

Keeping Connected to our St Matthew's Family

Theme: 'Thank Heavens for a garden and something to do.'

All Saint's and All Soul's

Remembrance Day

November 2021



The weeks before Advent are a mixed bunch as we remember our loved ones and also those who served. We have been connected through our concern for the environment and for each other as the border until recently Covid free has had to cope with outbreaks and spikes affecting our Aged Care facilities and schools. Isn't it wonderful that Christmas is on the horizon with good news for all. It would be great to make an early start and fill our stocking with positive energy. Our handmade poppies were also springing up on the St Matthew's fence causing appreciative comments all over Albury. We also recently had International Kindness Day but at St Matthew's we see it every day by very touching, often anonymous examples of love in action from the bread donations by Milawa Bread, the daily drop-offs of food and Op Shop stock and even help with funerals for some people in real need. Each one makes a difference and enables St Matthew's to have a very special place in the heart of Albury.

For the first time in a while people are making plans to catch up with their loved ones in other places. Christmas is a wonderful opportunity, if we waited to speak about this at Advent we would probably miss the post as well as the pudding since Stir-Up Sunday or the Feast of Christ the King falls in a couple of weeks. Advent will also see the re-commencement of Holy Communion, God and Covid willing.

We are making plans for Confirmation for the first time in a couple of years so if you know of anyone who has been talking about it please call the Office.

The rain continues to refresh our gardens and bring brightness and hope when we really need it. Our Bell ringers are already back and our Choir returns this week.

Although congregational singing remains on hold.

Many will still be unable to join their families across Covid borders at Christmas and we are planning a St Matthew's get together at Christmas and there will be more about this in the next edition.

Remembrance Day Service Thursday 11th November 2021



Albury High School students sitting outside because of the Covid Rules for schools: Prefect Patron Sarah, School Captains: Johnno and Tiley



Special Services coming up:

Sunday 28th November 2021 St Matthew's APM following 9am Service
Sunday 5th December Diocesan Advent Carol Service 4:30 pm at St Matthew's
Sunday 12th December Confirmation Service at St Matthew's 9 am service



St Matthew's Albury Sunday Service 9:00 am for people who are fully vaccinated.

AND St Matthew's Livestream Service premieres at 9:00 am on St Matthew's Albury YouTube, website and Facebook for people not double vaccinated and for all who cannot make it to St Matthew's

Please note: The actual live Sunday Service is also recorded and put onto St Matthew's Albury YouTube early the following week and can be viewed at any time once put up.

Wednesday 10:30 am Holy Communion Service we hope to recommence in Advent.

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 each time you come to St Matthew's.
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 2 square metres.
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!

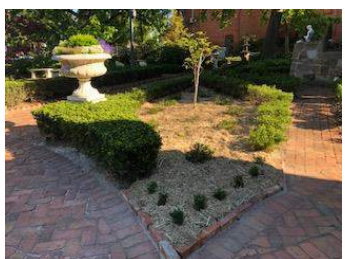
The **Keeping Connected to our St Matthew's Family Newsletter** is a monthly production and is also available on the St Matthew's website: www.stmatthewsalbury.com on homepage, News and Events. If you have any news or articles that you would like featured in the monthly Keeping Connected Newsletter,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



**Remembering
All Saint's and All Soul's Day
and those who are lost to our sight
but not to our hearts
and**

Dedicating The Garden of Remembrance in memory of
those who have passed away during this COVID period.



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.

MU - We have lovely Christian Christmas cards for sale, a pack of 10 for \$6.00 and 2022 diaries for \$7.00. Gill Mackay will have them at church from this Sunday 14th November. It would be much appreciated if people had the correct money.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH Sunday 21st November 2021 at 10:30am

Theme: Christ the King

Dear Children's Church,

Gosh I have missed you. It has been way too long to wait to see you. But on Sunday the 21st of November we will be gathering again. I hope. I am looking forward to seeing you and your art and dancing and music and hearing all about what's been happening for you. We have prepared some music, craft and stories and you might recognize a banner somewhere in the church.

Love from all the Children's Church helpers and Catherine



Thoughts for the month:

Smile at each other – it doesn't matter who it is – and that will help you to grow up in greater love for each other. Mother Teresa

Never lose a chance of saying a kind word. William Makepeace Thackeray

We do not remember days; We remember moments.

Make moments worth remembering. Cesare Pavese

Keep your face upturned to Him as the flowers do to the sun. look, and your soul shall love and grow. Hannah Whitall Smith

Challenges are what make life interesting: overcoming them is what makes life meaningful. Joshua J. Marine

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:

Tins of baked beans and spaghetti, Bottles of pasta sauce, Tins of tuna, Tins of soup, small packets of tea and coffee.

Personal needs: Toothpaste

*16/10 from Julie Scott: Hello Annette, another great 'Keeping Connected'. The Christian message and the sayings are uplifting, great to hear news such as birthdays, and seeing faces of people not often seen for various reasons!

* Pamela Smith: 'Thank you for delivering the Keeping Connected Newsletter to my Dad, Jeff Smith in Riverwood Hostel, he really loves the Newsletter and looks at it over and over again.

*St Matthew's Livestream Services each Sunday – Thank you so much for all the great feedback we have received from people tuning into our livestream services which premiere each Sunday at 9:00am - Ken and Lorraine Curnow, Jill and Donald Fielder.

*'Thank You' from the congregation from St Mary's West Armidale for our continued prayers and support as they seek to address discrimination and seek justice and equality for all.



CONGRATULATIONS THOMAS SUMMERFIELD

From Thomas:

Next year, I will be attending Melbourne University's Faculty of Fine Arts and Music to study an undergraduate Bachelor of Music (Performance) Course. I am extremely excited to attend, and I am thankful to the supporters of St Matthew's Music Association, Dr Alan Beavis, Fr Peter McLeod-Miller, James Flores, Bishop Clarence and St Matthew's Albury for all their support throughout the years. I will be studying the piano as my primary instrument; however, I will continue to study the pipe organ as well. I look forward to performing recitals on both instruments where possible in both Melbourne and at St Matthew's Albury.

Your St Matthew's family wish you well!

Annie's Spring Garden and featured throughout this newsletter



CONGRATULATIONS Cathy Carden

For the past 5 years, Cathy has been working as a lay Chaplain at Cathedral College Wangaratta. During the past 3 years, Cathy has been on a journey of discernment to determine whether to further this ministry and broaden future ministry opportunities by becoming ordained. This has involved some study (Graduate Diploma in Chaplaincy

through Murdoch University), monthly meetings with the Director of Vocations in the Diocese, and six months spent as a Liturgical Pastoral Assistant with Revd. Scott Jessop in the Parish of Rutherglen (Chiltern and Barnawartha). This has culminated in Cathy going before a Diocesan vocational discernment panel in October, where this call to ordained ministry was affirmed. Cathy is very excited to be looking forward to ordination to the Diaconate in February or March next year. She is grateful for the ongoing support and encouragement that she has received from the St Matthew's community.



MOFF-IT

has moved to

470 Swift Street Albury

Phone Aaron and Riley on: 0417 080 872



Annual Festival of Lights 'Diwali' celebrated by people of Indian Heritage

begins on Tuesday, November 2, but the main celebration falls on Thursday, November 4.

Each day holds their own significance faith, food, fireworks, family and charity come together as one during this festive season. The holiday represents symbolic victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance.



Vinci and his family, now in Melbourne.

Many will remember Vicci as a resident of St Matthew's Village and following his period on regional Visa in Albury he has gone to Melbourne where he is busy as a Disability Manager and a husband and father. He sends his warm greetings to his many friends at St Matthew's.

We also had warm greetings from Dianna and Sylvio and Carl and Clinton Montero, also from St Matthew's Village at one stage, who have made a new life for themselves in Sydney.

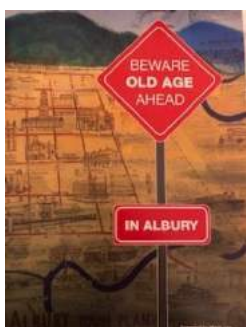


*60th Wedding Anniversary
Congratulations
18th November 2021
Jill and Donald Fielder*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes TO ALL celebrating a birthday in NOVEMBER:

1 st	Valerie Ratcliffe	3 rd	Catie Inches Ogden
5 th	Graham Power	6 th	Denise Farrington
11 th	Fr Bill Ginns	12 th	Liz Pike
15 th	Veronica Robertson	21 st	Simone Summerfield
25 th	Janette Kettyle	26 th	Jack Hall, Catherine Dawson



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



Barbara Hoodless



Aprile Alexander



Graham Stevens



Michelle Evans, Amanda Lovekin



Mark and, Cathy Carden



Beth Dockseye



Graham Dockseye



John and Rosie Satchell



John Satchell



Rosie Satchell



Graham Power



Lyn Collins



Ian and June Sloan



Helen Glachan



Ray Fietz



Dell



Pam Horsburgh



Bryan Baker



Todd Banko



Leaonis and Rod



Graham and Sandra



Nicole Gallie Le-Vine Horne



Kaye Kennedy, Patricia Clout



Fran, David Luxon



Michelle and Paul Wood



Oliver, Victoria, Isabella Chick



Ros, Dexter



Melissa



Victoria, Ros



Grahame, Victoria, Wayne



Chris Thomas



David Sutherland



Pam Horsburgh



Fr Peter, Paul and Sandra



Oliver Chick, Eliza Belgrave, Isabella Chick



Robin



Fr Peter



Robyn Gibbs, Betty Loorham



Raewin, Sandra, Allan Beavis



Sue Fyfe



Gillian Pearce

St Matthew's Craft Group

Next meeting St Matthew's Craft Group

Wednesday December 1st 1:00 —4:00 pm,

if you are interested in joining the group, please contact Sadie Moffitt 0438 610 740.

Upcoming Craft Stalls:

28th November – after Sunday Service, before APM

5th December – after the Advent Carol Service 4:30 pm

12th December – after Confirmation Service

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.

November and December Retirement Village Services to be confirmed.



Remembered with Love
Baby
Mondesar 'Bubsy' Elen Eames
20th September 2021
Laid to rest 3rd November 2021

Thank you to all who helped make it possible.



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

Funerals October:
John Matthews, Martyn Stevens, Margaret Caton,
David Sexton



Remembering Doug Oxbrow

We are planning a gathering to remember him following his death 4 months ago. If you would like your name included on a card for his family, would you please email the Office or call.



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 at St Matthew's:

November 2 James Flores and Thomas Summerfield (Organ)
November 16 **Arthur Hull and Thomas Summerfield**
(Vocals and Piano)

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.

Albury Chamber Music Festival 2021 - POSTPONED until March 2022

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.