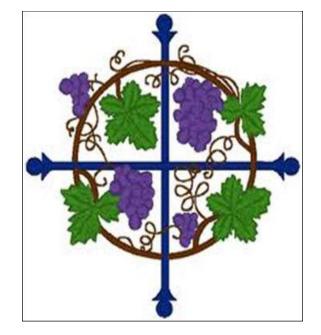
# ST MATTHEW'S GRAPEVINE



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### PARISH OF ALBURY

In the heart of Albury Welcomes all people

### **FEBRUARY 2017**

Fr Peter writes : Dear People of St Matthew's

Praise God for the harvest of orchard and field. Praise God for the people who gather their yield, the long hours of labour, the skills of a team, the patience of science, the power of machine.

Praise God for the harvest that's sent from afar, from market and harbour, the sea and the shore: foods packed and transported, and gathered and grown by God-given neighbours, unseen and unknown.

Praise God for the harvest that's quarried and mined, then sifted, and smelted, or shaped and refined; for oil and for iron, for copper and coal, praise God, who in love has provided them all.

Praise God for the harvest of science and skill, the urge to discover, create and fulfil, for all new inventions that promise to gain a future more hopeful, a world more humane.

Praise God for the harvest of mercy and love, for leaders and peoples who struggle and serve to conquer oppression, earth's plenty increase, and gather God's harvest of justice and peace.

Brian Wren was born 1936 in the UK and now based in the united states. A major part of Wren's work has been with inclusive language. In 1978, he began to look more closely at "he-man language" and began using language inclusive of women and oppressed or subordinate groups in his hymns. He has since sought to challenge the church to adopt this inclusive mindset. He writes that the vocation of a poet in the church is to not only "to write poems of faith which people will pick up and sing," but to also "speak truth by stepping beyond the church's limits of comfort and convention".

Harvest festival grounds our faith in daily living and our relationship to our environment and community necessarily commenting on gratitude, justice and compassion and a great introduction to the season of Lent.

This Lent we are embarking on a series of lent lectures "faith in the firing line "including significant national speakers that are involved in real community and social change, often padding against the current "great minds think .... differently

February 19<sup>th</sup> Footballer, Jason Ball young Australian of the year for Victoria, one of Australia's most sought after speakers for his work in mental health and inclusion will speak at our 9am service.

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February will be Harvest festival focusing on St Matthews crisis care, help for the homeless, our op shop and support for refugees.



Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February Shrove Tuesday pancake night in the church grounds and Ash Wednesday, the beginning of lent on the 1<sup>st</sup> March with 10.30am Mass and 6pm Evensong both with imposition of ashes.

Successive weeks will find 5<sup>th</sup> March 9am Fr Rod Bower famous for his church signs on the central coast "**communicating differently**" and at 5pm an interfaith gathering with Human Rights Commissioner Edward Santow - **believing differently**.

12<sup>th</sup> March our local Federal Member of Parliament Sussan Ley- different lives one community.

19<sup>th</sup> March author, biblical scholar and free thinker Keith Mascord - **begging to differ?** 26<sup>th</sup> March Mr Peter Evans deputy chairman of Ramsay Health - the **Faith to make a difference** 

And 2nd April international Human Rights Lawyer and refugee advocate Julian Burnside - deciding differently.

The Christmas and holiday season saw record numbers at our services, running out of service sheets is the happiest problem to have and wonderful support from musicians, sanctuary team, parish council, pastoral team, bellringers and parishioners many thanks to Rod and Liz Pike as well as Ken Curnow for their contribution in donkey and alpaca participation over Christmas and Epiphany.

Epiphany also saw a deliberately lit fire which reminds us of the fragility of our ordered existence and the quick thinking of those around that saved us from another catastrophe. We can expect changes during this year responding to local and global conditions -many retirements across the diocese will bring changes and increased opportunities to support and cooperate, and the new Principal of Trinity Anglican College Justin Beckett and his family will enable renewed adventures in exploring ways of serving and engaging younger members of our community. I expect that music, liturgy and pastoral models might evolve positively during this period and look forward to your suggestions.

I continue to uphold the active financial and practical support of the st Matthews music association and our task of equipping young musicians to serve a new generation. Congratulations also to Marie Lee for her very attractive new st Matthews greeting card series available at only \$2 which assists photocopying and printing costs across st Matthews and the other parishes and community organizations we support

Fr Peter



Glenda Appleby

Katherine Jardine & Shanuel Sharma

Fr Kevin Flanagan

### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Website. Its great that the Grapevine is on it. James Flores is doing a great job.

**Outreach & Pastoral Care** (Cathy Carden). We are looking for a coordinator to take over the role that Maureen Beattie did. I am going ahead to try and get a grant to pay someone to be a coordinator and for the op shop. We have two people in mind to be the coordinator. Carol is going to talk to these people and then we will decide who we will give the position to. We would like to know by the end of January.

Some of our parishioners are finding it hard to get to church. Thinking about a bus. Kalianna was suggested also Jim said he would inquire about the Community Access bus, or maybe we could use the North Albury parish bus if it wasn't being used. Matthew -Paul said he would be prepared to drive it.

**Anglican Food Room.** 30 hampers were given out in December. Takings for the op shop for December was \$500 for the month.

**Christmas hampers**. Some of the agencies asked for children's toys to be included in the hampers. Leanne very kindly wrapped 44 gifts which had been donated. She has approached the schools and one school is going to put St Matthew's as their charity for 2017. They will collect gifts for children to be given out with the Christmas hampers. Gifts donated by the Albury Wodonga woodworkers and students from Yackandandah Secondary College were given to Betty's place.

St Matthew's Village. Nothing to report, everyone seems to be happy

**Lent.** Have organised the speakers for the services. The theme this year is Season of Dangerous Ideas. Thinking about what project we are going to support during Lent. One idea was to erect another gazebo on the lawn in front of rectory. The Carevan is coming twice a week and they could use it.

**Sound System** We are getting quotes for a new sound system. We would like to be able to streamline the services to the Retirement Villages and nursing homes.

**Lady Chapel Platform.** The parish has received a faculty to remove the platform in the Lady Chapel. When moved, the altar will be moved to the east wall so that there will be more room for the children's play area.

Finances. Balance at the end of December \$8483.58.

Kaye Kennedy Secretary

### **EVENING GROUP REPORT**



Our first meeting of the year will be on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February commencing at 7 pm.

At this meeting, we will plan our activities for 2017. New members are most welcome.

Kaye Kennedy President.



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With thanks , Julie Scott. Editor.



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### **MEDITATION**

### THE PARABLE OF DIVES AND LAZARUS

There was a rich man....who lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. (St Luke Ch:16 verses 19-31)

It is important to remember that Our Lord never condemned wealth. The question he poses to us is



what do we do with it ? Shall we use it selfishly, or shall we use some of it to help others in difficult

circumstances ? What Jesus and the Apostles do condemn is the LOVE of money, and that is why greed is not listed at the top of the seven deadly sins for nothing. "People who want to get rich fall into temptation....for the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil." (1 Timothy 6:9-10).

Upon his death, Dives finds himself in "torment" whilst Lazarus is in glory. What sin did Dives commit? He had never ordered Lazarus to be moved from his gate, he had no objection to Lazarus being fed leftovers, he was not deliberately cruel to Lazarus. The sin of Dives was that he never really took any notice of Lazarus who was so weak, sick and helpless he couldn't even ward off the stray dogs that tormented him. As far as he was concerned, Lazarus was a part of life, and that was the way it was. It was not what Dives did that landed him in torment, but rather what he did not do.

Dives looked out from his life of luxury at the world's pain and suffering, and felt no need to do anything about it. His was the punishment of the man who never noticed and so did nothing.

In the end Dives makes a request – that his brothers be warned not to fall into the same error that he had made. It seems harsh, but his request was refused. Why? Because during their lifetime, his brothers would have had plenty of opportunities to see the plight of the less fortunate and respond to their need. They also had the scriptures to guide them.

Is it any different today? The same as Dives, we have the record of the works and words of Jesus to guide us.

Father Colín

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## Children's Church IN JANUARY As it was our first service for 2017, the theme of the

涬 service was " A time of new beginnings"



ightarrow The service got off to a happy start with the old song

'Jesus loves the little children' which many of the older

congregation remember belting out as small children! Father Peter engaged the children, asking what was new in their lives, and a couple of the children had 🖄 been given a puppy for Christmas, and which had obviously had high impact! 🛸  $^{\star}$  After a couple of action songs, the children were asked what is happening in  $^{5}$ their lives in the near future and of course new schools, kinder, and all the challenges ahead, were discussed. New teachers, friends, uniforms, shoes etc were expected, adding to the excitement and trepidation, experienced!

That Jesus cares for all people whatever they are doing. was a main theme. There were 10 children there, and they were keen to absorb the ambience of

the beautiful space which is St. Matthew's church, and their parents and carers were also keen to hear the message of help and hope, facing a new year! The usual procession with instruments was a hit, at the end of the service, and toddlers were running to keep up! It was pleasant to have a cuppa and yummy goodies with those attending after, and to meet some new faces.

With the support of David Luxon, Tom Summerfield played for the service, which brings a great dimension! Due to school holidays, some of our team and helpers were away, however, help was kindly given by members of the congregation.

### Tulíe Scott

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







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### St.Matthew's Charily CHRISTMAS TREE DISPLAY

After much preparation the Christmas Tree Festival held during the last week in November was a success.

Entries for 17 trees were received. During the 5 days of the display \$1140 was raised for charity.

The most votes were received for the St Matthews Angels tree. This tree raised \$145 for youth diabetes.

Albury Wodonga Embroiderers guild raised \$110 for Carevan. Wewak street school raised \$105.

St Mathews craft/embroidery group raised \$95 for Connecting Young Parents Programme.

Nolan house auxiliary \$80.

John Hossacks for Carevan ,and St Matthews youth group for Emergency Food fund, each raised \$75.

Jindera CWA and Albury Inner Wheel each raised \$60.Inner Wheel donated

their funds to Cord Blood charity.

The remainder of the entries raised between \$25 and \$55. As the coordinator I would like to thank all the entrants for their efforts which made this function such a success.

A very big Thank You goes to all those parishioners who willingly gave their time helping to set up, were on the door roster, supplied morning and afternoon tea during the weekend, organised the BBQ food, and manned the BBQ on Saturday and Sunday.

Each day one lady took on the responsibility of counting the money and votes. Her efforts were greatly appreciated and made my job a lot easier.

The Parish councillors organised the Cocktail Party on Friday evening which was well attended.

As usual the Advertising team took charge of the ticket printing etc and general advertising.

Craft sales raised over \$1,000 dollars and a Big Thank You to the small group of women in that group.

Money raised by that group helps to pay for the necessary running costs of our church.

St Matthews is a very busy church ,and in 2017 it is planned to have the Christmas Tree Festival from Tuesday 29th November to Sunday 3rd December. This is to avoid clashing with other planned functions.

I think we were all very tired but happy with the results, even though we had a lot of competition during a very busy weekend in Albury and district.

Sadíe Moffítt.







# Confirmation, Seniors Christmas Service and Christmas Services during December









### **Pastoral Care**

Hello from Albury Wodonga Health and the Regional Cancer Centre Pastoral Care. Would you like to join me and become a part of Pastoral Care in one of our hospitals and the community? I have a lot of opportunities on offer for 2017. There are opportunities for pastoral visiting in Albury, Wodonga and the Cancer Centre. In 2017 I will be



piloting two new programs. One will be supporting people who have had major heart surgery and the other will be a program working on making the most of life and the choices you can make.

There will be training provided for all of the programs as well as ongoing support. Pastoral Care is faith in action but not in your face evangelism. The key is listening. It is not up to us to lead or assume that we know what a person would like to talk about. I have had some great conversations about fishing with people who are terminally ill. They have thanked me for the breathing space and the chance to be more than a diagnosis. I have also been looked straight in the eye and asked how could God do this to me? I never know where the conversation will go. What about praying with people? As a matter of course we do not pray with people in their beds. If a person asks for prayer then of course we oblige but to expect a person to accept our prayers is imposing our faith on them. Something that Jesus never did. But he did go away and pray which pastoral care certainly does that for people.

So if you feel like gently challenging your faith or perhaps God is calling you to action please contact Catherine Dawson Pastoral Care Coordinator. 0466 324 435 or email: catherine.dawson@awh.org.au

### **NEWS FROM THE TOWER**

Like most people, the Bellringers were busy with Christmas preparations and visits from family and friends over the Festive Season but they still found time to ring for three Christmas services. This was a huge commitment but the Bellringers gladly put that commitment before everything else. A new innovation was the ringing prior to the Midnight Mass which we hoped added to the joy of that celebration. Since then, ringing for service has continued without a break and will continue even though it is extremely hot in the tower at present.



On Wednesday, January 25 a band of Bellringers from the UK will be visiting in the morning before the regular service. The plan is to ring a quarter peal of "Cambridge Surprise Major", a method on eight bells. Starting at 09:30 and lasting about 45 minutes, the band ringing this attempt will include St. Matthew's Ringing Master, Jim Jefferies who is celebrating 55 years as a "College Youth" (an exclusive group of Bellringers who have attained specific credentials) and who has been invited to ring with the visitors to celebrate his milestone. We wish them every success! If you enjoy the sound of bellringing then I recommend you come to church at 09:30 and sit in the beautiful garden and listen as the ringing will be superb. You may then feel inclined to attend the service following at 10:30. After the service there will be some general ringing to give the local bellringers the opportunity to ring with the visitors. This is a rare opportunity for us and one which we will happily embrace.

Happy New Year! **Pam Thorman** Tower Captain

### H U M O U R AUSTRALIA DAY HUMOUR -

Pommy bloke fronts up to Australia House in London, to get a visa to visit his family over here in Australia.

Bloke behind the counter asks "Do you have a criminal record?"

Pommy bloke sighs and replies " is that STILL a requirement..... "



For those of you who watch what you eat, here's the final word on nutrition and health. It's a relief to know the truth after all those conflicting nutritional studies.-

**1**. The Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than North Americans.

2. The Mexicans eat a lot of fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than North Americans.

3. The Chinese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than North Americans.

4. The Italians drink a lot of red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than North Americans.

5. The Germans drink a lot of beers and eat lots of sausages and fats and suffer fewer heart attacks than North Americans.

**CONCLUSION** -

Eat and drink what you like. Speaking English is apparently what kills you.

#### FOR THE KIDS

- Q. What kind of music do you get when you drop a rock into a puddle?
- A. Plunk rock.
- Q. What do you call a fly without wings?
- A. A ' walk '.



### **ON THE RECORD**

### Baptisms

We welcome into Christ's family		
4 December	Felicity Sunny TAYLOR	
18 December	Brayden Luke GRIFFITHS	
	Seth John POLLEY	
	Harley William POLLEY	
8 January	Taylor Shannon BRUNOW	

### Weddings

We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony28 DecemberBrady Robert GRAY & Cari Lyn SMITH



We pray for those who have died and extend our sympathies to those who mown No funerals for January







### Years Mind — February

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

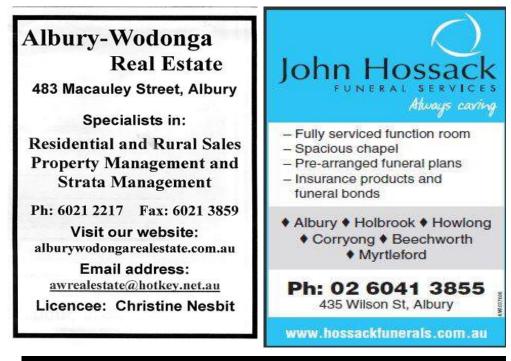
Betty BRADDY (1<sup>st</sup>), Isabel Maggie BROMFIELD (1<sup>st</sup>), Syd PIPER (2<sup>nd</sup>), Jean Olive OSMAND (2<sup>nd</sup>), Craig Leigh WHITE (4<sup>th</sup>), Ivy Adelaide GRANT (7<sup>th</sup>), Stanley Victor RUDD (7<sup>th</sup>), Mavis Jean SMITH (9<sup>th</sup>), 'Bill' William Joseph MOFFITT (11<sup>th</sup>), 'Bob' Robert LEWIS (11<sup>th</sup>) Eva STRACHAN (13<sup>th</sup>), Karen Margo PICKER-ING (13<sup>th</sup>), Dot CLAY (14<sup>th</sup>), Mavis 'Jean' WRIGHT (14<sup>th</sup>), Grahame LING (16<sup>th</sup>), Crisostomo FRANCISCO (18<sup>th</sup>), Warren Littlewood JONES (19<sup>th</sup>), Reginald Clark STAR (20<sup>th</sup>), Sandra Jean RIDE (20<sup>th</sup>), Douglas Campbell COLLLING-WOOD (21<sup>st</sup>), Keith Dalwyn HORE (21<sup>st</sup>), Clifford Raymond MEARS (22<sup>nd</sup>), Livinia Amaya Joy DUGGAN (22<sup>nd</sup>), Betty Lyall KIRKWOOD (23<sup>rd</sup>), Joan HEN-SHAW (24<sup>th</sup>), George Henry Hales COLEMAN (25<sup>th</sup>), Geoffrey James COLQUHOUN (26<sup>th</sup>), Ross Littlewood JONES (26<sup>th</sup>), Helen CHESHIRE (28<sup>th</sup>)

### <u>Reflection -</u>

Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly, and in a calm spirit.

St. Francís de Sales







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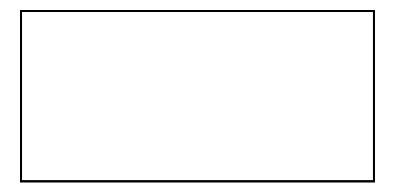
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