

# ST MATTHEW'S GRAPEVINE



PARISH OF ALBURY

*In the heart of Albury  
Welcomes all people*

**MARCH 2018**

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

*'Forgive our sins as we forgive,'  
you taught us, Lord, to pray,  
but you alone can grant us grace  
to live the words we say.*

*How can your pardon reach and bless  
the unforgiving heart,  
that broods on wrongs and will not let  
old bitterness depart?*

*In blazing light your cross reveals  
the truth we dimly knew:  
what trivial debts are owed to us,  
how great our debt to you!*

*Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls,  
and bid resentment cease;  
then, bound to all in bonds of love,  
our lives will spread your peace.*

This hymn written by Rosamond Herklots was inspired by some vigorous gardening. Herklots was born in India to missionary parents, trained as a teacher then worked as a medical secretary in the area of congenital birth defects and had a keen interest in the health, welfare and education of children. She was busy weeding the garden and reflected on the importance of forgiveness, clearing resentment and bitterness and giving room for love and peace to grow.

Gardening and “having a clear out” so that there is space for new things to grow are great Lenten themes and this can be clearly seen in the life of the parish of St Matthews.

Our Lenten speakers are all people with a fresh perspective. For the next two weeks we have 11th March **Hugh Mackay AO** and 18th March **Sussan Ley MP**.

Music and mission are also high notes with so many signs of hope from our Choir, bell ringers, music association, and chamber music festival, with the **festival launch on the 5<sup>th</sup> May by Shanul Sharna and in honour of our festival patron Nance Grant.**

And continuing musical treats **from our Tunes on Tuesday series** - 13th March – **Robert Boyd** (Vocal), and 27 March - **Pastór de Lasala** (Organ).

Daily I am moved by the commitment of our wonderful team with welcomers, op shop helpers, gardeners, other volunteers and community partners including Carevan not to forget our wardens and parish council, sanctuary team and pastoral carers, children's church committee and others who help to welcome friend and stranger.

Creative change can be challenging and somethings run their course, "Mothering Sunday" has become culturally irrelevant keeping it in Lent so we have transferred the theme and celebration to Mothers Day in May.

Please note also our services—**Palm Sunday** 25th March and for Holy week with **Maundy Thursday** 6pm shared meal and short service focusing on our emergency relief, op shop and Carevan ministry and volunteers. **Good Friday** 9am morning service, 10.30am shared walk of witness, and 3pm afternoon concert with Messiah and sacred highlights and our family **Easter service** at 9am on Easter Day with chicks, lambs, special music and signs of new life. The new life continues on the Friday after Easter with **Interfaith Service** focusing on refugees –with Gillian Triggs and Julian Burnside. St Matthews Church at 5.00pm.

*Fr Peter*



Above: Burning the Palm Crosses at Shrove Tuesday.

Below: Dr Allan Beavis discussing music with John Ross

Left: Fr Peter and David Sutherland cooking up a storm for the homeless



### **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

**Branches have been removed** from the tree near the office to reduce the weight of the tree.

**Choir Loft security.** We are still looking at different security doors and how to install them to make the choir loft more secure.

**Solar panels.** We have received couple of quotes. They need to be installed by end of June if we decide to go ahead.

**Finances.** Not looking good we need at least another \$5,000 per month

**Pastoral Care Team** meets regularly. Their network is very effective. Looking at working with North Albury.

**Anglican Food Room.** 35 hampers 127 meals 246 drinks given out during January.

**OP shop takings** \$382.20 plus \$38.10 from Jack's Rags.

**Friends of the Garden.** People interested in gardening are invited to come and work in the garden. Robyn Gibbs will be the coordinator.

**Watering system.** A new watering system is to be installed it will cover all the garden.

**Gazebo.** Looking at erecting another gazebo on the north side. The exact location yet to be decided.

**Painting of the rectory.** Will need to get quotes. Hope to be able to use money that is in the National Trust account.

*Kaye Kennedy* Secretary

**Garden Working Bees**—many hands make light work





## **EVENING GROUP NEWS**

At the February meeting we planned our programme for the year.

March we are going to have a luncheon for present and past members to celebrate the Evening Group's 55<sup>th</sup> birthday.

June/July a cakeless cake stall.

September we thought we would have a church garden walk and serve a Devonshire Tea.

*More details about the cakeless cake stall and garden walk later.*

*Kaye Kennedy* President.

## **EASTER SERVICE TIMES**

### ***Palm Sunday***

**9.00 am** Eucharist

### ***Maundy Thursday***

**6.00 pm** Simple Lenten Meal and a glass of wine followed by

**7.00 pm** Eucharist with washing of hands and stripping of Altar

### ***Good Friday***

**9.00 am** The Passion Hymns and Readings

**10.30 am** Sharing the walk of witness, the Stations of the Cross. Starting at St Marks Church – Northern Albury and concluding at Sacred Heart Church

**3.00 pm** Musical Meditation – A Journey from Darkness to Light

### ***Easter Sunday***

**9.00am** Family Communion Service and Baptism, followed by Easter Egg Hunt







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# **St Matthew's Church, Albury**

**Invites You to Attend**

## **A Seniors' Easter Service**

**on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
at 10.30 am**

**A specially designed service  
in preparation for Easter Week**

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## Children's Church in February 2018

As there was a guest speaker for Lent in the church, Children's church was held in the Rectory, on the 18th.

The theme was 'Teddy Bear's Picnic'. Rev'd Catherine took the service, welcomed us all, including the Teddies and other assorted soft toys brought along—and the theme was of course well received by the children, which was basically, that we should love one another, as God first loved us, and our teddies teach us about God's love, and how God is utterly dependable for comfort and encouragement as our teddies are, when we are small.

18 children and their parent's carers and grandparents were there to join in the service, sing all the fun songs, ably played for us by Rowena Ginns, share Communion, and join the fun of a picnic later, in the Rectory gardens on rugs, with a simple picnic, and extra food and cold water provided, and tea and coffee for the adults.

It was a perfect morning for a picnic! We thank all those people who were available to move chairs, welcome people, hand out service sheets, serve tea and coffee, and generally support proceedings!

**N.B. Our March Children's Church service will also be held in the Rectory, at 10.30 am, as there will be another guest speaker in the Church for Lent in March.**

***Julie Scott* Spokesperson for Albury Branch MU**



### Harvest Festival



### Shrove Tuesday



### Lent 1 with Bp Andrew Curnow





### NEWS FROM THE TOWER MARCH 2018

It is all happening up in the tower at the moment. Alex, who has been learning since before Christmas, has taken a giant step forward and is very close to ringing "Rounds" with the band. Once he confidently achieves that, he will then be ready for service ringing. It may be a little while yet but he is now well on the way.



Tom and Bob have been rewarded for their service ringing and are now being tutored in the art of method ringing, namely "Plain Hunting". We are pleased to announce that we have a new experienced ringer come to join our band. Paige learnt to ring at Armidale and has come to Albury to take up a teaching appointment. It is Armidale's loss and our gain, so welcome Paige and I hope you will be happy here as a bellringer and in your chosen career.

Finally, at present we have two visiting bellringers who are in the district for a few weeks. Karen and Richard have already supported us at service ringing, and are keen participants on practice night. Thank you Karen and Richard for coming forward and working with us and we wish you well during your stay here, and when you move on at the end of the month.



**Photo:**

**to: The Ringing Band on 11/02/18**

Back Row: Chris, Bob, Paige, Ross, Trevor, Richard (visitor from Orange), Jim  
Front Row: Karen (visitor from Orange), Pam, Tom, Robin, Kerrie.

**Pam Thorman** Tower Captain

Colin and Gwen Bradley celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary



Lent 2 with Fr Rod Bower



Tunes on Tuesday



**FOR  
THE  
KIDS**



**OOPS !**



**Sorry I ate your homework!**

**Q. Why did the turkey join the band ? A. Because he had drumsticks**

**Q. What did the clock do when he was hungry? A. Went back four (for) seconds.**

**Q. What goes 'Oh, oh, oh'? A. Santa walking backwards.**

**Q. Why did the bird have to go to hospital? A. He needed tweetment.**

# **H U M O U R**



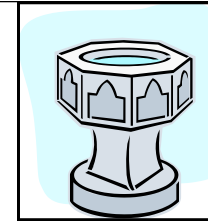
- .1 If a pig lost its voice would it be disgruntled?
2. Would a cardboard belt be a waist of paper?
3. Would writing with a broken pencil be pointless?
4. If you don't pay your exorcist would you get repos-sessed?
5. What's the definition of a will? (is it a dead giveaway?)
6. Are every calendar's days numbered?
7. Does a backward poet write inverse?
8. Is the man who fell into an upholstery machine fully recovered?
9. Are tennis players cold hearted because love means nothing to them?
10. Is Atheism a non-prophet organization?
11. Are Santa's helpers subordinate clauses?
12. If you forgot how to throw a boomerang, would it eventually come back to you?
13. If a butcher sat on the meat grinder would he get behind in his work?
14. If you found a mirror and took it to the police, would they look into it?
15. If you thought you were a set of curtains, would your psychiatrist tell you to pull yourself together?
16. Would two banks with different rates have a conflict of interest?
17. If your car battery was dead would you give it away free of charge?
18. If the plums on your plum tree dried out, would they be pruned?
19. Should the man who invented the door knocker get a Nobel prize?
20. If there was a fire at the circus, would the heat be intense?
21. If the TV repairman got married, would the reception be excellent?

## ON THE RECORD

### *Baptisms*

*We welcome into Christ's family*

28 January Eli Peter KALKANDIS



### *Weddings*

*We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony*

No weddings for February



### *Funerals*

*We pray for those who have died and extend our*

*sympathies to those who mourn*

18 January Frederick John QUINN  
13 February Denis Charles READ  
14 February Raymond John BALLARD  
15 February Elaine Betty ATKINSON  
19 February Valerie Helen GARLAND



### *Years Mind – March*

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

'Jim' James Charles EVANS (2<sup>nd</sup>), Benjamin Parker (3<sup>rd</sup>), James Roy MONK (3<sup>rd</sup>), Joan THOMAS (5<sup>th</sup>), Gwen Elizabeth McDONALD (5<sup>th</sup>), Stanley Morris BEST (5<sup>th</sup>), Jeff HOLLAND (6<sup>th</sup>), Penny SNELL (6<sup>th</sup>), Sarah Jane BURKITT-PURCHALL, Aimee Lea KOEHLER (7<sup>th</sup>), Michael HEALY (8<sup>th</sup>), Gloria CORBAN (11<sup>th</sup>), Tracy ORLIC (11<sup>th</sup>), Phyllis STEPHENS (12<sup>th</sup>), Henry KNOBLE (13<sup>th</sup>), Minnie EISENHAUER (13<sup>th</sup>), Sr Clare (13<sup>th</sup>), Joanne Lesley NESBIT (14<sup>th</sup>), Norma DEMSKI (14<sup>th</sup>), Roy WINSTANLEY (17<sup>th</sup>), Matthew CRAWFORD (18<sup>th</sup>), Daryl Robert GRAY (21<sup>st</sup>), Allan Keith MOREY (22<sup>nd</sup>), Frank GIBBS (23<sup>rd</sup>), 'Doll' Dorothy WEIDNER (23<sup>rd</sup>), Shirley Rae HODGSON (25<sup>th</sup>), Leonard LEMKE (26<sup>th</sup>), Mildred WINSTANLEY (28<sup>th</sup>), 'Chappy' Eric John Kevin WEIDNER (29<sup>th</sup>), Frank HARDY (30<sup>th</sup>), Nita KLOSE (30<sup>th</sup>), Brian Marcus CLIFF (30<sup>th</sup>), Joan DAVIS (31<sup>st</sup>)





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8:00 am. Holy Eucharist

#### **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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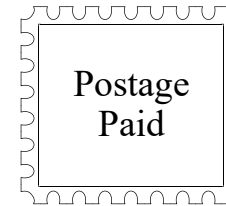
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