

ST MATTHEW'S GRAPEVINE



PARISH OF ALBURY

*In the heart of Albury
Welcomes all people*

MARCH 2019

Fr Peter writes :

Dear People of St Matthew's

*Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways!
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives thy service find,
In deeper reverence praise.*

*In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow thee.*

JOHN WHITTIER 1807-92



Gillian Triggs & Fr Peter

John Greenleaf Whittier was an American poet who had experience as a journalist and in politics. He knew difficulties in physical and mental health and his spirituality was based on ideas of humanity and compassion. He was inspired by meeting with Charles Dickens and worked toward the abolition of slavery and for women's rights. His spiritual priorities might well be ours today as we seek to make the world a better place and using Lent to find the good and our daily life at St Matthews accords well with the theme of the season.

Running with the theme of change the retirement of Bishop John Parkes as Bishop of Wangaratta has just been announced on St Thomas' Day 21st December and be on leave from the conclusion of Synod at the end of August. We pray for Bishop John, his family and the Diocese as we look to the future and give thanks for the past.

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), is social commentator and one of Australia's leading speakers;

Helen Haines (17th March), is a noted leader in public health and succeeds Cathy McGowan in the values and motivations of political leadership in the region;

Lauriston Muirhead & Justin Clancy (24th March), Lauriston and Justin both enjoy the respect of our community, both having care for people and compassion and the world in which we live, despite battling for different political teams having their eye focused on the ball of community outcomes;

Sussan Ley (31st March), the member for Farrer with a passion for the many themes of regional life and noted for standing against live exports and for principle over political policy;

Fiona Patten (7th April) is a leading politician in the Victorian parliament and has a national voice in civil liberties and the care of minorities and dignity of women.

We are continuing a 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.

Tunes on Tuesday at 1.10pm for March we have Hugh Fullarton on the 12th and students of Kaori Sparks on the 26th March.

Palm Sunday – 14th April – Fr Rod Bower, who will focus on the environment and wonderful to have him back.

Fr Peter

1st March 2019—World Day of Prayer—Slovenia



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Security Cameras have been installed in the church and grounds. These have been turned on. Signs will be put up advising people that we are recording.

The Garden is looking good. Robyne Gibbs comes regularly to water the Urns.

The Safe Church committee met. Mark Carden was elected as chairperson. Jane Atkinson is in charge of risk management & events. Amanda Lovekin communication. 44 parishioners have put their working with children forms in.

Pastoral Care. If you know of anyone who is sick, would you please let Deb in the office know.

Anglican Food Room. 29 hampers, 167 meals, 289 drinks were given out in January.

Takings for the op shop \$198.60. Jack's Rags \$16.20

Finances. Our income is down.

Highgrove continues to generate money for us.

Fundraising. We are desperate for funds

Our first fundraiser for the year will be the HIGH TEA at Adamshurst on 9th March. Bookings are essential.

There will be a Book Fair on date to be announced. If you have any books you would like to donate please drop them off to the office between 8.30 am & 12.30 pm. **Books must be in good order**
PLEASE SUPPORT THESE 2 EVENTS

For the Diary - the Fete to be held on the 12th October 2019

Kaye Kennedy, Secretary

Evening Group News

We had our first meeting for 2019 on Thursday 21st February.



It was decided to donate \$400 to the Hay Run Drought appeal. Also, \$500 was donated for the continued hire of the photocopier.

We plan to have a cakeless cake stall in the first half of the year—watch out for the announcement re this.

We meet on the 3rd Thursday at 7pm, usually at the Rectory, (any change to venue or time, will be advised.)

New members are always welcome.

Del Jenkins, Secretary

Shrove Tuesday

PANCAKE NIGHT

5TH March

5pm onwards



Pancakes served from the Church

Seating in the Rectory Gardens

\$5 adults & \$2 children.

Sweet & Savory fillings available

Please bring last year's palm crosses !

A lovely night for all Parishioners , families particularly!



MEDITATION

TEMPTATION IN THE DESERT



“Jesus was led by the spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. And he fasted forty days and forty nights” (Matthew 4:1-11)

The temptations or tests that Jesus faced in the desert were designed to deflect him from his loyalty to God, and suggested easier and more enticing ways for him to fulfil his earthly mission.

The first test was to turn small desert stones into bread, so that people would follow him for the things he could provide for them. But Our Lord pointed out that his followers needed to pursue a life of giving, not getting.

The second test was for Jesus to throw himself off the top of the temple and show that he didn't get injured in the fall. His reply was that we weren't to put God to the test.

The third test was a promise from Satan to give Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if he would worship him. Jesus' reply was that we should worship and serve only God.

These temptations weren't a one off experience for Jesus. He was tested throughout his ministry, culminating in the night in the Garden of Gethsemane when he prayed “take this cup from me – yet not my will but what you will”. (Mark 14:36)

Like Our lord, we are tested every day – usually in the little ordinary things that may cause us to be jealous, angry, selfish, lack compassion or doubt our faith. Sometimes we may find ourselves in our own wilderness- a dark and desolate place that lacks meaning or purpose. Not because God wants that, but because we live in a fragile and broken world. Satan never gives up. “Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him. Stand firm in the faith.” (1 Peter 5:8)

When we stand up and resist, our character and faith can be strengthened and we can learn valuable lessons from the experience. Just as angels ministered to Jesus during his testing time, so God accompanies us, and will give us the strength to emerge renewed in hope and faith.

Inspired by Jesus, it is with confidence that we can pray... “lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil .”

Following the path of least resistance is what makes rivers and people crooked.
(Talking Tickets)

(From the Sermons of Father Colin)



Children's Church in February 2019

The theme for February was "In the Image of God". Rev'd Catherine took the service. We had 3 jaunty songs, ably played by Tom Summerfield. As we started the service, the children were reminded why we come to church. The children gave some great answers to the question 'What is another word for praying, and 'talking to God' was a great one! Rev'd Catherine, as she does each service, had the children join in the 'Hand Prayer', saying how each of our fingers remind us of who to pray for, in turn!

The teaching segment was a delightful story pitched at children, talking about how young children are often told they are the image of Aunty Helen, - same build, hair colour etc. And how babies are often said to be the image of their bearded Dad, (how many bearded babies do you see!!?) etc.!

The story then concluded that if we love to make things, tidy things up, get upset when we see someone picked on at kindy or school, we are also in the image of God. Conclusion: If we follow Jesus; we are endeavouring to be in the Image of God!

Craft time then followed, and the children made an image of themselves, with paper plates, googly eyes, wool hair, and coloured paper clothes, all on a bamboo stick.

The parents enjoyed a cuppa and a chat while the craft happened!

Thanks to all our supporters who are so friendly to all!

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



Sunday Service—3rd February



Sunday Service—10th February



Sunday Service—17th February



Sunday 24th February—Sunday Service and Ann Blainey Book Launch



Safe Church - OUR COMMITMENT

The Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta, including all ministry units within the Diocese, has zero tolerance for abuse.

All people, including children and vulnerable adults, have the right to be respected and valued and to feel emotionally, physically and spiritually safe at all times. We are committed to providing a safe, respectful, welcoming and positive environment for children and adults from all backgrounds.

We will:

- Listen to anyone who raises concerns, take their concerns seriously, respond with respect and compassion and take appropriate action;
- Report disclosures or suspicions of abuse according to our procedures and as required by law;
- Ensure procedures are clear, appropriate and effective for responding to allegations of abuse;
- Provide support to those involved and seek appropriate help for a just and fair resolution.

Further information can be found at:
<http://www.wangaratta-anglican.org.au/safe-church/>

Members of the St Matthew's Parish Albury Safe Church Committee, are Father Peter, Jane Atkinson, Mark Carden, Debra Davenport and Amanda Lovekin

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Invites You to Attend

A Seniors' Easter Service

**on Wednesday 17th April 2019
at 10.30 am**

A specially designed service
in preparation for Easter Week

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We truly want to make you our special focus

Light refreshments will be served
at the conclusion of the service

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Telephone 6021 3022
and we will make every effort to arrange it.
(Residential Care Facilities please make own arrangements)



For the kids -

Q. When do 8 + 8 make more than 16? A. When they make 88

Q. What has 8 legs and sings? A. A quartet

Q. When do broken bones become useful? A. When they start to knit.

Q. Why did the girl put sugar under her pillow? A. She wanted sweet dreams

H U M O U R *An amazing 2 letter English word !*

A reminder that one word in the English language
that can be a noun, verb, adjective, adverb
and preposition.

UP

Read until the end ... you'll laugh.
This two-letter word in English has more meanings than any other two-
letter word, and that
word is '**UP**.' It is listed in the dictionary as an
[adv.], [prep.], [adj.], [n] or [v].

It's easy to understand **UP**, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list,
but when we awaken
in the morning, why do we wake **UP**?

At a meeting, why does a topic come **UP**?
Why do we speak **UP**, and why are the officers
UP for election and why is it **UP** to the secretary
to write **UP** a report? We call **UP** our friends,

brighten **UP** a room, polish **UP** the silver,
warm **UP** the leftovers and clean **UP** the
kitchen. We lock **UP** the house and fix **UP**
the old car.

At other times, this little word has real special
meaning. People stir **UP** trouble, line **UP** for

tickets, work **UP** an appetite, and think **UP**
excuses. To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed **UP** is special.

A drain must be
opened **UP** because it is stopped **UP**.

We open **UP** a store in the morning but we close
it **UP** at night. We seem to be pretty mixed **UP** about **UP**!

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding **UP**. When the sun comes
out, we say it is clearing **UP**. Oh . . . one more thing you do first thing you
get up? And the last thing you do at night —

**U
P !**



A great Oak is only a little acorn that has held it's
ground.! (Talking tickets)

ON THE RECORD

Baptisms

We welcome into Christ's family

27 January	Daisy Ann ALBURY
3 February	Isobelle Lea DONALDSON
10 February	Alba Edith STROH
24 February	Luka James Richard BROWN
	Ace Olliva PIKE



Weddings

We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony

No weddings in January or February



Funerals

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

21 January	Mita PAULJEVIC
11 February	Paul WARNER



Years Mind –

We pray for those whose anniversary falls at this time

March

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

ATTENTION KNITTERS! !

AT EACH BAPTISM, A KNITTED TEDDY, SUITABLE FOR BOYS OR GIRLS IS HANDED OUT TO THE BAPTISED INFANT.

It is a very appreciated outreach! As St Matthew's has plenty of baptisms we need a lot of teddies! If you like to knit, please see any of the Mother's Union members for a pattern & information for this worthwhile outreach!



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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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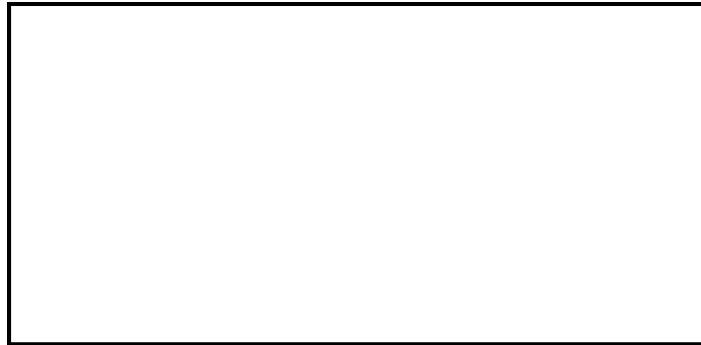
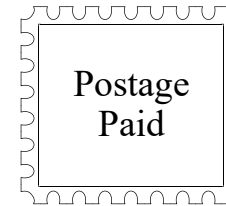
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