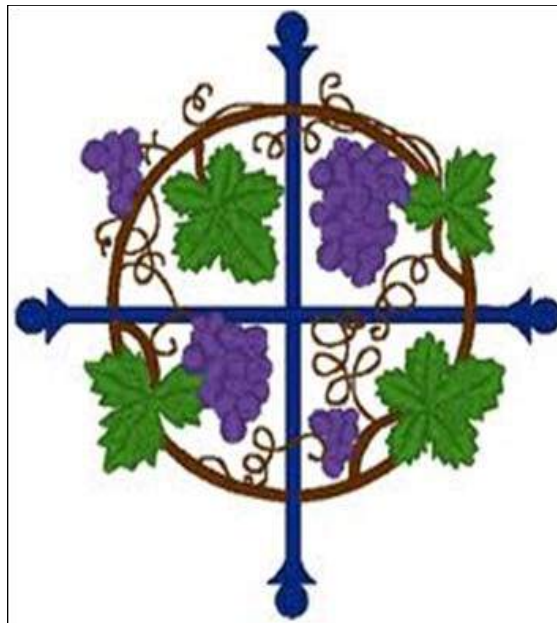


# ST MATTHEW'S GRAPEVINE



**PARISH OF ALBURY**

*In the heart of Albury  
Welcomes all people*

**JUNE 2017**

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

*Through all the changing scenes of life,  
in trouble and in joy,  
the praises of my God shall still  
my heart and tongue employ.*

*O magnify the Lord with me,  
with me exalt his Name;  
when in distress to him I called,  
he to my rescue came.*

*The hosts of God encamp around  
the dwellings of the just;  
deliverance he affords to all  
who on his succour trust.*

*O make but trial of his love;  
experience will decide  
how blest are they, and only they  
who in his truth confide.*

*Fear him, ye saints, and you will then  
have nothing else to fear;  
make you his service your delight;  
your wants shall be his care.*

*For God preserves the souls of those  
who on his truth depend;  
to them and their posterity  
his blessing shall descend.*

*Words: Nahum Tate (1652-1715) and Nicholas Brady (1659-1726), 1696  
MIDI: Wiltshire (George Thomas Smart, 1776-1867)*



These words were written through the collaboration of two men whose lives were full of ups and downs. They knew economic realities and were involved in the cutting edge of life as well as spiritual ideas.

As time goes on the aches and pains of life are also met with the jewels of experience and they shine brightly although the setting can get a bit worn. Our position within our communities is much the same, there are real treasures to be offered but the setting and our position within communities relevance in daily life and our place at the table of government or everyday matters can no longer be assumed. We can use our Christian identity to hide from reality or we can dangerously up anchor and look at new ways of being church. Doing new things is unsettling but the alternative calls out for a caretaker or undertaker. We are not monuments of a past but as Rowan Williams former Archbishop of Canterbury reminds us we are messengers from the future.

Building towards a future has brought the Governor of NSW to launch our Chamber Music Festival and highlighting the opportunity of St Matthews Music Association for country kids and the gift of music and inspiration that has been brought individuals, families and communities. Building new partnerships with schools and community organisations both caring, cultural and artistic are weaving a new vitality into our parish life.

Prayer for our parish reps and Bishop as SYNOD meets, with the many critical decisions to be made about the future. Matters of justice in daily living and working with other faiths and building community bridges toward better shared outcomes continues to be theme that we are flexibly exploring in the daily adventure at St Matthews.

The NSW and Victorian Society of Organists will be visiting St Matthews over the weekend of the June long weekend and our organ scholar James Flores and Dr Allan Beavis with our choir will present the music for the Sunday service.

Please note the forthcoming concert by very famous musicians and as always looking at our website for more details and booking early to avoid disappointment -

**22<sup>nd</sup> June – Slava and Sharon Grigoryan**

*Fr Peter.*

His Excellency General The Honorable  
David Hurley AC, DSC, Mrs Linda Hurley  
and Fr Peter

Greg Loveday, Nance Grant AM, MBE, Mr  
Ian Grant and Fr Peter



### **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

**Rectory Alterations** Two builders have looked at the modifications to the bay window. Waiting for quotes Carevan has a grant to cover the cost of the alterations

**Hailstorm Damage.** The main damage is the grouting between the stone blocks on the church. A bricklayer is required to re-point

**Sound system.** This should be in by Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> May

**Choir loft security.** Looking for someone locally who can make wrought iron gates to put on the stairs. The gates will be locked with either keys or a key to open from narthex and a bolt to close on the other side.

**Church cleaning.** The wall where the fire was will need repainting.

**Pastoral Care.** The churchwardens to meet later this month to discuss appointing a Pastoral Care coordinator.

**Food Room** 24 hampers, numerous cups of tea/coffee/milo/muffins given out along with some shower packs.

**Op shop takings for April \$504.90**

**Finances.** Available at 25<sup>th</sup> April was \$1769.32.

*Kaye Kennedy* Secretary



Wednesday Church service in the Rectory during the closure of the church.



Eliza and Barbara taking food donations and gifts to the altar to be blessed

## **Evening Group News**

At our May meeting we planned for our meeting on the **15<sup>th</sup> June at the rectory** when members will enjoy a bowl of soup and bread. The meeting will commence at 5pm.



**Please note change of time.**

Business to be discussed at this meeting will be our **TRIVIA NIGHT** which is to be held on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August at Adamshurst**. More details next month.

Following the meeting ,members will then take part in finding the books of the bible in a puzzle. Should be lots of fun.  
New members are always welcome.

*Kaye Kennedy* President

### ***Thankyou***

***A special thankyou to my many friends , Fr. Peter, and Mother's Union Members for the many cards, your support, friendship and kindness shown to me during my recent illness.***

*Glenda Appleby*



Vicki Chick, Helena Kernaghan, Nance Grant AM, Sally-Anne Russell and Amanda Giblin



Kaye Kennedy, Annie Snow and David Murray





**MEDITATION**  
**THE PARABLE OF THE PHARISEE**  
**AND THE TAX COLLECTOR-THE SIN**  
**OF PRIDE**

To some who were confident of their own righteousness, Jesus told this parable. "Two men went up to the temple to pray – one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector"...(St Luke ch:18 verse 9-14)



The Pharisees were among the most respected people in Jewish society. It was believed if anyone deserved to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, it was them. Yet Our Lord condemned them. **"Woe to you teachers of the Law and Pharisees, you hypocrites....on the outside you appear to people as righteous but inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness."** (St Matthew ch:23 verses 25-28) Why did Jesus say this ? It was because they claimed to be righteous based on the rituals they observed. They prayed three times a day, fasted twice a week and gave one tenth of their income to the temple. But they were worldly and unspiritual, parading their religion to impress others yet dominated by pride, ambition and greed. They felt no need for the help of Our Heavenly Father in their lives. The Pharisee in our reading was giving a testimonial of himself to God. Rather than being in the Temple to pray, he was there to tell God how good he was.

The attitude of the Pharisee was in complete contrast to the tax collector. He was regarded as an outcast in Jewish society, despised by all except his fellow tax collectors. He stood at the back of the Temple, and showed sorrow for his sins by beating his breast and asking God "to be merciful to me a sinner." What was Our Lord's response to his prayer ? He said that the tax collector had won acceptance before God because when he examined himself he saw just how far he fell short and how much he needed God's help in his life. We too need to see ourselves as dependent upon the grace and mercy of God as we live each day on our pilgrimage through life. Unlike the Pharisee, whose prayer was full of pride, genuine prayer needs to be from the heart. The tax collector implored Our Heavenly Father to forgive his sin. All too often we sit comfortably with our sins and prayer can be merely a recitation of words. Prayer can take many forms and doesn't have to be formal. It can be a silent reaching out from us to the spirit of the risen Christ and speaking about the deepest concerns of our hearts. "Come boldly to the throne of grace that you may obtain mercy and find grace to help in your time of need". (Hebrews 4:16)

Bringing all my burdens  
Sorrow, sin and care,  
At thy feet I lay them,  
And I leave them there.

*Father Colin.*



## **Children's Church in MAY**

The Good Shepherd 'was the theme of the day.

Father Peter had plenty of his shepherd crooks and small fluffy sheep at the ready!

Two life-size stuffed calico sheep were rescued from the back storage cupboard, which were very popular.

Father Peter engaged the children in the life of an ancient shepherd, and said that Jesus likened himself to a caring shepherd of biblical times, who knew all his sheep individually, and deeply cared for their welfare, as he does for us now. Some of the children present, had sheep on their property, so they had firsthand knowledge of sheep.

Tom Summerfield, ably played for the service, in the absence of David Luxon, so we thank him for that, and we thank his father, Paul, who was there to help with the general setting up of the church, and putting away of the instruments, and preparing for morning tea, in the absence of some of our faithful regulars. Maureen Lewis, provided her usual pikelets, tho' being unwell. We also thank Gill Mackay who stepped in to serve morning tea. The usual figure-8 procession was enjoyed at the conclusion of the service.

It was good to catch up with some visitors, and regulars over a cuppa.

*Julie Scott*, Spokesperson for Mother's Union St. Matthews, sponsors of Children's Church



## **St Matthew's Retirement Village**

St Matthew's Retirement Village is located near Monument Hill, with only a short walk to the Albury CBD. It is a small community consisting of 14 units suitable for residents of a retirement age, 5 rental units and a Community Centre.



**Vacancy:** A recently renovated two bedroom unit with 2 toilets, a LU garage and enclosed backyard, is currently available for immediate occupancy.

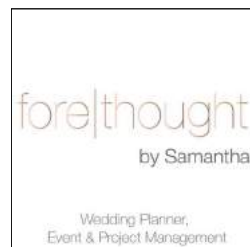
**Enquiries, or to be placed on the Village email list to be notified of future vacancies, can be directed to Mr Brian Elliot, Village Manager, Mobile 0488592703.**



Fr Peter, after presenting Jenny Prince, and Lyn Winnel with their 'Voice for Life' awards from the Royal Shool of Church Music, UK, on St. George's Day, at St. Matthews



Farewell to Kay West as she prepares to move back to W.A.



**Sponsors for the launch of the  
2017 Chamber Music Festival**





## 2017 FESTIVAL LAUNCH CONCERT

In the presence of  
His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), Governor of New South Wales and  
Festival Patron Nance Grant AM MBE



The Governor of NSW, David Hurley with Trinity Principal Justin Beckett & Zoe Beckett



The Governor of NSW, David Hurley at Trinity Anglican College opening the new Infants building



Essie chatting with Nance Grant and Sally-Anne Russell



Reverend Maureen Beattie taking the service at St Matthews



# **H U M O U R**

## **Drunk arrest TERRIFIC STORY**

Study the picture first and then read the story.



This actually happened to an Englishman in France who was totally drunk.

A French policeman stops the Englishman's car and asks if he has been drinking.

With great difficulty, the Englishman admits that he has been drinking all day, that his daughter got married that morning, and that he drank champagne and a few bottles of wine at the reception, and many single malts scotches thereafter.

Quite upset, the policeman proceeds to alcohol-test (breath test) the Englishman and verifies that he is indeed totally sloshed.

He asks the Englishman if he knows why, under French Law, he is going to be arrested.

The Englishman answers with a bit of humour,

"No sir, I do not! But while we're asking questions, do you realize that this is a British car and that my wife is driving . . . . on the other side?"

### **FOR THE KIDS –**

**Q. Why does a hummingbird hum?**

**A It doesn't know the words**

**Q. What is a pelican's favourite dish ?  
bill.**

**A. Anything that fits the**

**Q What does a crab use to call someone?**

**A. A Shellular phone.**

**Q. How do you know carrots are good for your eyesight? A Have you ever seen a rabbit in glasses?**

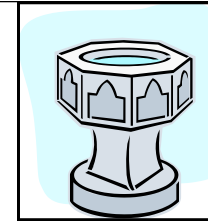


## ON THE RECORD

### *Baptisms*

*We welcome into Christ's family*

No Baptisms



### *Weddings*

*We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony*

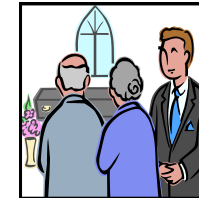
13 May                      Matthew Keith DENT and  
                                      Melissa Louise HEYME



### *Funerals*

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

28 April                      'Jan' Eileen Janette KING  
3 May                         Stephen SEYMOUR  
5 May                         'Margie' Roberta Margaret SLOANE  
8 May                         Robert Stanley BURNS



### *Years Mind – June*

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

Naldrett Phyllis CORNELL (1<sup>st</sup>), Pearl BLEASDALE (2<sup>nd</sup>), Beatrice WEBB (2<sup>nd</sup>), Roy CLAY (3<sup>rd</sup>), Jack NICHOLS (3<sup>rd</sup>), Marjorie Boyd MOORE (3<sup>rd</sup>), Beatrice SLOAN (4<sup>th</sup>), Jim FARRINGTON (4<sup>th</sup>), Margaret Mary KENNEDY (4<sup>th</sup>), John Charles McINTYRE (Priest) (6<sup>th</sup>), John RIDE (7<sup>th</sup>), Elizabeth Ros DALLINGER (7<sup>th</sup>), Enid Caroline NORMAN (9<sup>th</sup>), Albert Clarence SEARLE (11<sup>th</sup>), 'Ted' Walter Edward HAMILTON (11<sup>th</sup>), Kevin BOWTELL (12<sup>th</sup>), Isabel Mary RICHARDSON (13<sup>th</sup>), Dorothy Jean DUNWOODIE (19<sup>th</sup>), Peter Salmon COLCLOUGH (19<sup>th</sup>), 'Bob' Robert Sydney BYE (20<sup>th</sup>), Joan Elvery PETERS (20<sup>th</sup>), Wilfred COLLICOAT (21<sup>st</sup>), Horace OGILVIE (21<sup>st</sup>), Reginald WHITE (22<sup>nd</sup>), Jean KENNEDY (23<sup>rd</sup>), Robert Beal (Priest) (24<sup>th</sup>), Valerie Dare TOMKINS (24<sup>th</sup>), Nick WELCH (25<sup>th</sup>), Jean HANMER (26<sup>th</sup>), Shirley McELROY (27<sup>th</sup>), Joyce KRIEGER (28<sup>th</sup>), Eddie BARNEY (28<sup>th</sup>), Ella Florence FORBES (30<sup>th</sup>)





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#### **WEDNESDAY**

10:30 am. Eucharist

#### **THURSDAY**

No services

#### **FRIDAY**

10.00 am. Eucharist at Riverwood (except 2nd Friday). All welcome

#### **SUNDAY**

9.00 am. Sung Eucharist

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

5.00 pm. Evensong (only 1st Sunday of every month)

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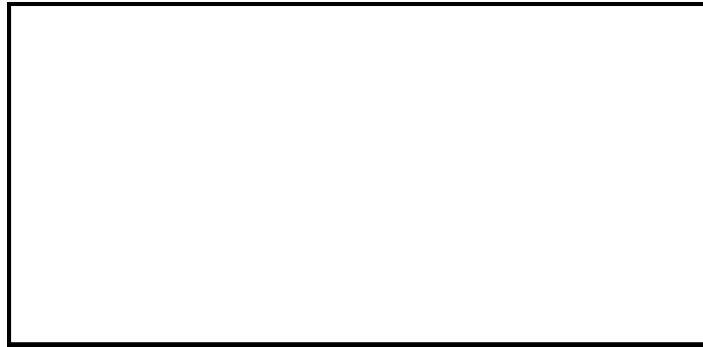
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