Hemisphere and wrote this fact in the comments column. Bellringers love to "grab a rope" whenever they visit an area where there are bells, so we were very pleased that Will was able to ring with us, and also to be part of his significant achievement!



### **ARE YOU INTERESTED?**

Do you like listening to the bells at St Matthew's? Have you ever thought about learning how to do this ancient craft? If you or someone you know would like to learn we would love to hear from you as we are interested in teaching some new recruits. Of course there is a catch; you need to be committed to attend weekly practice and to ring for service each week. If you would like to learn more about it, please come along to practice at 5 PM on any Tuesday or pop up into the tower before church on a Sunday morning to see what it is all about. We are a very friendly group and will make you feel most welcome.



### **CONTACT:**

Tower Captain Pam Thorman on 60213571

OR

The Parish Office

*Don't keep us waiting too long !*

*Pam Thorman* Tower Captain

## **H U M O U R**

An old geezer became bored in retirement and decided to open a medical clinic.

He put a sign up outside that said: 'Dr. Geezer's clinic. '

Get your treatment for \$500, if not cured, get back \$1,000."

Doctor "Young," who was positive that this old geezer didn't know beans about medicine, thought this would be a great opportunity to get \$1,000. So he went to Dr. Geezer's clinic.

Dr. Young: "Dr. Geezer, I have lost all taste in my mouth. Can you please help me ??"

Dr. Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in Dr. Young's mouth."

Dr. Young: Aaagh !! -- "This is Gasoline!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your taste back. That will be \$500."

Dr. Young gets annoyed and goes back after a couple of days figuring to recover his money.

Dr. Young: "I have lost my memory, I cannot remember anything."

Dr. Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in the patient's mouth."

Dr. Young: "Oh, no you don't, -- that is Gasoline!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your memory back . That will be \$500."

Dr. Young (after having lost \$1000) leaves angrily and comes back after several more days.

Dr. Young: "My eyesight has become weak --- I can hardly see anything!!!!

Dr. Geezer: "Well, I don't have any medicine for that so, " Here's your \$1000 back." (giving him a \$10 bill)

Dr. Young: "But this is only \$10!

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You got your vision back! ; That will be \$500."

### ***Moral of story***

Just because you're "Young" doesn't mean that you can outsmart an "old Geezer"

Remember: Don't make old people mad.

They don't like being old in the first place, so it doesn't take much to tick them off!

### **FOR THE KIDS.**

- Q. What is yellow, brown and hairy?  
A. Cheese on toast, dropped on the carpet.
- Q. What kind of elephant flies a jet?  
A. A jumbo.
- Q. Why did the bank robber have a bath?  
A. So he could make a clean getaway

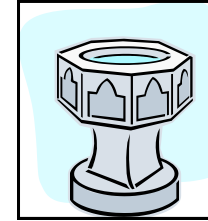


## ON THE RECORD

### *Baptisms*

*We welcome into Christ's family*

31 July George Benjamin SHIPP  
6 August Freya Jane POULTON  
7 August Zoe Rhonda SHELLARD  
14 August Henry Bromell HOODLESS  
Willow Grace TSCHIRPIG



### *Weddings*

*We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony*

6 August Angus Alan CLARKE & Alexandra Maria  
Hellene CORONEO (In Sydney)

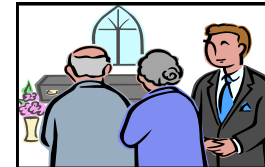


### *Funerals*

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

*to those who mourn*

No Funerals



### *Years Mind – September*

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

Ray Walter MOREY (1<sup>st</sup>), Gertrude Emery KIRKWOOD (1<sup>st</sup>), Gordon William GRANT (2<sup>nd</sup>), George Keith DURIE (6<sup>th</sup>), 'Dorrie' Doris Dardanelle SARROFF (7<sup>th</sup>), Noel Jack SNARE (7<sup>th</sup>), Patricia Leslie HABERECHT (8<sup>th</sup>), Alexandra BROOKS (9<sup>th</sup>), 'Debbie' Deborah Mary Kailey NITSCHKI (9<sup>th</sup>), Laurie ANSTIS (10<sup>th</sup>), Dean Frederick WILSON (11<sup>th</sup>), Scotty SHEATHER (12<sup>th</sup>), Reginald Marcus James NORMAN (12<sup>th</sup>), James Etherington JACKSON (12<sup>th</sup>), Doug YENSCH (13<sup>th</sup>), 'Flo' Florence Angela BERRY (13<sup>th</sup>), June deTARCZYNSKI (14<sup>th</sup>), Percy EISENHAUER (15<sup>th</sup>), James William PURSS (15<sup>th</sup>), Daphne Caroline McKIBBON (15<sup>th</sup>), John Theodore MOLTSMANN (17<sup>th</sup>), Anne Isobel DAVIES (18<sup>th</sup>), Jessica Catherine FIETZ (20<sup>th</sup>), George Austin ATKINSON (22<sup>nd</sup>), George de TARCZYNSKI (24<sup>th</sup>), Sarah Hayhow-Redding (26<sup>th</sup>), Donald Drysdale (28<sup>th</sup>), Emily FORBES (28<sup>th</sup>), Ronald Hope BRINDLEY (29<sup>th</sup>), Matthew Craig BOWNDS (29<sup>th</sup>), Kenneth Frank CUSWORTH (30<sup>th</sup>), 'Mollie' Mary CHICK (30<sup>th</sup>), Irene 'Nancy' NORTHAM (30<sup>th</sup>)



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### **WEDNESDAY**

10:30 am. Eucharist

### **THURSDAY**

No services

### **FRIDAY**

10:00 am. Eucharist at Riverwood (except 2nd Friday). All welcome

### **SUNDAY**

9:00 am. Sung Eucharist

10:30 am. Children's Church 3rd Sunday every month

5:00 pm. Evensong (only 1st Sunday of every month)

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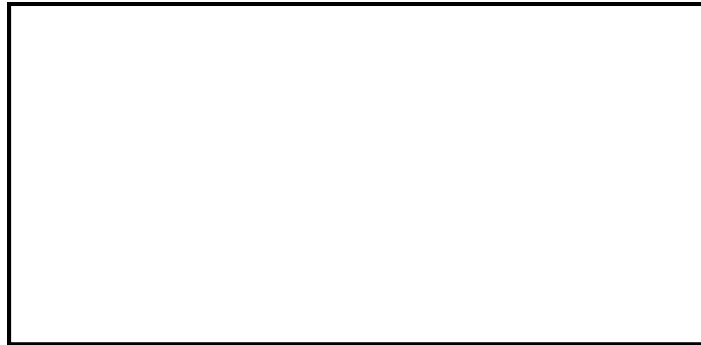
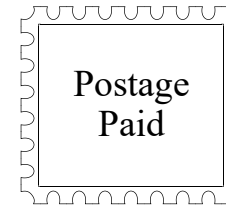
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