

ST MATTHEW'S GRAPEVINE



PARISH OF ALBURY

*In the heart of Albury
Welcomes all people*

JULY 2019

Fr Peter writes :

Dear People of St Matthew's

*Silent night, holy night:
All is calm, all is bright
Round the virgin mother and child
holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace*

*Silent night, holy night:
Wondrous star, lend your light;
With angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King;
Christ our Saviour is born,
Christ our Saviour is born.*



Christmas in July has become a popular fundraiser and community activity in Australia and the famous carol Silent Night written and performed 200 years ago in Austria when the parish pipe organ was out of action and an emergency carol was needed to be accompanied by guitar. Our lives are full of plan B's and the way we respond to immediate need can provide some unexpected good news. The organ disaster associated with the carol 'Silent Night' has strong resonances in our own experience with our organ at St Matthews currently in bits as a result of the soot and smoke damage from an arson attack two years ago. This year being the 25th year anniversary of the church reopening since in 1991 fire and consequently 25th birthday of the organ it seems appropriate to do whatever we can to enhance this amazing instrument that gets used nearly 365 days of the year. We are fortunate to host some of Albury biggest community commemorations and also have become the opportunity for a new generation of organ students and anonymous donations have helped launch the series of works and of course we are looking for more donations for the completion of cleaning, restoration and enhancement of St Matthews most valuable asset beyond the building and people.

Our new **Op Shop** on Retro Lane was also a plan B after moving from our small op shop in the Globe building on every level its going great guns and we are very grateful to all who have helped launch it and looking for donations of good quality clothing and household goods as well as volunteers to staff such a happy band of great people.

Tunes on Tuesday continues to grow in its audience and reputation and we look forward to forth coming concerts at 1.10pm – we have Grace Trebley (Clarinet) on the 2nd July, James Flores (Piano/Organ) on the 16th July, Stephanie Johnston (Piano) on the 30th July and Allan Beavis (Organ) on the 13th August.

Please note there is NO Evensong on 7th July due to the choir on holidays and the organ restoration.

After fourteen years Deb Davenport who has been of the daily life of St Matthews in times of great change will retire 'she can't really that age?' and we have a farewell lunch at Adamshurst following the service on the 7th July and Deb officially bows out on the Friday 14th. Donations towards Deb's retirement gift can be left at the office in envelopes. Please note that if you can't make it to the service you are very welcome to the lunch starting at 12.30pm.

Australia's most famous historian **Professor Geoffrey Blainey** will have the first **Book launch** of his long career for his new book 'Before I forget' – 21st July at Adamshurst 3pm. Tickets are free, afternoon tea included and bookings through Dymocks Albury as numbers are limited.

Christmas in July – 28th July at 1pm in the ballroom at Adamshurst. Cost \$75.00 with bring your own drinks. This is a major fundraiser to assist us in the daily work with underprivileged people in the region. You might like to organize a few friends to book a table and bookings through the office.

Book Fair – 2nd and 3rd August – good quality books to be left at the office. No magazines.

Albury Chamber Music Festival Concert –Sunday 8th September, 2pm— Harpist Marshall McGuire. Single concert tickets for \$40/ \$30 concession or buy a series subscription ticket for \$105/ \$80 concession.

Find out more at <https://www.alburychambermusicfestival.com.au/concert-series/> Buy your tickets online, or in person or over the phone from the Albury Entertainment Centre box office. Ph.02 6043 5610. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the door. Tickets for students/under 18s are available at the door only for \$10.00, with identification.

Fr Peter



Tunes on Tuesday Concerts
1.10pm to 1.50pm



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Op Shop. Very exciting for everyone that we have a new op shop. It is on the corner of Kiewa St & Retro Lane just down from the church. Thank you to everyone who made it possible. If you would like to volunteer at the shop, please contact the office.

Treasurer's Report. We still owe the Diocese about \$32,000 for 4 months assessments. If you are able to increase your giving or if you are able to make a donation to the church to help reduce our debt it would be greatly appreciated. Donations received in May included \$32,000 for the organ, \$90,000 is needed. \$6,000 has been given for music scholarships
We have received a bequest for \$10,000 for the food room and \$10,000 for the church.

Building and maintenance. Martin Hendriks has cleaned out the gutters on the rectory roof.

Organ cleaning will commence on the 24th June

Safe Church. Some people have indicated it is too hard. The next safe church training will be in August at North Albury.

Outreach & Pastoral Care. Care rugs are being handed out to people who are in nursing homes, who are sick and to the bereaved. The team are involved with the homeless and those with health issues. Fr Peter to say a prayer at the winter solstice

Food Room 42 hampers, 200 meals & 320 drinks given out in May.

St Matthew's Village. A very successful sausage sizzle was held at the May happy hour. Everyone appeared to have a good time.

SAVE THE DATE 22nd September for the 25th Anniversary of the re-opening of the church, after the fire.

FETE : the date of the fete is 12th October. WANTED: A coordinator or coordinators for the treasure stall and for the bookstall. If you are interested please contact the office.

Kaye Kennedy Secretary

Sunday Services



MEDITATION

PEACE BE STILL

“Jesus awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, ‘peace be still’. The wind ceased and there was a great calm. He said, ‘why are you afraid? Have you no faith?’ (Mark 4:39-40)

Jesus and his disciples were crossing the Sea of Galilee when a violent storm occurred. Such sudden squalls were common in this region as cool air from the mountains met the hot humid air of the Lake. The terrified disciples woke the sleeping Jesus, who calmed the storm. He said to the sea, “peace be still.....and there was a great calm.”(Verse 39) In doing this, Jesus gave the disciples a sign to indicate just who he was. “Who is this, that even the wind and sea obey him ?” they had asked (Verse 41) In view of what Jesus had done, the only answer to this question was that he was the Son of God. He had demonstrated God’s presence as well as God’s power over nature, and by this miracle he sought to establish and increase the disciple’s faith.

This event on the Lake so long ago, teaches us that Our Heavenly Father cares about us and will be with us even in the most difficult circumstances of our lives. In times of anxiety and stress, we, like the fearful disciples, need to put our trust in the one who can help us through the most powerful storms we may encounter. No matter where the winds of adversity come from, or how strong they blow, if we have Jesus in the boat with us, we can know “the peace that passes all understanding” – a deep and lasting peace which comes from the unmistakeable love of God and the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Unlike worldly peace, which is usually defined as the absence of conflict, this peace is a confident assurance that in any circumstances, we have no need to fear the present or the future. “ Why are you afraid? don’t you trust me?” he may ask us.

We can feel secure in God’s power- the one who speaks calming words and who we can trust to be with us in the storms of life.

Are we really prepared to put our trust in God rather than the things of this world ? The last verse of a not so well known hymn sums it up this way ... “So when our life is clouded o’er, and storm winds drift us from the shore, say lest we sink to rise no more, peace be still”.

**“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” (John 14:27)**

(From the sermons of Father Colin)



KIDS CHURCH

Children's Church in JUNE

Children's Church's theme for June was 'God's Love builds us up', based on the Parable of "The Wise man building his house upon a rock" Matt. 7, 24-27.

There also was the Baptism of **Theo James Hutchings**.

During the teaching segment, Fr Peter (Who took the service) spoke about how having faith in

Jesus is like putting our faith in a solid rock on which to build our life. There were two, 3 D examples of buildings, one composed of plastic cups stacked up on one another to make a tower, and another- a solid construction of lego. The children were invited to collectively blow over the cup construction, which they did successfully, whereas the lego construction stood firm! Fr. Peter told the children that Jesus is reliable and can help us build lives that are positive and helpful to others, and survive the storms of life. Little Theo responded positively to the water of Baptism, and was unfazed by the service, it was good to see lots of children from his family and friends there to support him.

We thank Rowena for playing the piano, with her great, cheerful music !. In the absence of Golda due to illness, Lyn Gardner stepped in to help Janette and Gill Mackay serve morning tea, we thank them all! The children enjoyed constructing a hopefully solid house out of cups, decorated with stickers and topped with a tiny flag.

Next Children's Church will celebrate our 19th year!

Julie Scott

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



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The new St Matthew's Op Shop



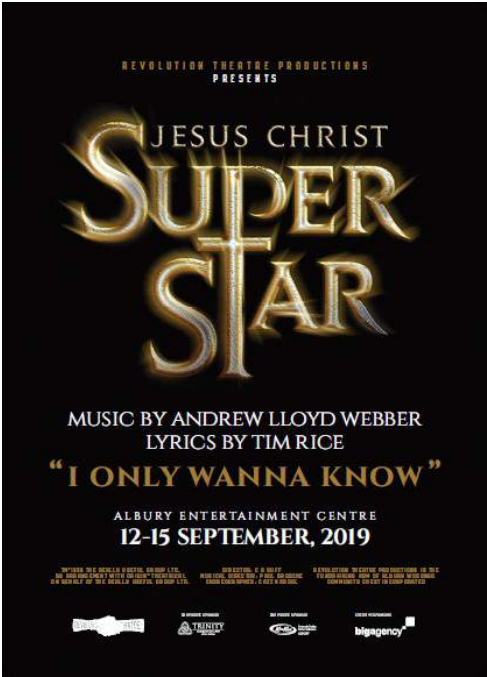
Fr Peter with Fr Grahame McMahon

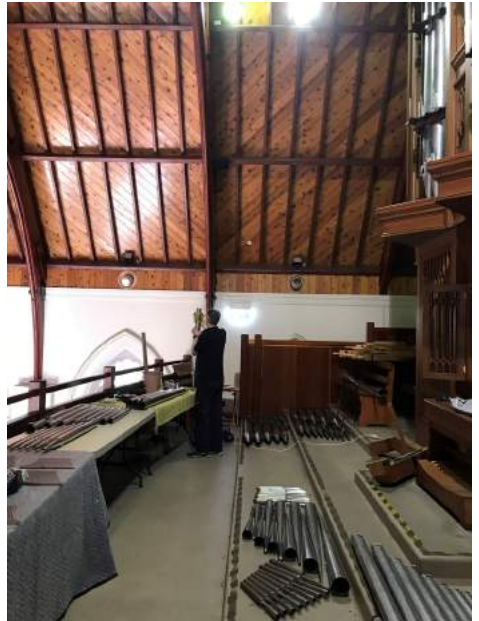


The things that happen after the Sunday services



Yvonne Jackson





For the Kids **HAPPY TERM 2**
HOLIDAYS!

Q. What has 75 pairs of sneakers, a ball and two hoops?

A. A centipede basketball team.

Q. Mum ; ""How can you practice your trumpet and listen to the radio at the same time?"

A. "That's easy," I said, "I have two ears."

Q. Why did the boy wear a life jacket to bed?

A.. He sleeps in a water bed.

Emma- : "What a cool pair of odd socks you have on, Jill"

Jill— "Yes, and I have another pair just like these at home!"



H U M O U R

**Someone out there
Must be "deadly" at Scrabble..
(Wait till you see the last one)!**

PRESBYTERIAN :
When you rearrange the letters:
BEST IN PRAYER

ASTRONOMER:
When you rearrange the letters:
MOON STARER

DESPERATION:
When you rearrange the letters:
A ROPE ENDS IT

THE EYES:
When you rearrange the letters:
THEY SEE

THE MORSE CODE :
When you rearrange the letters:
HERE COME DOTS

DORMITORY:
When you rearrange the letters:
DIRTY ROOM

SLOT MACHINES:
When you rearrange the letters:
CASH LOST IN ME

ANIMOSITY:
When you rearrange the letters:
IS NO AMITY

THE EARTHQUAKES:
When you rearrange the letters:
THAT QUEER SHAKE

ELEVEN PLUS TWO:
When you rearrange the letters:
TWELVE PLUS ONE

MOTHER-IN-LAW:
When you rearrange the letters:

ELECTION RESULTS:
When you rearrange the letters:
LIES - LET'S RECOUNT

SNOOZE ALARMS:
When you rearrange the letters:
ALAS! NO MORE Z 'S

A DECIMAL POINT:
When you rearrange the letters:
I'M A DOT IN PLACE

MOTHER-IN-LAW
When you arrange the letters;
WOMAN HITLER

**I went to the bookshop and asked if
they had anything about turtles. -**

**Hardback"? The sales assistant asked?
'Yes with little heads".**

**Someone told me I was average.
Now that's just mean.**

**I told my girlfriend she was drawing
her eyebrows too high.**

She looked surprised.



ON THE RECORD

Baptisms

We welcome into Christ's family

2 June Declan Malcolm WEBSTER
16 June Theo James HUTCHINGS



Weddings

We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony

No weddings in June



Funerals

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

3 June 'Angie' Angela Patricia BARNEY
11 June Donald Francis SLUMMERFIELD
14 June Patricia Josephine NAGLE



Years Mind—

We pray for those whose anniversary falls at this time

July

Marion TAYLOR (1st), Jean Mavis KENNEDY (2nd), Valerie GIBBS (2nd), Debbie Lyn McKEON (3rd), Jean BLACK (4th), Joyce Olive SCHRODER (5th), Barry WILLIAMS (6th), Emily Edith MOREY (7th), Jean OGILVIE (7th), Thelma May WEIDNER (8th), 'Dot' Dorothy Grace SCOTT (8th), Aileen HORE (9th), Maurice Arthur CHICK (9th), Julie-Anne WEBB-MOLE (10th), Norman Alfred REED (11th), Lynette Margaret AVERY (12th), Ann GORDON (12th), Keith GRAHAM (13th), Alice Irene TREWELLA (13th), Charles William SAUNDERS (14th), Ida Mary MALE (16th), Ron SCOTT (18th), Samantha Trudy BOOTH (18th), Eric Maudsley BROMFIELD (19th), Jennifer Lynn HUTCHINSON (19th), Kenneth George WEBB-WAGG (19th), Marjorie Jean BECKHURST (20th), William Alexander KIRKWOOD (21st), Stephen HOLMES (Priest) (21st), Joyce Elizabeth CLARKE (21st), Geoffrey Lindsay STEWART (22nd), Georgia PALFRAMAN (22nd), Wilma MILLER (25th), 'Lex' Herbert Alexander PIERSSENE (26th), Rodney JOSSELYN (28th), Corey CHURCHILL (28th), Patricia Frances LUND (28th), Lilian Joyce CUNNINGHAM (29th), Kathleen Eva EAGLES (29th), Luke WILLIAMS (30th), Leslie Albert GRAY (31st)

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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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