ST MATTHEW'S GRAPEVINE



PARISH OF ALBURY

In the heart of Albury Welcomes all people

MARCH 2020

Fr Peter writes : Dear People of St Matthew's

Jesus, lover of my soul, Let me to Thy bosom fly, While the nearer waters roll, While the tempest still is high: Hide me, O my Savior, hide, Till the storm of life is past; Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, Grace to cover all my sin; Let the healing streams abound; Make and keep me pure within. Thou of life the fountain art, Freely let me take of Thee; Spring Thou up within my heart, Rise to all eternity.

Charles Wesley's famous hymn continues to speak to our modern world with its themes of rescue and references to water and healing.

The current global calamity of Corona Virus is hard on the heels of the Australian Bush Fires and just as the community rallied so magnificently to address the challenge of the fires, so we are also attempting to be on the front foot securing the safety of our community in matters of public health.

None of this is very new, these are challenges we have met before although the economic dependency upon China and our trade links with the rest of the world will make us feel the pinch, probably as never before.

The race for toilet rolls just after the pancake races of Shrove Tuesday, is an enormous curiosity, and evidence of the way we are susceptible to being motivated by fear.

Lent is a time that attempts to help us make the transition from fear to faith and loving action

Sunday 16 February saw an outstanding Fire Aid Concert, led by Mezzo Soprano Sally-Anne Russell and violinist Kaori Sparks and joined by a amazing caste of talented professional musicians, some of whom were about to leave for a five week tour of China, but instead came to Albury to perform to raise funds and to re-built fences in fire affected communities.

More than \$5000 was raised and a packed church heard a concert no one will ever forget.



Lent at St Matthews has been a time to hear significant speakers on a range of local and international subjects, and we are grateful that this year we will hear Fr Rod Bower (1st March), Noel Debien ABC Religious Dept (8th March), Susan Ley (15th March), Professor Geoffrey Blainey (22nd March), and the new Bishop of Wangaratta, Bishop Clarence Bester (29th March).

Our Fete on Saturday 14th March from 10 am to 2 pm has a later start to enable more people to be involved. We are desperate for volunteers to continue the increasing amount of work we do in the community.



Donations of time and goods can be notified through our friendly office.

Bishop Clarence Bester, the new Bishop of Wangaratta, will be welcomed at St Matthews and in our community followed by a brunch at Adamshurst. We hope that our community will be well represented so as to give him a taste of the St Matthews and Albury community and the issues that help to focus our attention and shape our identity. St Matthews Crisis Care

While a lot of attention has been on fire-affected communities and are now giving thanks for well needed rain, St Matthews continues to provide an essential service to assist our own community.

We have developed from the food room to showers, changes of clothes, emergency accommodation and critically a drop-in coffee and mental health and welfare engagement hub. During the week

when a bacon sandwich goes hand in hand with a mental health assessment and an interview with representatives of public health and welfare organisations.

This has been enabled to our open door policy and those whose generosity to help build the gazebo on the northern side of the rectory, and it is already providing a valuable public service. We are trying to break the cycle that sees people homeless and sometimes desperate and creating a dangerous situation for themselves and others. We are particularly grateful to individuals, families and organisations who have donated funds to enable this very contemporary and realistic outreach to our neighbours. I would particularly mention the work of David Sutherland, who on Sundays is in the sanctuary, but day by day is able to reach out to people in real need.

Fr Peter







PARISH COUNCIL NEWS MARCH 2020

Sliding door. A new sliding glass door at front of Church has been installed, in Memory of Betty Atkinson, a much-loved former parishioner.

A brass plaque, the wording of which is being decided, is hoped to be put in place before Easter.

Awaiting Council approval for sloped or graded entry approaching the new door for wheelchair access..

Electronic Sign. Father Rob Bower to attend the blessing of the Electronic sign.

Rectory Garden Trees The large trees in the garden are to be inspected on Friday 15th February as one tree has dropped a branch, these trees may need trimming, but otherwise appear healthy. An investigation may be made as to if a Heritage Grant is available to cover any expenses regarding the trees.

Safe Church Document Mark Carden tabled a Safe Church document, indicating who has a Safe Work Check.

Fire Panels. Fire panels to be replaced.

Church Air Conditioner requires a new timer.

Food Room. Month of January 215 drinks, 178 meals, 28 Hampers were given out.

Op Shop continues to do well. Op shop will be opened for the Jazz festival.

Paul Hare Secretary

Shrove Tuesday





<u>2020 GRAPEVINE FEES</u>

Notice to all Grapevine readers-

As parish council is endeavouring to keep the publishing cost of Grapevine down, and considering what has to be done to prepare the Grapevine both for the email format as well as the hardcopy format, we have decided on this course of action –



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Julie Scott Grapevine Editor



MEDITATION

SAINT MATTHIAS

"So they proposed two men...then they prayed...then they cast lots...and Matthias was added to the eleven apostles." (Acts 1: 21-26)

After Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus and took his own life, the apostles needed a replacement to make up the twelve again. They needed to choose someone who had been with Jesus all through his ministry. Matthias, whose name means "gift of God", was the man chosen. He was present when Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist in the River Jordan, and had followed Jesus and



the disciples throughout his ministry, culminating in the Ascension.

Of particular importance was that the chosen person had been a witness to the Resurrection of Jesus, and could testify in detail about Jesus' life and teaching. The election of Matthias occurred before the feast of Pentecost - when the Holy Spirit came down on the early believers. He was with the apostles when "all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues." (Acts 2:4)

Not much is known about Matthias' ministry, and there are different accounts as to where he journeyed. It is thought that he began preaching in Judaea, then he went to places around the Mediterranean and Caspian Seas, to present day Turkey and some say even as far as Ethiopia in Africa.

Tradition has it that Matthias "preached the gospel fervently for many years" and large numbers of people responded to his message. In the face of opposition and overwhelming odds, he remained courageous and faithful to his calling. The exact details of St Matthias' death are unclear, but all accounts state that he suffered a violent and cruel death, either by being beheaded or crucified.

The feast of St Matthias – the time when the church remembers him each year – was originally 24th February, but these days it is celebrated at other times, May 18th being more common. One reason for changing it was so it didn't fall during Lent, and it was also felt more appropriate for it to occur near the time of the Ascension.

The early Christians, including St Matthias, turned their world upside down for Christ. They started a spiritual revolution that shook the very foundations of the Roman Empire.

What was their secret ? They walked in the footsteps of Christ, and were filled with the Holy Spirit, which changed their lives and the lives of those around them.

We should be encouraged and inspired by St Matthias and so many others who have followed after him, to live lives of faithful obedience in the power of the Holy Spirit, and play our part in turning our world upside down for Christ.

Take up your cross and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down. For only those who bear the cross, can hope to wear the glorious crown.

(From the sermons of Father Colin)



As there was a "fire Concert" ☆ ☆ scheduled for the afternoon of that 🔆 day, and huge stage constructed, the service was held in the Rectory The theme was "Teddy Bear's picnic and the children bought along their teddies. Rev. Catherine took the service, and in the children's talk, said that Jesus loves us no matter خ what we look like, just as we love ጵ our 'worn' teddies unconditionally! ☆ Corinne was our musician, and we ☆ thank her for her fun input! The children enjoyed helping Catherine during the Communion, we sang the old favourite, "The Teddy Bear's picnic" which put us in the mood to go out into the lovely Rectory garden and do craft, which was making a "morning tea picnic'. V Janette had prepared teddy bear $\overset{\frown}{\sim}$ 🛧 biscuits, and had an icing bag for each child, so they had great fun piping icing onto the biscuit and adding smarties! They also enjoyed consuming their efforts! The adults had a cuppa and some goodies, and enjoyed the garden! 🔀 We thanks our helpers again, for 🖈 their cheerful help, and Matthew, ☆ Sandy and Dave also, for making the rectory comfortable and welcoming!

N.B. <u>The March service will also be</u> in the Rectory, during Lent

Julie Scott, Spokesperson for C.C for M.U. Albury





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St Matthew's Pastoral Care Team 2020

The Pastoral Care Team meet each month to organise and provide support to the members of our congregation, and those who are no longer able to attend church. All involved with Pastoral Care, hospital visits and/or give home communion, have completed the requirements for the Bishop's Licence, which the Diocese has mandated.



Our team follow up requests by visitation and/or phone

calls. Comfort Cards and 'Thinking of you cards' are sent each month. Retirement Village and Nursing Home Services are held regularly, providing the opportunity to outreach and interact with our elderly. We attend and assist with

Funerals and Memorial Services, for people we have visited.

Kindness rugs, continue to be given to the sick and are greatly appreciated and loved by all who receive them. Thank you, to the talented members in our Parish and Community who continue to make the beautiful rugs - they help brighten one's day! This act of kindness will be continued throughout 2020.

A reminder we have developed forms to assist people in preparation for their funeral called 'Give Your Family Peace of Mind'. These forms are available to all, and are located in the leaflet rack at the entrance of the church.

Wednesday 18th March, we will be learning how to make the Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday. If you are interested in learning this skill, you are welcome to join us from 11:30am, after the Wednesday Eucharist Service. All are welcome to come to the Service.

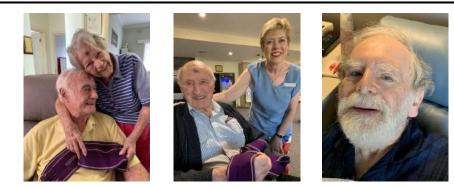
A **Senior's Easter Service** will be held at St Matthew's, Wednesday 8th April at 10:30 am. Residents in our local retirement villages and nursing homes are invited to attend and all are welcome to join in this specially designed service in preparation for Easter Week.

If you are new to St Matthew's, please complete the 'Welcome Information' on the pew sheet.

If you know anyone who is sick, in hospital, needs help, would like to be visited, or added to our 'Phone Tree', please contact the Parish Office 02 60213022.

Thank you.

Annette Gorham, on behalf of the Pastoral Care Team:



<u>Tunes on Friday</u> <u>13th March 2020</u> <u>12 noon to 1.00 pm</u>

Many of us have been touched through the magnificent music offered through our Chamber Music Festival and not to forget our weekly services with our choir and organ, but also Tunes on Tuesday. We are connected in ways that often we barely realise and Mike Kemp and his



wife have been regulars for Tunes on Tuesday, and being an organist himself and a Mason, was committed to the welfare of others and a deep appreciation of music particularly the pipe organ.

Following his recent passing it is our privilege to follow his wishes to share the joy of music, rather than having a funeral. His family have enabled, through discussions with James Flores, our Tunes on Tuesday concert co-ordinator, to offer a program of thrilling and inspiring organ music, and referencing the masonic composers which are our most famous ones, and of a bite-size proportion to enable everyone to come.

So between Noon and 1.00 pm you are very welcome to attend and share the joy of music, the inspiration of the organ, while remembering the love and life of Mike, a fellow music lover, family man and friend.

Albury Chamber Music Festival hits a new high note November 13th to 15th, 2020

It is exciting and the best fun in the world to announce that Sally-Anne Russell and conductor, Dr Mario Dobernig have been appointed co-artistic directors for this years' festival.

Sally-Anne is probably the best connected and professional singer in the country when she is not a plane singing the other side of the world, and Mario's baton twirls amazingly and in the most engaging way across the globe. Our recent Fire Aid Gala was just a little taste of the quality and joy and total fun that this appointment will bring to this year's program and we look forward to announcing the details in the very near future.



NEWS FROM THE TOWER

Bellringing has not been easy this summer with the excessive heat, but apart from abandoning practice on only one occasion we have managed to keep up with our commitments. There have been a couple of notable absences with Robin recovering from a nasty fall and Paige who travelled overseas during the Christmas break.



Lucky girl, she was "chilling out" while we were boiling". While away, Paige visited some towers and did some serious ringing in France.

Last Sunday there were some extra ringers from afar who had come to the district to ring a peal in honour of the new Bishop at his Installation. Of the extras at St Matthew's we had one from England, one from Perth and one from Sydney. This enabled us to ring all eight bells right through the session, something which we have not been able to do recently and which we hope you enjoyed.

It will not be long before the fete is upon us. We have put up our hands to do the BBQ stall once again. Don't forget to come and support us. We are missing Jenny and Lyn who had contacts in the past who donated goods, enabling a good profit. If you know of any business that could assist with donations of BBQ goods it would be much appreciated.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that a new parishioner, Paul, is learning to ring the bells. He is making good progress and it won't be too long before he will be able to join us on Sunday with ringing rounds and call changes.

Pam Thorman Tower Captain

FOR THE KIDS in 2020!

- Q. What can a bird do that a kid cant do?
- A. Have a bath in a saucer.
- **Q.** What sort of instrument lets you see monsters?
- A. A 'Horror -scope'
- Q. Why did the boy take a ruler to bed?
- A. He wanted to see how long he slept.



POINTS TO PONDER UPON.....

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider Freeways, but narrower viewpoints.

We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time.

We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life.

We've added years to life not life to years.

We've been to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor..

We conquered outer space but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things.

We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul.

We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice. We write more, but learn less.

We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies but we communicate less and less.

These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships.

These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes. These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill. It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom. A time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can choose either to share this insight, or to just hit delete.

Remember to spend time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever.

Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side.

Remember, to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent.

Remember, to say, 'I love you' to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you.

Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment ,for someday that person will not be there again.

Give time to love, give time to speak! And give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind.

And always remember, life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by those moments that take our breath away.



ON THE RECORD

Baptisms

We welcome into Christ's family

2 February 15 February 7 March

Lyla Florence QUINLIVAN Jed William SHEA Eleenor Ivy LARACY

Weddings

We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony

29 February 6 March Clifford John SCHOLZ & Angela Louise SHERIDAN David John BAKER & Norma HARRISON

Funerals

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

mourn

12 February 13 February 21 February

ary	Peter John RUSSELL
arý	Harry (Joe) WOODING
ary	Coral Michelle MARKS







We pray for those whose anniversary falls at this time

March—June Emily STEWART (1st), 'Jim' James Charles EVANS (2nd), Raymond John PARKES (2nd), Rhonda Leonie SINCLAIR (2nd), Benjamin PARKER (3rd), James Roy MONK (3rd), Valerie Elizabeth HOWARD (3rd), Joan THOMAS (5th), Gwen Elizabeth McDONALD (5th), Stanley Morris BEST (5th), Jeff HOLLAND (6th), Penny SNELL (6th), Sarah Jan BURKITT-PURCHALL (6th), Richard DAINER (6th), Aimee Lea KOEHLER (7th), Maxwell Arthur PETTS (7th), Michael HEALY (8th), Merece Joan BOWERMAN (10th), Gloria CORBAN (11th), Tracy ORLIC (11th), Terry HOWARD (11th), Phyllis STEPHENS (12th), Olga KEIGHRAN (12th), Henry KNOBLE (13th), Minnie EISENHAUER (13th), Sr Clare (13h), Joanne Lesley NESBIT (14th), Norma DEMSKI (14th), Mary Irene JACKSON (16th), Roy WINSTANLEY (17th), Nol HAWKRIDGE (17th), Matthew CRAWFORD (18th), Margaret Ruth SIM-MONS (19th), Janette Merlyn ZWAR (19th), 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), Gregory Robert RAPSEY (31st)

April—Allan James WEIDNER (1st), Lou NICHOLSON (2nd), Brendan David JONES (2nd), Lorraine Joyce DICK (2nd), James MITCHELL (3rd), Peggy Jean GORDON (5th), 'Ros' Rosalind Myee COCKS (6th), Richard Gauntlett HALL (6th), Sheila Georgina ELLIS (7th), John Arthur APPLEBY (7th). Colin Francis TURNER (7th), Graham Raymond MACLEAN (7th), 'Patti' Irene Patricia JOHNSTON, Eva Edith COBCROFT (9th), Glenys Ann GIBBON (10th), Brian Albert ROBERTS (11th), 'Sophie' Sotiroula TRAVASSAROS (11th), Frances Myra ENDRESS (11th), Harold James William PURSS (12th), <u>Benjamin Winston BAILEY</u> (13th), Ian WALTERS (13th), Margaret PIESSE (PS)(15th), Dillon ŴHITE (16th), David Ernest GRANT (16th), Paula Leigh`GIŃNS (16th), Nina Edith BÈRRÝ (17th) 'Sam' Geoffrey Robert HODGSON (18th), Dorothy Zillah CLARKE (19th), 'Rex' Allan JENKINS (19th), May LOGUE (19th), James Archibald KENNEDY (20th), Eileen Janette KING (20th), Roger Henry INWOOD (20th), Coral YARRINGTON (21st), William John FORBES (21st), 'Jack' John Maxwell TYR-RELL (21st), Laurence Henry ALLOTT (Priest)(21st), Lorna Joan JACK (21st), Mervyn EISENHAUER (22nd), Thomas FILIPOVIC (22nd), Dulcie May NICHOLS (22nd), Phillip Russell BOYD (22nd), Madaline KARAFFA (23rd), Peter BLEASDALE (24th), William COLEMAN (25th), Marlene Janice KENNE-DY (25th), Stephen SEYMOUR (25th), Norman John NICHOLS (26th), James Lester JACKSON (26th), Margaret PETTS (27th), Albert DAWSON (28th), Joan DAWSON (28th), Florence Helena KOTHE (29th), Alice <u>Jean HEINJUS</u> (29th), Ivy Irene SIMITHENBECKER (29th), Ern BLEASDALE (30th), 'Bob' Robert LAWSON (30th), Roberta Margaret SLOANE (30th)

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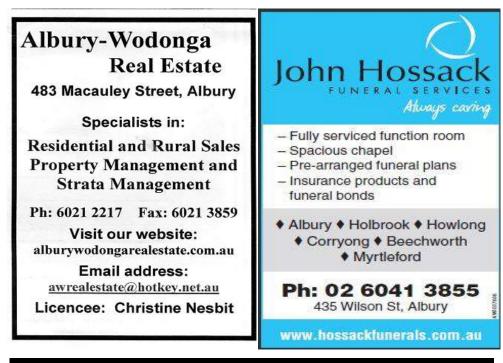
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WEDNESDAY			
10:30 a.m.	Eucharist		
THURSDAY			
5.30pm	Quiet Communion & Meditation		
FRIDAY			
10.00 a.m.	Eucharist at Riverwood (except 1st Friday). All welcome		
SUNDAY			
9.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist		
10:30 a.m.	Children's Church 3rd Sunday every month		

1 5.00 p.m. Evensong (Only 1st Sunday of every month)

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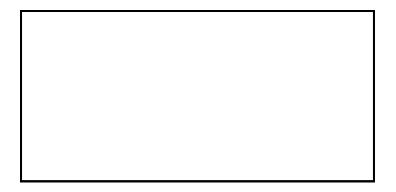
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