

Keeping Connected to our St Matthew's Family

Theme: Green Pastures and Still Waters Restore My Soul

October 2021



The Lord is my Shepherd rings out clearly in our memories. Recently it has been heard in poetry, in song and readings for farewells. It's a little wonder that it so very much loved and in a world of such uncertainty and rapid change the idea of trusted guidance and good government have never been more needed. It isn't really a song of farewell but of coming together it is not one of danger and isolation but of being cared for and connected. Jesus said 'My sheep hear My voice, and they follow Me' with church buildings open and closed, vaccination and compliance problems it is good to remember that wherever we are we are one flock in many folds and under the protection of our Good Shepherd.



St Matthew's Albury Sunday Service 9:00 am and St Matthew's Virtual Service premieres at 9:00 am on St Matthew's Albury YouTube, website and Facebook. The Sunday Service can also be viewed later on St Matthew's Albury YouTube as well.

Wednesday 10:30 am Service **CANCELLED** for the present time.

Sunday Service 9:00 am each Sunday for those fully vaccinated.

Livestream Service premieres each Sunday at 9:00 am for people not vaccinated.

The **Office** is open daily from 10 am – 12 noon.

The **Retro Op Shop** is open daily 10am – 2pm.

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



Under the current regulations St Matthews is doing the following:

1. Everyone 16 years old and over must be Double Vaccinated and have proof of full vaccination AND Check-in
2. NON-DOUBLE VAXED people over 16 years cannot attend or enter the Church grounds.
3. Capacity limit for the church is 1 person per 4 square metres i.e., 75 persons
4. Social distancing, 1.5 metre distance between different family households.
5. Adults wear face masks and sanitise hands.
6. No congregation singing.



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.

Please Note: you can watch all the livestream Sunday Services on St Matthew's Albury YouTube at any time that suits you – can even watch time and time again!

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

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



All Soul's Day Remembrance Service

At St Matthew's Albury

Tuesday 2nd November 5 pm

A Memorial White Garden is being established in St Matthew's Garden to especially remember all our dear friends who died during 2020 – 2021.

The white garden will consist of white gardenias, white azaleas, and white magnolias.

If you would like to make a donation towards plants for this garden, please bring your donation to the office by Friday 22nd October. Thank you.

MINISTRY CONFERENCE - As a result the roadmaps for both New South Wales and Victoria, the Lyall Turley Memorial Lecture and Ministry Conference, God willing and covid permitting, has now been moved to Saturday, 19 February 2022. More details will follow when we have confirmed a venue.



MOTHER'S UNION

MOTHER'S UNION STUDY, PRAYER, AND SUPPORT GROUP

meets every Friday at the Martin Centre, Cahill Place from 9:30 am – 12 noon. Everyone most welcome.

MU members met at 'Purple Chicken' coffee lounge Tue 5th October at 10 am for monthly get together and good fellowship!

Next meeting is Tuesday 2nd November 10am at 'Purple Chicken' coffee lounge, only fully vaccinated can attend.

POSTPONED: CHILDREN'S CHURCH 21st BIRTHDAY PARTY SUNDAY 17th October 2021

Children's Church Birthday Party has been **postponed for this Sunday 17th October** due to the current restrictions in place. This is to ensure everyone stays safe and well. Children's Church is missing seeing everyone and we are looking forward to seeing you again soon.





Special people at special times. Many will know of a sad moment recently when a baby was stillborn and with very little home support in laying the little one to rest. Tracey from Hossack's, a wonderful group of men from our congregation and the help of some special ladies ensured that the baby had a beautiful little casket and another wonderful group of the St Matthew's family have contributed to see that

this child is laid to rest in a loving way. Its in these trying times that Christian love in action and the special mission of St Matthew's to the community really counts and shines. THANK YOU to all you angels.



Thoughts for the month:

Sometimes your joy is the source of your smile, but sometimes your smile can be the source of your joy. Thich Nhat Hanh

You can't wrap love in a box, but you can wrap a person in a hug. Unknown

Flowers always make people feel better, happier and more helpful; they are sunshine, food and medicine to the soul.

One way to get the most out of life is to look upon it as an adventure.

Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything that is beautiful, for beauty is God's handwriting – a wayside sacrament. Welcome it in every fair face, in every fair sky, in every fair flower, and thank God for it as a cup of blessing. Ralf Waldo Emerson

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. **New Op Shop Facebook page please like and share it.**

Sharing the Good News

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

Emergency Food Room requests: breakfast cereal, tins of vegetables, bottles pasta sauce, packets of pasta, tins of soup, Tea bags, tins of tuna, store bought jam, packets of biscuits.

Emergency needs – include more than just food hampers, frozen meals from Food Share, laundromat tokens are given for washing clothes, accommodation is provided from a Grant we received, and bedding, clothing and domestic goods are given.



- Email from Dianne Heath: 'I really appreciated what Father Peter said on virtual church on Aug 31st,'so many things we can't do but so many things we can do. Also, the informal solo accompanied by Ukulele, of the Lord is my shepherd, that tune and words, I keep singing over and over. Thanks to everyone involved in virtual church.
- September - What a fabulous issue of Keeping Connected. So much colour and so many messages of hope and love. Will cheer so many hearts. A lot of work but be assured of the appreciation and thanks from so many.

- Congratulations to the Thorman Family on the recent arrival of Hazel Thorman 4th great grandchild for Pam Thorman, grandchild for Kevin and Denise Thorman and 4th child for Kelly and Ash Thorman. Enjoy this special time as a family.
- 10/10/21 A lovely message of thanks from Judy Kennedy: It was great to be back at church this morning. Just want to thank you for all that you and others contribute to keep everything up and running 🌻
- Received in the mail a package with handknitted beanies for the homeless and a lovely personal card from a new long-distance member of St Matthew's who says that after being a member of the Church of England for 70 years she is now an online member of St Matthew's congregation joining in our services each week and gives thanks for our dedicated parishioners who do so much for the local community and the support given to parishes 100's of kms from Albury. 'It's fantastic to see the work of the people of St Matthew's in action and not just from the pulpit and for the support for young aspiring musicians.' From Janice Neville, North Kellyville NSW.



Baptism September:

Annabelle Ruth Dawson



Wedding

2nd October

Stella Vogel and Andrew Wynne



HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes TO ALL celebrating a birthday in October:

4th Jim Jefferies – 80th

7th David Sutherland

13th Wari Williams

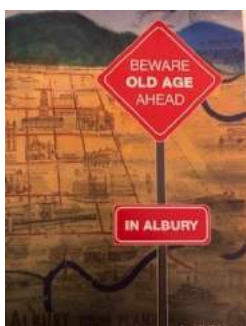
14th Dexter Horne, Corinne Massang, John Atkinson

23rd Elly Chick

25th Stacey Chick

27th Gill Mackay's - 80th

28th Ailsa Jones, Bev Butler



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



Julie Fraunfelder



Edith



Brian Elliot



Wari and Sally Williams



Deb and Peter Davenport



Angela and Sussan Ley



Jim Jefferies



Music Kids Concert



Noela Murphy



Judge Sean Grant



Michael and Betty Loorham



Byron and Vicki Gray



Roma Jones



Gwen Schnelle



Joan Sheather



Angela Braybrooks



Angela and Christine



Christine Watson



Robin Wellard



Jonathan



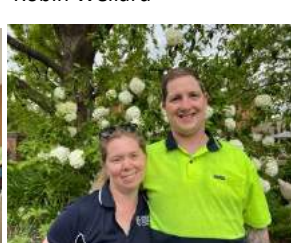
Annette



Bryan



James Ross



Lenora and Mal



Bob



Sandra and Wes



Steve and Tom



Simon



Georgie



Catiie Inches-Ogden



Kathy and Bryan



Victoria



Annette



Judith Frew-Kleeman



Barbara Ross



Sue Fyfe



Craig



Michael Egan



Gloria Summerfield



Chris and Victoria



Michelle Yonson



Graham Power



Justin Clancy



Gill and Bill Mackay



Kay West



St Matthew's Craft Group

Next meeting St Matthew's Craft Group – Wednesday October 6th 1:00 —4:00 pm, if you are interested in joining the group, please contact Sadie Moffitt 0438 610 740.

Upcoming Craft Stalls after Church: 28th November, 5th and 12th December. A great collection of suitable gift items will be available.



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.

The Grace: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.



Mandatory Requirement for going into Retirement Villages and Nursing homes by mid-September: Clergy and volunteers will need to provide a copy of influenza and Australian Government COVID-19 digital certificate fully COVID-19 vaccinated. *Please note: Your second dose vaccination must be received at least 14 days prior to your visit.*

COVID-19 Certificate Immunisation: the number to call if you need to get a hard copy for proof of your vaccination certificate is: 1800 653 809.



October Retirement Village Services:

19th Borella House – *to be confirmed*

21st Murray Gardens – *to be confirmed*

29th Riverwood – *to be confirmed*



*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 October.
We remember with love those special people who have recently died.
Forever in our hearts.*

Funerals September: Graham Wheeler, Colin Campbell, Muriel Webb, Marg Caton, Martyn Stevens, John Matthews, Elfriede Mikosch, Estelle Poulton



We have lost special people in this last month and give thanks to God for their lives and for the love that lasts forever.



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



Albury Chamber Music Festival 2021 - **POSTPONED until March 2022**



Lady Primrose Potter has called to confirm her attendance at our festival she is one of the most important Arts patrons in the country and many of her friends are making plans to join her. Nance Grant and Lady Potter both turn 90 this year so it will be a time to celebrate another milestone for two of Australia's Golden Girls of the Arts.



TUNES ON TUESDAY RECITALS at St Matthew's:

October 5 Thomas Summerfield (Organ)

October 19 Malcolm Halford (Organ)

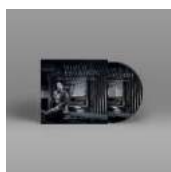
November 2 Ruth & Mattea Little (violin)

November 23 Swell Vox (organ, piano, choir)

PLEASE NOTE: Everyone 16 years old and over must be Double Vaccinated and have proof of full vaccination AND QR Check-in.



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.

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 or tune into our Livestream Service EACH SUNDAY 9:00 am on our website, Facebook, or YouTube.

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