

# KEEPING CONNECTED TO OUR ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY

## THEME: PEACE and HOPE

March – April 2022



Lent comes from an Anglo-Saxon word meaning Spring, and instead of doing the normal Lenten flower throwout we should be having more flowers and this year the flower definitely is the Sunflower as we think of Ukraine. People all over the world are praying for the welfare of the vulnerable citizens of that besieged nation our very successful Shrove Tuesday Pancake Concert assisted the Ukraine Crisis Appeal. This appeal is the largest Australian tax-deductible fundraising effort for Ukraine and the link is:

[www.ukrainecrisisappeal.org](http://www.ukrainecrisisappeal.org) if you wish to donate. The very obvious need that connects our Global Christian Community is a very important opportunity to share our faith based on loving action with our schools and wider society. There are many liturgical rabbit holes down which we could disappear at this time of year but instead our Holy Week and Easter Services will focus on **PEACE**. The need for PEACE and Sharing PEACE on Maundy Thursday, Making PEACE for Good Friday and Proclaiming PEACE for Easter Sunday.

Trinity Anglican College and Albury High School students will assist in reminding our local community that Ukraine is everyone's business by attaching the colours of the Ukraine flag gold and blue along St Matthew's fence on Kiewa Street as Easter approaches.

As Anzac Day comes up we will be placing poppies on the gates of St Matthew's while the rest of the fence explodes with sunflowers. We are sharing **HOPE** for the future and there couldn't be a better time to do it than when Easter is approaching and the world really needs it.

Local and Global themes catch us as we consider the floods sweeping our Nation and one again there are opportunities to assist.





## **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)



## **Services at St Matthew's**

Sunday Holy Communion Service at 9:00 am each week.  
Evensong first Sunday each month at 5pm.  
Wednesday Holy Communion Service at 10:30 am each week  
Children's Church third Sunday each month at 10:30 am  
**Reminder:**  
3rd April - change in day light saving time – rewind clocks one hour

## **HOLY WEEK SERVICES 10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> April**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April**  
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**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

**Palm Sunday Service 9:00 am and St Matthew's Craft Stall**  
**Solemn Mass for Maundy Thursday 6:00 pm**  
**Good Friday Service 9:00 am**  
**Stations of the Cross** combined Service with Sacred Heart at North Albury  
10:30 am followed by Hot-Cross Buns  
**Luxe Alba Good Friday Peace Concert for Ukraine at St Matthew's 2:00 pm**  
**Easter Sunday Service 9:00 am No Evensong**



Please check Facebook and website for updates, and we thank you for your continued support. All invited, All welcome! Please tell your friends that the public health measures that restricted access have been lifted so all people, regardless of vaccination status are welcome. As colder weather approaches, we are remaining vigilant in order to best protect our friends and community. So 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.

You can continue to keep connected via the St Matthew's website: [www.stmatthewsalbury.com](http://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](http://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](mailto: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.



**Canon Lyall Turley Memorial Lecture & Diocesan Ministry Conference Wangaratta**  
**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February**  
**St Matthew's Pastoral Care was**

**asked to take a Session on Sharing St Matthew's Pastoral Care story – Caring in Action.** Annette and Fr Peter presented a powerpoint with visuals outlining the work our team does to help our parish and community - running on the fuel of practical kindness and caring in action.





## 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.

## Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March Extra Tunes on Tuesday Recital a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Concert with a Musical Topping



**St. Matthew's Mothers' Union** in conjunction with Tunes on Tuesday held the Annual **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE** afternoon on 1st March in the Church.

Another very successful event, about 60 people attending and raising money for Ukraine families and Mothers' Union Worldwide. Anthony made the pancakes this year and MU members supplied the toppings mince, berries, salmon, lemon juice & ice cream. Malcolm Halford, Organist, played a wonderful variety of music items which was immensely appreciated by all who attended. **THANK YOU, MALCOLM HALFORD.**

Gill Mackay, Barbara Hoodless Janette Kettle, and Julie Scott - all work together as MU Presidents.

**Apology Message** from Justin Clancy: Hi Fr Peter - well done on event for Ukraine tomorrow. My apologies as I am in Melbourne with Seamus. Would welcome reaching out to local Ukraine community. Best wishes, Justin.

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE



## World Day of Prayer Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022



The World Day of Prayer 2022 was held at St Patrick's Church Albury with about 60 people attending - this year. Every year through World Day of Prayer International Committee and Australia organisation, arranges the Commissioning each year to focus on a country. This year was planned for England, Wales & Northern Ireland and a Guest Speaker was approached to speak about the countries.

All Churches in Albury have a meeting of 1 or 2 people representing their Church once a year to arrange this very special service. Everyone is invited from our many Churches within the district to attend, and support with a money donation which is then sent to the country we support that particular year, through the [www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org](http://www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org). Each year Churches in Albury and District are approached to conduct the World Day of Prayer Year - 2023 St Matthew's Church, Albury has accepted to conduct the service which will be held on a Friday in beginning of Lent. The Women's World Day of Prayer minutes have been handed over to me and I note that The World Day of Prayer commenced in 1954! We will need support from our parishioners for Women's World Day of Prayer 2023 with help with sandwiches, slices etc and also welcomers at front of Church. We will be in touch through the Pew Sheets. Gill Mackay



## Cathy Carden Ordination 26th March 2022 at 11am

Cathy Carden who has been a long-time teacher and part of St Matthew's will be Ordained Deacon by Bishop Clarence at the Cathedral and Reverend Maureen Beattie who was so involved with St Matthew's Pastoral care and with her husband, Kevin, were a valued part of our congregation, will be the preacher. There will be a time in the near future for Cathy to come to St Matthew's to celebrate formerly.



## CHILDREN'S CHURCH



Hello Everyone from Children's Church, This month we invited our teddy bears to Church. They had a lovely time! We talked about when we first met, how lovely it all was. Life was warm and snuggly. Then we talked about what would happen if we were mean to our teddies: called them names or refused to play with them because they were different. None of our teddies liked that at all. In old people's church Jesus was teaching his disciples how to talk to people – the way they like to be talked to. So no na na ni nana nar nars. Nasty pasties are out. And everybody can join in if they want to. Even if they wear white socks. (When Catherine was children's church age NOBODY wore white socks...) Our craft activity was decorating teddy bear biscuits. They looked good. Yummy in fact. A word of advice... if you bite the head off a teddy, it is hard to make friends but they dooooo taste good!

Thank you everybody who put Children's church together. All the teddies and all the humans had a lovely time. Special thank you to Trisha for playing the Teddy bears picnic music for us to march into our craft.

**Our next service will be on March 20<sup>th</sup> 10:30am** and we will be getting ready for Easter.



**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.**

**WINDOW INTO THE OP SHOP** The Op. Shop has battled its way through Covid and recent



downpours to again be a bright and cheery arm of the parish. Sales remain steady in this time of rising inflation. We have been able to supply clothes to those in need by way of a voucher system.

Donations of Bric-a-brac and fine quality clothing are particularly welcome. Please leave items directly at the Op. Shop. More volunteers are needed to work with a very dedicated and diverse team and also, we believe there is merit or

opportunities if the OP Shop opens on a Saturday on a trial basis. To do this we need volunteers specifically for Saturdays. Thinking is that a different group of people may be interested/available to volunteer on a Saturday. Please contact the Office if interested in helping. John & Lyn Schuberg

### Thoughts for the month:

*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.*



*Live your life while you have it. Life is a splendid gift - there is nothing small about it. Florence Nightingale.*

*The unselfish effort to bring cheer to others will be the beginning of a happier life for ourselves. Helen Keller*

*It is astonishing how little one feels alone when one loves. John Buller.*

*Do with a smile those things you have to do anyway. Unknown*

*Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds that you plant. Robert Louis Stevenson*

*The greatest exercise for strengthening the heart is reaching down and lifting people up. Earnest Blevins*

*Daily prayers, lessen daily cares. Unknown*

### 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!





The **Mother's Union** has stepped forward to take a bag of clothing each to launder and press and has really taken the heat off! And also, we've had many very positive reports from people who have been helped into emergency accommodation and even into rehabilitation having a wonderful new start in life. Thank you for this early Easter joy!

**Emergency Food Room needs:** tins of soup, spaghetti and baked beans, bottles of pasta sauce, toothbrushes and toothpaste, shampoo.

- **12/2 Anonymous donation of \$20,000** has gone into St Matthews Music Foundation bank account on account of its message of inclusion in the current political climate.
- **Best wishes** to Andrea and Steve Beitzel. Andrea was the Pastoral Care Worker with Lutheran Aged Care, she is taking up a position at Mercy Health in Montrose in February. Steve was unable to secure a job here. Their plan is to try and come back to Albury but that will depend upon us both getting work. It's been an absolute pleasure meeting coming to St Matthews. We will miss it!



**Congratulations to Beth and Graham Docksey.** Beth has been awarded Albury Citizen of the Year on St Patrick's Day (due to Covid on Australia Day). She was Albury's first female Police Superintendent and is now a passionate advocate for retired and former police officers. Also on St Patrick's Day was a recognition by LGNSW & Albury City of retired Councillor Graham Docksey.

## 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service Wangaratta – Sunday March 13



A Celebratory Service will be held at the Cathedral, celebrating the Enthronement of the first Bishop of the Diocese, thus the inauguration of the Diocese, on 13 March 1902, commencing at 2.30pm. The Peace Greeting reminds us of this and affirms that God's spirit is with us in our gathering. The preacher will be the Rt. Revd. David Farrar, a previous Bishop of the Diocese. Some members of St Matthews choir will also be joining with the Cathedral Choir for this service as they will be for Cathy Carden's Ordination.



Sharing Good News: 17<sup>th</sup> March - A thankyou from the Cathedral Music Director Kieran Crichton: Hello Malcolm, this is to say a big thanks to you and your choir members who visited Holy Trinity Cathedral to sing for the Diocesan Anniversary Service on Sunday afternoon. It was such a wonderful occasion. Many people have been in touch to say how it gave them a feeling of connection and uplift. Many messages have spoken particularly of the powerful effect of the music and the singing of the choir in the service. This was my first major event with the Diocese in the post-Covid era. I

had a real sense of joy to welcome you and your singers to the Cathedral, and to be able to sing with you. I know many of my choir members were thrilled to be part of a bigger group, and to have the energy that comes from being able to generate a much larger sound. Fr Peter's presence among the choir was also encouraging for my people. I also appreciated the goodwill and encouragement of his comments to me after the service. We are looking forward to singing with you again for the ordinations on 26 March. I will be in touch once the music details are completely finalised. Best wishes, Kieran Crichton



A very big **THANK YOU to Janice and Barry Barton**

for organising the palm branches (Barry) to make the Palm crosses for Palm Sunday and making **1000** Palm Crosses (Janice).

This will enable us to give Palm Crosses to Sacred Heart and to all our friends in Retirement Villages and Nursing Homes when we hold our April service in each facility.



**MOFF-IT**

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

## Baby Congratulations

- Sidney Morgan Gray born Tuesday 1st March weighing 3.94kg. Eleanor & Nathaniel are in awe & in love ❤️  
From grandparents Vicki and Byron Gray



- Congratulations Vinci formerly of St Matthew's Village with the birth of a new baby son called Ram, and now living in Melbourne.



### BAPTISMS February/March:

Bonny Lee Shuter, Elizabeth Keryn Jayne Munro,  
George John House, Jaska Cove Jones



## 50<sup>th</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations Bill and Jenny Sherwood celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

Bill and Jenny were married at St Matthew's at 5:30 pm and returned to walk down the aisle 50 years later!

5/3 Email of thanks received: Hi Annette, thank you so much for sending the pictures. We came in yesterday to walk down memory lane and was not expecting to be greeted by you and Father Peter. You made our day so special with flowers and a card and the beautiful blessing. That meant so much to us remembering all the special people in our lives. We had a lovely dinner out last night, but the highlight of our day was the visit back to Saint Matthews. Thank you both so much. Kindest regards Jenny and Bill Sherwood

**WEDDING - 12<sup>th</sup> March 2022 Wedding Congratulations - Emily and Brent Webster**



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes TO ALL celebrating a birthday in MARCH and APRIL

### Birthdays March:

2nd Kathy Sutherland  
6th Lorraine Curnow  
18th Lola Traill - 90<sup>th</sup>

3rd Helen Glachan

8th Joy Haberecht - 90<sup>th</sup>

20th Michelle Bester

4th Noela Murphy

11th Kevin Beattie

29th Belinda Wilkinson

### Birthdays April:

5th Jan Schulz

12th James Flores

16th Betty White

9th Graeme Scott

15th Pam Thorman

25th Helen Martin

**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



Annette, Gillian, Robin



Sally Williams



Denise Farrington



Joy Haberecht



Kate, Gillian





Seamus Clancy



Tom Summerfield



Ross Altass



Jan Altass



Dawn Brooks



Tobin Brothers – Ben, Cameron



Ray, Fr Peter



Kerrie Wilkinson



Essie and Ken Osborne



Chris Thomas



Annette, Shaun



Todd, Walid



Angela, Sussan



Fr Peter, Suzie



Ros, Kathy, Bryan, Paul



Jane, Helen, Alan



Bryan, Kathy



Jim, Mavis



Annie



Byron, Vicki Gray



Paul, Josh, David



Ray, Lyn



Rona



Charles Waterstreet



Susan, Ray



Rev. Maureen Beattie



The Aldridge's



Pam



Bev, Norm



Narim



Iris, Lyn



Sally, Elspeth



Rosie



Michelle Bester



Irene, Janette



Andrina



Sandra, Graeme



Lisa



Sue



Paul, Judy



### 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.

CRAFT GROUP Sunday 10th April - Poppies for Anzac Day The craft group are making  
poppy brooches for sale ready for Anzac Day.





## 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 6<sup>th</sup> April.**

**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 the Jessup family, the Clancy family.

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. *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.

- Rev Michelle and Rev. Paul Wood - have commenced **Evensong Prayer at Riverwood Hostel** - Angela Braybrooks and Lifestyle Manager Brooke Williams - trialling Monday nights to Easter at 6pm. Going well.
- The Pastoral Care Team have been seeking to find a few chairs with arms to put in St Matthew's to help the elderly. We are very pleased to announce that chairs have now been purchased (at a very reasonable cost and donated) and will be placed in the Church. We hope you find these comfortable and welcome feedback.



## Our friends in Murray Gardens Dellacourt, Riverwood Services



Roma, Pauline Marion, Irene, Sylvia, Margaret, Esme Margaret



Roma



Val, Norma



Eve Ross, Sue



Lorraine



Dawn



Roma



Angela, Christine



Gwen



Peter



A little 'Act of Kindness' that can make a world of difference!

A kindness rug made for Betty White, knitted by Janice Barton using wool that was Betty's that she used to knit teddies for baptisms at St Matthew's. Betty was deeply touched and delighted by this very thoughtful gift and it meant so much to her that she wants it to be a family heirloom.

## Retirement Villages and Nursing Homes Services:

**March dates:** 8<sup>th</sup> Marianella - 11am, Dellacourt 3pm, 17<sup>th</sup> Murray Gardens 11am, 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Riverwood 10am

**April dates:**

8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> April Riverwood 10am; 12<sup>th</sup> April Marianella 11am; Dellacourt 3pm; 19<sup>th</sup> April Borella house 3:30 pm; 21<sup>st</sup> April Murray Gardens 11:15 am; 26<sup>th</sup> April 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  
March.  
We remember with love those special people who have  
recently died.  
Forever in our hearts.*

**Funerals February/March:** Marion Ellis, David Carolane, William (Bill) Traill, Alec English, Trevor Stratton, Ian Haberecht, John Martin



**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](http://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.

<b>March 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>James Flores</b>	<b>Organ</b>
<b>March 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Michelle Hertzfeld</b>	<b>Mezzo Soprano</b>
<b>April 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Kieran Crichton</b>	<b>Organ</b>
<b>April 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>James Strachan</b>	<b>Voice</b>
<b>April 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Ethan Porter</b>	<b>Cello</b>



**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, Létourneau 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 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.***