

KEEPING CONNECTED TO OUR ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY

THEME: A Mixed Bunch of Blessings

July – August 2022



The year is racing by and while the shadows of COVID and war are still with us there have been many celebrations that will see us into a better future. NAIDOC celebrates Australia being a nation of great justice and compassion. The launch of our Chamber Music Festival was an exciting prelude to our Festival concerts and service in November. The CWA Service in June was a fitting tribute to the heroism of women in our community that will be celebrated on the Feast of Mary on Sunday 14th August when Bishop Clarence will be with us fresh from his participation in the Lambeth Conference which is a worldwide meeting of Anglican Bishops.

There are some things that stay the same and that is the focus of St Matthew's on care of the most vulnerable and the increased demand for help brought about by the downturn in the economy has been greeted with an outpouring of generosity for our emergency food room, blankets and warm clothing. Thank you also to the many who have been donating to St Matthew's electronically, by cheque or by Direct Debit to enable us to continue to minister particularly as the pressure escalates.

A special thank you to those who are the St Matthew's volunteers whether in the Office, the Emergency Food room, Op Shop, the garden, the Choir and Sanctuary, the Parish Council or in the belltower and beyond. The St Matthew's sorters and Ute Brigade also do a sterling job. St Matthew's Village is a ministry all of its own and it has been wonderful to see former residents visiting St Matthew's Albury on Sundays just catching up with friends. Pastoral Care as the heart of our ministry is only made possible because people make a special effort to look out for others and try to help in practical ways. Could I encourage us all to make a special effort when there is so much bad news floating around. The special people who enable our services through their varied Ministries either in the Church, in Aged Care, in Chaplaincy, in Schools or across the Community are a special blessing. If people hear of someone in need, or if they have a fall or are recovering from an illness or just need a bit of temporary support please contact the Office and we can assist you with a number of aids for the home, such as wheelie walkers and shower chairs.

Tunes on Tuesday, as well as other special concerts continue to attract growing number of appreciative music lovers and the Albury Chamber Music Festival in November still has tickets available for a very special musical weekend. *Fr Peter*

NAIDOC Week



**St Matthew's Music Association
Scholars Concert 5th July 2022**



**CWA Sunday
26th June 2022**



Albury Chamber Music Festival Launch



ALBURY CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL 4th, 5th and 6th November 2022



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)

Our Office volunteers:

Back (left – right) – Barry, Janice, Gillian, Mary

Front – Annette, Shirley, Judy, Robin. Absent: Patricia



Updates St Matthew's

Please note: There will be NO Wednesday Service on 27th July, 3rd August, 10th August, 17 August.

During the colder weather and with the increase in number of COVID cases, we strongly encourage wearing of masks in Sunday Services, please sanitise your hands on entering St Matthew's, maintain a safe distance and singing will be Choir only in order to best protect our friends and community.

If you are feeling unwell, please stay at home and watch our service on YouTube when posted during the following week. Social distancing and sanitising remain for everyone's safety.

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

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 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

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.

Snapshot May – June



Palm Sunday



GOOD FRIDAY LUXE ALBA RECITAL FOR PEACE



Easter Sunday



ANZAC DAY – Opening of Field

Bellringers Congratulate Pam Thorman on Palm Sunday



Pam and Bellringers rang a Quarter Peal to congratulate Pam Thorman on her OAM on Palm Sunday.

THANK YOU FROM REV. CATHY CARDEN:



Dear people of St Matthews

As many of you are aware, on the 26th March I was ordained Deacon in the Anglican Church at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Wangaratta. I would like to sincerely thank the many people who attended the service or sent cards or messages of support. I would also like to thank the members of the choir who joined the Cathedral choir and contributed so beautifully to the service. I was quite overwhelmed by everyone's efforts, and it made the whole weekend incredibly special.

I would also like to thank St Matthews for the special Canterbury cross brooch (and the champagne) that was given to me when I was able to attend the service on Palm Sunday. I have been greatly encouraged and am very appreciative of everyone's thoughts, prayers and best wishes. For the next 12 months I will continue in my role as Chaplain at Cathedral College Wangaratta 3 days a week. I will also spend 3 Sundays a month in the Parish of Rutherglen with Canon Fr Scott Jessup. I am excited for what God has planned for me, and I certainly hope that I will continue to be able to come to St Matthews from time to time.

Warm regards and thanks, Reverend Cathy Carden



Bishop Clarence, David Kerr



Rev. Alan



Cathy, Michelle

Wangaratta Cathedral Ordination Fr David Kerr



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.

ST MATTHEW'S ALBURY M.U. – Upcoming Dates for the Diary:

- Tuesday 9th August we are going to celebrate Mary Sumner Day at the Cathedral in Wangaratta and the guest speaker is our AUSTRALIAN M.U PRESIDENT REV ANN KENNEDY, commencing with a Eucharist at 11 am.
- A Lone Members get together for lunch at THE STUMP in Wodonga on Thursday 14th July, we will gather at 12 noon. Lone members, come from branches where there is no longer a branch in our end of the Diocese, it is good to support them when they are in our area. Please contact Janette Kettle if interested before 11th August.
- July meeting - Tuesday 19th at The Martin Centre. Gather at 11am for a cuppa. BYO lunch. 11.30am meeting commences with a service from our MU prayer and worship book, (don't forget to bring it). Meeting will follow the service, led by prayer co-ordinator Sue. The activity for this month is to bring your wedding photo, if you don't have one, maybe your parents, or just a significant photo in your life. We will put them on a table for everyone to look at, sure to be a very interesting activity!!
- Tuesday 2nd August at 10 am at the City Central Church in David St, plenty of parking behind the church!



Thank you to our members who continue to knit teddy's for the baptism babies. Our presence at Baptisms is a very special ministry in our branch. The teddies and prayer books are very well received by the recipients. The future baptism gift will include a card with information about Children's Church, and also Mothers' Union, with contact details.

Reflection: As Mothers' Union members we look to fulfil Mary Sumner's vision and make a difference to family life and relationships across the world. In our Mothers' Union Prayer Diary, July is focusing on Family and Relationships.

God of relationship, we look to your example of how to value the people who are part of our lives. May all our relationships with family, friends, community and with the church flourish and grow and glorify Christ Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH



Hello St Matthews from Children's Church, this month (July) we visited Mary and Martha. Martha was NOT happy. She had to do ALL the work. And she thought Jesus would tell off her sister. But he didn't!! Nah he told Martha to come and sit with him. He didn't come to visit to see housework! And he might have thought why is it only women who have to prepare for visitors... In our craft time we balanced big icy poles and saw what happened if we overloaded one side...so we need to have some balance between doing Martha things and being Mary things. We finished our time together with some very yummy banana muffins. Stay tuned for the next exciting chapter from the children's church team.

Next Children's Church is SUNDAY 15TH August at 10:30 am



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.

Mary, Lyn

Thoughts for the month:



- *It is through kindness and connection that hearts connect, and friendship begins. Bonnie Jensen*
- *Life is full of daily treasures. The wave of a neighbour, the smell of a fresh spring rain, a hug from a child... Take each day slowly so that each treasure you find can be a source of joy to fill your heart. Melissa Johnson*
- *God is patient and kind, loving and merciful. Wrap yourself in His love.*
- *Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. Leo Buscaglia*
- *The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart. Helen Keller*

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 Room needs: tins of soup, spaghetti and baked beans, bottles of pasta sauce, toothbrushes and toothpaste, small jars coffee, shampoo. Re-usable bags.



MOFF-IT - IT Specialists

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



RECENT BAPTISMS:

Mia Cooper, Indianna Van Werkhoven, Ciaran Lane, Dean Barry, Xavier Gilchrist, Willow-Rose Parkes, Isabel Sanderson, Luca Sanderson, Lakey Preston



RECENT WEDDINGS:

Taylah and Benjamin Antone,
 Emma and Thomas Lane

Deborah and Roderick Martin



HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes TO ALL celebrating a birthday in JULY and AUGUST

Birthdays July:

3rd Dawn Brooks	10 th Catherine McGlone	12 th Ray Fietz – 90 th
13 th Kylie Hull	15 th Shirley Gray	16 th Sandy Bobisch
19 th Gwen Rudd	20 th Nita Mercer	23 rd Judy Guilmartin
27 th Angela Braybrooks	29 th Tom Summerfield	30 th Kaye Kennedy

Birthdays August:

1 st Kirsty Coyle	3 rd Gwen Schnelle, Jill Fielder	8 th Val Hawker
10 th Judith Hore	17 th Rowena Ginns, Shirley Monte, Rick Allen	
28 th Christine Nesbit		



Kerry Wilkinson

Renewal of Vows

13th July 2022

Wednesday Service



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).

OUT AND ABOUT



Fr Peter and Ray



Prue and Tony



Stevie and Kirrilie



Shaun, Stevie



Chris



Frances, Hannah



Sandra, Malcolm



Kelly, Sally



Noela, Gill



Pam



Barry and Janice



Helen, Jane



Jane and Alan



Lynne, Todd



Vick



Brian, David, Vicki



Annette, Peter



David, Martin



Fr Peter, Shirley



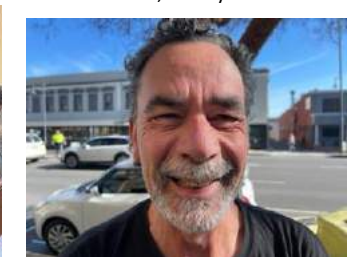
Gwen, Leanne



Lynne



Ignatius family



Paul



Shirley



Rowena, Fr Bill



Mary



Wari



Kevin, Rev. Maureen



Tom



Graham



Celia



Todd



Lynn



Arial



Paul, Ros



Hannah



Summer



Ray



Helen, Essie



Yvonne



Gill



David and Fran



James and Le-Vene



Robyn, Betty



Mrs Squires



Bruce and friend



Annette



Tony



Amanda, Michelle



The Scott's



Bryan, David



Kay, Ray



Paul, Michelle, Vicki



Kaye



Murray, Bec



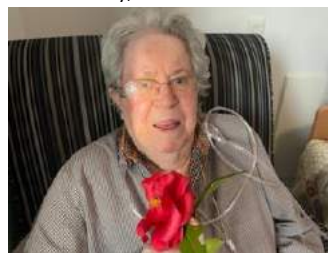
Fr Peter



Peter



Eleanor and Gordon



Eleanor



Gordon



Pauline and Jim



Peter and Deb



Caroline and Keith



Paul



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 3rd August.

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.

Our **Kindness rugs** - Thank you to our Parishioners who knit/crochet beautiful rugs for us to give to the sick and to people in need of loving care.

A recent Kindness rug 'Thank you' from Victor Karaffa and Sue really loved the rug - Victor knits or used to and they both thought that the quality was just amazing.

Prayers for the Jessup family, the Clancy family.



The Pastoral Care Team have put a new Candle Prayer to reflect on while lighting candles remembering loved ones.

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, including booster. **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 Riverwood, Dellacourt, Marianella and Murray Gardens Services



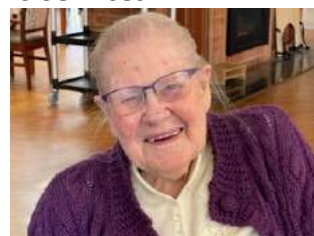
Riverwood - Joan , Gwen



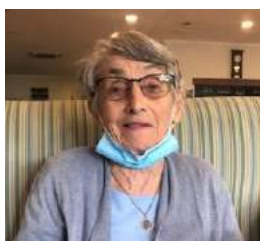
Roma



John



Angela



Eunice



John

Ivy



Christine



Betty



Annette, Gwen



Marianella - Judith



Dellacourt Service



Ken and Lorriane



Eve with daughter Rebecca



Dawn



Margaret



Hazel



Murray Gardens - Sylvia



Retirement Villages and Nursing Homes Services:

July dates: 12th Marianella - 11am, Dellacourt 3pm, 19th Borella House 3:00 pm; 21st Murray Gardens 11am, 8th and 22nd Riverwood 10am; 26th Yallaroo 11am

August dates: 12th, 26th Riverwood 10am; 9th Marianella 11am; 9th Dellacourt 3pm; 16th Borella House 3:00 pm; 18th Murray Gardens 11:15 am; 23rd Yallaroo 11am.



*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 July and August.*

*We remember with love those special people who
have recently died.*

Forever in our hearts.

Recent Funerals: Brett Altass, Kathryn Sutherland, Mariette Schockaert, Errol Alldis, Noel Waite, Norma Tanner, Esther Crambrook



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



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.

UPCOMING RECITALS

July 26	Kieran Crichton (Organ)
August 9	Bulmer Family (Violin /Classical Guitars)
August 23	Callum Knox (Organ)
September 6	Kieran Crichton (Organ)



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

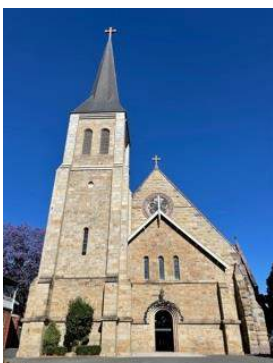
Account name: St Matthews Church Albury

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.