ST MATTHEW'S GRAPEVINE



PARISH OF ALBURY

In the heart of Albury Welcomes all people

NOVEMBER 2018

Fr Peter writes: Dear People of St Matthew's

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Bears all its sons away; They fly, forgotten, as a dream Dies at the op'ning day.



This famous hymn associated with remembrance was written by Isaac Watts, who was informed by the brokenness of his own family, his own father spending many years in detention as a political prisoner in England, and the tune St Anne written by William Croft the organist of St Ann Soho (who wrote the famous burial sentences, sung at most state funerals). Ironically St Anne's was bombed in later generations and its tower remains a vivid war memorial to all who pass by that famous hub in the middle of one of the world's busiest cities.

The centenary of the Armistice is commemorated in many ways. We recall how different our society is today from a century ago, the changes including the improved status of woman were really inspired by sacrifice and loss. We often say that peace and freedom are not free but it is not through resting on the sacrifice of previous generations but a willingness to present action that peace is secured in a contemporary world. It isn't through bowing our head and closing our eyes that the sacrifices of war are truly honoured unless accompanied by political will. Perhaps the best way to celebrate the armistice would be to open our eyes and demand the refusal of our government to sell arms to those who will use them against other human beings. End to child detention and help for refugees is highlighted on Friday with bell ringing from our tower at noon and also presence at recent rally in Canberra.

Again, many thanks to all who assisted in our **annual fete** in QEII Square, which was probably our most successful fete in 160 years.

The blessing of the animals on the **Feast of St Francis**—with guest speaker Sussan Ley who has championed the end of live exports was riveting and gained very significant community attention and also thanks to Bryan Baker, local farmer who brought some of his lambs to swell the congregation.

Tunes on Tuesday continues to be a lunchtime hit with – during November we have Malcolm Halford (organ) on the 6th and James Flores (organ) on the 20th. St Matthews was proud to support one of the region's most important events **Relay for Life** and the St Matthews were well represented.

All Souls and All Saints Day – will be commemorated on Wednesday, 31st October assisted by our Pastoral Care team.

Sunday 4th November – **All Saints Day** service at 9am and Evensong at 5pm, when our bellringers and bell ringing will be the focus of our celebration.

As the civic church of the region we are proud to help our community remember the fallen particularly this year, the centenary of the armistice. **Remembrance**

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Day - Sunday 11th November there will be a short service at 9am_followed by the main Remembrance Day service at 10.30am, with special music sung and in conjunction with the armed forces, cadets and RSL.

Please book now for very own **Albury Chamber Music Festival** - **from 16th to 18th November**. We are pleased to announce the return to St Matthews of the Governor of NSW and his wife for the opening concert and vice regal reception; last year tickets sold out and with music lovers from Sydney and Melbourne helping to make the ACMF an important cultural event it is truly not to be missed.

St Matthews **Annual General Meeting on 25th November** will follow the 9am service. Also a farewell lunch for our Head verger Ray Fietz and our choir will head off to Beechworth to lead the Anglican Parish in a patronal Evensong at 6pm. We are pleased to continue a long tradition of supporting our neighbouring

parishes with regular support to Yackandandah and Tallangatta both in their parish mission and Op Shop.

Looking ahead for the Christmas calendar traditional Advent Carols with Evensong on 2nd December and our Interfaith Carols and Lessons – Sunday 16th December and Christmas Seniors Service – Wednesday 19th December at 10.30am.



Fr Peter









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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS NOVEMBER

Advertising Sign. Still waiting for the D.A

The Garden. It is looking good. The water system is working. Appreciate the work Robyn & her team is doing in the garden. The garden is the doorway to the church.

Gazebo. This has been built. It is ready to be painted. The roof will be put on it when its erected. It will be put in place in time for the Governor to open on the 16th November.

25th **Anniversary** of the re-opening of the church to be held September **2019**. Hope to have concerts, organ recitals. It will be a thank you to the community.

Century of the Armistice. To be held at 10.30 am on Sunday 11th November. St Matthew's Choir to sing, also Dianne Prince will be the soloist. There will be a short communion service at 9 am

Treasurer's Report. Fantastic fete! \$5288 was the takings for the fete, \$5055 was raised by the pet show. A total of \$10343. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way. All accounts are now being paid electronically. Mark was thanked for all the work he is doing

Outreach Annette and her team are doing a marvellous job.

Anglican Food Room 23 hampers, 87 meals 160 drinks were handed out during September.

Op Shop takings were \$473.75

Kaye Kennedy Secretary

FROM GOLDA QUINLIVAN

Appreciation and many thanks once again to Kevin Thorman for transporting sales items down, as well as Eric Cossor and Phil Stephenson. To my great team of helpers, not only on the day but over the years, many thanks to you all.

Matthew Paul, you are a special person looking after us so well with the trestles.

Father Peter, once again for organising a lovely fine day.

Thanks to my children, Greta and Dean for the shade canopies and help.

Best of luck to the new committee - as I am retiring due to age and circumstances. Once again, many thanks and God bless.

Golda Quinlivan

PARISH A G M SUNDAY 25th NOV. AFTER THE 9 AM SERVICE

N.B. Could all coordinators of the different groups

please send Deb a short report preferably by email, of their group's activities for the last twelve months in good time, so that it can be included in the AGM booklet.

This will be also be the farewell for Ray Fietz, who is moving to Bathurst to live with his daughter. He will SADLY missed!

Thanks, Kaye Kennedy



St Matthew's MU 30th birthday Lunch and brief History

Mother's Union World Wide has over 4 million members, and was started in England by Mary Sumner in the late 1800's to help mothers realize more fully their responsibilities as wives and mothers.



The purpose of M U is to be specially concerned with all that strengthens and preserves marriage and Christian family life.

Our branch celebrated 30 years of existence with a Luncheon on Tuesday 16th October, at the Newmarket Hotel there were about 35 of us, and we welcomed visitors! Kirsty Coyle, our branch secretary made a very generous delicious & beautifully decorated birthday cake, flanked by 3 helium balloons, and a 30th birthday sign.

<u>During the Luncheon, Gill Mackay presented a Brief History of our branch -:</u>

We formed our Branch with the Sanction of Fr Don McMonigle. Our first meeting date (which still stands today) - was 3rd Tuesday of the month in October 1988, when 7 members were enrolled, and about 15 interested people attended. Our first President was Janette Kettyle who put her heart and soul into learning all about M.U. We became a very vibrant branch. (In 2000 Janette was installed as the Diocesan President, and did a magnificent job over 3 years.) Every year our members attend Lady Day at the Cathedral in Wangaratta, and meet with members of other branches.

Our activities began with soup lunches with Bible study and discussions. An after school activities club in our hall every week, we held a seminar on Marriage, with the help of the rector in residence, we held 'Mini-mites' once a month in our hall, and this gave Mothers a chance to chat and have a cuppa while MU members looked after the children.

We held a Teddy Bear's picnic near Christmas in the Botanical Gardens. The Priest would read a story to the children and we'd provide morning tea and cordial. We hold a Quiet Day every Lent, which has been recently held at Jill Aplin's lovely garden, we invite parishioners to join us, one of the Clergy gives us some Meditations suitable for the day, then Communion. After the Meditations we sit quietly alone, reflecting or reading or just listening to sounds of the

We hold a very popular Pancake night, in Lent, provide Morning Tea at the fete,- monies from these go to the Church. Mothers and Fathers are remembered on their appropriate days, with cards given to each, after 9am service.

Every 3rd Sunday, some members help run activities for Children's Church, and serve morning tea after the service. Our Members attend and take part in each Baptism service, and present the family with a small gift and card from our branch. Our MU group runs a Bible Study group each Friday -please see Janette Kettyle if you'd like to join.

Our group is always open to new members, especially young mums, to become involved in our activities, and to inject new ideas! MU is not a fundraising group but we do have one major fundraiser per year to support people in need. This money goes to the National Branch of MU to distribute.

P.S. This is a précis of Gill's report, to receive a full edition, please see Gill or other M.U. Members.













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MEDITATION - ADVENT

"Let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us His ways, so that we may walk in his paths." (Isaiah Ch: 2: verse 3)



The coming of Jesus Christ (the Messiah) was a constant theme in the Old Testament. For centuries the nation Israel had been waiting for its King – a King sent directly from God. One of the jobs of the Old Testament prophets was to keep this hope alive, and to prepare the people for the coming of the Christ. We read in St Matthew Chapter 21 verse 9 how Jesus rode into Jerusalem and the crowds welcomed Him and the whole city was stirred. "Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest."

The need for preparation is recognised in most parts of our life. We take great pains to prepare for events that are important to us - a job interview, a wedding, a holiday, special visitors. To enter into the true spirit of Christmas, we need to prepare ourselves. Not just for the festivities, but to celebrate the coming of the One of whom the prophets spoke.

Advent which means coming or arrival, is a four week period which is not just a time to prepare for an earthly celebration. It speaks to us of Jesus, and the purpose of His coming – for He brings great blessings to mankind – salvation, joy and peace. He comes to teach us His way, so that we may walk with Our Heavenly Father and show the quiet confidence that Jesus showed as He trusted in the care and goodness of God.

It also bids us to look forward to the time of Our Lord's promised return and to prepare ourselves for the realisation of His promise that one day we shall meet Him face to face.

From the Sermons of Father Colin

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to bring a conviction against you?

Evening Group News

On Thursday 27th September, Robyn Gibbs gave a very interesting talk about the plants in the Rectory and Church gardens. he weather was great, and people enjoyed sitting in the gardens after the talk, for a delicious morning tea.



Thankyou to everyone who attended.

Margaret Shearer President





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Children's Church in October.

The theme for today was 'Jesus loves all the Children'.

Rev. Catherine took the service, welcoming the congregation *\text{\sigma} and told the children that they were especially welcome. The *\text{\sigma}

wording of the service sheet were easy to understand. She discussed with the children what it was like being a kid, and got plenty of entertaining but insightful replies. Reverend Catherine told the story of how the disciples tried to dismiss a family group of children, wanting to speak to Jesus, and that they were rebuked by Jesus, who said that unless a person was as honest and trusting as a young child, they were unlikely to become a true follower. We sang some appropriate action songs, played by Tom Summerfield, (thanks Tom!) then the 16 children gathered around the Children's Altar, to help prepare for Communion. The children received Communion first, then the rest of the congregation. At the conclusion of the service, the children decorated some large hearts, with drawings of people they love, and stickers, then a ribbon for hanging, before having some child-friendly food, and drink, while their parents also chatted over a coffee and eats, in the warrior chapel.

A relaxed and friendly atmosphere existed throughout the morning, and the children were safe and contained within the church building environment! Conce again we thank all our helpers who are always willing to help on the day!.

Julie Scott Coordinator of Children's Church for M.U. St. Matthew's Albury.









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FETE NEWS!

Glorious sunny spring weather greeted the stall-holders and patrons in QEII Square, Albury on Saturday 6 October for the St Matthew's Fair on the Square. Setting up began at 6.00 am and by opening time at 8.00 am a brisk trade had been established.

Patrons could keep energised through the tantalizing aroma emanating from the BBQ or partake of a delicious Devonshire Tea while purchasing scrumptious cakes and slices. Garden enthusiasts could stroll around, while mulling over their choice of plants and those patrons searching for a special gift could peruse the book stall, toys, craft, clothing and trash-n-treasure.

Musical entertainment was provided throughout the morning with a special appearance from Cathie's Irish Dancers. The group have been performing at the Fair for a number of years now and are much appreciated by the onlookers.

This year there was a special treat organised by the indomitable duo, twin sisters, Lyn Winnel and Jenny Prince. They had spent many painstaking hours advertising the Pet Show and Champion Baby & Child Show and were not disappointed. The Pet Show offered numerous categories and Fr Peter was in his element as he selected his choice. He blessed all creatures, great and small, for long, happy and contented lives with their owners. Dogs big and small, hairy and smooth, dressed in smart outfits and looking like their owners took part. Other species were represented as well: three Tonkinese cats, rabbits, a very hungry chook, an albino python and a very special appearance by a tiny toy dragon. There was also a photo competition. The winners received trophies, medals and prizes and a 1-metre tall trophy for Grand Champion winner.

The Baby Show was extremely difficult to judge as all entrants were equally beguiling and beautifully attired. Fr Peter couldn't choose and was imploring God's assistance. Eventually everything was sorted and a very satisfying outcome achieved. All winners and their parents were extremely thrilled with their prizes.

The organisers would like to thank the local community for their generous donations towards the BBQ, prizes and raffle and the stall-holders for their herculean efforts in making this event such a success. Please join us again next October for another happy family funday event!

St Francis Day was celebrated the following day and the congregation brought their furbabies to be blessed by Fr Peter. There were several varieties of dogs, cats, chooks and sheep. Animal voices were also raised in song and commented on the address and during the Eucharist.







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NEWS FROM THE TOWER

Have you thought about learning to ring the bells at St Matthew's? Well now is the time to do more than just think about it. The November Evensong service will be dedicated to the Bellringers and we hope to have the camera in there with us so that you can actually see us ringing. There is also going to be a special presentation to some of the members so please come and join us.



Now for some news. Paige came to us in January following a career move to the district. Paige is a very enthusiastic bellringer who learnt

to ring elsewhere, and during school holidays takes to the road to visit other belltowers. Alex has decided to join the Sanctuary team but will also keep up with his bellringing. Kerrie has recently completed her University studies and is fortunate to have a full time position waiting for her to commence before the end of the year. Congratulations Kerrie. Both Bob and Paige recently lost loved family members and we offer our sincere sympathy to them.

Apart from our bellringing skills we are fast becoming known as the St Matthew's BBQ team, contributing just under \$800 at the recent fete. Well done team and our grateful thanks must go to Jenny and Lyn for organising all food to be donated so that we made 100% profit.

<u>Armistice Day 100.</u> 1400 Bellringers died in WW1. To honour their memory it is hoped to enlist 1400 new bellringers worldwide and to have them trained sufficiently to enable them to ring on Armistice Day 2018. We will be ringing at St Matthew's as usual on Armistice Day as it falls on a Sunday, and then once again at noon.

Remember, if you would like to learn more about bellringing please join us on practice night (Tuesday 5 to 6.30 PM) or pop up when we are ringing on Sunday morning before church.

Pam Thorman, Tower Captain







★ FOR THE KIDS—

- ★ Q. Why did Wally put a chicken in hot bath? A. So she would lay hard boiled eggs.
- Q. How do snails paint their shells? A. Their use snail polish
- ★ Q. What school subjects are snakes best at? A. Hiss –tory
- Q. Why did the turkey join the band? A. Because it had the drumsticks.



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HUMOUR

Twenty-five years ago in Adelaide, Kenneth Leal caught the vision to 'cheer people up on their way to work', by printing pithy messages on bus, tram and train tickets. As managing director of the firm that printed State transport Authority tickets, it wasn't difficult to obtain permission! He was also a caring & effective Christian.

Here are examples of these 'Talking tickets' as they became known—

Be patient. In time ,even an egg walks!

If you are not as close to God as you once were, who do you think moved?

A smile is a curve that sets a lot of things straight.

You'll never get rid of a bad temper by loosing it.

Mud slinging is lost ground.

Whatever awaits you around the corner, God is already there.

God estimates us not by the position we are in, but by the way we fill it.

No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of others.

It's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice.

Genius is one percent inspiration, and ninety-nine percent perspiration.

The man pulling the oar has neither time nor inclination to rock the boat.

We make a living by what we get– but we make a life by what we give.

Following the path of least resistance makes rivers and men crooked.

Plan ahead- it wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.

The objects of a man's worship dictate his behaviour.

Ulcers do not come from what you eat; but what's eating you.

By taking out and never putting in, one soon reaches the bottom

The happiest people are those who don't want things they can't get.

Courage is fear that has said it's prayers.

Children have more need of role models than critics.

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ON THE RECORD

Baptisms

We welcome into Christ's family

7 October Bonnie Lee NICHOLAS

Velvet Mae EASTICK

14 October Maggie Alice BRAIN

Flynn William VAN KAMPEN Kiera Donna FLANIGAN

Nevaeh Margaret-Anne FORBES Bradley George WARHURST



28 October

We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony

13 October Andrew Philip JULIAN & Elizabeth Daisie REID



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

who mown

12 October Neville John COX

Years Mind — November

We pray for those whose anniversary falls at this time

Claudette Marie MURRAY (1st), Christopher MURPHY (2nd), Margaret EISENHAUER (3rd), Margaret KRIEGER (3rd), Suzanne May VUKASINOVIC (3rd), Mervyn Langdon MOREY (4th), Paul YOUNG (4th), Colin George HORSBURGH (4th), Norma CARRINGTON (5th), Kenneth Walter SANDERS (5th), Bruce Frederick AVERY (5th), Nancy SNARE (8th), Aileen NICHOLS (10th), Henry Randal KOTHE (11th), Max TANNER (11th), Irene GIBBS (12th), Lola Edith Alice RICKETTS (13th), Joan Matilda HODGE (13th), Mary LEMKE (15th), Percy Gordon DENGATE (15th), Catherine Anne BROWNE (15th), Harold Herbert MOREY (18th), Mary LORD (19th), Edna HUNICHEN (20th), John Charles SHUTER (22nd), David Bruce WHITE (23rd), Edward James STAR (23rd), Taylah Louise CRICHTON (23rd), 'Billie' Mary Alma NORMAN (24th), Hilda ROACH (24th), 'Jo' Mavis Joan BARRELL (26th), John KENNEDY (27th), Emma Adelaide SMITH (27th), Lester YENSCH (28th), Graeme STURT (28th)



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10:30 am. Eucharist

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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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