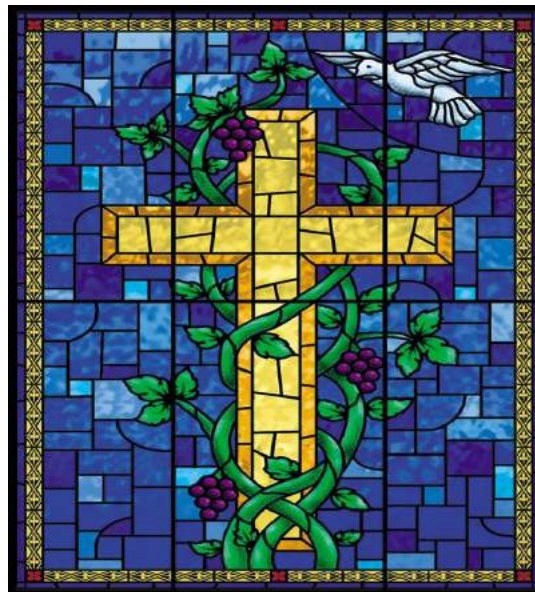


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FEBRUARY 2019

Fr Peter writes :
Dear People of St Matthew's

*Awake, my soul, and with the sun
Thy daily stage of duty run;
Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise,
To pay thy morning sacrifice.*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*



This famous hymn by Thomas Ken the father of modern hymn written is clear evidence of spiritual climate change. He wrote at a time of fear and intolerance and hard to imagine that his hymns were directed to be sung in private and this particular hymn for the students at Winchester. Despite the warning being on the packet and its performance to be suppressed or 'on the quiet' the last verse now known as the doxology is one of the best known of all hymns. very fittingly he directed this hymn to be sung at his funeral at sunrise.

Rising with the new year we have a Parish planning day as we look to the future with Lent almost upon us and the 25th Anniversary of the reopening of the church toward the end of the year. In the meantime we have the daily challenges of a mission practical, compassion and kindness and a place of excellence, safety and sanctuary in the heart of the city.

The first Evensong of the year on 3 February at 5pm, coincides with the first service in Sydney Cove in 1788 and we use the same liturgy from that period, though with the luxury of air conditioning.

Tunes on Tuesday at 1.10pm 12 February with Allan Beavis OAM and 26 March with James Strachan. highlights the fabulous St Matthews pipe organ and again with the benefit of world class air-conditioning.

Sharing the love on Valentines Day Human Rights are front and centre and first contribution to community conversation is on 14th February – Rural Australia for Refugees is hosting an evening at Wangaratta – How best to protect our human rights? Panel discussion and Q&A session with Fr Peter MacLeod-Miller, Gillian Triggs, Lee Carnie and Teela Reid

Lay Invigoration Day – at Purbrick Hall, Wangaratta on 23 February continues an education program on Safe Ministry within the Diocese.

Albury is part of global network World Day of Prayer 2019 – hosted by St Matthews Albury at 10am on Friday 1 March. Host country will be Slovenia and the theme is “Come – Everything is Ready!”

The Sunday before Ash Wednesday and Lent is Harvest Festival family service on 3rd March as we give thanks for God’s goodness in world changing for the better and will be highlighting the many ministries of St Matthews to our community and all who help.

Albury Lent Lectures at St Matthews – ‘Be the change you want to see in the world’ – Mahatma Gandhi – Guest speakers are Hugh Mackay (10th March), Helen Haines (17th March) and Fiona Patten (7th April). Dates to be confirmed 24th and 31st March.

We are continuing our special mission to the homeless and to aid our cancer centre as well as developing a model of sustained ministry to support our daily mission to the vulnerable and to the wider community.

Fr Peter

Sunday Service—27th January



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

This was the first Parish Council Meeting for the new councillors.

The December meeting was cancelled because of the rain and the streets being flooded.

The Parish Councillors are - Jane Atkinson, Matthew-Paul Fowler, Paul Hare, Martin Hendriks, Barbara Hoodless, Kaye Kennedy, Jim Lee, Amanda Lovekin, Sally Morris, Gillian Pearce, Carol Read, Kathy Sutherland.

The Wardens are - Victoria Chick (Fr Peter's warden) Mark Carden & Robyne Slade.

Kaye Kennedy was elected as Parish Council Secretary
Mark Carden as treasurer.

Building & Maintenance committee has been formed comprising Mark Carden, Martin Hendriks, & Paul Hare

Fire Hose. There is now a sign on the door where the fire hose is kept.

Rubbish. There is a lot of rubbish scattered around the grounds. If you see any rubbish lying around please pick it and put it in the appropriate bin.

Watering system This is now being looked after by the building & maintenance committee

Food Room. 29 hampers, & 125 drinks were handed out in November.
23 hampers 87 meals & 130 drinks were handed out in December.
460 Christmas hampers were distributed

Op Shop. The op shop takings \$688.75. November \$242.80 in December
The new owners of the Globe Hotel are going to renovate the building. We will be given 6 to 8 weeks' notice before they start the renovations.

In September there will be events to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the re-opening of the church after the fire

OUR PARISH NEEDS FUNDRAISING IDEAS !

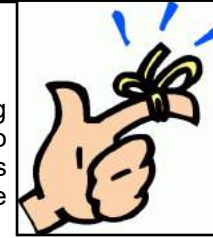
Parish Council is to hold a planning meeting early in February.

Kaye Kennedy Parish Council Secretary

2019 GRAPEVINE FEES

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Julie Scott Grapevine Editor

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Senior's Christmas Service—19th December



M E D I T A T I O N

ST STEPHEN-THE FIRST CHRISTIAN MARTYR

“While they were stoning him Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my Spirit” (Acts 7:59)

Saint Stephen is celebrated immediately after Christmas (December 26th) and is probably best known from the opening verse of the Carol Good King Wenceslas who looked out “on the Feast of Stephen.”



All that we know of Saint Stephen is contained in the book of the Acts of the Apostles, chapters 6 and 7.

Stephen was one of seven young deacons chosen by the Apostles to help them carry out their work of preaching the Gospel and helping the poor. He is described as being full of faith and the power of the Holy Spirit, and one who did great miracles. (Acts 6:5-8)

Stephen was also a talented preacher, and what he said often upset the Jewish leaders. Such was the opposition against him that some people were prepared to lie about what he had been saying and testify against him. He was brought before the Sanhedrin or ruling Council of the Jews where the leaders were “stung to fury” at what he was saying. He was dragged outside the gates of Jerusalem and stoned to death. As he was dying, he asked Jesus to receive his spirit and not to charge his enemies with their sin. (Acts 7: 54-60)

Saul (later called Paul) witnessed and approved of Stephen’s stoning.

Following Stephen’s death, Saul went around making murderous threats against the disciples, frightening the believers, and dragging people from their homes and having them put in prison for their faith.

He then gained permission to widen his persecution, so he set out to seek and destroy as many Christians as possible in the Synagogue at Damascus. As he left on his journey, Paul passed through the same Gate where he stood when Stephen was stoned to death. Along the way he was confronted by a bright light and the presence of Jesus. Following this encounter, he became a chosen instrument of the Lord and embraced the Christian faith.

It is not part of the Christian hope to look for a life free from trouble and distress. The Christian hope is that in Christ we can endure the trials that come our way, yet remain strong and finally experience the salvation of God.

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

(From the Sermons of Father Colin.)



Children's Church Dec.16th 2018

The theme for today was 'JOY', and Rev Catherine who took the service, reminded us that Mary and Joseph were chosen to be Jesus's earthly parents because they were ordinary people. She then proceeded to tell how the ordinary can be transformed into the extra-ordinary, by using chocolate bars with the names 'Dream' 'Picnic' 'Rocky road' etc. to tell the story of the nativity, much to the amusement of all! There was the baptism of Charlie G. Dawson, and the Baptismal party joined in with the action songs during the service, the many children joining in with the usual congregation. The children gathered around the children's altar during the Communion preparation. There were 16 of our children, and they enjoyed doing craft centred around a mini banner with 'Joy' on it, and also decorated a bauble to put on the Children's Church Christmas tree. There was party food and the parents enjoyed catching up with each other over a 'cuppa and cake'. Sadly, farewell was said to one of our regular families, the Duncan-Browns— Hanan, Torquil, Lachlan and Alex, as they return to Sydney, we all wish them well! We thank Rowena Ginns for playing the piano for us, and all our helpers, Matthew-Paul, Sandy, David, Golda, Carol and Gill, who cheerfully help out! We wish the Children's Church congregation a Happy and safe Christmas and New Year! We look forward to another good year of Children's Church in 2019 !



Children's Church January 20th 2019

The theme of the day was 'GIFTS' for the King' especially those brought by the Wise Men. Rev. Catherine officiated, and spoke about all sorts of gifts. There was a small procession of 'Kings', led by the large star, The finger prayer was demonstrated as a reminder of how we can pray to God, and each finger prompts us to pray for everyone in turn. Catherine told the story of an 'extra wise man,' who was planning to give some precious jewels to baby Jesus, but got waylaid, using the jewels to help people in need along the way. Eventually, he as an old man, found the grown-up Jesus, and was commended by Jesus for his generosity, tho he had no jewels to bestow. The congregation, stood in a wide line across the aisle to receive communion, the older children helping Catherine. Each child was given a small cardboard box to construct, and put a gold heart in the box, and a gold-wrapped jelly baby to give to someone special. As it was a hot day, icy-poles were enjoyed by the children. Tom Summerfield was our musician, we warmly thank our regular cheerful helpers !



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

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day





Royal School of Church Music Gold Award

Four choir members Lyn Winnel, Sarah Winnel, Dianne Prince and Jenny Prince have been presented with the RSCM Gold Award. This is extremely tremendous as they are all from the same family and there are only nine recipients in Australia. They are from St. Matthew's Anglican Church, Albury with the Rector Venerable Peter MacLeod-Miller, Archdeacon of The Hume. This is a very prestigious award to receive due to lots of preparation and hard work as it includes a highly demanding exam that they completed by travelling to England. The structure of the syllabus for the RSCM reflects that of the *Voice for Life* scheme, designed to develop your vocal skills, music understanding and knowledge of repertoire. The award is based on five different sections and requires candidates to prepare ten pieces for examination. They had to demonstrate consistency throughout the examination in each section:

Using the voice well: They chose to sing a hymn, psalm, song, anthem, and liturgical setting. In this section, the examiner was looking for precise intonation; rhythmic accuracy and style; comprehension of the text and communication of the mood of the piece amongst other aspects. Not an easy task for anybody - singing is a physical activity which requires stamina, concentration and dedication.

Musical skills and understanding: Another five pieces were selected for rehearsal and interpretation with questions focusing on technical, interpretative and stylistic aspects. They were also required to demonstrate stylistic awareness upon sight-reading. This is considered essential as choir members need to learn new repertoire as quickly as possible.

Repertoire knowledge: This section involved writing program notes on their chosen hymn, song, anthem and liturgical setting. They were asked questions on matters arising from their program notes, and further understanding of any of their prepared pieces. This made them aware of why they were singing and what they were singing about, personalising the examination with their experience.

Belonging to the choir: Two written testimonials were required and participation in the RSCM residential courses which provides valuable experience in church music. They find that it is spiritually uplifting to be a member of their church choir, singing God's messages and helping to lead the congregation in worship.

Choir in context: This section is designed to allow them to show their developing depth of liturgical understanding. They wrote their own Evening Service with a Scripture Reading and Prayer. This focuses on candidates demonstrating an awareness of the significance of musical ministry and an understanding of the pattern and format of services within their church community. The Gold Award was a special project that they focused on and found it uplifting and fulfilling. They enjoyed researching significant events on the religious calendar, exploring different pieces and composers as well as analysing choral music to formulate their ideas and opinions for their portfolio. Their commitment to the choir and general musical competence and experience brings great rewards. This preparation has strengthened their faith, it has served to assist them in the musical ministry within the choir of St. Matthew's Anglican Church, Albury.

Lyn Winnel

L-R: Lyn Winnel, Sarah Winnel, Dianne Prince & Jenny Prince



FOR THE KIDS ***2019 JOKES***

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| Q. Which grade has the greenest thumbs? | A. The Kindergardeners |
| Q. What is white when dirty and black when clean | A. A Blackboard |
| Q. Why did the girl wear glasses to Maths class? | A To improve her di-vision |
| Q. What room can a student never enter? | A. A mushroom |

H U M O U R *Old technology but a good story— no bull !*

Two sisters, one blonde and one brunette, inherit the family ranch. Unfortunately, after just a few years, they are in financial trouble..
In order to keep the bank from repossessing the ranch, they need to purchase a bull so that they can breed their own stock.

Upon leaving with \$600, the brunette tells her sister, 'When I get there, if I decide to buy the bull, I'll contact you to drive out after me and haul it home.'

The brunette arrives at the man's ranch, inspects the bull, and decides she wants to buy it. The man tells her that he will sell it for \$599, no less. After paying him, she drives to the nearest town to send her sister a telegram to tell her the news.

She walks into the telegraph office, and says, 'I want to send a telegram to my sister telling her that I've bought a bull for our ranch. I need her to hitch the trailer to our pickup truck and drive out here so we can haul it home.'

The telegraph operator explains that he'll be glad to help her, then adds, it will cost 99 cents a word. Well, after paying for the bull, the brunette realizes that she'll only be able to send her sister one word.

After a few minutes of thinking, she nods and says, 'I want you to send her the word 'comfortable.'

The operator shakes his head. 'How is she ever going to know that you want her to hitch the trailer to your pickup truck and drive out here to haul that bull back to your ranch if you send her just the word 'comfortable?'

The brunette explains, 'My sister's blonde. The word is big. She'll read it very slowly... 'com-for-da-bul.'



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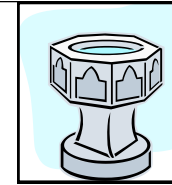
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Baptisms

We welcome into Christ's family

9 December	Tamara Anne PUMPA Jace Kevin Alan GIDDINS
14 December	Kheely Mae CHURCH
16 December	Charlie Gregory DAWSON
24 December	Florence Kiah CLARK Bronte Evangeline FELLOWS



Weddings

We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony

No weddings in December



Funerals

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

11 January	Judith Ann ALLSOP
21 January	Mita PAULJEVIC



Years Mind—

We pray for those whose anniversary falls at this time

February

Betty BRADDY (1st), Isabel Maggie BROMFIELD (1st), Syd PIPER (2nd), Jean Olive OSMAND (2nd), Craig Leigh WHITE (4th), Elaine Betty ATKINSON (5th), Leura Margaret PENNISI (5th), Ivy Adelaide GRANT (7th), Stanley Victor RUDD (7th), Mavis Jean SMITH (9th), 'Bill William Joseph MOFFITT (11th), 'Bob' Robert LEWIS (11th), Eva STRACHAN (13th), Karen Margo PICKERING (13th), Dot CLAY (14th), Mavis Jean WRIGHT (14th), Grahame LING (16th), Crisostomo FRANCISCO (18th), Warren Littlewood JONES (19th), Reginald Clark STAR (20th), Sandra Jean RIDE (20th), Douglas Campbell COLLINGWOOD (21st), Keith Dalwyn HORE (21st), Elizabeth Carol MARTIN (21st), Clifford Raymond MEARS (22nd), Livinia Amaya Joy DUGGAN (22nd), Betty Lyall KIRKWOOD (23rd), Robert John BROOKS (23rd), Joan HENSHAW (24th), George Henry Hales COLEMAN (25th), Geoffrey James COLQUHOUN (26th), Ross Littlewood JONES (26th), Helen CHESHIRE (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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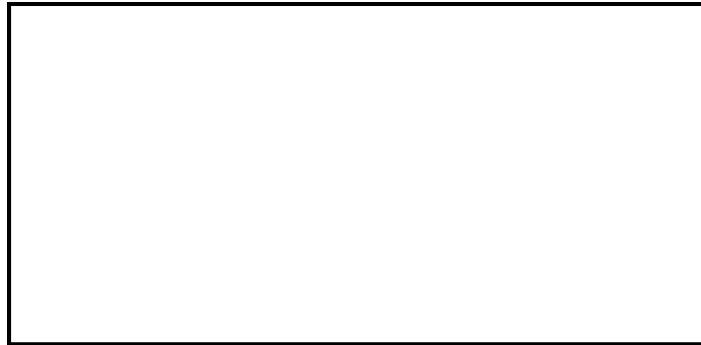
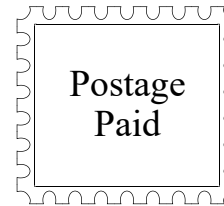
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