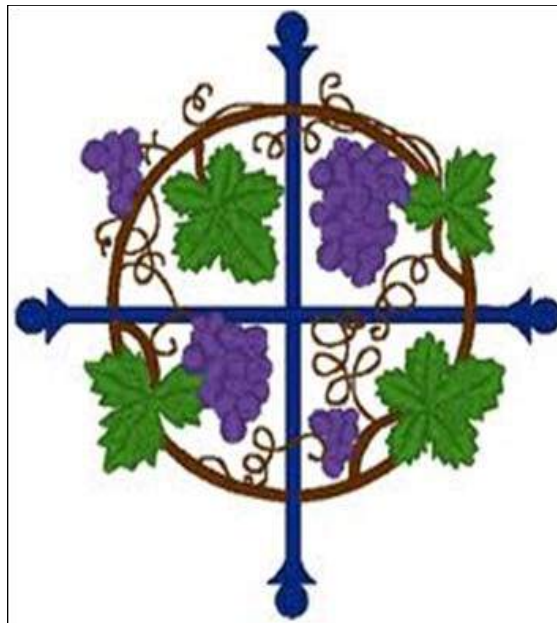


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PARISH OF ALBURY

*In the heart of Albury
Welcomes all people*

JULY 2017

Fr Peter writes :

Dear People of St Matthew's

*Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!
The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly,
the earth is not too low, his praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!*

*Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!
The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out;
but, above all, the heart must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King*



Who's counting?

George Herbert's hymn born in the first half of the 17th century has been sung with gusto with a spirt of evangelism like a church version of "the jobs and growth" mantra so beloved of modern politicians however the results of the most recent census may give us all pause for thought.

Nationally "no religion" has streaked across the finish line representing a third of the population with numbers of Christians falling by twenty percent since the last census despite mission statements, strategic plans and new hymns and liturgies The cumulative effect of scandals including contributions from Archbishop Hollingworth and Cardinal Pell with enthusiastic media coverage following the Royal commission have naturally had an impact, together with "battle fatigue" felt by so many wonderful people supporting the good news in a challenging social environment. Marketing an institution opposed the equal treatment for women, opposed to pluralism and marriage equality is difficult, it feels as though our own team keeps kicking goals for the other side.

ON A VERY POSITIVE NOTE!! many who don't own allegiance to a religious institution are wonderful human beings who are increasingly following the heart of the gospel in caring for neighbour and stranger even when institutions have let us down. The support for our help for the homeless, partnership with Carevan, support for local kids through our music association and Chamber Music Festival has never been greater, so despite the census and institutional decline we continue to bat joyfully and relevantly on our own wicket and Albury and the region is a better place for all that.

The visit to Albury by **NSW and Victorian organists society** showcased the success of our music association with some of our organ scholars distinguishing themselves playing at St Matthews and Adamshurst.

Refugee Week, highlighted our partnership with newcomers to our region, our Bhutanese friends and the garden they have planted in the grounds of St Matthews and addressing the divisions for which religious traditions are sometimes responsible.

Our Celtic Service, following the theme of local community celebrated loudly with the pipes and Drums of the **Scots School Albury**, and **Victory Lutheran College Wodonga** used St Matthews as a base to perform random acts of kindness for passersby, blitzed the fallen leaves in our beautiful garden being a sanctuary to so many and **created a soup kitchen** in the grounds using the rectory and garden,



selling soup to local individuals and businesses with the help of two trolleys recently donated in memory of Ben Bailey. Musical accompaniment was also provided by students from Victory.

Great Music in our midst under the Banner of St Matthews Music Association and our Chamber Music Festival was the order of the day at the concert by Slava and Sharon Grigoryan in the Adamshurst Ballroom. What magic from cello and guitar! wonderful musical journey and marvelous acoustics and supper.

Farewell to friends was another theme of the last month as Albury and the region bid farewell to the amazing humanity and grass roots spirituality of Fr Collin Wellard, inspiring Music teacher and great human being Ursula Genaehr and tireless community worker and St Matthews family member Doreen Widdison, we are all the richer for having known them.

We also farewelled long time Pastoral Care Co-Ordinator Carol Read, who is taking a break after 20 years of caring for others.

NAIDOC, a celebration of Indigenous culture and wisdom, this year focused on Language and a wonderful inclusive service featured an indigenous piper and the baptism of two beautiful indigenous children Zayden and Tyson, and many children placing gum leaves upon the altar thinking about growing a more welcoming community for all people.

St Matthews rectory, office and parish centre is having more than a face lift to help with access as we work in partnership with Carevan, Rotary and community groups to assist those in need.

Christmas in July is on Sunday – 23rd July at 12.30pm in the ballroom and formal rooms of Adamshurst and is a major fundraiser at \$50 a head (plus BYO drinks) and guaranteed good fun and a real winter warmer and enables us to continue to reach out in new ways to our community.

Fr Kevin Flanagan will retire from active ministry after more than 50 years and his community farewell will be at St Matthews on Sunday 6th August at 5pm, with an interview by ABC broadcaster and great friend of St Matthews Gaye Patterson.



Fr Peter



AHS Students at Adamshurst doing some gardening

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Advertising sign. A faculty is required before we go ahead with the sign

Sound system this has been installed. Jewell's have been terrific regarding the installation and fine tuning any complaints we had.

High grove there are new tenants, the place looks fantastic.

Anglican food room 29 hampers, numerous cups of tea, coffee, milo were handed out as well as hot meals

Op shop takings for May \$418.75

People from Carevan have offered to come and hand out hot drinks

Alteration to meeting room. Carevan are putting in an air conditioner, the carpet will be taken up and vinyl will be laid in the room and hallway. 4 new tables have been ordered to use in the room

Painting of the fire damaged wall in the church. We are waiting to hear from the assessor before this can happen

Bank balance at end May. The account was overdrawn by \$5504.
Money has been transferred from Highgrove account to cover this.

Kaye Kennedy Secretary

PLEASE NOTE—BANKING

The banks are clamping down with the rise on fraud and cheques made out to the church now have to have the correct 'pay' details or they will not accept them.

Please make sure your cheque is made out to -

St Mathews Church Albury

Likewise if you are making a tax deductible donation to the St Matthews Music Association.

Please make sure your cheque is made out to -

St Matthews Music Association Inc. Public Fund

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Evening Group News

For our June meeting we started with a meal of soup and bread. This was followed by the members working out a puzzle. They were each given a passage called Fire at Nuclear Plant. In the passage was hidden the 66 books of the bible. They had fun doing the puzzle, but none of them could find all the books. It did take me a while to find them all. Next meeting, we are going to the Newmarket hotel for lunch for our midyear dine out. In August, we are holding a Trivia Night see details below

TRIVIA NIGHT

On the 11th August 2017

**At Adamshurst
603 David St Albury**

6.30pm for a 7pm start

Cost \$15 includes lucky door prize and
supper

Please book early **Tables of 8 or less**

Bring nibbles for your group to share

**Please phone Kaye Kennedy on 0439 980 780
by 4th August to book.**



Christmas in July

Adamshurst



Lunch at 12.30pm

Sunday 23rd July

\$50 per head

BYO own drinks

RSVP by 18th July to the office

—no late bookings, limited numbers

COURTHOUSE COFFEE SERVICE

Would you like to become a volunteer with the Courthouse Coffee Team?

This service is organized through the Anglican Churches of Albury and operates at the Albury Courthouse, Olive Street Monday/ Tuesday weekly from 9.30 am until 11.30 am excluding public holidays and courthouse events.

It is an extremely worthwhile commitment as it is a Christian outreach service for those in need.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the roster co-ordinators, Jill or Don Fielder for further information.

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MENS GROUP NEWS

The men's group held a breakfast at St James in Lavington on Saturday of the Queen's Birthday Weekend, with about 20 members attending.

The guest speaker was Rev. Colin Dundon, who was retiring Principal of St. John's Theological College in Canberra, who had spent quite a number of years in Kenya as a missionary. He told us a lot about his experiences in east Africa and it was indeed very fascinating. He helped to develop the church in this country and it was certainly developing well due to his efforts he has now moved back to Australia and is building a house in Canberra.

The breakfast was great and we all enjoyed the hot food so beautifully prepared by the blokes from St Marks and St James.

We are looking forward now to the next meeting which will be at St James on 8th July at 8am Remember, the days are getting longer now and we look forward to a good attendance on the 8th !

Graeme Scott



Left: In the vestry with Josh and David; Middle: Reverend Catie; Left: Reverend Maureen





Children's Church in JUNE

The theme of the day was 'The wise man who built his House upon a rock!'

Unfortunately sickness took its toll on both the team members and congregation, and those that were there bravely battled on and should be thanked very much for this! Father Peter had just jetted in from the UK, and was in fine fettle to talk about both building a house on a rock, and also, Refugee day. David Luxon played for us, and we thank him, we had plenty of morning tea, because of the low numbers.

Julie Scott

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



May Theme—The Good Shepherd



Nickers for Nairobi appeal

Thank you, to your wonderful flock, for the support you gave to our Nickers for Nairobi appeal. Members of the Mt Beauty Uniting Church have been gradually counting and packing the underwear, and we are thrilled to report that the final tally was just over 8,000 knickers, plus many many bras, and 2 pair of socks. This is a staggering result, and shows what can happen when we step out in faith. Obviously, we would not have achieved this without the dedicated sup-



port of St Matthews, ABC Goulburn Murray, MP Personnel and training, and the Mt Beauty Op shop. We will probably never know the extent of other church and community groups, and individuals, who supported us. A trial shipment of 2 boxes, (about 1000 undies) has successfully reached the Sisters working in Kibera, and have been distributed, mostly to many delighted schoolgirls, but also to women from the slum, who come in for vocational training and assistance. We learned a lot about overseas shipping during this experiment, and will be better prepared when we ship the rest. We also received some donations toward the shipping costs, and these will help us fulfill our commitment.

Again, thank you. We hope you pass on our gratitude to your congregation, and the heartfelt gratitude of the women of Kibera. They feel no sense of entitlement, and are quite overwhelmed that so many people from the other side of the world, would want to help them.

If you want any further information, or are interested in group sponsorship of a child from Kibera, please don't hesitate to ask.

Blessings

Graham Clutterbuck

Co-Ordinator, Mission & Outreach, Upper Kiewa Valley Uniting Church

Victory Lutheran College—Soup Day at St Matthews



Pentecost Sunday—blessing of
food donations



Fr Peter with Carevan Founder
John Brabant



Christian Meditation with
Reverend Catie Inches-Ogden



Sydney Organ Society visiting St
Matthews



Celtic Service with The Scots School Albury Pipe Band



Slava & Sharon Grigoryan Concert at Adamshurst



Fr Peter with Auntie Rita and Indigenous
Bagpiper Vince Love



VALE—Fr Colin Wellard

Fr Collin Wellard, pastor teacher and friend to all “poking along steadily”.

Fr Colin Wellard, so recently farewelled from St Matthews with two Bishops beautiful music and friends from many places was that rarest example of clergyman or clergy person in that he took his own medicine as it worked for him, he shared it with others. His life in ministry was long but he managed to be renewed, refreshed and revived in everything apart from his own physical body. He used his physical opportunity to push it to the limit. I love to think of him in earlier days in leathers on a motor bike, and describing himself as the black devil of Bundarra or the big groover of Bundarra. His various altercations with distressed firemen, agitated bride's mothers, drunk bridegrooms, and sober bishops. His life was marked with enormous warmth and humanity and the questions that informed his vocational choices were nothing like those that navigate clerical careers today. My favourite was his question ‘What would I do with my cows?’

He was unafraid, encouraging, and full of hope. When he met a series of life challenges he would say ‘I am poking along steadily’, but he wasn’t doing it alone. He was companioned by Christ not the Christ of Cathedrals and institutions but Christ breaking bread with his friends, Christ who accepts us just as we are and changes us through love.

Colin’s capacity to change and give others permission to do so is remarkable. Mind you he didn’t consider all changes to be positive and lamented much that has changed about the church but he was part of encouragement to return to the best and leave the rest behind. Every encounter with Colin was a little homespun down to earth sermon. The last time I saw him he was thinking about the future, people whose ministries should be affirmed, and encouraged, things I should be whispering into the ears of Bishops. and reminded me of the most important things and the words he chose come from a modern hymn “I will hold your people in my heart”, what good advice and we will take it and run with it.

Colin embodied care of Christ he had a beautiful pastoral heart which many of us were on the receiving end of. In a perfect partnership in life and ministry with Robin they have been a blessing to us all. Colin was not set in his ways and beliefs he was open to God leading him to new possibilities he was continually growing into who God was calling him to be.

Jesus imagined a peace beyond suffering - today we can share that vision, that Colin has gone to this place with the God who was his life. The God who like the Psalmist tells us was with Colin before he was born into this world and is still with him now. **"When I come to the end - I am still with you".**

And for everything he has been and everything in the presence of God yet should be, we bless him and with him and companioned by Christ we also will be poking along steadily.

Fr Peter



H U M O U R

A lawyer, who had a wife and 12 children, needed to move because his rental agreement was terminated by the owner who wanted to reoccupy the home.
But he was having a lot of difficulty finding a new house.
When he said he had 12 children, no one would rent a home to him because they felt that the children would destroy the place.
He couldn't say he had no children, because he couldn't lie -- we all know lawyers cannot and do not lie!!
So he sent his wife for a walk to the cemetery with 11 of their kids.
He took the remaining one with him to see rental homes with the real estate agent.
He loved one of the homes and the price was right -- the agent asked:
"How many children do you have? He answered: "Twelve."
The agent asked "Where are the others?"
The lawyer, with his best courtroom sad look answered, "They're in the cemetery with their mother."

MORAL: It's not necessary to lie, one only needs to choose the right words and don't forget, most politicians are, unfortunately, lawyers.

' COMPLETELY FINISHED ' -

No English dictionary has been able to adequately explain the difference between these two words.

In a recent linguistic competition held in London and attended by, supposedly, the best in the world, Samdar Balgobin, a Guyanese man, was the clear winner with a standing ovation which lasted over 5 minutes.

The final question was:

How do you explain the difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED in a way that is easy to understand?

Some people say there is no difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED.

Here is his astute answer:

When you marry the right woman, you are COMPLETE.
When you marry the wrong woman, you are FINISHED,
and when the right one catches you with the wrong one,
you are COMPLETELY FINISHED!!!"



FOR THE KIDS -

- Q. What happened to the snake with a cold?
A. She added wipe her nose.
- Q. What did the porcupine say to the cactus?
A. Are you my Mother?
- Q. What do you call a sleeping bull?
A. A bulldozer

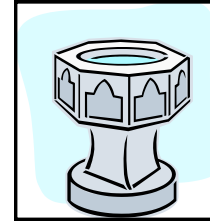


ON THE RECORD

Baptisms

We welcome into Christ's family

11 June Grayson James Phillip COX
25 June Myah Ruby WISE
Sophie May WISE
Bentley Edward SHATTOCK



Weddings

We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony

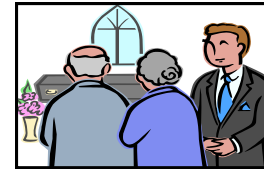
No weddings for June



Funerals

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

29 May Gwenneth Valerie BROOKS
21 June Colin Herbert WELLARD (Priest)
23 June Mary 'Doreen' WIDDISON
26 June Ursula Anette GENAEHR



Years Mind – July

We pray for those whose anniversary falls at this time

Marion TAYLOR (1st), Jean Mavis KENNEDY (2nd) Valerie GIBBS (2nd), Debbie Lyn McKEON (3rd), Jean BLACK (4th), Joyce Olive SCHRODER (5th), Barry WILLIAMS (6th), Emily Edith MOREY (7th), Jean OGILVIE (7th), Thelma May WEIDNER (8th), 'Dot' Dorothy Grace SCOTT (8th), Aileen HORE (9th), Maurice Arthur CHICK (9th), Julie-Anne WEBB-MOLE (10th), Norman Alfred REED (11th), Lynette Margaret AVERY (12th), Ann GORDON (12th), Keith GRAHAM (13th), Alice Irene TREWELLA (13th), Charles William SAUNDERS (14th), Ida Mary MALE (16th), Ron SCOTT (18th), Samantha Trudy BOOTH (18th), Eric Maudsley BROMFIELD (19th), Jennifer Lynn HUTCHINSON (19th), Kenneth George WEBB-WAGG (19th), Marjorie Jean BECKHURST (20th), William Alexander KIRKWOOD (21st), Stephen HOLMES (Priest)(21st), Joyce Elizabeth CLARKE (21st), Geoffrey STEWART (22nd), Georgia PALFRAMAN (22nd), Wilma MILLER (25th), 'Lex' Herbert Alexander PIERSSENE (26th), Rodney JOSSELYN (28th), Corey CHURCHILL (28th), Patricia Frances LUND (28th), Lilian Joyce CUNNINGHAM (29th), Kathleen Eva EAGLES (29th), Luke WILLIAMS (30th), Leslie Albert GRAY (31st)



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8:00 am. Holy Eucharist

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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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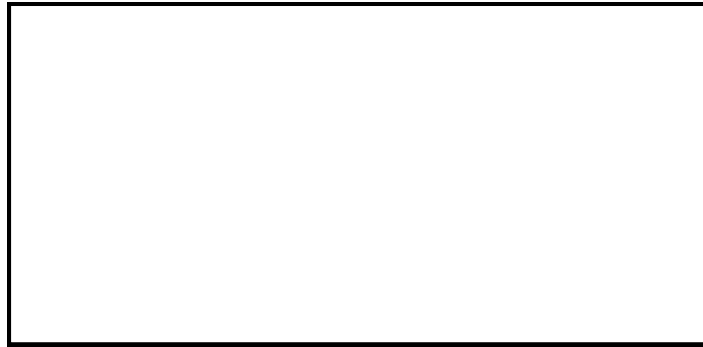
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