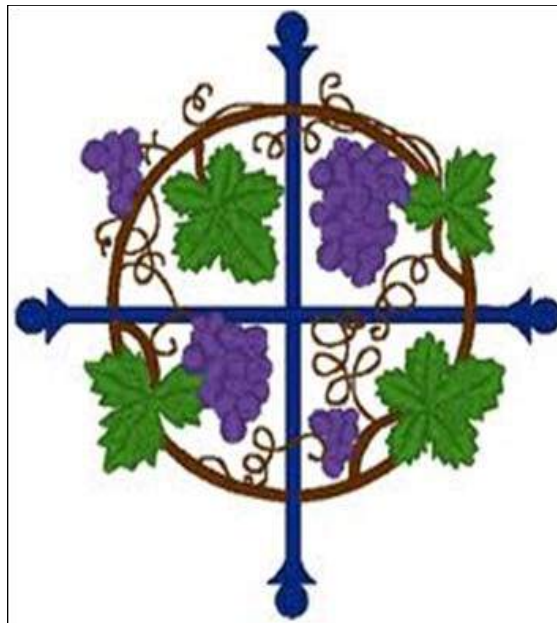


ST MATTHEW'S GRAPEVINE



PARISH OF ALBURY

*In the heart of Albury
Welcomes all people*

OCTOBER 2017

Fr Peter writes :

Dear People of St Matthew's

Amazing Grace – Amazing Journey

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.*

*Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.*



John Newtons famous hymn testifies to change. Its familiar words have crossed uncharted social waters as ideas have been shared and real-life stories effected policies and the decisions of political leaders. His own life's journey working as a slave trader and then becoming a slave himself and later working to abolish slavery is a transforming tale. It is sad snippet of history that the abolition of slavery was defeated in the British Parliament eleven times before it was past. Each time the session of parliament began with prayer, but it was loving action that made the difference. Matters concerning the treatment of human beings by individuals and institutions are everyone's business. No church should be a place where we can hide away from our responsibilities to our neighbours. We are our brothers and sisters keepers and laws that discriminate against people rather than act for them are unfinished business. Issues about equality, recognition, care of the environment and of refugees are at the heart of any message about good news and it is our privilege to be a part of it.

It will be good news that the fete is postponed until the Christmas Tree Festival at the end of November. Also good news that St Matthews regular opera star, Shanul Sharma has not only taken top opera honours earlier this year in Italy but is also in the final of Australia's most important opera competition, the Sun Aria. Shanul will be singing as part of the Albury Chamber Music Festival and tickets are available online and at the Albury Entertainment Centre Box Office. There is also a little whisper that he may be around in Albury at Christmas time and we can hope that he might join us as the icing on our Christmas cake.

Other musical treats:

1st October at 2.30pm – Organ recital by internationally renowned organist Hans Heilscher before Choral Evensong at 5pm.

10th and 24th of October – Tunes on Tuesday lunchtime concert at St Matthews.

Thursday the 2nd November at 6pm– We Shall Remember Them - a special All Souls Day to remember our loved ones who have passed away with simple music and reflection and lighting of candles. All Welcome.

17th to 19th of November – Albury Chamber Music Festival including a festival service on the Sunday with music by The Australian Chamber Choir and a festival address by Border born opera singer Nance Grant.



Fr Peter

Fr Peter in Hillston



Fr Peter with Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull



Scaffolding for the painting to finish the insurance claim,



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Advertising Sign & Screens The faculty for the new sign and screens has been sent to Wangaratta for the Bishop to sign.

Security to Choir Loft. Nothing suitable can be made locally.

Website and Media. This is going well.

Pastoral Care Annette and her team are doing a great job . Annette has been helping at Riverwood.

It was also discussed that there be a follow up with bereaved families maybe after 3 months.

Anglican Food Room

33 hampers, 172 drinks, 36 meals and several shower packs were handed out in August.

Op shop takings \$570.65 A new sign has been made for the op shop to be put on the front fence when the shop is open.

St Matthew's Village. An old car has been dumped at the Village. Jim has reported it to the police and has also sent a letter to Albury City asking them to have it moved. He has been told they cannot move it. There is one vacant unit.

St Matthew's Fete. It was decided at the meeting **to postpone** the fete until early next year. The reason a number of the helpers are unavailable on the 7th October

Mainly Music would like to start a music group for toddlers.

Digital Organ. Albury City has been approached about James Flores becoming Albury's organist. The digital organ could be made moveable so that it could be taken to the Entertainment centre

Finances At the end of August the balance was \$1733.82

Kaye Kennedy
Secretary

Evening Group News

Our next meeting is on Thursday 19th October at 7pm.



Kaye Kennedy

All Soul's Day invitation

St Matthew's Church warmly invites you to our annual All Souls' Day Memorial Service to be held on Sunday, 1st November at 5.00 pm.

The service is an opportunity to share with others in your journey of remembering your loved one who has died in the past 12 months. There will be various ways of remembering, such as writing a name on card and placing that into a remembrance bowl, lighting a candle and having the name of your loved one read aloud.

Support will be available in a caring and welcoming environment and we encourage you to consider attending and sharing with us and others. There will be a time of fellowship and refreshments following.

Should you be unable to attend and would like your loved one's name read aloud, please let the staff at the Parish Office know.

You are always welcome at St Matthew's, at regular worship services or to call in at other times to either light a candle at the votive candle stand or to sit quietly and reflect in the calming and refreshing surrounds of our beautiful church.

Pastoral Care Team

Reverend Bryn Jones taking the Trinity Anglican College final Year 12 Mass



Tunes on Tuesday
L-R: Tom Summerfield, Caleb Murray and James Flores



**ST MATTHEW'S DAY – PATRONAL FESTIVAL
CHILDREN'S CHURCH AND BAPTISM
WELCOMING / LOVING ALL PEOPLE EQUALLY**



Children's Church for September

Children's Church was amalgamated with the 9am service for the St Matthews Patronal Festival. For September. There was a baptism of a baby girl at the service. The Children's Church children were invited to the service. We expect to resume the normal 10.30 am service in October. Meanwhile, we wish all the school-age children happy school holidays!

Julie Scott,

Spokesperson for St. Matthews Mother's Union.



FATHER'S EMPTY CHAIR

A man's daughter had asked the local priest to come and pray with her father. When the priest arrived, he found the man lying in bed with his head propped up on two pillows. An empty chair sat beside his bed. The priest assumed that the old fellow had been informed of his visit.

"I see you were expecting me," he said

"No. Who are you?" asked the father.

The priest told him his name, and then remarked, "I saw the empty chair, so I thought you knew I'd be coming." Oh yes, the chair," said the bed-ridden man. "Would you mind closing the door?" Puzzled, the priest shut the door.

"I have never told anyone this, not even my daughter," said the man. "But all my life I have never known how to pray. At church I used to hear the priest talk about prayer, but it went right over my head.

I abandoned any attempt at prayer," the old man continued, "until one day four years ago, my best friend said to me, "Johnny, prayer is just a simple matter of having a conversation with Jesus. Here is what I suggest: sit down in a chair, place an empty chair in front of you, and in faith see Jesus on the chair. It's not spooky because he promised *I will be with you always*. Then just speak to him in the same way you're doing with me right now.'

So I tried it, and I've liked it so much that I do it for a couple of hours every day. I'm careful, though. If my daughter saw me talking to an empty chair she'd think I was losing my marbles."

The priest was deeply moved by this story, and encouraged the old man to continue on the journey. Then he prayed with him, anointed him, and returned to the church..

Two days later, the daughter rang to tell the priest that her father had died.

'Did he die in peace'? Asked the priest.

'Yes. When I left the house to go shopping, he called me over to his bedside, told me he loved me, and kissed me on the cheek, When I got back, I found him dead, But there was something strange— apparently just before Daddy died, he leaned over and rested his head on the chair beside the bed. What do you make of that?"

The Priest wiped a tear from his eye and said "I wish we could all go like that".

Source unknown



FETE CANCELLED TILL EARLY 2018

Due to unforeseen circumstances.

However— The Raffle is still Running !

AS THIS IS A MAJOR FUND-RAISER,

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Raffle Prize Details

1ST Prize—\$400 Fuel voucher

2ND Prize—\$200 Commercial Club Voucher

3RD Prize—\$100 Fuel Voucher



RAFFLE DRAWN 7TH OCTOBER 12.30 PM

Results will be published in the Border Mail on Saturday 15th Oct.



FOR THE KIDS -

Q. Why did Wally put a chicken in a hot bath?

A. So she would lay hard-boiled eggs.

How about these cuties in **your** next bath!



Wow, what a big Dalmatian family!



Albury Chamber Music Festival
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REFLECTION

.Wise words!

As we grow older, and hence wiser, we slowly realize that:

Whether we wear a \$300 or \$30 watch - - - they both tell the same time.

Whether we carry a \$300 or \$30 wallet/handbag - - - the amount of money inside is the same.

Whether we drink a bottle of \$300 or \$30 or \$3 wine - - - the hangover is the same.

Whether the house we live in is 300 or 3,000 or 30,000 sq. m. - - - the loneliness is the same.

And we realize our true inner happiness does not come from the material things in this world.

Whether we fly first or economy class, if the plane goes down - - - we go down with it.

Whether we fly first or economy class, if the plane reaches its destination - - - everyone arrives at the same time.

Therefore . . . We should realize that when we have mates, buddies and old friends, brothers and sisters, with whom we can chat, laugh, talk, sing, talk about north-south-east-west or heaven and earth -- that is true happiness!

Six Undeniable Facts of Life

1. Don't educate your children to be rich. Educate them to be happy, so when they grow up they will know the value of things, not the price.

2. Best wise words: "Eat your food as your medicines. Otherwise you have to eat medicines as your food."

3. The one who loves you will never leave you because, even if there are 100 reasons to give up, he or she will find one reason to hold on.

4. There is a big difference between a human being and being human. Only a few folks really understand that.

5. You are loved when you are born. You will be loved when you die. In between, you have to manage!

6. If you just want to walk fast, walk alone; but, if you want to walk far, walk together!

Six Best Doctors in the World

1. Sunlight

2. Rest

3. Exercise

4. Diet

5. Self Confidence

6. Friends

And, finally:

The nicest place to be is in someone's thoughts, the safest place to be

Is in someone's prayers, and the very best place to be is.....

....in the hands of God.

ON THE RECORD

Baptisms

We welcome into Christ's family

3 September Oliver James KAY
Ava Christine QUINLIVAN
10 September Edward Peter James NUGENT
Joseph Raymond WEBSTER
17 September Aarlieah-leigh Grace BROWN



Weddings

We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony

No weddings in September



Funerals

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

those who mourn

4 September Henry Robert CLARKE
4 September Aileen Margaret LEWIS
11 September Kathleen McDONALD
12 September Janet Anne McDIARMID
18 September Susan Jane HYLANDS



Years Mind – October

We pray for those whose anniversary falls at this time

Louise MOLESWORTH (2nd), Kit MOLESWORTH (2nd),
Barbara Margaret NEVINSON (2nd), 'Sam' Samuel James GODDARD
(5th), Baby Matthew COLEMAN (6th), Lorna Sylvia ENGLISH (8th), Ada
Victoria PURSS (9th), Margaret SEYMOUR-HARDWICK (10th), Dylan
JARDINE (10th), Nola DOWN (10th), Gwynne Harry SAMPSON (11th),
Brian SCHOLZ (11th), Yvonne Lorraine COLLINGWOOD (12th), Annie
Elizabeth COLLICOAT (13th), Bruce WINNEL (14th), Joyce MACKAY
(16th), Paul Julian COLQUHOUN (16th), Mother Rita Mary (16th), Lilian
May COLEMAN (17th), Robert William WHITE (19th), Christopher MANN
(20th), Jack CLEGG (21st), Roger Cade HURST (21st), Dorothy RYAN
(23rd), Bill QUINLIVAN (24th), Bruce Athol WHITE (25th), 'Don' Donald
John KING (25th), Michael Douglas COLLINS (25th), Nicholas CASSAR
(25th), Roger Graham ABRECHT (26th), Garry John WOODLAND (26th),
Norman Percy HABERECHT (31st), Alison MOLESWORTH (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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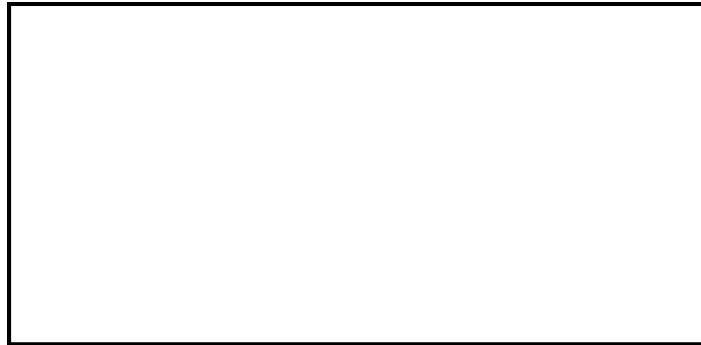
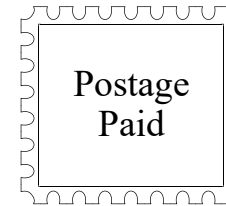
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