

# KEEPING CONNECTED TO OUR ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY

## THEME: GOOD NEWS BUSTING OUT ALL OVER!

May – June 2023



Travelling around Albury among our Senior Citizens in Aged Care facilities and at home, can give you a more balanced view of life than listening to continual bad news streamed from the media. It's true that the temperature can be frosty but the leaves on the trees are glorious. While there is a lot of sadness around there is so much kindness in small but considerate acts between friends and strangers that can warm our hearts. And life is also full of surprises! Our latest newsletter is packed full of happy events from the Coronation, the Melinda Schneider Concert and so many friends catching up.

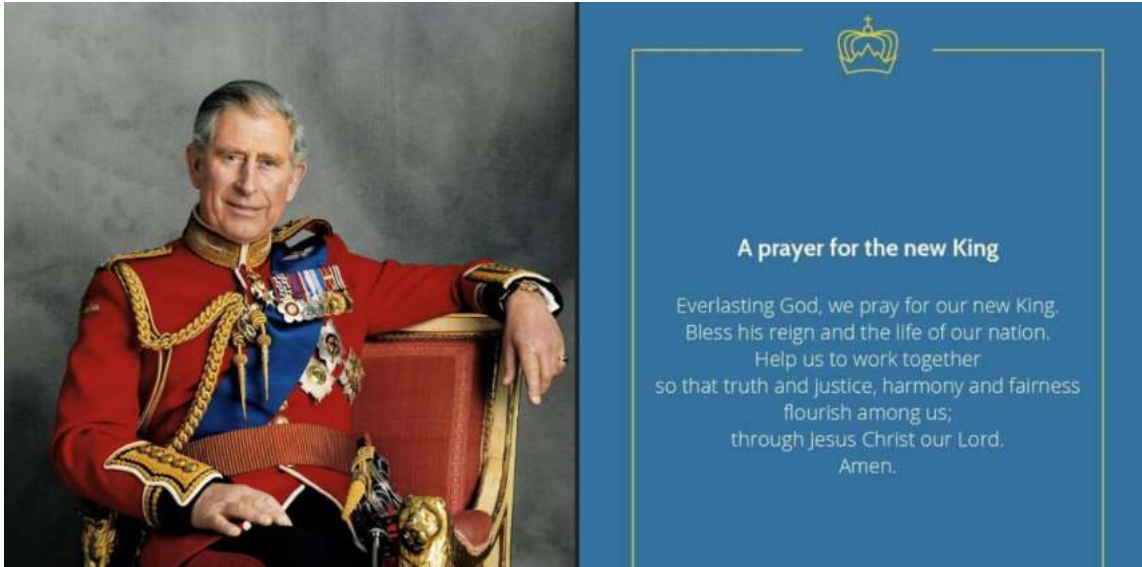
Through Pastoral Care we are in touch with the real news of our St Matthew's Community which is all about people caring about each other in challenging times. That's the

thread that runs through everything that we are connected with, in fact you might say it is the main gift that connects us.

Many of us are unable to join in worship in the St Matthew's building as regularly as we would like, but that doesn't stop us being deeply connected with St Matthew's Mission for each other and for the stranger.

Thank you for all those who continue to support our service to the community either through being a volunteer, through prayer and practical support, through tax time gifts or in so many other ways. Through covid, flue, fire, hell or high water we continue to be a sign of HOPE and that is because of wonderful individuals and families who have carried the torch of faith and friendship through the years and into a future that really needs it.

## 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**

The Digital 32-foot pipe for our wonderful Pipe Organ is on the way to be completed and hopefully by our Chamber Music Festival in November it will be finished.



The Gothic chairs were very popular and have all been purchased. We are currently planning a row of comfortable and aesthetically appropriate armchairs for some of our Senior citizens in the middle of the Church and we will keep you updated with the opportunity to purchase and support this way of caring for others.



## Snap shot SPECIAL SERVICES - PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER



## ANZAC DAY – Lest We Forget



### 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](http://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](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) 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.



**Office Team Meetings** are held every 3 months to keep informed, updated and ensure the Office is running as smoothly as possible.

**Our next Team Meeting is Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023, 2 pm at the Rectory.**

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



St Matthew's Parish Council last met Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 5:30 in the Rectory. John Schuberg was guest to discuss the future of St Matthew's Op Shop moving into the Rectory and improvements needed to the Rectory for this to happen. All were in favour of this move and work has commenced for this to occur.

**Next Parish Council Meeting is Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July 5:30 pm at the Rectory.**



### 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.**



## ALBURY CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL 2023

**17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> November**

### Chamber Music Festival Launch Melbourne Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 3 pm

The Albury Chamber Music Festival launch is on 9 July 2023 at 3 pm at Astolat. (630 Riversdale Road, Camberwell VIC 3124. On-street parking is available.)

We will reveal the top-secret 2023 Festival Program and present performances from selected festival artists. This is a complimentary event, but places are limited, so please RSVP via return email at your earliest convenience.

Festival passes are already available via [www.alburychambermusicfestival.com.au](http://www.alburychambermusicfestival.com.au) (currently Session 1 is 50% sold, Session 2 is 10% sold)

Best Wishes, The committee with its co-artistic directors Sally-Anne Russell and Mario Dobernig

*Great News! The Governor General's Office has been in contact, and they are planning to attend our Chamber Music Festival in November.*



### Melinda Sings Songs of Hope and Country Women bringing lambs and people in from the cold.

Thanks Melinda Schneider, North East Women in Dairy and the Border community Team for warming up a paddock of bad news into some bright outcomes for people and animals.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> May, Melinda Schneider was on the Border speaking to women in the dairy industry and to perform her 'Melinda Sings Songs of Hope' concert to assist St Matthew's emergency care, just when the weather is turning hostile and

the temperature plummeting.

The Friday lunchtime gathering of 60 women for North East Women in Dairy on the causeway, was a sharing time on the themes of self-care, mental health and how to be gentle on yourself.

The packed concert at St Matthews Albury on Saturday raised funds for emergency accommodation and food relief and Sunday morning saw a gathering of members of the Country Women's Association at St Matthews, Albury when Melinda sang Helen Reddy's hit 'I Am Woman (Hear Me Roar)' and ten Hyperthermia sleeping bags were presented by Albury Wodonga community chest.

All the planets seemed aligned when Melinda Schneider brought together the owner of three orphan lambs on the Border with a newfound female Dairy farmer friend (Cindy





Lucas), who is now caring for them.

It's a great local story on the milk of human kindness for all creatures great and small.

Thanks Melinda, we are looking forward to a return Christmas concert in December when she will join with the choir of St Matthews Albury, bringing people together to assist the mental health and wellbeing of those most isolated in rural and regional communities.



**Melinda Sings Songs of Hope Concert at St Matthew's**  
Thank you to all who helped with this event.

## PENTECOST AND CWA SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023







David's Orphaned Lambs Mel and Mark cared for by Cindy



### Kindness knitting to warm people and animals on the Border.

St Matthews emergency care was thrilled to receive a stack of tiny jumpers for lambs that we can offer to local farmers for orphan or struggling lambs just when the winter is closing in.

We also have kindness rugs for our senior citizens and those in hospital but this delivery of jumpers for lambs really put a smile on our faces.



### Albury Winter Solstice QEII Square Albury Wednesday 21st June 2023 6:00pm - 8:00pm

On the longest night of the year, Survivors of Suicide and Friends hosts a free event to bring together the Albury Wodonga community in commemoration of those who have died by suicide. With exceptional speakers and heart-warming performances, it's a night

to remember and reflect loved ones. This year they welcome Victorian Commissioner for LGBTIQ+ Communities Todd Fernando, speaker and musician Clare Bowditch and former CEO of Lifeline Australia John Brogden AM, alongside the ever-wonderful MC, David Astle. Ainslie Wills and The Northern Folk will be performing, so please join for the eleventh year of reflecting, remembering, connecting and conversations through storytelling.



### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, all those interested are welcome to attend, member or not.

Our May meeting was very well attended and our member Rowena Ginns led us through some forms dealing with the information required at the time of death and preparing for a funeral. Rowena did this in a very professional and sensitive way, mindful that it is a difficult



subject but something we all need to be prepared for particularly to help our families. If you were not at the meeting and would like a copy of the form or two if you wish, please contact me and I will see that you get it. Many thanks again Rowena for sharing your knowledge on this topic.

Many thanks to Julie and Gill for preparing flowers for Mother's Day, some to hand out at Church with the caption "Motherhood is a Vocation". Gill also had enough flowers to make some bunches which were sold at Church and raised \$45.

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH



Hello St Matthews. This month in Children's Church we celebrated Pentecost. We know it was a week early but we are that keen in Children's church! What we talked about was a conversation Jesus had with his friends. How Jesus, and his dad, thought it was time for Jesus to come home. Jesus' friends were not thrilled about that. So Jesus said hang on I haven't finished yet. When I go the Holy Spirit will come and help you in lots of ways. Life is gonna be different! Children's church then talked about how the Holy Spirit can be tricky because human eyes can't see her. But then we thought Don't Panic we can't see the wind. We can see what the wind moves but not the actual wind. To remind us of this we made some windmills and finished it all off with morning tea. Rev. Catherine Dawson



**JUNE Children's Service**  
**Sunday 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**  
**at 10:30 am**

### **Thoughts for the month:**

*Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under the trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky is by no means a waste of time. John Lubbock*  
*Let me tell thee, time is a very precious gift from God - so precious that it's only given to us moment by moment. Amelia Barr*  
*The difference between "try" and "triumph" is a little "umph". Unknown*  
*Unshared Joy is an unlighted candle. Spanish Proverb*  
*Every day brings a chance for you to draw in a breath, kick off your shoes, and dance. Oprah Winfrey.*

*Hope is a waking dream. Aristotle*

*Small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises. Demosthenes*

*The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart. Helen Keller*

*God is patient and kind, loving and merciful. Wrap yourself in His love.*



## 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:** store bought Pasta sauce, tins of tuna (pull top), store bought jam, tins of soup, tins of vegetables, small jars coffee, tea bags, 1l long-life milk, sweet biscuits, toiletries, used towels in good condition, re-usable plastic bags.

**Thanks** so much to everyone who contributes food items. They are put to immediate use as there is always a high demand for our food hampers.



A very generous act of kindness

Gwen Bradley with her friend Denise Stakelum.

Denise has donated 45 hand-made Quilts to St Matthew's for those in need.

These gifts of kindness will be so greatly appreciated by all who receive them.

With sincere thanks.



**Hyperthermia sleeping bags were presented by Albury Wodonga Community Chest.**

**Albury Wodonga Community Chest (AWCC)** has been pleased to donate to St Matthews ten hypothermia sleeping bags. This will assist the work of the Church in supporting those in need in the local community.

This donation has been made possible through the fund raising arm of AWCC, Revolution Theatre Productions. *Priscilla Queen of the Desert: the Musical*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, and *Wind in the Willows* are recent productions from Revolution you may have seen. The current donation of sleeping bags has been possible from the membership contributions of the cast of Priscilla.

AWCC looks forward to offering continued support to those in need through the work of St Matthews. Patricia Clout (AWCC President)



Wishing Daryl Ward Principal Albury High School, a very happy Retirement.

We thank Daryl for his support and close association with St Matthew's and wish him all the very best for his retirement.

We look forward to continuing our great association with AHS.



**SAVE THE DATE:**

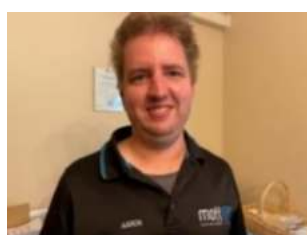
**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 2 pm**

**Warwick Fyfe and Friends in Concert**

In Adamshurst Ballroom

St Matthew's Music Association

More detail available soon.



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## BAPTISMS



### Recent Baptisms:

Zalia Gough, Indiana Gough, Sophie Bruce, Elissa Pampa

## WEDDINGS/BLESSINGS:



Congratulations David and Alex McGlone on your wedding 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023 on the Gold Coast.

Proud dad Mick McGlone was the Celebrant.



### Wedding Anniversary Congratulations

Jack and Marie Jones, in Dellacourt, celebrated their 73rd Wedding Anniversary 23rd May 2023. They were married at St Matthew's. They have 5 daughters and one son.



Congratulations Judy and Jim Guilmartin, who celebrated their 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023. They were married at Sacred Heart by Kevin Flanagan, a friend of Jim's family. They have 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes TO ALL who celebrated a birthday in MAY:

5 <sup>th</sup> Fr Peter	10 <sup>th</sup> Sally Anne Russell, Kate Ashley
11 <sup>th</sup> Eve Ross	23 <sup>rd</sup> Glenda Appleby
25 <sup>th</sup> Janice Barton – 80 <sup>th</sup>	
26 <sup>th</sup> Lyn Dynan	28 <sup>th</sup> Tyson      31 <sup>st</sup> Judy Webster



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes TO ALL celebrating a birthday in JUNE:

5 <sup>th</sup>	Victoria Chick
7 <sup>th</sup>	Bishop Clarence Bester
8 <sup>th</sup>	Mick McGlone
18 <sup>th</sup>	Inge Lubke
20 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret Murphy
25 <sup>th</sup>	Roma Hodgson
27 <sup>th</sup>	Paul Hare – 70 <sup>th</sup>





## HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes TO ALL celebrating a birthday in July:

3rd Dawn Brooks

13<sup>th</sup> Kylie Hull

19<sup>th</sup> Gwen Rudd

29<sup>th</sup> Tom Summerfield – 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday

10<sup>th</sup> Catherine McGlone

15<sup>th</sup> Shirley Gray

23<sup>rd</sup> Judy Guilmartin

12<sup>th</sup> Ray Fietz

16<sup>th</sup> Sandy Bobisch

27<sup>th</sup> Angela Braybrooks

30<sup>th</sup> Kaye Kennedy

## OUT AND ABOUT



Stevie, Puzzle, Tilly



Coyle Family



Glenda



Appleby Family



Noela



Harrison, Cooper



Rick



Val



Stevie



Carl Monterio with girlfriend Grace



Jill



Paul



Judy



Melinda, Scarlet



Melinda, John



Annette, Shaun, Melinda



Ken



Cooper, Harrison



Eliza



Sandra, Eliza



Victoria, Sandra



Andrew





John, Hannah, Corinne



John, Fran, Hannah,



Linda, Olwen



Fr Martin



Susan, Angela



Michael, Betty



Ron, Jean



Jack, Katie



Annette, Paul



Jane



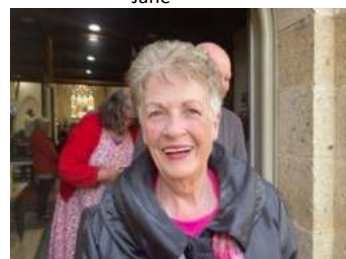
Phyllis



Patricia, Bec



Debbie, Rod



Jan



Adrian, Bishop Clarence



Debbie



Hannah



Jane Fr Peter



Annette, Lynn



Shirley, Judy



Keith, Robyn



John, Sandy, Ray, Gillian, Kathy



Mark



Charles, Mary



Denise



Victoria, Janice



Corrine





Paul, Mark., John, Victoria



Murray, Bec



Jim



Mark, Cathy



Bishop Clarence, Rev. Cathy



Ailsa



Gai



David, Margaret

## St Matthew's Craft Group



Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month, at members' homes.

**Next meetings: June 7<sup>th</sup> and July 5<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 pm.**

New members who are interested in craft and who would like to join our happy friendly group are most welcome but please contact Jill on 0408109726 so that we can provide you with a chair & a cuppa! The get-togethers are fun and constructive. Parishioners who are craft minded, but not able to attend group meetings, may consider making things at their leisure and provide some items to sell on our craft stalls. Suitable items can also be displayed in the craft cupboard in the Church Narthex for sale throughout the year! All proceeds going to the Church.

## 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.

A huge **'Thank You'** to all our lovely knitters and crocheters who have recently donated several

kindness rugs, already been so warmly received and brightening people's day when not well.



**'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 in 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









**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)



### ***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 May  
and June.***

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

***Forever in our hearts.***

**Recent Funerals:** Donald Fielder, John Sloane, Doug Rolls, Beverley Skeen, Robert Klein- Boonschiate, Enid (Joan) Sheather, George Dosenko

### ***Remembering our loved ones through the St Matthew's Garden***



Donations are welcomed for the continued beauty of our gardens.

**'Thank you'** to all who have made donations for the St Matthew's Garden to further develop and help maintain its beauty. The money donated has been spent on – Daphnes which have been scattered along post office wall near plaques, sugar cane mulch, sprinklers, equipment, and maintenance.

If you would like to make a money donation towards the St Matthew's Gardens, the money can be left at St Matthew's Office between 10 – 12 Monday – Friday.

Or you can donate online (details above) and, in the reference, include 'St Matthew's Garden'. Thank you.



### **TUNES ON TUESDAY Fortnightly Lunchtime RECITALS 2023 AT ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH, ALBURY 1:10 PM – 1:50 PM**

**All Welcome    Donation on entry**

June 20 Stephen Bulmer (Classical Guitar)  
July 4 Keiran Crichton (Organ)  
July 18 Dylan Forge (Voice)

### **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.

### **"End of Financial Year – Tax-Deductable Donations**

If you are interested in making a tax-deductable donation before 30 June 2023 (EOFY) then please see the information sheet in the Narthex. Donations can be made for: Music Scholarships for country kids; Maintenance of the Church and Rectory; Maintenance of the Organ; the Emergency Food and Accommodation Fund. Enquiries to Father Peter or Mark Carden"