

KEEPING CONNECTED TO OUR ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY

THEME: HAPPY AND GLORIOUS JUBILEE EDITION

January/ February 2022



The platinum Jubilee celebrations for the Reign of Queen Elizabeth II have come at a fortunate time. There are many things about our recent history for which we should be concerned but her Jubilee causes us to take the long view as we look back over 70 years of faithfulness and service. The wonderful music that has characterised important moments in Queen Elizabeth's life is another gift to her people and particularly for those of us within the Anglican tradition of Church music. We have a series of musical gems that will continue to shine throughout this Jubilee year. There is a special opportunity for sharing hope, good news and a bit of fun as an antidote to all the masks and distancing that we continue to endure. It also causes to count our blessings and give thanks to God for our own opportunities to service others. The Jubilee also gives us a special window into the experience of our senior Citizens looking back over the 70 years of the Queen's Reign. Perhaps one way of honouring her many years is to look more seriously on the way that we honour Australian citizens in their later years. It might be that Queen Elizabeth's frequent reference to duty and faith putting our hands and future into God's hands and offering our best will be the most enduring monument and glittering souvenir of this global celebration.



INFORMATION FOR FEBRUARY

Sunday 9:00 am Service each week.

Evensong Sunday 6th February at 5pm.

Wednesday Service 10:30 am each week

Please check Facebook and website for updates, and we thank you for your continued support.

Christian communities are committed to sharing the true joys of the new year, but we are trying not to share a Virus that could put our children, adults and older people in danger. St Matthew's Parish Council has a new year resolution so that we can all stay safe, stay out of hospital and harm's

way for the New Year. All people can continue to get practical help from St Matthew's Emergency Care by simply sending a message through our web site or Facebook.

For the health and safety of St Matthew's congregation and the community you must have proof of double vaccination to attend the Church building at any time. QR Code check in is still required for Places of Worship, the wearing of masks is encouraged as a sign of our care for friend and stranger and not put more pressure on Health care workers. A recording of all services can be seen through St Matthew's Albury YOUTUBE a couple of days after.

You can continue to keep connected via the St Matthew's website: www.stmatthewsalbury.com and Facebook. If you have a SMART TV you can tune in to St Matthew's Livestream Sunday Service through YouTube. If you need help connecting to YouTube or your Smart TV, please contact St Matthew's Office 6021 3022 and we will be happy to assist.

The **Keeping Connected to our St Matthew's Family Newsletter** is a monthly production and is also available on the St Matthew's website: www.stmatthewsalbury.com on homepage, News and Events. If you have any news or articles that you would like featured in the monthly Keeping Connected Newsletter, please email to nettie.gorham@gmail.com

Contact details: If you have recently changed your email address or have a new email address, or a new mobile number, please inform St Matthew's Office 6021 3022.



MOTHER'S UNION

Study, prayer, and support group meet every Friday at the Martin Centre, Cahill Place from 9:30 am – 12 noon. Everyone most welcome.

Our usual January BYO @ 5.30 pm, picnic, open to all parishioners, in Botanic Gardens on Jan 18th was an enjoyable affair held in perfect conditions!

1st Tuesday each month, 10 am MU get- together at 'Purple Chicken' cafe David St Albury. MU February get-together BYO meal, 6 pm and planning meeting at the Church hopefully with Eucharist 15th February.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH the first Children's Church for 2022 is Sunday 20th February at 10:30 am

Hello everybody, Welcome back to Children's church. Gosh it feels like a looong time since we have seen each other. There will be covid safe activities, music and fun!!! Not to mention morning tea. One of the few rules we have (And the government gave it to us) Adults you need to be double vaccinated.

Looking forward to seeing you all, Children's Church team



ST MATTHEW'S RETRO LANE OP SHOP MISSION STATEMENT To raise funds for the work of St Matthew's Albury for the most vulnerable in our community, to provide cheap clothes and goods for sale and to offer a socially inclusive environment to volunteers regardless of race, sexuality, ability or beliefs.

Op Shop Facebook page please like and share it.



Thoughts for the month:

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. Aesop

God is... everywhere present. Arthur Foote

Love is a great beautified. Louisa May Alcott

It isn't what you have in your pocket that makes you thankful but what you have in your heart. Unknown

Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile. Mother Teresa

Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves. James M. Barrie

Lyall Turley Memorial Lecture and Diocesan Ministry Conference



Saturday 19th February 10am - 4 pm at the VCE Centre at Cathedral College Wangaratta it is a conference for Clergy, Lay people and any other interested persons, if interested in attending please complete the online registration as soon as possible. Cost: \$10:50 Registration is online:

www.try.booking.com/BSMLY

Or contact Fiona 03 5721 3484 Registration closes 4th February. Registrations that were made for previous dates have been rolled over, unless you have notified Fiona Van Bree that you are now unable to attend.

Sharing the Good News

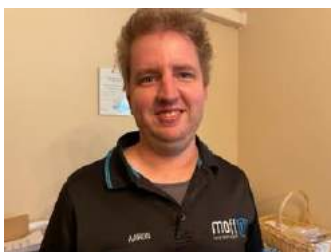


Sharing the vouchers! If you have any spare vouchers for the tip, they would be greatly appreciated please drop into the retro op shop or St Matthew's Office 10 – 12 Monday – Friday. Thank you in advance.

Emergency Food Room needs: Long-Life milk, bottled pasta sauce, tins tuna, toothbrushes, toothpaste, store bought jam.



CBA Presentation of \$500 to St Matthew's Emergency Food and Accommodation. CBA staff idea to support St Matthew's work with the needy. Totally unsolicited by St Matthew's.



MOFF-IT

has moved to
470 Swift Street Albury
Phone Aaron, Riley or George
on:0417 080 872



Australia Day Congratulations

to Pam Thorman OAM
and Beth Docksey Albury Citizen of the Year



BELL RINGERS CONGRATULATIONS - January 6th was the 60th Anniversary of Jim Jeffrey's election to the Ancient Society of Collage Youths, England's oldest Ringing Association which was formed in 1637. When his 50 years occurred, he attended our 375th Annual Dinner in London where he met up

with several old colleagues! He was unhappy about our temporary suspension of ringing stoppage.

28/12 from Janice Neville in hospital: How wonderful to have just been able to watch your Christmas services on YouTube from my hospital room. Thank you so much to everyone involved (and the sheep and donkeys.)

🙏 thank you 🎄

25/12 from Jenny Black: Good evening three special people. Just wanted to let you know how special tonight's family Christmas service was thanks to your special inputs. My 10-month granddaughter was mesmerised by the service even though she was letting out the strangest noises at times - I think she was trying to emulate the donkeys. Hope you all have a wonderful Xmas Jenny Black from Brave Hearts on the Murray.

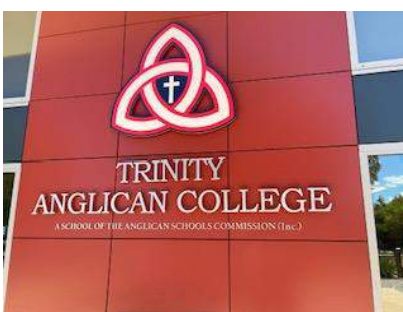


Welcome to Reverend Beth at St David's Uniting Church.

Rev Beth has been Chaplain at The Scots School Albury and we look forward to our fellowship in the Gospel as together we serve the people of our region.



We wish Rev. **Bryn and Jenny Jones** all the very best with their move to Melbourne and Bryn's new position as Chaplain to Trinity Grammar School in Kew Melbourne after many years at Trinity Anglican College, and also as a continuing part of St Matthew's Meditation community.

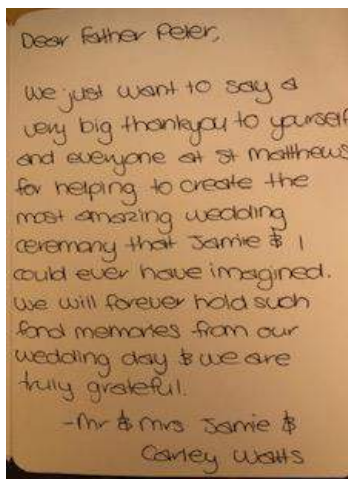


Welcome to the new Principal at Trinity Anglican College Thurgoona, Tony and Pam Schoemark from Melbourne. St Matthew's is glad to be leading the School Chapel Services while they are waiting the appointment of a full-time School Chaplain



**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
CONGRATULATIONS**

**23rd February
Kevin and Shirley Monte's
70th Wedding Anniversary**



Wedding Thanks
from
Jamie and Carley Watts
after celebrating
their Wedding
at St Matthew's
20th November 2021



WEDDINGS December/January:

11th December 2021 Leonora Semprun and Malcolm Miles

Sunday 2nd January 2022 Peter Sanders and Peter Grace having their wedding blessed at St Matthew's

22/01 Peter and Peter Armidale: Thank Fr Peter so much for our service which we are still glowing from. Look forward to a catch up. Much care P1&2.



Engagement Congratulations Grace Davenport and Mat

Grace Davenport - message from her after service 23/01 Lovely to see you Peter
♥ we came to tell you our news and you were one step ahead! We felt honoured to be mentioned in the service. Thank you for making us feel so special.
Much love xxxx

BAPTISMS December/January:

Travis Mark Lewis-Anstis, Benji Michael Lewry, Oliver David Aynsley, Florence Jade Maclure, Jorja Veronica Atkins



HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes TO ALL celebrating a birthday in JANUARY and FEBRUARY:

January:

1st Carol Wallace 2nd Barbara Argall
3rd Jenny Prince, Lyn Winnell
6th Sandra MacLeod-Miller
16th Kathy Cherry, Necia Searle
18th Margaret Wright 21st Cathy Carden and Janet Joyce (twins)
23rd Barry Barton 24th Julie Ling
28th Kerrie Wilkinson, Bennet Coyle 31st Helen Voogt

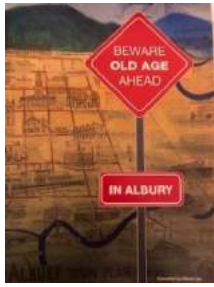


February:

4th Lisa Ride 5th Aprile Alexander
10th Noel Debieen 15th Lyn Collins
16th Colin Richards 96 17th Roma Sykes
20th Lyn Gardnir 22nd Ron Rickett's
23rd Sue Fyfe, Kiralee De Athridge

Congratulation John Tucker celebrating his 90th birthday in February

Fundraiser book for St Matthew's - makes you laugh and might even 'save your sanity'! 'Beware: Old Age



Ahead in Albury' is a unique take on steering family members or yourself through the complicated realities of getting older, by Marie Lee. The book includes a wealth of easy-to-read information, local resources and wonderful illustrations,

100% of the proceeds go to the church's Homeless Fund.

Be quick: limited copies on special for only \$20.00, Available at St Matthew's Office (10 – 12) and Retro Op-Shop (10 – 2).

OUT AND ABOUT



Puzzle, Tilley



Stevie, Fr Peter



Puzzle, Tilly, Fr Peter



Gillian Pearce, Kathy Cherry



Venetia, Lachlan



Sussan Ley, Angela



Frank, Jan Draper



Bruce Levett



Michelle, Amanda



Foster family



Patricia Clout



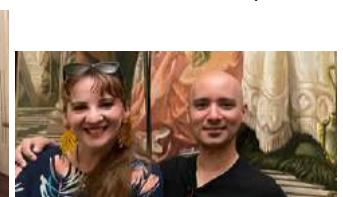
Rev. Michelle Wood



Lester team



Sandra



Kit, Shanul



Annette, Stevie



Wes, Sandra



Anita



Kirrilie, Stevie



Jim & Judy Guilmartin



Fr Peter, Judy Webster



Judy



Annette, Judy



Bec Beall



Ray, Susan



Pam, Noela



Sue, Gill



Catherine, Julie, Annette



Kathy, Gillian



Jim & Pauline Wenham



Rod & Leonis



Kelly Trainor



Noela, Deb



Graham Stevens



Jack and Kate



Bryan, Kathy



Ariel



Catherine, Noela



Pam, Robin



Rev. Catherine, Rev. Catie



Paul & Jude



Frank & Jan



Chris & Vin Thomas



Julie Ling



Lauren Foster



Bec Litten



Sandra, Prue Smith



Angela Braybrooks



Dorothy Hoy



Iris Jackson-Jones



Sue, Ray



Graham, Sandra



Annie Snow



Le-Vine, Amanda



Meaghan, Alice,



Pam Horsburgh, Phyllis



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St Matthew's Craft Group

The St Matthew's Craft Group meet the first Wednesday each month 1:00 —4:00 pm if you are interested in joining the group, please contact Sadie Moffitt 0438 610 740.

PASTORAL CARE



The Pastoral Care Team meet the first Wednesday of each month at the rectory. We continue to stay connected phoning and visiting friends in our Parish and community. The 'Phone Tree' is a great way to keep in touch. If you would like one of our team to phone you, or if you know of anyone who would appreciate being contacted, please phone Annette 0413 938 541. A visit can also be arranged. If you know of anyone who is sick or in hospital, please phone Annette so a visit from Fr Peter can be arranged.

Next Pastoral Care Meeting is Wednesday 2nd March.

A Pastoral Care idea for people in nursing homes/ villages - especially in isolation and lockdown – families could set up a digital photo system in their room so they can at least enjoy seeing photos of family members, friends, and holidays they enjoyed.

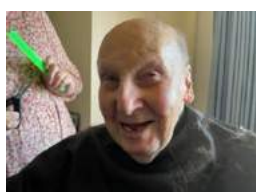
Prayers for Justin Clancy's 9-year-old son Seamus who had a bone marrow operation at the Melbourne children's hospital on Monday 24th January. Justin and family are very grateful for the St Matthew's community thinking of them and for our prayers. Mandatory Requirement for going into Retirement Villages and Nursing homes: Clergy and volunteers need to provide a copy of influenza and Australian Government COVID-19 digital certificate fully COVID-

19 vaccinated. *Please note: Your second dose vaccination must be received at least 14 days prior to your visit.* **COVID-19 Certificate Immunisation:** the number to call if you need to get a hard copy for proof of your vaccination certificate is: 1800 653 809.

Our friends in Borella House, Dellacourt, Riverwood Christmas Services



Fr Peter at Borella House
Lisa Ride



Colin Richards
Carol Wallace



Annette at Dellacourt
Roma, Betty, Christine, Fr Peter, Angela



Lorraine Curnow



Patricia, Lisa Ride at Riverwood



Retirement Villages and Nursing Homes Services: February dates: (to be confirmed – depending on restrictions) 8th Marianella - 11am, Dellacourt 3p, 17th Murray Gardens 11am 22nd Yallaroo 11am Borella House 3:3 pm 25th Riverwood 10am



Our thoughts and prayers are with all who are sick or unwell at home, or in hospital. Also, remembering our loved ones whose years' mind is in January and February . We remember with love those special people who have recently died. Forever in our hearts.

Funerals December and January:

Nicolae Ticaci, Leslie (Les) Langford, Colin Bradley, Christopher Grant, Judith Monte, Alfred Trescowthick, Rita Hunter.



MEDITATION across the world and in Albury we are using new ways to stay in touch. There are growing numbers using ZOOM to connect with a meditation group at 6:15 each Thursday. At a time of great stress and isolation this could be just the tonic we need! Connect with Michelle and Paul on: Zoom: www.quietcommunion.org

TUNES ON TUESDAY RECITALS at St Matthew's



FORTNIGHTLY LUNCHTIME RECITALS AT ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, ALBURY
St Matthew's Church, Albury, is home to lunchtime recitals from 1.10pm – 1.50pm every fortnight.

February 8th	Tim Adkins	Classical Guitar
February 22nd	Callum Knox	Organ
March 8th	Orlando Bulmer, Sok Li	Violin/ Classical Guitar
March 15th	Hamish Wagstaff	Organ
March 22nd	Michelle Hertzfeld	Mezzo Soprano



SWELL VOX is a small ensemble of musicians from Albury, NSW, Australia. They primarily focus on repertoire featuring the organ and voices, including both sacred and secular music. Their goal is to provide high quality music and anecdotal entertainment, primarily in the online music space.



Silver Celebration James Flores, organist and St Matthew's Organ Scholar is pleased to announce the release of a CD to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the St. Matthew's, Albury, Letourneau organ.

Own a part of Albury's history by ordering a CD! Buy for \$20.00
<https://silvercelebration.jamesfloresorganist.com/>

St Matthew's Letourneau Pipe Organ – John Scott has written detailed information about the St



Matthew's Letourneau Pipe Organ, available on the St Matthew's website. Great Organs of Australia *Masterworks at St. Matthew's* Sydney organist David Drury Premiere Recording of the Letourneau Organ. Limited copies of this CD available at reduced price of \$15.00 **Every cent raised from the sale of these CD's goes into the Organ Fund.** Purchase from St Matthew's Office or from the Church organists: David Luxon, Malcolm Halford or John Scott.



Andrew Goodwin

ALBURY CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL 2022

Dates for the Diary The Festival will be on the 4th, 5th and 6th November 2022 and with a festival launch at a COVID-safe time earlier in the year in Albury and also a launch in Melbourne.

Watch this space.

PARISH FINANCES:

St Matthew's is looking to the future and working out how we can continue to service the community without going into a financial panic. A huge 'thank you' to the increasing number of people who are making a regular donation to the work of St Matthew's it is so encouraging. If you haven't managed to Direct Debit, make an enquiry at your bank and it's surprisingly easy to organise.

Bank details are:

Bank: Westpac

Account name: St Matthews Church Albury

BSB: 032736

Account no: 392189

Reference: 'Giving' and your name.

Please help us reach all our Parish Members: If any of your friends have recently got an email address, could you please send an email to St Matthew's Office, with their name and email address, so we can add it to our emailing list. Share the news and connection by emailing the Keeping Connected Newsletter to family and friends.



REGULAR UPDATES - Please keep going back to the website, includes Livestream links, Facebook and YouTube.

JOIN US at St Matthew's Albury EACH SUNDAY 9:00 am or on our website, Facebook, or YouTube.

This is a GREAT WAY of keeping the action alive and looking to the future.