

KEEPING CONNECTED TO OUR ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY

THEME: THANKS FOR SMALL AND GREAT MERCIES

January - February 2023



Just as we were planning our Harvest Festival an amazing piece of good news leapt up as our statue of St Francis destroyed by vandalism a few months ago was beautifully restored and placed back in the centre of the Childrens Labarynth. One of the many quiet supporters of St Matthew's, Les Langmead who uses St Matthew's and the garden as a place of quiet reflection felt moved to offer his skills to raise up that which was cast down. St Francis is a great symbol of hope, kindness and goodwill just as the building of St Matthew's destroyed by fire 30 years ago but rebuilt by the whole community is a sign of good overcoming evil and people reaching out to each other in a time

of need which is a message of St Francis and is the message St Matthew's lives out day by day and cares for the community.

The angel also destroyed has now been taken away and under his healing hands will soon be restored. Thanks also to all those kind people who were in touch, there are so many reasons to say 'Thank You'.



The passing of Patricia Gould OAM was marked by a huge farewell at St Matthew's with her five sons and their families and many representatives from her time serving the community. The music was spectacular with many thanks to David Luxon on Organ, Dylan Forge Vocalist and Billy Stewart our Trumpeter. There were special tributes from Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Sussan Ley and Mayor Kylie King and a warm tribute from her family.

At the conclusion of the Service the bells of St Matthew's were ringing out over Albury as the Pipes and Drums of the Scots School led the cortege up Kiewa Street up to the Council Offices where employees of Albury City were lined up on each floor of the building in respect.

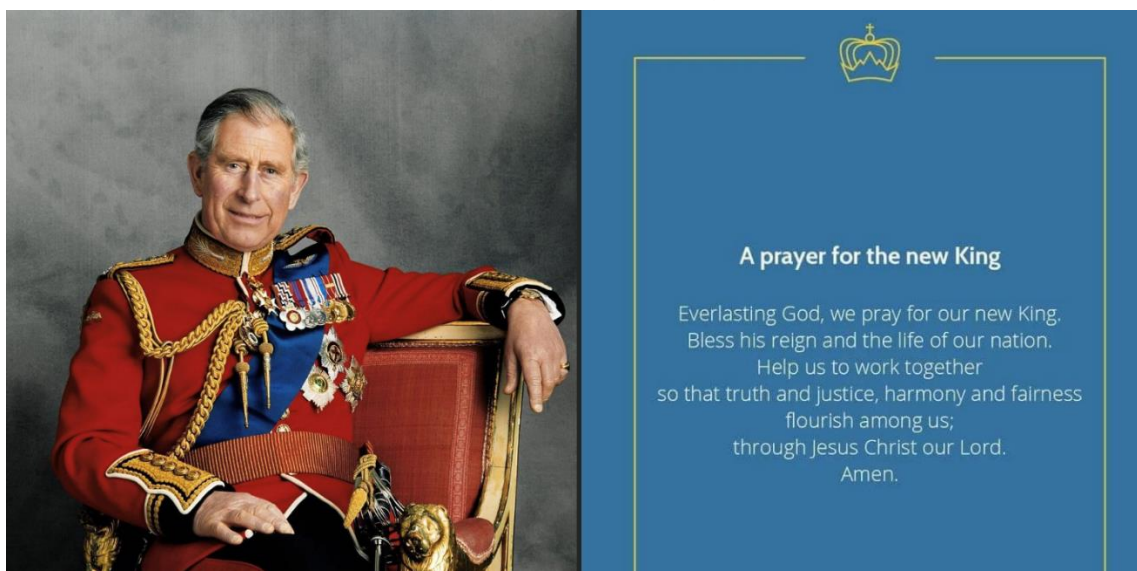


Kay West was a well-known figure at St Matthew's in the Sanctuary over a number of years. She had a most courageous battle with cancer and many serious medical interventions. Her friends at St Matthew's and her time in Albury was probably some of her happiest days and memories. She was in weekly contact and eagerly followed the community life of all we were doing when she moved to be with her son in Western Australia over the last couple of years. Kay's particular wish was just to have some words mentioned at St Matthew's at the time of her passing and we will be doing that at our Harvest Festival Sunday 19th February at 9am. We expect her

dog, Harris to be in attendance as well as friends from her work at the Tax Office and others living locally.

The Coronation is set for the 6th May and there will be many celebrations across the world, and we will certainly mark the occasion at St Matthew's during this year.

Prayer for the King



The Royal Anthem

God save our gracious King, lone live our noble King, God save the King.
Send him victorious, happy and glorious, long to reign over us.
God save the King.

Thy choicest gifts in store on him be pleased to pour, long may he reign.
May he defend our laws, and ever give us cause to sing with heart and voice,
God save the King.

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

(Anglican Archbishops Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell)





Update St Matthew's Pipe Organ

Many thanks for those who have contributed to the Digital 32-foot pipe for our wonderful Pipe Organ and we are only \$10,000.00 away after \$40,000.00 has been raised. If a few of us could make a Tax-Deductible donation we will have it entirely completed and it will give great presence to our already magnificent instrument. It wouldn't take many of us to band together and we would have it sorted out.

St Matthew's Services

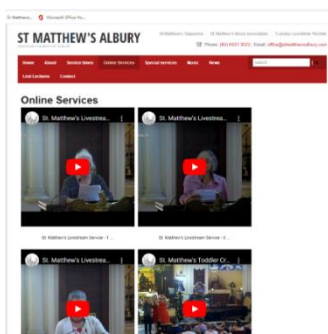
Sunday Eucharist Service 9:00 am each week.

Wednesday Eucharist Service 10:30 am each week.

Evensong is the first Sunday each month at 5pm.

Children's Church third Sunday each month at 10:30 am

Sunday Service - We now have rosters for Eucharist Assistants (EAs) and Presenting Gifts. Rosters have been emailed to those involved, if you have received a roster, please take note of the dates you are rostered on for each month. If you are unable to attend the date given, please organise a swap with someone else on the roster.



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 Sunday Service through YouTube.

Update: watching *St Matthew's Services on St Matthew's website:*

There is a new page on the website called 'Online Services' which makes it easier to find existing videos of the services.

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 now a two-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 If you would like to donate towards the production, printing and mailing cost of the newsletter, please donate by Direct-debit and state it is for the newsletter or bring to St Matthew's Office and inform it is for the Newsletter.

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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

NATIONAL SENIORS' WEEK 1st – 12th February

OPENING LEGAL YEAR Tuesday 7th February at St Matthew's



There was great pageantry at St Matthew's with the ceremony marking the Opening of the Legal Year under the direction of local Judge Sean Grant and in the presence of the Chief Judge and Legal Dignitaries. Our choir sang with Organ by Malcolm Halford, the bells rang, and bagpipes blew and to top it off there was a great Address by Geoff Romero based on Howard Jones most recent book Law Men of Albury 1838 – 1940.

ST MATTHEW'S REMEMBERS VIETNAM SUNDAY SERVICE 12TH FEBRUARY 9 AM



BROTHERS IN ARMS: Jack and Bob Grant at St Matthew's on Sunday, remembering their fallen brother Ernie - taken at only 20. Picture: MARK JESSER

The cost of the conflict in Vietnam will be remembered with people who grew up with Ernie Grant who lost his life at the Battle of Long Tan being in attendance. Vietnam Veterans are encouraged to come and wear their medals as RSL Chaplain Rev Alan Kelb will reflect on how our heroes were treated at the time. The choir will sing the famous Night Fall at Camp based on the Last Post. Ernie Grant's funeral was at St Matthew's and some of those who served in Vietnam and were assisting at his funeral and of other soldiers killed in Vietnam will be in attendance. Lest We Forget

HARVEST FESTIVAL 2023 SUNDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

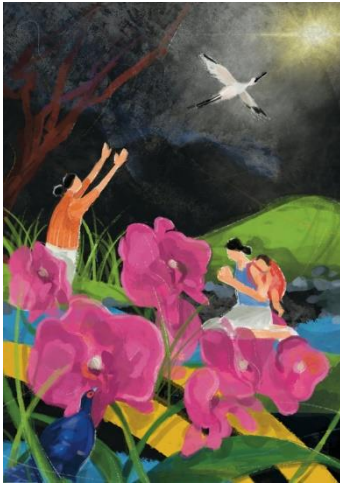
In Australia harvest festival often is omitted from the church year, but we keep it on the last Sunday before lent so that we build a time of Thanksgiving into our worship. Counting our blessings could be a full-time job. Thanks for the harvest of service to our community. Our farmers, caring professions, small acts of kindness, the involvement of our schools and the gift of our senior citizens, each one adding to our basket of blessings.

SHROVE TUESDAY 21st February

ASH WEDNESDAY 22nd February

Our 2023 PARISH COUNCIL will be meeting Thursday 23rd February

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER TAIWAN Friday 3rd March, 10am at St Matthew's Albury. Contact person Gill Mackay m: 0429 189 593



CHRISTMAS SERVICES ST MATTHEW'S 2022



ST MATTHEW'S MEMORY TREE during Advent

129 cards were written and added to our Memory Tree, remembering loved ones no longer with us, but held close and precious in our hearts.



SUNDAY SERVICE

29TH JANUARY

BISHOP CLARENCE



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.

New Awning is up!



MOTHER'S UNION

After a summer break MU is looking forward to another year of prayer, support, and fellowship. As previous years our meetings will be the 3rd Tuesday of the month, all those interested are welcome to attend, member or not.

November 25th to December 16th our MU branch participated in the 16 days of activism against GBV. We attached strips of purple and white fabric to the front fence of St Matthew's to attract community interest. Also attached were laminated sheets explaining GBV.



At the church service on Sunday 27th November our secretary Kirsty Coyle spoke to the congregation about GBV and asked that they participate in this activity of the Worldwide MU. At the end of the service prepared sheets of 16 prayers were handed to parishioners so that they could join in this activity.

On the 21st of February we will be meeting 5pm at Martin Centre for a Eucharist and supplied meal. We also have an informal coffee and chat monthly, 10am at the Purple Chicken on the 1st Tuesday of the month, once again everyone is welcome. Purple Chicken is back 7th February at 10am. Our Quiet Day will be held on Monday the 3rd of April at 10am. Rev. Rex Everett will be the facilitator this year and it is held in the lovely gardens of Jill Aplin. All our welcome, please consider attending it is a wonderful opportunity for reflection during the Lenten season in a beautiful environment. Should you be interested, further information and RSVP's can be made to Gill Mackay. Regards Kirsty Coyle

WEDNESDAY SERVICE 8th February



Great teamwork from our young members – Harrison and Cooper stealing the show!



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Hello Children's Church

We certainly finished the year with a bang! A very special thank you to Sandra Mcleod Miller giving every child in children's church a book. They were most appreciated. Sadly it was a goodbye present for one family and a happy hello for another family.

Children's Church will be on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Just like last year. We are all looking forward to seeing you all again so we can share stories, singing, craft marching and food!!

Lots of Love

Children's church team

FEBRUARY Children's Service is at 10:30 am

Thoughts for the month:



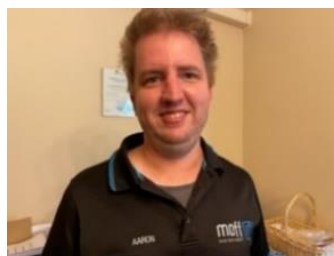
- *It isn't what you have in your pocket that makes you thankful but what you have in your heart. Unknown*
- *Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves. James M. Barrie*
- *Love is a great beautifier. Louisa May Alcott*
- *The love we give away is the only love we keep. Elbert Hubbard*
- *A life filled with love must have some thorns; but a life empty of love will have no roses. Unknown*
- *No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. Aesop*
- *Always laugh when you can; it is cheap medicine. Merriment... is the sunny side of existence. Lord Byron*
- *God's standard of beauty starts with a gentle and quiet spirit that displays love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, and faithfulness. These are the beauty attributes that will never go out of style.*

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.

The Ute Brigade continues to bring practical help wherever they are needed and have a good time doing it. Thank you!

Emergency Food and personal Room needs: Christmas treats such as chips, tins of fruit, mince tarts, bought biscuits. Tins of vegetables, spaghetti and baked beans, packets of pasta and bottles of pasta sauce, small jars coffee, long-life milk, Tea bags, packet Cereal, toothbrushes and toothpaste, new shampoos and conditioners, ladies and men's Deodorant. Towels in good condition. Re-usable bags.



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TRINITY ANGLICAN COLLEGE THUGOONA Staff Eucharist Service 24th January 2023



Trinity Anglican College staff commencement Eucharist with rev Emily from Northern Albury and with me from St Matthew's -a feeling of hope for this new year!

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS CONGRATULATIONS



Chris Thomas Volunteer of the Year for her work in connection with her support for cancer sufferers
Suzie Reid for Women's Health and Advocacy
Stuart and Annette Baker announced as recipients of the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM).

BAPTISMS



Recent Baptisms:

Freya Maeve Taylor, Charlotte Joan Grundy,
 Matilda Amarli Smith, Addison Margaret Jane Melville,
 Huxley Thomas Brown, Savannah Everly Brown

WEDDINGS/BLESSINGS:



Recent Weddings:

Elizabeth – Anne
 and Brendan Celi,
 Hayley and Jarrad
 Rolland



ENGAGEMENT

Congratulations
 to

Todd Banko and Lexy

HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes TO ALL

Who celebrated a birthday in JANUARY:

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes TO ALL celebrating a birthday in FEBRUARY:

4 th Lisa Ride	5 th Aprile Alexander	10 th Noel Debien
11 th Rosie Satchell – 80th	14 th John Tucker	15 th Lyn Collins
16 th Colin Richards - 97	17 th Roma Sykes	20 th Lyn Gardnir
22 nd Ron Rickett's - 90 th		
23 rd Sue Fyfe, Kiralee De Athridge – 50th		





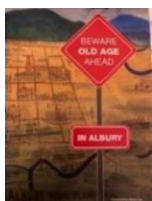
HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes TO ALL celebrating a birthday in MARCH:

Birthdays March:

2nd Kathy Sutherland
6th Lorraine Curnow
18th Lola Traill

3rd Helen Glachan
8th Joy Haberecht
20th Michelle Bester

4th Noela Murphy
11th Kevin Beattie
29th Belinda Wilkinson



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. On special for only \$20.00, Available at St Matthew's Office (10 – 12) and Retro Op-Shop (10 – 2).

Albury-Wodonga Knitting Nannas for Renewables - Our Climate scarf video is on YouTube!

We want to share this story with you. Feel free to share the video as widely as you like. Further information and links to the video are below. Albury-Wodonga Knitting Nannas for Renewables welcome returning and new members, we are currently meeting 12.30 - 1.30 pm on Thursdays, sitting outside NAB Wodonga and NAB Albury on alternate weeks. Men, non-nannas and non-knitters are all welcome and you don't need to make a weekly commitment, come when you can, you will be warmly welcomed. Contact person is Jen Huber jeniferruthhuber@gmail.com 0410 074 900.

This was posted on the A-W Knitting Nannas for Renewables Facebook page today:

Albury Wodonga Knitting Nannas for Renewables - our climate scarf makes history.

Emma Williams, Museum Coordinator of Albury LibraryMuseum, notified Museums & Galleries NSW that the climate scarf we presented for the local collection is a significant cultural object, thank you Emma! The rest is now history, a 2 - 3-minute video about our scarf and our group, **Purl One For The Climate** has been produced by Museums & Galleries of NSW. You can watch the video on YouTube using the link below, or you can access it via the website STORYPLACE (which publishes stories about the history and culture of NSW inspired by objects in regional NSW collections). Thanks to all the A-W Knitting Nannas for Renewables past and present for their energy and their valued ideas, there are many ways to express our care for country.

<https://storyplace.org.au/story/purl-one-for-climate/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QEeqVYVFW90>



1st February 2023 Raymond and Leanne Harris, son of Edith Harris, popped into St Matthew's Office to say 'Thank you for a lovely service' they watched the livestream at 2am from West Yorkshire - they are in Albury only a few days, 3weeks in Australia. Leanne thinks you're 'very cute' they hope you are feeling better soon.

An Article from an old newspaper Column 8: Last month, we told of a prayer that little Olivia, profoundly deaf, wrote to "Goddy", asking, 'Please let me hear with no hearing aid before I die.' Sister Caterina, who works with Olivia to help her reach her ambition, has sent us a copy of a beautifully illuminated letter Olivia has received from "Goddy": *Dear Olivia, Life here in Heaven is very good and all the Angels are well. One special Angel, Acoustica, has read your letter and she wants you to know that she can't hear. Very well either; but Goddy has given her beautiful long legs to run like the wind, and beautiful strong arms to swim like a fish and golden wings to soar like an eagle. What she enjoys most is turning off her hearing aid when all the other artists gels are bickering, and enjoying the Peace, Love and Hope that only Goddy can put in one's Heart. Goddy knows you will always hear Him in your Heart (even when you are tired) and who knows, one day, just maybe, you and the good angel Acoustica. Can throw away those hearing aids forever. All my love, Goddy*

OUT AND ABOUT



Donkeys have a new home and very happy!



Doug and Robin Arbrecht



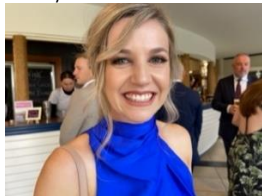
Chris, Victoria



Amanda, Michelle



Jon, Annette



Brittany Gould



John, Rosie



Annette, Sandra



Denise



Michelle, Owen



Leanne, Adrian



John, Victoria



Helen, Robin, Mark



Ray, Victoria



Pauline, Jim



Ken



Fr Peter



Michelle, Bishop Clarence



Jan



Shirley



Lyn



Chris, Fr Peter



Dave



Justin Victoria



Narelle



Todd



Annette, Rowena



Iris, Sandra



Judy



Paul



Emma, Mike



Frank, Jan



Lyn



Jack and Katie



Tina, Hal



Annette, Dylan



Dexter, Adelaide



Anna

Wari



Les Langmead



Ian



Dylan Forge



St Matthew's Craft Group

The Christmas Stall with cakes and plants raised \$1,285.00. The small stall held at the Christmas Carols and Readings Service raised \$230.

Thank you to Sadie and her craft team, Leona and Robin for organising these successful events. And

thank you to all who supported them by purchasing the lovely homemade gifts and products.

A huge THANK YOU to Sadie Moffitt, who has coordinated the group, stalls and stored all the boxes of made items for so many years and raised very valuable money at Fetes and the stalls to assist the continued running of St Matthew's.

2023 brings a few changes and new ideas for Crafts, cakes and plant stalls as fundraising events. *More detail in the next Newsletter.*



PASTORAL CARE

The Pastoral Care Team meet the first Wednesday of each month at the rectory (except January). 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. Thank you for your kind donations throughout the year and to those who have knitted and crocheted rugs that brighten people's day when not well.

Updated Document: 'Give Your Family Peace of Mind'

An updated and improved version of the 'Give Your Family Peace of Mind' form is now available to assist with planning your wishes for your Funeral/ Memorial Service. The information on this form assists the Priest, your family and the Executor/s of your estate. It is not compulsory, and not all sections have to be completed. It is something for all of us to think about – young and old. It is a great help to family member at the time of death and a comfort to them knowing they are fulfilling your wishes. If you would like help completing this information or would like to compose your life story/ eulogy, please contact Annette so this can be arranged.

GIVE YOUR FAMILY PEACE OF MIND
The information provided on this form is to assist the Priest, your family and the Executor/s of your estate to organise your funeral. Please complete as desired.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Surname _____
 Christian Name/s _____
 Family name/s (children) _____
 Name to be used during the service _____
 Address _____
 Phone Number/s _____
 Email address _____
 Place of birth _____ DOB _____
 If born outside Australia, date of arrival _____
 Usual occupation _____
 Father's name _____
 Occupation _____
 Mother's maiden name _____
 Occupation _____

Next of Kin

Relationship to you _____
 Email address _____
 Phone Number/s _____
 Executor's _____
 Email address _____
 Phone Number/s _____
 My will is held by _____

A copy of this document has been given to _____ and it is located _____

Our friends in UPA, Riverwood, Dellacourt



Roma, Joy



Geoffrey



Carol



Angela



SERVICES RETIREMENT VILLAGES AND NURSING HOMES FEBRUARY

Friday 10th and 24th – Riverwood 10am – Fr Peter, Annette
 Tuesday 14th - Marianella, Mercy 11am and Dellacourt 3pm – Annette, Sue
 Thursday 16th - Murray Gardens 11am - Fr Peter, Annette
 Tuesday 21st - Borella House 3pm - Fr Peter, Annette, Sue
 Tuesday 28th - Yallaroo – 11am - Fr Peter, Annette, Sue

MARCH

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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



***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.***



Recent Funerals:
Diana Ashley
Graham Johnston
Wilma France
Maxwell Carrett
Jennifer Everson
Patricia Gould OAM
Marjorie Kay
Kay West

Remembering our loved ones through the St Matthew's Garden



Donations are welcomed for the continued beauty of our gardens.



Planting the Queen Elizabeth Rose in remembrance of Her Late Majesty and Daphne's and Rosemary in remembrance of our loved ones.
Money Donations can be left at St Matthew's Office between 10 – 12 Monday – Friday.
Or you can donate online (details below) and, in the reference, include for 'St Matthew's Garden'.

TUNES ON TUESDAY Fortnightly Lunchtime RECITALS 2023

AT ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH, ALBURY 1:10 PM – 1:50 PM

All Welcome

Donation on entry

14 th February	Tim Adams/Tony Smith	Classical Guitar
28 th February	Samuel Giddy	Organ
7 th March	Hans Uwe Hielscher (ticketed concert)	Organ
14 th March	Stephen Bulmer	Classical Guitar
28 th March	Ethan Porter	Cello





ALBURY CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL 2023 17th, 18th and 19th November



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.

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.