

# Annual General Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> November 2016



Anglican Church of Australia – Diocese of Wangaratta

**ST. MATTHEW'S, ALBURY**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING –**  
**27<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

1. Opening Prayers
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting
4. Matters arising from minutes
5. **Annual Reports**

Parish AGM Minutes 2015	Kaye Kennedy
Rector's Report	Fr Peter MacLeod-Miller
2016 Parish Council Report & Parish Statistics	Kaye Kennedy
Treasurer's Annual Report	Julie Torpey
Albury Courthouse Coffee Service	Rev'd Christine Page
Bell Ringers	Pam Thorman
Children's Church	Julie Scott
Choir & Music Report	Malcolm Halford
Church Dusting	Sadie Moffitt
Church Sitters-Welcomers Group	Sadie Moffitt
Craft Embroidery Group	Sadie Moffitt
Emergency Food Program	Barbara Hoodless
Eucharist Ministry	Carol Read
Evening Group	Kaye Kennedy
Grapevine Editor's Report	Julie Scott
Mothers Union	Stephanie Stephenson
Music Foundation Report	Kaye Kennedy
Op Shop	Barbara Hoodless
Pastoral Care	Maureen Beattie
Prayer Circle	Kerry Wilkinson
Retirement Village	Carol Read
Wednesday Fellowship Group	Joy Haberecht
6. Determine the number of Representatives of each Vestry of the Parish as Councillors. Section 69(b) of the Parish Administration Act.
7. **Motion regarding the size of Parish Council 2009: Parish Administration Act.**  
Section 69 and Section 73: (c) **Four, eight or twelve** Councillors by determination of AGM – Motion required.  
The Rector retains the right to appoint further councillors as in section 73.
8. Elect one or more persons to audit the Annual Statements of Account for the current year.
9. Election of Parochial Nominators – **not due**
10. Election of Lay Synod Representatives –
11. Determine the mode of Election of the Parish's representatives to the Youth Synod of the Diocese.
12. Nominations received for 2015 Parish Council  
**Motion:** *In the light of the change of end of Financial Year and the bringing forward of Parish Annual Meetings BiC resolves that should a parish wish they can, by resolution at the Annual Meeting, continue current appointments to the Annual Meeting held after 30/9/2016.*

<b>Wardens</b>	Victoria CHICK	Joe NESBIT	Robyne SLADE
<b>Councillors</b>	Jane Atkinson Malcolm Halford Kaye Kennedy Carol Read Kathy Sutherland	Cathy Carden Martin Hendriks Jim Lee Nancy Rooke	Matthew-Paul Fowler Barbara Hoodless Valerie Radcliffe Stephanie Stephenson
<b>Parochial nominators</b>			
<b>Lay Synod Representatives</b>	Jane Atkinson	Kaye Kennedy	Robyne Slade
<b>Supplementary Lay Synod Reps</b>	Angela Braybrooks	Carol Read	Robyn Gibbs

## **MINUTES FOR ST MATTHEW'S ALBURY – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Held in St Matthew's Church**

**On 29<sup>th</sup> November 2015**



**PRESENT** Jane Atkinson, John Atkinson, Angie Barney, Kevin Beattie, Maureen Beattie, Marion Bennett, Glenn Boyd, Angela Braybrooks, Bill Callaghan, Cathy Carden, Kathy Cherry, Vicki Chick, Lynda Crookham, Frank Draper, Jan Draper, Mildred English, Denise Farrington, Jill Fielder, Ray Fietz, Matthew-Paul Fowler, Wilma France, Sue Fyfe, Robyn Gibbs, Malcolm Halford, Val Hawker, Patricia Hendriks, Barbara Hoodless, Gordon Hooper, Julie Torpey, Kaye Kennedy, Sumit Kumar, Fr Peter MacLeod Miller, Helen Martin, John Martin, Eleanor McKissack, Gordon McKissack, Sadie Moffitt, Christine Nesbit, Joe Nesbit, Essie Osborne, Gillian Pearce, Valerie Ratcliff, Carol Read, Nancy Rooke, John Ross, Odette Ross, Jan Scholz, John Schuberg, Jennifer Schubert, Margaret Shearer, Robyne Slade, Paul Summerfield, Kathy Sutherland, Norma Tanner, Pam Thorman, Fr Colin Wellard, Robin Wellard, Kerry Wilkinson, Bert Williams, Coralie Williams, Sylvia Williams

**APOLOGIES** Thelma Bye, Mark Carden, Ken Curnow, Lyn Dynan, Rowena Ginns, William Ginns, Martin Hendriks, Jim Jefferies, Dell Jenkins, Jim Lee, Marie Lee, Maureen Lewis, Fran Luxon, David Luxon, Sandra MacLeod Miller, Annie Snow, Jim Wenham, Pauline Wenham, Betty White

Fr. Peter opened the meeting with prayer.

Apologies were received by Joe Nesbit seconded by Jane Atkinson.

**Financial Report** was presented by Julie Torpey.

There is a deficit of \$30,138. This has been reduced by about \$60,000.

The main thing we are on track with the budget.

Cathy Carden thanked Julie for her import.

Also thanked the clergy & supporting clergy for their contribution.

St Matthew's War Memorial account has been reduced from \$1,015,240.48 to \$931,913.41

Music Foundation had \$6608.86 in the account at the beginning of the year. Now there is \$30,056.05 in the account.

Kaye Kennedy was thanked for sending the data.

Veronica asked where the money from the fete was recorded. Was told it went under special fund raising. Some of the accounts have been consolidated.

**Music Foundation.** Malcolm Halford asked if other people were able to draw down on the account. The response was no other parishes can draw down on it.

Kathy Sutherland asked about the War Memorial account and was told that the money is invested with the Macquarie Bank. The Dioceses tell the investment company how to invest the money.

The reports were moved by Julie Torpey seconded by Cathy Carden.

General expenses –Insurance cover comes under the Diocesan charges. Vandalism, personal accident, volunteers are all covered.

Norm Kenny has reviewed the set of accounts & they meet the standard.

**Minutes of the March 2015 minutes** were accepted by Joe Nesbit seconded by Matthew Paull Fowler.

### **REPORTS**

Fr Peter. He thanked everyone. Amazing things have happened during the year. Worship & reflection are part of Parish Life during the year. This year the door of the church is the garden at the front.

My gratitude the clergy who help, each ne has made a special contribution. I am challenged by them. Someone has to lead and that is me. The church wardens are terrific

The Matthew McInnes award for youth came to Albury this year. The recipient was Shem Vesely.

Fr Peter concluded by congratulating everyone.

Victoria Chick responded on behalf of the Parish. Thank you Fr Peter, it takes a good leader. WE have achieved what we set out to do.

The shower has arrived.

We are grateful to you. Standing ovation.

Fr Peter replied I would like to acknowledge the Roman & Uniting Churches. I would also like to thank Rev Maureen, Ray the head verger, the organist, choir, the sanctuary team, bell ringers who are out of sight but not out of mind and Coralie

On Christmas Day it will be 25 years since the bells first rung for a service.

The reports were received by Vicki Chick seconded by Christine Nesbit.

**Appointment of Auditor** Norm Kenny

**Election of Wardens & Parish Council.**

Barbara Hoodless to be added to Parish Council list.

Vicki Chick (Rector's Warden), Ken Curnow & Joe Nesbit (People's Wardens) all said they would be happy to continue in their roles as wardens.

Joe Nesbit moved Vicki Chick seconded that the present Parish Council be retained

The Councillors are Jane Atkinson, Cathy Carden, Ray Fietz, Matthew-Paul Fowler, Robyn Gibbs, Malcolm Halford, Martin Hendriks, Barbara Hoodless, Kaye Kennedy, Jim Lee, Joe Nesbit, Valerie Ratcliff, Carol Read, Auntie Nancy Rooke, Robyne Slade, Stephanie Stephenson.

The members of the Parish Council for the new year were congratulated.

Sale of Land. The land has been sold, the price is confidential. This is a request from Albury City. Albury City to pay the legal fees. The sale will probably go thru in February.

Vicki Chick announced

Church Envelopes. A lot are sent out but do not come back. It seems a lot of wastage & expense. Costs the parish \$1200 to purchase them. We will still provide envelopes to those who want them.

Also thinking about changing from wooden collection bowls to velvet money bags, by doing this it is hard to see what you are putting in the plate.

Fr Peter thanked everyone for coming.

**The meeting closed** at 12.05

## **RECTORS ANNUAL REPORT**

*When others seem to break  
When hope seems at an end,  
We may be able to give hope just as a friend.  
In Christ we share  
A call to be in ministry,  
To love and care.*

*Hope brings us back to life  
In hope we can proceed;  
God of the future calls to us if we but heed.  
In Christ we view  
How God can reign in our domain;  
Make all things new.*

*This Christmas brings new hope  
For justice, peace, goodwill;  
This Advent time may bring with it a secret thrill.  
With Jesus born  
New hope can be reality  
With each new dawn.*

George Stuart (Australia) Tune: Darwall (66.66.88)

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

George Stuart, as Sydney Carter before him, said that traditional hymns use lyrics and words that "express ideas which singers no longer enthusiastically or wholeheartedly endorse", resulting in "much personal irritation" from "a growing and significant number of people". Resulting in efforts to use traditional hymn tunes to be the vehicles of contemporary, progressive Christian ideas. 2017 will make the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the reformation and we intend to use next year to explore 'Dangerous Ideas' and revisit the nature of Bible and other foundations of our faith and contemporary global themes.

Discovering the Local reality can be challenging it would be easier to keep our heads down but life is very different to the days when ministry began here 160 years ago and it demands greater flexibility and a willingness to consider new models of sharing the good news in ways that are real in the light of financial realities facing the diocese of Wangaratta and the announced retirement of so many clergy and the forthcoming retirement of Bishop John in 2018.

## **St Matthews – “A community not just a congregation”**

Our practical ministry in partnership with so many has advanced from the emergency food room, to our homeless shower with a range of donated toiletries and towels. Coffee and “Muffin Break” muffins every morning for homeless, travelers and distressed people.

Concerts for the homeless by “Northern Folk” with hundreds attending in the Albury entertainment center and St Matthews.

And now a partnership with “Carevan” to better care for the needy of our city.

**Numerous interfaith opportunities with Islamic community as well as other faiths** ANZAC, NAIDOC week service, Celtic weekend of arts and spirituality, Harvest festival, CIVIC Remembrance service, Youth engagement through engaging local schools in community welfare and mental health initiatives. Hosting Scouts and Rovers St Georges Day, Weekly Baptisms and Mothers Union support with knitted teddies for all. Ecumenical partnerships of welfare and spirituality. Liturgical, administrative and pastoral support of smaller rural centres. Pastoral and bereavement support through pastoral partner network and funerals and Eucharistic assistants, Aged care services and meaningful worship at retirement villages community celebrations through many weddings. Providing a community sanctuary through a church that is open and welcoming with a committed team of church sitters and welcomers and a beautiful garden providing tranquility refreshment with opportunities for outreach and friendship and telling the story of Good news for all through our website and television, radio and print media. The Grapevine and the Advocate as well as the weekly pew sheets are very much appreciated ways of keeping in touch, and now through the website we have the Grapevine in color NEW WEBSITE we head out into a new uncharted ministry waters with a growing team of committed mission partners of all ages, cultural traditions and backgrounds. The installation of a defibrillator at the back of St Matthews is also a demonstration of caring in practical ways for friend and stranger.

### **Thanks, thanks and more thanks.**

More thanks to the Bell ringers, Deb Davenport miraculously calm office manager and Julie Torpey our book keeper and “friend at court” in Wangaratta, Ray Fietz the internationally travelled head verger and assistant verger and caretaker Matthew-Paul with Sandy Bobisch, The dynamic duo of Lyn and Jenny and the amazing David Sutherland have stepped up to fill an enormous gap caused by the sudden illness of the mixed garden bunch Coralie Williams, with Annie Snow and Leanne Kohler, Sadie, Op shop angels, welcomers and other individuals who just throw themselves in to make things happen, the assistant and associate priests and deacons, sub-deacons and sanctuary team, pastoral assistants, choir and organists and their families, vergers, servers, church wardens, church sitters and evening group, Anglican women Mothers Union, Tuesday Morning mass group, Wednesday fellowship and Men’s fellowship, the music boys, Kaye Kennedy parish council secretary and all parish councillors and those who quietly do such an outstanding job for us all. Sunday morning miracle scone team with Essie, Helen and Kay insures that Sunday morning finishes with a steaming and delicious hospitality.

Thanks also to those on the Helen’s Flower roster, Sadie’s Dusting roster, catering committee, children’s church, craft and embroidery group, prayer circle, St Matthews retirement village, court coffee, the small band who organize the brass cleaning, altar linen and morning teas, a special thanks to The Albury Club for welcoming us so generously for meetings and functions - so to all of you a huge thank you for all you do.

**“The Drastic Plastic”** Clergy support: Reverend Maureen and Kevin Beattie moving to Wangaratta who has made so much liturgical reform possible and a fountain of new ideas, Fr Bill has continued to provide unstinting support, we have Fr Colin Wellard, also soldiering on through health difficulties. Chaplain Charles Vesely and family soon leaving, to support the wider ministry of St Matthews, each bringing their special gifts. And this year welcoming many new friends from the Bhutanese community and also establishing a Bhutanese garden at St Matthews. We are also delighted to welcome Rev Catherine Dawson Albury Wodonga’s new hospital chaplain. Rev Bryn and Dr Jenny Jones are back St Matthews and we continue to welcome local Albury High school who use St Matthews as community forum, youth welfare hub and concert hall and examination venue.

St Matthews’s community charity Christmas trees with interfaith community themes kicks off with a cocktail party.

We enjoy outstanding community participation over a 1000 came to St Matthews at Christmas, over 300 alone at the Community Carols and Lessons service and packed to the rafters so many other occasions and how thankful we are to those who have gone before us whose faithfulness has made this possible.

**Worship, Welfare, and Mission** are the keystones of our life together and the loudest secret of our success.

Our Lent lectures by National Human Rights speakers provided are continuing opportunity for engagement on critical issues.

I am proud that we are “Christ’s love without borders” from Altar, and food room, in the garden, pop up Op shop on the street between neighbours and in places of need, from the organ stool, choir gallery and schools and aged care facility, refugee camp, coffee morning and in the petition of the homeless afflicted or addicted, the old or the young, the grieving or the joyful. And Mental health, Court coffee and court support and advocacy continue across the borders.

We have a deliberately 'open table' policy inviting all to communion and the experiment of receiving communion standing at the pavement outside the chancel is proving a convenient practice both for Wednesday's and for our largest services making reception at the Lady Chapel unnecessary and freeing that space up for more chairs.

**Once again our pastoral care and worship committee** has met to make these more relevant and add special services at St Matthews before festivals that are easily accessed and specially tailored to older people. The music provided by Sue Fyfe is also greatly appreciated and been enhanced though the participation of Lyn and Jenny from the choir.

Our growing choir has shared across the Diocese by singing at Evensongs, inductions and various church and community concerts. A number of members of the choir featured in local musical productions giving us an opportunity to support them as a parish.

**St Matthews Music Foundation for country Kids** (now transitioning to our own music association) has exploded with opportunities for music ministry training and outreach, Dr Allan Beavis our organ tutor and student James Flores (awards received this year - **Archbishops' Award in Church Music**, Guild of Church Musicians; **Diploma of Church Music - Dip.SCSM (Ch.M)**, St Cecilia School of Music, Tasmania; **Licentiate Diploma of Church Music - L.Dip.ASMC (Ch.M)**, Australian Society of Musicology and Composition) welcomed more promising music scholars made possible by a growing number of foundation friends and supporters and with the support of Sandra Macleod-Miller who has made a growing number of concerts and receptions possible at Adamshurst.

**Albury Chamber Music Festival is the latest exciting child of our musical collaboration and outreach.**

The sellout success of Albury's inaugural Chamber Music Festival speaks highly of the community and St Matthews church imagination and support that made it happen.

Save the date 17<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> of November 2017 for the Albury Chamber Music Festival and a series of festival events to be announced.

**To our music department** maintaining and growing music in the best "Anglican tradition" for which we are most grateful. we remain indebted to our director Fr Malcolm (and Sandra) Halford back to St Matthews music department benefitting from his playing, singing, many thanks also to Rowena Ginns and David Luxon (who also plays for our children's services providing assistance to our participating music scholar Thomas Summerfield, to Patricia Clout her support of the RSCM Friday lessons our weekly music and liturgy meetings and thanks to our wonderful choir, soloists and servers some of whom travel across state Borders to be on board also. Intercessors and readers have stepped up to the mark capably and sometimes with little notice but well marshaled by Angela Braybrooks who has acted as a worship consultant. Choir parents have a special role and we are very **grateful** for your support.

Musical outreach – making the most of our opportunity, wonderful acoustic, significant instruments and fine musicians. Many thanks to our organist's conductors and vocal soloists for recitals to support St Matthews music. St Matthews has hosted many wonderful community arts events including choirs and orchestras. And very pleased to showcase emerging musical talent including hosting the Year 12 music exams from Albury High.

**The Dream Team!!-but wide awake!! Our wardens** Ken Curnow, Vicki Chick and Joe Nesbit have also been a great team throwing themselves wholeheartedly into the St Matthews Challenge, working with the parish council and Diocese toward a long-term development and growth of our assets.

**Parish Centre proposals and the Art Gallery development** the issues surrounding our land in the QE11 square were resolved to our mutual benefit and we are already enjoying our relationship with MAMA Albury art gallery and have also had increased partnerships with the Albury Library museum for displays and exhibitions

**St Matthews Village** –thanks to Brian Elliott and the committee the village continues to develop in an exciting way. as part of the mission of the parish

During the past 12 months, we have lost very significant people in our parish family and community including Stan BEST, Dulcie NICHOLS, Marlene KENNEDY, George WEBSTER, Margaret KENNEDY, Ned MONTE being farewelled from St Matthews with all the love that we can show them and their families at the time, **'Rest eternal grant to them O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon them'**.

Best wishes

*Fr Peter*

## **PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR 2016 AGM**

At the Parish AGM in November it was decided that everyone who nominated for Parish Council for 2016 would be accepted. These people being Jane Atkinson, Kevin Beattie, Cathy Carden, Ray Fietz, Matthew-Paul Fowler, Robyn Gibbs, Barbara Hoodless, Martin Hendriks, Kaye Kennedy, Jim Lee, Graham McMahon, Valerie Radcliffe, Carol Read, Nancy Rooke, John Satchell, Robyne Slade, Stephanie Stephenson, Kathy Sutherland.

Kevin Beattie & John Satchell decided not to continue as Parish Councillors and Graham McMahon resigned during the year.

Victoria Chick accepted the role as Priest's Warden and Joe Nesbit & Ken Curnow people's wardens.

Youth Group decorated a tree for the Christmas Tree Festival and raised a considerable amount of money.

**Rising Damp.** Ken has the paint and brushes to paint the gutters, it will be done when Ken has the time.

**Solar Panels** Martin Hendriks is considering this matter.

**Collection bags.** It was decided to use collection bags instead of the bowls. We also decided not to distribute planned giving envelopes unless someone asks for them. Parish Council encourages you to direct debit your offering. Bank details are on the pew sheet.

**Planned Giving envelopes.** Several Parishioners requested envelopes. On the 6<sup>th</sup> November, these people were given a box of envelopes to be used over the next twelve months.

**Shower.** This has been installed & it is working. It is being used daily Monday to Friday. A shed has been donated to be used as a change room.

#### **January 2016**

Youth Group is getting ready for the Dragon Boat race.

#### **Trinity Anglican College**

Hope to be more involved with the College

Bryn Jones appointed chaplain at Trinity Anglican College

**Grants** Kathy Sutherland accepted the role as the person to apply for grants.

Christ College choir Cambridge to visit in July

A loudspeaker for the vestry has been donated, it was used for the first time at Maurice Chick's funeral

**New website.** James Flores is updating the website on a regular basis.

**Front door of church.** Fr Peter would like something done, so that the doors can stay opened

The back gate that opens onto QE2 square to be opened during the day.

**Land behind church.** The Albury City will maintain the land behind the church that they did not purchase.

The parish needs to give the Albury City 12 months' notice if we want to develop the land we own.

**Computers.** New computers were purchased during the year.

**Paper towel holder.** was put into the bathroom in the Rectory.

**Storage Shed.** The Embroidery Group has purchased a garden shed to store things in. This has been placed on the southern side of the church.

**Bhutanese Garden.** Members of the Bhutanese community have put in a veggie garden between the church & the post office. After harvesting they give the produce to the members of the congregation. On several occasions the possums have been eating the seedlings.

**Morning Tea Trolley.** A new trolley has been donated and is being used on a Sunday morning.

**Music Foundation.** It has been decided that we set up our own Music Foundation. Dr Allan Beavis has agreed to assist us in setting this up. This will allow us to be in control. It will be known as St Matthew's Music Association.

**Chamber Music Festival.** The Albury Chamber Music Festival will be held in November. We hope this will be a yearly event.

**Pop up op shop.** This was being held on a Friday morning in the church grounds. It is now being run between 10 am & 2 pm Wednesday, Thursday & Friday in a shop in the Globe Arcade.

**Fire Extinguishers.** At the June meeting it was decided that we get professional advice as to how many fire extinguishers we should have.

**Sound System** We are looking at updating the sound system in the church. We have been left a substantial amount by Lucy McGrath Cusworth and this money will be spent on the upgrade.

**Defibrillator** has been purchased. This is stored in a cabinet in the church. Thank you to David Murray for installing the cabinet.

Parish Council meetings are held at the Albury Club and were usually well attended. Thank you to the Albury Club for allowing us to use one of your rooms for our meetings.

My thanks to Debra for her assistance, also to Fr Peter and members of the Parish Council for their support.

*Kaye Kennedy*

Parish Council Secretary.

Parish council attendance 2016

	DEC	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT	OCT	NOV
Jane Atkinson	x	P	X	P	P	P	P	X	P	P	P	P
Cathy Garden	x	A	P	P		A	A	P	P	P	X	P
Victoria Chick	p	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Ken Curnow	p	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A
Ray Fietz	p	P	P	P	P	A	A	P	P	A	P	P
Matthew Paul Fowler	p	P	A	X	A	a	P	P	P	P	A	P
Robyn Gibbs	p	P	P	P	X	P	P	P	P	P	P	X
Malcolm Halford	p	P	P	P	A	p	P	P	A	P	A	A
Martin Hendriks	p	P	P	X	P	A	P	X	P	P	P	P
Barbara Hoodless	x	A	X	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
Kaye Kennedy	p	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Jim Lee	p	P	P	P	P	P	P	X	X	P	P	P
Joe Nesbit	p	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P
Valerie Ratcliffe	p	P	X	A		P	A	X	X	X	A	P
Carol Read	a	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	X
Nancy Rooke	p	A	P	P	A	P	A	P	X	P	A	P
Robyne Slade	p	P	A	A	A	P	P	A	P	P	P	A
Stephanie Stephenson	a	A	P	P	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Kathy Sutherland	p	p	a	a	A	P	P	A	A	A	A	A

**ST MATTHEWS TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT**

See attached at back.

*Julie Torpey*

Accounts Manager, Wangaratta

**ALBURY COURTHOUSE COFFEE SERVICE AGM REPORT**

The Court Coffee Service has been in operation since 20<sup>th</sup> September 2010. The sixth anniversary of the service was celebrated with a Luncheon on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016. It began under the banner of Anglicare Victoria, but transitioned to local management in September 2015. It is staffed by volunteers from the Anglican Parishes of St. Matthew's and Northern Albury. The service provides tea/coffee/milo and biscuits, at no cost or by small donation, to people attending the Albury Courthouse. The service operates on Monday and Tuesday mornings each week. The service continues to be well received and caters for clients, support workers, court staff and legal personnel. Currently, there are 27 volunteers.

**Executive:**

Coordinator: Rev'd Christine Page

Secretary: Mrs Robin Wellard

Treasurer: Mrs Sonia Staples

Purchaser of Supplies: Mrs Helen Martin.

**Team Meetings:** All volunteers are invited to attend the team meetings held three monthly. Next meeting is 30<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm at St Mark's Church, North Albury.

**Refreshments Served:** From 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 volunteers served:

568 teas

1840 coffees

465 milos. a total of 2873 hot drinks - plus countless biscuits.

**Finances:** A Hume Bank Community Link account was opened on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2015. The donations cover the operating costs. The balance at last statement for the period 30 June – 30 September 2016 was \$889.41.



**Training/Protocols:** Basic training and mentoring is provided to new recruits. A current NSW Working with Children Check and a Safe Ministry Check is required. Protocols required by the Courthouse and the Anglican Church are provided. On 12 May 2016, a security briefing was held at the Courthouse. Several volunteers attended this.

**New Innovations:** Following observations by two volunteer that children had nothing to keep them occupied while waiting with their families, saw the introduction of children's books for lending/giving to children. This has proved very helpful in lowering stress levels in children and families.

**Thank you:** To have kept this service running for over six years is worth celebrating and is due to the commitment of the volunteers who work hard and care about this ministry. You are to be congratulated and may we look forward to the seventh Anniversary Luncheon!

*Rev'd Christine Page*

Albury Court Coffee Service Coordinator

### **BELLRINGERS – TOWER CAPTAINS AGM REPORT**

Sunday morning, 8.30 AM, fifty-two weeks of the year you will hear the bells ringing at St. Matthew's. As you can tell by that statement we are a dedicated group of people.

The year started well with an abundance of ringers, but because of two resignations and health issues with another two we are in need of new recruits. Fortunately, two have come forward and Tom and Bob are now in training. However, we need more recruits so that when fully trained there will be sufficient ringers to cover absences and to keep **all** the bells ringing each Sunday.

During the year, there was a maintenance issue with the tolling bell "John of Glastonbury". This bell had to be shut down temporarily to facilitate repairs to the Chiming hammer. We were fortunate to have the expertise of Joe Nesbitt who managed the maintenance. Thank you Joe!

New muffles have been purchased. Yet to be used, they will make the job of muffling the bells much easier for half-muffled ringing, used on special occasions. They will also be a better fit which will allow for more precise ringing.

Apart from service ringing, bells have also been rung for funerals, weddings and occasional special services as Anzac Day, Police Remembrance Service and for the visit of the Christs College Choir.

For many years the bellringers have been responsible for the very successful BBQ stall at the Parish Fete. Once again this year it was an outstanding success, much of it being due to the hard work of twins Jenny and Lyn who gathered donations of all the ingredients required. Thank you Jenny and Lyn, your assistance was much appreciated. St. Matthew's is most fortunate to have these enthusiastic women who give themselves so willingly to working for St. Matthew's. Well done girls!

After a bellringing career of around ten years Christine Watson regretfully decided to retire. We thank Christine for her dedication to bellringing and wish her well in her retirement. Christine is very much missed on the team but I am pleased to say she pops into the tower for a chat from time to time.

Coralie has taken leave for a while to undergo treatment. We miss her very much, wish her well and look forward to her return to the tower when she is ready.

In the New Year a group of English bellringers will be visiting St. Matthew's to ring a quarter peal and also to join with the local ringers for some general ringing. These bellringers plan to ring in as many towers in Australia as possible in the time they will be here.

*Pam Thorman*

Tower Captain

### **CHILDRENS CHURCH AGM REPORT**

It is with pleasure that I present the 2016 Children's Church report. Children's Church has seen some changes in the ages of the children attending.

A few of our older members have moved on, and several younger people have become regular attendees. While it is sad to see the older children moving on, we hope that we have fostered an interest in getting to delve deeper into the Christian faith.

Our littlies are very enthusiastic, and enjoy coming and being involved in the service, sometimes supported by their parents or grandparents.

The service sheet which is constantly reviewed, seems to be well accepted by all the congregation, and the action songs are a hit!

In August we celebrated our 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, and the occasion was a happy one, and the role of Children's church in the parish was acknowledged.

We have been extremely lucky to have the input and involvement of Reverend Maureen Beattie over the last 5 years, she and Kevin recently moved to Wangaratta, but Maureen has been returning regularly, for several involvements, one being Children's church, we are not sure what the new year will bring.

Chaplain, Catherine Dawson has on 2 occasions, stepped up to take Children's church, and we have much appreciated her down-to earth presentation, and hope she may have a closer association with Children's church in the future.

Fr Peter continues to add his special magic to the service, and his way of relating to even the smallest child, has them answering questions he poses with enthusiasm and confidence. It is heartening the way he welcomes children into all the St. Matthew's services, and we really appreciate the constant attention to the style and message within the service sheet, and to all the themes presented in the Children's Church services.

Our special thanks must go to our musicians, David Luxon, Rowena Ginns, and Tom Summerfield, who do a wonderful job, presenting happy, up-beat music, which sets the tone of the service! We thank Sandy, Matthew Paul, and Ray, as they attend and assist through the services.

Roma Sykes and Maureen Lewis are our faithful and loving helpers, and we thank them so much for their reliable support each service, handing out the service sheets, as well as drinks and food after. As most of the congregation are on Email, we send as many emailed invitations as possible, if you would like your invitation emailed, please see Susan, who is responsible for the invitations.

Susan, Janette and I feel this children's ministry in most worthwhile, and we look forward to our 17<sup>th</sup> year of operation in 2017!

*Julie Scott*

C.C. Spokesperson for Mother's Union St. Matthew's Albury

## **CHOIR & MUSIC REPORT**

2016 has seen changes in the music personnel of the parish, firstly with John Scott resigning as Principal Organist, and then in February the resignation of John Ross as Choir Director. Both of these men have made a tremendous contribution to the musical and liturgical life of St Matthew's, and we are very much in their debt for years of selfless and valuable contributions to St Matthew's.

The choir of St Matthew's has continued through 2016 to make the major musical contribution to the ongoing weekly liturgy, including the psalm of the day, a censing anthem, and an anthem during the communion.

On the first Sunday of each month the choir has prepared a service of choral evensong from February to October. In October, we joined with some of the Cathedral choir to sing a service of choral evensong at St Michael's West Wangaratta to mark the retirement of their Rector, Fr Alan Jarrad. And the service in November took the form of an inter-faith service for peace, which the choir augmented with appropriate choral music.

Special music was prepared and presented on Good Friday and Easter, and will be for the service of Lessons and Carols before Christmas, and for the Christmas services, as well as the coming service of Confirmation on December 18.

The Murray Conservatorium Choir, and Consort, have both continued to use St Matthew's as the regular venue for their concerts during 2016. We were also privileged to have a visit last July by the Choir of Christ's College, Cambridge, UK who presented a wonderful concert in St Matthew's. There have also been two international organ recitals this year – Daniel Moulton from the UK in March, and Martin Setchell from New Zealand in June.

Choral music and/or organ music was also prepared for the following occasions during the year: Lenten music and meditation Wednesday services, the Celtic service during the Celtic weekend in June, the annual police Remembrance Day service on September 29, an RSL Remembrance Day service on November 11<sup>th</sup>, and the inaugural Albury Chamber Music Festival over the second weekend in November.

I would like to thank all the members of the choir for their dedication and commitment during this last year, David Luxon for his work and support as assistant organist, and Patricia Clout for her untiring work with the junior choir members. I'm also grateful for Fr Peter's continual support and interest in the musical life of St Matthew's.

*Malcolm Halford*

Principal Organist and Choir Director

### **CHURCH DUSTING**

Who likes dusting ? No one !!

However it is necessary chore that needs to be done, especially when the church is now used for everything that we require for worship and social functions.

When you attend a function have you thought about who cleans up afterwards?

There is a band of parishioners who always step up to keep the church and the surrounds clean.

Working Bees are held about 3 times a year, but in between we do need to keep the church as clean as possible.

Some of the parishioners who have been on the roster for years have for personal reasons needed to resign.

We do need some extra help. The roster is organised on a one month of the year basis. Dusting is done on the 1st and 3rd week of the month.

If you can help, please contact me on 60573116 or talk to the office staff.

*Sadie Moffitt*

Coordinator

### **CHURCH SITTERS / WELCOMERS GROUP AGM REPORT**

During week days we like to have someone at the church to welcome visitors and sell the craft items that are available.

This also provides some security when the church is open. There are spaces to fill on this roster.

Some days are quiet, and if you are able, you can do some tidying and dusting, or help Debbie with some office tasks.

Craft Sales are recorded in a book provided and a small report is written.

If you can help, please contact me on 60573116.

*Sadie Moffitt*

Coordinator

### **CRAFT EMBROIDERY GROUP AGM REPORT**

Another year has passed more swiftly than the last. Our group has been as usual quite productive with our craft making, and have over the years raised enough money to pay for the installation of a garden shed to take some of the gardening tools and other goods that did not have a home.

Last year we decided to pick up the running of the Christmas tree Festival. For 13 years this function had been organised by the parishioners at St Marks Nth Albury. We felt it was a shame to let it lapse completely. It does take an extra effort by the volunteers. Thanks to all those who answered our appeal for help.

We were very pleased with the 4 day event. In total \$4206 was raised from the voting fee, BBQ, and craft sales.

\$1038 from craft sales and the BBQ was put towards the general running costs for the office. All the voting money was distributed to the relevant charities that were nominated by the entrants.

Socially and financially it was a success and we decided we would continue to run this event the last week in Nov 2016.

This weekend means it again will be held the same time as the AGM so the church will be a hive of activity that Sunday.

Our group has gained a new member who is a great asset to our team, as she loves her sewing machine, and produces excellent quality articles.

My thanks to all our small group, we now total 9 who attend our working bees or work from home. Each one contributes in their chosen craft. Some Knit, other prefer to sew and some prefer to use other forms of craft techniques. In all, this provides a variety of craft.

The cabinet in the Narthex displays some of the craft that is for sale during week days from 10 am until 1 pm. Visitors and parishioners often purchase gifts. This money helps with the running costs of the church. We look forward to another happy year.

*Sadie Moffitt*  
Coordinator

### **EMERGENCY FOOD PROGRAM 2016 AGM REPORT**

This has been a very busy year purchasing, packing and distributing food for those in need.

It has been a blow to me that due to poor health Angie has had to withdraw from assisting with food room work. However she continues to be my mentor. I so much appreciate her experience, foresight and common sense. Thank you Angie.

These are the numbers of food bags handed out so far this year:

January 29, February 39, March 39, April 30, May 31, June 40, July 25, August 32, September 34, October 30.

These numbers are larger than those for last year.

In addition to food hampers there is daily use of the mobile shower at St Matthews. Numerous cups of coffee, tea and muffins (thanks to Muffin Break) are made and given out each morning from the Parish Office. Fuel vouchers are given on some occasions. Sometimes we are able to help YES (Youth Emergency Services) with food items.

Thank you Deb, Coralie, Lyn, Jenny and David for being on the spot for those asking to be helped. What a great community service this is from St Matthews.

Thank you also to so many parishioners for your very generous donations of food and cash to help with our Emergency Food Program.

I continue to use Food Bank Victoria regularly for some free food items. Frozen meals from Food Bank are a great help. Once again thoughts are turning to the Christmas Hampers. Orders will soon be in from the various agencies who distribute our hampers in the local community. Jane Atkinson has very kindly offered to help me coordinate this very big project.

Special thanks to Deb for regular communication and general support throughout the year.

Thank you Lord for what we at St Matthews are able to do for others.

*Barbara Hoodless*  
Coordinator

### **EUCCHARIST MINISTRY 2016**

The Eucharistic Ministry Team comprising of Ray Fietz, Sylvia and Bert Williams, Robin Wellard and myself take the Eucharist to patients and residents at Mercy Health and Mercy Place each week.

Sue Fyfe assists the clergy from North Albury at the monthly service. It is a great joy and pleasure to visit these two places and share in the Eucharistic Ministry with them, people other than Anglican faiths are often on our visiting list.

The Pastoral Care Associates, Gayle Ockenden and Jacinta Bartlett, who support us and prepare the visiting lists appreciate the time we give there and acknowledge the comfort that our visits give to those who participate in the simple Eucharistic service we offer.

It is also enjoyable to meet with the Eucharistic Ministers from the Catholic faith from time for training or afternoon tea and spend time together with them. When we meet them as they go about their visiting roles it is lovely to know their faces, even if we cannot recall their names.

We all feel very blessed to be called to this ministry.

*Carol Read*  
Team Leader

### **EVENING GROUP AGM REPORT 2016**

Our year commenced with a planning meeting. We held two trivia nights at Adamshurst one in April the other in September. These were well attended and are a lot of fun, about \$1840 was taken over the two nights. There is a possibility we will hold another one next year.

In June, we meet for soup & bread followed by Musical Bingo. This got the members thinking as they had to listen to the music of some well-known songs and guess what they were

We had lunch in the Red Room of the Commercial Club in July, which was enjoyed by everyone who attended.

At another meeting Helen Glachan told us about her recent around the world cruise.

Pam Thorman gave us a brief history St Mathew's Churchwoman's Union and how the Evening group evolved from this. Pam presented the group with all her information. This is now stored in the Rectory as part of the archives.

Members don't just come to the meetings. They clean the brass, clean the church, arrange the flowers, help at the op shop, welcome people to the church, meals on wheels.

Our numbers are few, but the members are a dedicated lot. They attend meetings when they are able. We met on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at the Rectory. Meeting times vary depending on the seasons. We always commence our meeting with AWA service which includes a bible reading and prayers. Our meeting usually only last about two hours and that includes supper. It depends on whether we have a guest speaker.

Why don't you consider joining our group we would love you to join our small group.

*Kaye Kennedy*

President.

### **GRAPEVINE EDITORS AGM REPORT**

An editor's warm greeting to the Grapevine readership! Especially I thank Deb in the office for all her support and help which is invaluable!

I also warmly thank all the contributors, whose pleasant attitude, and timely reports, make my job a pleasant one!

NOTICE TO ALL GRAPEVINE READERS - As parish council is endeavouring to keep the publishing cost of Grapevine down, and considering what Deb has to do to prepare the Grapevine both for the email format as well as the hardcopy format, we have decided on this course of action –

Either make a yearly donation towards the grapevine to help with costs or it is suggested

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*Julie Scott*

Grapevine Editor

### **MOTHERS UNION AGM REPORT**

Once again we have had a wonderful year of prayer friendship and support, within our very vital group. We continue to grow and extend our support base, we aim to include all members of our community, not necessarily just members of our parish. Anyone who would like to be involved in activities is welcome, it is leading by example and inclusion that we will spread the word of supporting families and not always married families, any individual or combination of families.

We continue to vary our meeting venues which again makes our meetings accessible to others and isolated members in our community, we use some of our local retirement facilities. They are very welcoming in facilitating our meetings.

As always we had our usual activities, Pancake night which was the same night as the Buddhist New Year and we had the local Bhutanese community join in and provide food, it was a wonderful evening. We continue to support Baptisms, one of our members attends every baptism and presents the children with a hand knitted teddy made by our many knitters. Children's Church continues to be very well attended and well run by a very dedicated committee, it brings a lot of young families into St Matthew's.

Our Secret Friend program is ongoing and is very well supported by all our members it gives us the opportunity to give special support to those of our members who need that special TLC and remember those special occasions in their lives.

We had a wonderful speaker from Headspace as part of our Social Responsibility and Action program. Headspace has been available for a couple of years; it is a cross border service for youth between the ages of 12-25 and is aimed at reducing youth suicide. The talk was very interesting and gave hope that this initiative may go some way to reducing depression and anxiety in the young people of this region. I am sure when Mary Sumner started MU youth suicide was not even thought of, the social issues have changed so much and will continue to do so and we need to keep pace with the changing issues in our society.

I attended a study group throughout the year and one of the key points of this study was 'welcoming The Other' and this is how I feel about MU; it gives us the opportunity to welcome everyone. 'The Other' doesn't necessarily have the same beliefs, culture or lifestyle as us but we are all bound by our concern for a peaceful community for our families. If we can provide prayer and support for each other, this is the true religion which comes from the heart.

As we look forward to the end of another year together in MU you will all have your own thoughts and memories of the year gone by, this is just a brief reflection from my perspective. May we all look forward with God's blessing to a wonderful 2017 together.

*Stephanie Stephenson*

President St Matthew's MU

### **MUSIC FOUNDATION REPORT**

In May Donna Coleman, Pianist, 'Spirit, Passion and the Right Hands' With special guest Helena Kernaghan, gave a recital at Adamshurst.

Donna performance was one of unusual and eclectic repertory which ranges from Domenico Scarlatti and J.S Bach to Bill Evans and Charles Ives.

Donna devoted twenty years of her life to nurturing the performance research of keyboard students in the Victorian College of Arts and in the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music, University of Melbourne.

We were also entertained in late May by Katrina Waters a soprano. Katrina's operatic roles have led her to perform in most parts of the British Isles and Brittany France. Colin Forbes, Pianist and Kent McIntosh, a tenor. Kent was born in Auckland and is a Senior Chorister with Opera Australia. Their programme consists of Love Songs Op83 Antonio Dvorak, Piano sonata no 27 Opus 90 in E minor, piano sonata in E flat minor & the Diary of one who disappeared.

In June we were entertained at St Matthew's by Martin Setchell who gave an organ recital. Martin was born in England but now resides in New Zealand. He is curator of the Rieger organ in the Christchurch Town Hall for the performing Arts, and is Associate Professor of Music and University Organist at the University of Canterbury.

The choir of Christ's College Cambridge gave a performance in the church on the 13<sup>th</sup> July in the presence of Foundation patrons, Professor Geoffrey Blainey & Ann Blainey and Greg Loveday.

Bp John & Margaret Parkes were also in attendance.

The concert supported Christ's College and the Music Foundation for Country Kids.

There were 28 members in the choir and they are selected by audition either before or after coming to Cambridge.

Today, as one of Cambridge's finest mixed voice ensembles, the Choir also pursues an exciting range of activities outside College performing concerts in Cambridge and around the UK, recording CDs broadcasting and undertaking a major international tour each summer.

The conductor for the choir was the senior organ scholar Jonathan Ellse.

Students benefitting from St Matthew's Music Foundation include Tom Summerfield, Broc Fowler, & Joshua Langford.

Dr Allan Beavis comes to Albury fortnightly to give organ lessons to James Flores, Thomas Summerfield, Bailey Cardwell and Grace Trebley.

At the 31<sup>st</sup> October, there was \$62,455.64 in the Foundation account.

**St Matthew's Music Association** the Founding Members of the Association are: Fr Peter MacLeod-Miller (President – *ex officio*), Ms Victoria Chick (Vice President – *ex officio*), Dr Allan Beavis (Public Officer/Secretary), Ms Kaye Kennedy (Hon. Treasurer), Mr John Ross, Mr David Worrall. The inaugural meeting of the Association was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

The Association held their inaugural Festival on the weekend of the 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> November 2016, with artists performing at three venues. These being Adamshurst, St Matthews and MAMA.

Artists included Sally Anne Russell mezzo soprano, Quartz Quartet, Acacia Quartet, Khayl Picard (clarinet), Josephine Vains (cello), Orpheus Piano Trio, Helena Kernaghan, Grace Kernaghan, Rhys Boak (organist), Stephen O'Connell soprano saxophonist). There were six concerts which were well attended, with people coming from all over Australia to attend. Also, there was a Masterclass for rising stars. They were Lisette Bolton (soprano), Caleb Murray (Cello) and Julia Tomkins (violin). The critiques were given by Josephine Vains (strings), Sally-Anne Vains (vocals). The Masterclass was also well attended.

*Kaye Kennedy*

### **OP SHOP ANNUAL REPORT**

St Matthew's Op Shop began the year as a pop-up Op Shop in the grounds of the church.

As the cold weather approached it became apparent that a more permanent shop was needed. Vicki organized a shop in the Globe arcade, opposite the church, and Jo built amazing racks to hang the clothes from. The shop is open 10.00am until 2.00pm on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

It has taken a while for customers to know where we are but the shop is going from strength to strength. An expanding group of volunteers are enjoying time together in the shop.

Leanne continues to do an amazing job sorting the clothes. Lyn and John Schuberg need many thanks for their loyal support organizing the roster and many hours manning the shop.

Takings for this year:

January: \$130.10, February \$171.35, March \$93.40, April \$486.60, May \$227.50,

June \$367.45, July \$626.55, August \$418.45, September \$432.30, October \$486.05.

Good quality second hand clothing is always needed and new volunteers are always welcome.

Remember to bring your friends and family to the Globe Arcade.

*Barbara Hoodless*

### **PASTORAL CARE REPORT**

The pastoral care team: Fr Peter, Carol Read, Fr Colin & Robin Wellard, Fr Bill & Rowena Ginns, John Schuberg and myself have been visiting members of St Matthew's community as well as Aged Care Facilities and some who are unable to attend church due to frailty throughout the year. We welcomed to the team this year David Martin, Annette Gorham and Barbara Hoodless will soon be joining us. The team meets monthly.

**The parish is involved with a variety of ministries and outreach as shown below:**

#### **Communion services in Aged Care Facilities**

**Murray Gardens:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 11am with Fr Bill and assistance from Annette Gorham. John Schuberg has stepped down to offer more time to the Op Shop.

**Mercy Place:-** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 10.30am Monday with Fr Peter and assistance from Bert & Sylvia Williams, Joy Harberecht and Sue Fyfe on the piano.

**Riverwood:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Fridays 10am with Fr Peter once a month and Fr Bill twice a month. David Martin assists as well as Betty White playing the key board.

**Yallaroo** (Lutheran) 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 11am with Fr Peter and Carol Read assisting and Sue Fyfe playing the key board

**Dellacort** (Lutheran) 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 3pm with Fr Peter and Carol Read assisting and Sue Fyfe playing the keyboard

**Borella House:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday with Fr Peter and Fr Bill alternating; Kay Kennedy assists and Sue Fyfe plays the keyboard

**Mercy Health:** monthly service taken by North Albury Anglican Church Sue Fyfe assists at this service

Jenny Prince and Lyne Winnel sing at many of the above services.

This ministry is well received by residents and staff

Fr Colin, Fr Bill, Carol Read and Annette Gorham are regular visitors at many of these facilities as well as Albury and District Nursing Home.

At **Christmas and Easter an Aged Care Service** is held at St Matthews on the Wednesday the week prior. Both these services are simplified as a pastoral response for those attending; morning tea is provided in the church by many of our Wednesday parishioners. Both these services are well attended

**Hospital Eucharistic ministers at Mercy Health:** Bert and Sylvia Williams, Carol Read, Ray Fietz and Robin Wellard are authorised to take communion to Anglicans in the hospital on a weekly basis. Carol Read coordinates this ministry.

**Home Communion;** Gill McKay, Carol Read, Annette Gorham and myself have taken communion to those who are unable to attend the services or those who are sick.

All of the above is St Matthew's care to parishioners and outreach to those in the wider community who are unable to attend church due to frailty/illness.

St Matthews has a large congregation with a pastoral care need for regular visiting with those who no longer attend church due to frailty and those who live on their own and those who are bereaved or ill. Fr Peter cannot do this ministry alone, with parish council we have discussed this situation and believe that what is needed and would benefit the existing ministry is a '**Pastoral Care Coordinator**'. The coordinator would oversee pastoral care in the parish and have regular communication with Fr Peter as well as support and meet with the team monthly. Parish council have approved that the parish look for someone to take on the role of Pastoral Care Coordinator part time one - two days a week and receive a small stipend to sustain and support this ministry. This person would not need to be a member of the clergy, it could be that of a lay-person with pastoral qualifications. I have been assisting in the parish with pastoral care for the past five years and now as pastoral care coordinator. Since moving to Wangaratta four months ago I have been coming to St Matthew's on a Wednesday to support this ministry and will continue to do so until such time as a coordinator is appointed.

Fr Colin has had to step back due to ill health we thank both he and Robin for the pastoral support they have given both known and unknown. Carol Read would like to step back from pastoral care; however she will continue on the team and her relationship with those she is currently visiting. We are aware that some care happens through various groups like the Mothers Union and Evening Women's group, this is added value.

Katrina Foster is sending out **Bereavement Anniversary cards** on behalf of MU, this is another important outreach.

**The Pastoral Partners Program** has been active for three years, however, although part of parish pastoral care does not include pastoral visiting, the role of the pastoral partner is to look out for those who are missing on Sundays/Wednesdays, follow up with a phone call and relay information back to the ministry team when necessary. This is a significant ministry and one all can be doing by being mindful of those around you, those you haven't seen for a couple of Sundays and follow through with a phone call. My experience is that a phone call "are you ok" is appreciated. There have been times when people know that someone is unwell/going into hospital or grieving and keep it to them ourselves; it's important to let the ministry team know.

Cathy Carden has taken on the role of coordinator of pastoral partners which meets four times a year. Some new members will be coming on to the team in the coming year. We say thank you and goodbye to Cathy Cherry, Elaine Abrecht, Jacqueline Digby and Olwen Steele for their care and support. The last meeting for this year was held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

A special thank you to all who have given their time in pastoral care this year in a variety of ways, you have made a difference.

*Reverend Maureen Beattie*

### **PRAYER CIRCLE REPORT**

The Prayer Circle has been a part of St Matthews since Fr Peter arrived in 2010, concentrating on worship and prayer. As a small group we meet each week to pray for our Parish, the community and beyond. Prayers are offered in the context of Morning Prayer or the Great Litany. Prayers from a number of sources are used each week and there is an opportunity for impromptu prayers.

We continue, as Fr Peter requested the Prayer Circle several years ago, to pay and provide candles for the votive prayer stand and lamp.

We also donated \$100 to the homeless.

We meet each Wednesday at 9am in the Lady Chapel. We would welcome new members to come and share this time of prayer and worship with us.

The Prayer Circle also entered the Christmas tree display with a Prayer Tree with money raised for the homeless

The Prayer Circle will be having a break from Wednesday 14 December 2016 and starting refreshed Wednesday 15 February 2017.



We wish all a very Holy and Blessed Christmas. Please come and join as during lent as part of your Lenten devotions. For more information please contact me on [kerrywilkinson@iinet.net.au](mailto:kerrywilkinson@iinet.net.au)

*Kerry Wilkinson O/OSB*

Leader of St Matthew's Prayer Circle

### **ST MATTHEWS VILLAGE INC AGM REPORT**

The 12-month period since the last Annual Report has continued to be one of continuing stability and growth and the Board is very satisfied with the position in which we find ourselves. This has been achieved through good working relationships between Board members, our Manager, Brian Elliott and our Maintenance Worker, Lindsay Antone.

The resident status in the village has not altered which has allowed for stability between themselves and no turnover of units. This will alter soon when we welcome two new families into the village following completion of two new units. These are situated on land occupied by older two-storey units which were demolished earlier this year.

Refurbishment of the some of the older units which commenced last year is complete and this allowed us to re-house some residents displaced through the demolition of the previously mentioned block. These units continue to offer low-cost housing to people unable to pay full commercial rents and they really appreciate the opportunity to live in the village, so close to the centre of Albury in a supportive environment. It also allows some to rehabilitate and move on in their lives following unfortunate circumstances.

We continue to look to the future with improvements and rebuilding opportunities which will enhance the future of the village and offer meaningful accommodation to people where ingoings and monthly fees are less than some for-profit retirement villages. This seems to be appreciated and we feel meets the outreach and goodwill of Parish.

As the replanted gardens become more established and further plantings and improvements take place the appearance and attractiveness of the village only serves to make for more pleasant living for residents and a more welcoming vista for all visitors.

Residents, on the whole enjoy each others' companionship, but of course, communal living can have its challenges. When these occur on seldom occasions, the Board, in conjunction with our Manager work to resolve these as amicably and swiftly as possible.

The monthly social get-togethers continue to happen and residents organise other occasional functions between themselves.

Hopefully 2017 will see the good work and convivial atmosphere of the village continue as we see our residency enlarge when the new units are occupied.

*Carol Read*

Secretary

### **WEDNESDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP GROUP AGM**

We continue to meet for a cuppa and a chat after the 10.30am service. As well as celebrate members and friends birthdays. We also support the clergy and organist whenever we can.

Our numbers vary from week to week usually due to the weather but have increased this last twelve months. Come and join us some time.

*Joy Haberecht*

**ST MATTHEWS ANGLICAN  
PARISH OF ALBURY**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER  
2016**

**ST MATTHEWS CHURCH - ALBURY**  
**Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year ended 30th September 2016**

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>12 months ending 30th September 2016</b>	<b>9 months ending 30th September 2015</b>
<b>Envelopes/Pledges/Services</b>		
Planned Giving	47,443	52,702
Open Plate	68,031	30,367
Weddings & Funerals	12,798	15,800
Wedding & Funeral Expenses	-	4,280
Baptisms	3,279	915
Anglicare Courthouse	-	668
	131,551	96,172
<b>Interest /Drawdowns</b>		
Interest Received	1,092	892
Investment Drawdowns	60,000	50,000
	61,092	50,892
<b>Rents Received</b>		
Rectory	5,200	3,200
Church	1,540	1,768
QE2	10,000	2,000
Highgrove	23,400	17,550
	40,140	24,518
<b>Fund Raising</b>		
Special Fundraising	15,662	12,294
Fete	12,174	1,450
Op-Shop	886	-
	28,722	13,744
<b>Donations</b>		
General	5,190	8,535
Donation Specific Purpose	500	-
	5,690	8,535
<b>Other</b>		
Memorial Plaques	2,200	3,200
Sundry	12,973	1,649
Lessons/Donations	2,541	1,485
Photocopying	870	-
Grapvine Funds Received	1,249	-
	19,833	6,334
<b>Wangaratta Music Foundation</b>		
Advance for promotion of Musical Performance	19,571	-
	19,571	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>306,598</b>	<b>200,195</b>

**St MATTHEWS CHURCH - ALBURY**  
**Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year ended 30th September 2016**

<b>PAYMENTS</b>	<b>12 Months ending 30th September 2016</b>	<b>9 months ending 30th September 2015</b>
<b>Wages</b>		
Chaplaincy	-	200
Wedding /Funeral Levy	-	-
Clergy Other Expenses	-	-
Travel	-	124
Parish Secretary	38,171	36,107
Superannuation	-	3,349
Workers Compensation Insurance	3,612	791
	<u>41,783</u>	<u>40,571</u>
<b>Diocesan Commitment</b>		
Ministry Fund	100,182	76,136
Ministry Assessment	37,059	27,795
Insurance	26,162	19,621
	<u>163,403</u>	<u>123,552</u>
<b>General Expenses</b>		
Accountancy	6,600	6,545
Advertising	-	-
Bank Charges	349	98
Legal Expenses	2,341	7,592
Anglicare Courthouse	671	
Church Supplies	1,983	1,897
Church Vestry Supplies	867	
Freight	-	-
Fete	199	-
Printing/Stationery	1,933	1,140
Lease Copier	2,250	3,027
Sundry	4,601	2,365
Telephone	3,919	2,744
Postage	926	1,177
Advocate	825	600
Music, Choir & Organist	6,453	7,499
	<u>29,235</u>	<u>34,684</u>
<b>Buildings</b>		
<b>Church Expenses</b>		
Power	8,895	
Repairs and Maintenance	4,166	7,352
Plant and Equipment	4,319	
Rates and Sewerage	6,366	
<b>Office Expenses</b>		
Repairs		
Repairs - Office	855	683
Light Heat & Power	3,609	12,498
Fire & Security	-	-
Rates	-	6,078
<b>Highgrove</b>		
Rented Properties Management fee	2,812	5,915
Rented Property Repairs/Rates/Other	20,102	-
	<u>51,124</u>	<u>32,526</u>
<b>Wangaratta Music Foundation</b>		
Albury Music School	1,015	
Murray Conservatory	731	
A Beavis	7,101	
Choir	2,025	
Tuning	726	
Events Deposit	4,564	
A Flores	2,063	
P Jenkes	1,346	
	<u>19,571</u>	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u><u>305,116</u></u>	<u><u>230,333</u></u>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<u><u>1,481</u></u>	<u><u>- 30,138</u></u>

**ST MATTHEWS CHURCH - ALBURY**

**Balance Sheet**

as at 30th September 2016

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash at Bank - NAB No 1	424	6,409
Cash at Bank - Trading	5,230	9,910
Cash at Bank - Highgrove	9,301	11,100
Cash at Bank - Westpac	12,426	11,813
Cash at Bank - ADF	148	148
	<u>27,530</u>	<u>39,380</u>
<b>Funds in Trust</b>		
Anglicare	16,865	23,562
Organ Fund	2,870	2,810
Choir	4,898	9,823
Embroidery Guild	3,062	3,207
Memorial Wall	2,837	2,337
Friends of St Matthews	347	347
Christmas Trees	135	-
National Trust	100	-
	<u>31,114</u>	<u>42,086</u>
Petty Cash	1,000	1,000
GST - Input Tax	2,217	936
Sundry Debtors	2,660	921
	<u>5,877</u>	<u>2,857</u>
	<u>64,521</u>	<u>84,323</u>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Buildings at Cost	487,012	487,012
Plant & Equipment	98,869	98,869
Property Improvements	8,588	8,588
	<u>594,469</u>	<u>594,469</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>658,990</u>	<u>678,792</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
PAYG Withholding	-	2,270
Superannuation Payable	-	855
Creditors	8,110	8,900
	<u>8,110</u>	<u>12,025</u>
<b>Trust Funds</b>		
Diocesan Wedding and Funeral Fees		350
Fr P Macleod		5,653
Youth Group		607
Anglicare	16,865	23,562
Organ Fund	2,870	2,810
Choir	4,898	9,823
Embroidery Guild	3,062	3,207
Memorial Wall	2,837	2,337
Friends of St Matthews	347	347
Christmas Trees	135	-
National Trust	100	-
	<u>31,114</u>	<u>48,696</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>39,224</u>	<u>60,721</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u>619,766</u>	<u>618,071</u>
<b>Represented by</b>		
Accumulated Funds 1/10/15	618,287	648,209
Profit/(Loss) for Period	1,481	- 30,138
	<u>619,768</u>	<u>618,071</u>
	<u>619,768</u>	<u>618,071</u>

# PARISH TRUST BALANCE - 30TH SEPTEMBER 2016

Common Fund	BEQUEST	BFWD balance 01.10.2015	Deposits	Withdrawals	Allocation/Interest	Capital Movement	FINAL balance 2016
	Ida Cunningham	48.35	0.00	0.00	3.49	2.95	54.79
	St Matthews War Memorial	931,913.41	0.00	64,783.98	64,437.06	54,381.93	985,948.42
	James Mitchell Trust	12,353.69	0.00	553.46	869.81	750.98	13,421.02
	QE11 Square Sale of Land	0.00	652,849.73	0.00	24,519.16	3,157.61	680,526.50
	Estate of L Magrath-Cusworth	0.00	27,284.47	5,000.00	848.41	-81.66	23,051.22
							1,679,950.73
<b>Anglican Development Fund</b>							
	BEQUEST	BFWD balance 01.10.2015	Deposits	Withdrawals	Allocation/Interest	Capital Movement	FINAL balance 2016
	WANGARATTA MUSIC FUND	30,056.05	51,952.85	19,796.41	233.15	0.00	62,445.64
			732,087.05	90,133.85	90,911.08	58,211.81	