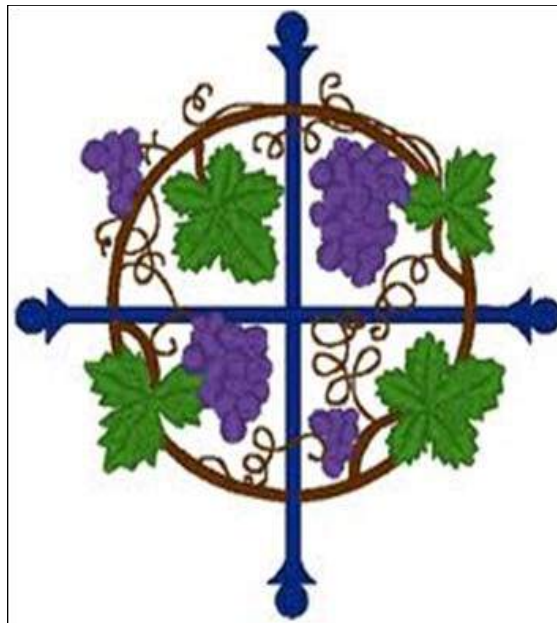


ST MATTHEW'S GRAPEVINE



PARISH OF ALBURY

*In the heart of Albury
Welcomes all people*

MAY 2017

Fr Peter writes :

Dear People of St Matthews;

*Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise;
In all His words most wonderful,
Most sure in all His ways.*

*O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
A second Adam to the fight
And to the rescue came.*

*O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
Which did in Adam fail,
Should strive afresh against the foe,
Should strive and should prevail.*

John Henry Newman had a faith that looked forward and for his day was amazingly adventurous. It was a faith that broke down barriers and controversially he became a Roman Catholic moving from solid Anglican roots and may have even become something else had he lived long enough. He stands in the same tradition as the much later Sydney Carter who wrote the Lord of the Dance, being a free thinker.

Maundy Thursday washed the feet of groups of people who have been injured by our society and the ignorance of religious traditions including refugees, those of other faiths, women, children, indigenous people, gay and transgender people, the divorced and those who have been abandoned at times of domestic violence. The walk of witness also featured a good participation from St Matthews with warm wishes for the day shared by friends from the Albury Mosque and bible readings by Kylie from St Matthews congregation.

The Easter services had record numbers and even our newly cleared Lady Chapel being full of seats had every seat taken. The Easter Day was full of life with children running around and the delight of new chicks, including a new member of the Chick family, Isabella being welcomed into the St Matthews family through baptism.



Bible Society 200th birthday with the first bible used in Melbourne in the 18th Century for the abolition of slavery and in 2017 for marriage equality. L-R Toni Johnston, Fr Peter and John Appleyard

Rovers members with Lauriston Muirhead and Fr Peter



I fully expect that the challenging themes of Lent with a series of speakers on contemporary themes will continue throughout the year. Already on the first Sunday of Easter, St George's Day, we hosted the 1st Albury Rovers joining with the Scout movement across the world thinking about doing our best for the community and environment. The Adani Coal mine and its threat to the environment, including the Great Barrier Reef and the threat to society both in Australia and India were a focus of Lauriston Muirhead's address and an opportunity for action in the spirit of St George through a petition.

Out of evil cometh good. The near miss that almost saw another devastating fire in St Matthews back in January is the reason that scaffolding to clean the damage will be erected this week necessitating some alternatives. Our friends at St David's Uniting Church have kindly offered their hospitality, so we are able to worship with them at 9.30am for the next 2 Sundays (30th April and 7th May). Later in the year when St David's has their roof done we will glad to return the compliment. We share so much often quietly through material aid and social issues and in previous generations would have been thought too much soon on the wild side but for this fire has opened another opportunity for which we are grateful.



Scaffolding being erected in the church

Anzac commemorations at St Matthews were changed with help from the suggestions of hospital, army, school chaplains and Reverend Maureen and included people of different faiths with a focus on the wrongs done to indigenous soldiers and families and including perspectives of inclusion from the Muslim faith from Ataturk.

Cleanliness is next to Godliness we will celebrate our 1st Sunday back in a well cleaned church on Mother's Day!

The RSL National Congress also opens the way for a Vice-Regal visit to St Matthews in May. We will be hosting a vice regal reception at Adamshurst on the 23rd May and hoping to host a Gala Concert on 22nd May at St Matthews particularly in honour of his visit and the RSL.... **More details as they come to hand.**

Fr Peter.

STOP PRESS

Westpac have just announced withdrawal of support for the Adani Project.

The Stop Adani Coal mine is a project supporting the first people's, the farmers and the future of the planet. Currently asking Westpac and others for support.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Cleaning of the Church. The scaffolding was to be erected on the 26th April. It was expected the cleaning would take two weeks. During this time, Sunday services were held at St David's.

Light Globes. 10 globes were replaced under the choir loft.

Security cameras have been purchased. Joe to look at where to install them.

Alterations to Rectory. The front room is to be altered, so there is to be an access from the side. The trellis will be removed. There will be a concrete access. This room will be used by the Carevan on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. All other rooms except the kitchen will not be accessible to them. The Carevan people to install a reverse air conditioner.

Finances.

It was decided at the meeting that \$10,000 from the Lucy McGrath bequest be used to pay a Pastoral Care Co coordinator. Also, to help build up the op shop.

It was asked that **Mark Carden be thanked** for the work he is doing as chairperson of the finance committee.

At the end March the No 1 account was in the red by \$3357.43

Highgrove. New tenants have moved in.

Pastoral Care. The pastoral care team seems to be working well.

Food Room 27 hampers were given out during March. Also some jumpers and jackets.

OP shop takings were \$511

Sound System This is very close to being installed. Also screens are to be installed.

Kaye Kennedy Secretary

CHURCH CLOSED FOR 2 WEEKS

As the result of what could have been another devastating fire at St Matthews,- though thankfully discovered early,- the church will be closed for cleaning for the next 2 weeks. The scaffolding is being erected currently.

The Congregation of St. David's Uniting Church have kindly invited us to worship with them

on -

SUNDAY 30TH APRIL,
and SUNDAY 7th MAY
(Later in the year when
their roof is being repaired,
we will repay the
compliment!)

Below: Rosie and John Satchell
—52nd Wedding Anniversary



Above: Beryl Weidner—birthday celebration

Below: Gordon and Eleanor McKissack
—60th Wedding Anniversary



MEDITATION
THE PARABLE OF THE HOUSEHOLDER & THE HIRED WORKERS

“The situation in the kingdom of heaven is like....a householder who went out first thing in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard”. (St Matthew Chapter 20 verses 1-16)

At first sight this parable seems grossly unfair, but that is far from the case. It describes a situation that occurred frequently in Palestine at the time of the grape harvest. The owner of the vineyard would be anxious to harvest his ripe grapes before they could be spoilt by rain, and so he would go to the village market place in search of labourers. He welcomed any who were willing to work, even if they were only able to work for one hour.

The first point the parable makes is that it doesn't matter at what time in a person's life they accept the Christian faith, they are equally precious to Our Heavenly Father. So if someone accepts Our Lord as Saviour late in their life after years of ignoring him, they are just as precious as the person who has served Our Lord all their life.

Jewish teachers had a saying, “Some enter the Kingdom of God in an hour, others hardly enter it in a lifetime.” No matter when a person comes to Christ, they are equally dear to him.

There is also an element of tenderness in this parable – the compassion of God. The landowner sought to use the abilities of those in the marketplace who were standing around waiting and hoping to be employed. Naturally those who worked only a few hours would expect to receive less pay than those who worked a full day. But the landowner realised that the men needed to receive a “basic wage” to survive, and if they went home with less, then their families would suffer. Not wanting to cause hardship, he was generous and paid all the workers a full day's wages irrespective of how long they had worked. Our Heavenly Father is like this. He doesn't look upon the amount or length of time we have been loyal to him and his way of life for us – he is overjoyed whatever time in our life we make that commitment. All that we do for God is viewed equally.

Finally, we cannot earn what God has to give us. We may think we can, but everything he gives us is out of his goodness and love for us.

Lent and Easter are still fresh in our minds. These seasons of the Church Year present to us anew the ultimate sacrifice of Our Lord on the cross, the victory over death, and the joy and new life offered by the resurrection. Jesus' promise has been fulfilled. “Because I live, you also will live”. (John 14:19)

He is alive and wants to walk with you every day.

Life is God's gift to you.

What you do with it is your gift to God.

–Leo Buscaglia

Father Colin





CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEWS

Because there have been a series of guest speakers over Lent, One of which coincided with the 3rd Sunday of March, our usual service date, and also the fact that Children's Church date for April, fell on Easter Day, there have not been Children's Church services for the last 2 months, however, despite this, the children have been very much included, especially within the Palm Sunday, and Easter services.

It will be good to get together for the 21st May Children's Church service!

It has probably been noticed that the Lady Chapel, (where the children can go during services) is much larger, due to the repositioning of the altar to the right hand side wall, and removal of the large set of steps around it. It was with relief that it was discovered that the tiling that was used throughout the rest of the church, was under the altar and steps!

This area is now a multi-purpose space, being a Lady Chapel, where the M.U. Members can meet for services, a Chapel for the Indigenous Community, a chapel for general prayer, and an activity area for children. **Please go and have a look at the new setup.**

On Mother's Day, **Sunday 14th, (9am service)**, the embroidery guild will have a Mother's Day stall, before and after the service.

This day, the Mothers Union members will give out little cards with flowers on them, to all Mothers, and Grandmothers. **It is always great to have the children's help to hand these out !**

Julie Scott

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





Palm Sunday with Guest Speaker Julian
Burnside AO, QC



St George's Day with Rovers and Guest Speaker
Lauriston Muirhead

Vale—Colin Turner
Great friend and supporter of St Matthews



*Prayers of Christian Burial
for the Repose of the Soul of
Colin Francis Turner
29th August 1947 ~ 7th April 2017*



*St Patrick's Catholic Church, Albury
Thursday 13th April 2017
Father Joel Wallace*

Easter Photos



Good Friday—Sharing the ‘Walk of Witness’



Easter Day, including baptism of Isabella Jade Chick





A Wee Scottish Joke....

An Arab Sheik was admitted to Hospital for heart surgery, but prior to the surgery, the doctors needed to have some of his blood type stored in case the need arose.

As the gentleman had an extremely rare type of blood that couldn't be found locally, the call went out around the world. Finally, a Scotsman was located who had the same rare blood type. After some coaxing, the Scot donated his blood for the Arab.

After the surgery, the Arab sent the Scotsman a new BMW, a diamond necklace for his wife, and \$100,000 US dollars in appreciation for the blood donation.

A few months later, the Arab had to undergo a corrective surgery procedure. Once again, his doctor telephoned the Scotsman who this time was more than happy to donate his blood.

After the second surgery, the Arab sent the Scotsman a thank-you card and a box of Quality Street chocolates. The Scotsman was shocked that the Arab did not reciprocate his kind gesture as he had anticipated.

He then phoned the Arab and asked him: "I thought you would be more generous than that -last time you sent me a BMW, diamonds and money, but this time you only sent me a lousy thank-you card and a crappy box of chocolates?"

To this the Arab replied: "Aye laddie, but I now have Scottish blood in me veins".



OUTBACK **H U M O U R !**

Aussie Computer Terminology - Getting ready for Broadband in the bush!! A little bit of Aussie culcha.

LOGON: Adding wood to make the barbie hotter.

LOG OFF: Not adding any more wood to the barbie.

MONITOR: Keeping an eye on the barbie.

DOWNLOAD: Getting the firewood off the ute.

HARD DRIVE: Making the trip back home without any cold tinnies.

KEYBOARD: Where you hang the ute keys.

WINDOWS: What you shut when the weather's cold.

SCREEN: What you shut in the mozzie season..

BYTE: What mozzies do

MEGABYTE: What Cairns mozzies do.

CHIP: A pub snack.

MICROCHIP: What's left in the bag after you've eaten the chips.

MODEM: What you did to the lawns.

LAPTOP: Where the cat sleeps.

SOFTWARE: Plastic knives and forks you get at Red Rooster.

HARDWARE: Stainless steel knives and forks - from K-Mart.

MOUSE: The small rodent that eats the grain in the shed.

MAINFRAME: What holds the shed up.

WEB: What spiders make.

WEBSITE: Usually in the shed or under the veranda.

SEARCH ENGINE: What you do when the ute won't go.

CURSOR: What you say when the ute won't go.

YAHOO: What you say when the ute does go.

UPGRADE: A steep hill.

SERVER: The person at the pub who brings out the counter lunch.

MAIL SERVER: The bloke at the pub who brings out the counter lunch.

USER: The neighbour who keeps borrowing things.

NETWORK: What you do when you need to repair the fishing net.

INTERNET: Where you want the fish to go.

NETSCAPE: What the fish do when they discover a hole in the net.

ONLINE: Where you hang the washing.

OFFLINE: Where the washing ends up when the pegs aren't strong enough

For the kids

Q. What do frogs order in restaurants ?

A. French flies.

Q. Who went into the tiger's lair and came out alive?

A. The tiger

Q. What do you get if you cross a cat with a lemon?

A. A sourpuss



ON THE RECORD

Baptisms

We welcome into Christ's family

16 April Isabella Jade CHICK
22 April Mitchell Robert GILLETT
23 April Baiden Ryan BOOTH
Isaac William IQBAL-GILES
Mia Grace ZULJEVIC



Weddings

We congratulate those joined together in Holy

Matrimony

1 April Andrew Michael AYERS & Roxanne Patricia DUKE
7 April David George CASS & Kellie Louise CROUCH



Funerals

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

6 April Baby Gabriel Ananda VANDERHOEK
7 April Shirley Rae HODGSON
24 April Benjamin Winston BAILEY



Years Mind – May

We pray for those whose anniversary falls at this time

Daphne Merle CLARKSON (1st), Dorothy May SCHNEIDER (3rd), Gary Ernest PLUMMER (3rd), 'Sally' Sara Margaret REID (5th), Rupert Douglas ROSS (6th), Sandra Kathleen FELTON (7th), Steve BREY (8th), Thelma Zena ROCK (9th), Geoff COLE (9th), Dulcie Esther BROMLEY (10th), Patricia Mary WHITE (10th), Lawrence Ernest TURNBULL (Priest)(12th), Dulcie Adelaide MURPHY (12th), Joyce STAR (13th), Valerie BOWEN (13th), Gladys Denise SLATTERY (13th), Sarah WHYSALL (14th), Myra HEALY (15th), Violet READ (16th), Thelma Kirsten SCOTT (17th), Albert Edward BERRY (18th), Margaret MONTE (20th), George Edmund WEBDSTER (20th), Shannon Cherie HUTTON (21st), Stuart MENZIES (21st), Edwin RIDE (23rd), Stella BLEASDALE (25th), Leslie John SHORT (27th), Irene Jessie SEYMOUR (27th)



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No services

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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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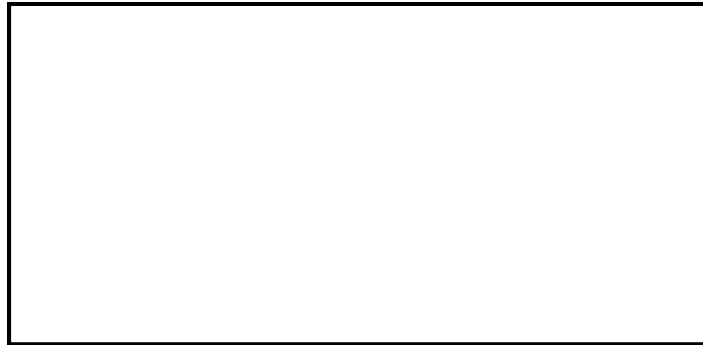
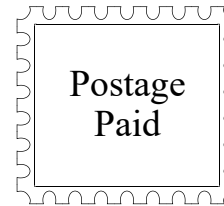
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