

KEEPING CONNECTED TO OUR ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY

Theme: 21st September St Matthew's Day



St Matthew's Day is always like a reunion remembering the families and events associated with St Matthew's Albury. Even when people move away, and we can't be in the building because of Coronavirus the times we've spent together help to shape us. Unprecedented is an overused word St Matthew's has been through many battles and we've emerged a more resilient community. In 1862 St Matthew's was closed by Gold Fever when the Gold Rush took the congregation to the Gold Fields the church ran out of money and the Vicar resigned. The great fire 30 years ago and another fire on a Sunday not so long-ago closed St Matthew's and we met at St David's for a few weeks. The monument to those who served in the great war that was at the front of St Matthew's and now at QEII Square reminds us of all we have come through. The St Matthew's story as part of the Christian story is all about lockdown not being the end of the story and just like Spring you can't keep good news and hopeful people down. We are actually much better connected than before between our new Bishop and the people of St Matthew's its not just a confirmation 'hit and run' but a continuing conversation in a growing relationship.

This is not magic or mindreading, but communication and we can all do our part. If you haven't heard from anyone at St Matthew's, please contact the Office and we can sort it out. We have had all

sorts of technological challenges and difficulties with borders and regulations, please accept our apology if you have fallen through the net or flown under the radar. We are anxious to be connected and be in touch. If you need anything at all from shopping to a phone call, we are here.



Thoughts for the week:

Today is the tomorrow we worried about
Yesterday and all last night.
and as days go, as days they do.
it seemed to go all right.
So dream your dreams and journey
Be tomorrow foul or fine
so you can say at the end of it
'Amazing! Today was mine.'

Roger McGough

The most beautiful action in the world is to love. The second most beautiful is to give. Bertha von Suttner

Worries are wasted energies. You can have a joyful life when you let go of your worries. Lailah G Akita

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

Ways to Keep Connected:

*The Keeping Connected to our St Matthew's Family Newsletter is on the St Matthew's website: www.stmatthewsalbury.com on homepage, News and Events.

*if you have a SMART TV you can tune in to St Matthew's Livestream Service through YouTube and 'Keep Connected'

***Join us for a Livestream Service each Sunday 9:00 am on our website, Facebook or 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.



Prayer We thank you, that you love us all equally and call us to welcome one another into your family we thank you for St Matthews and all those who have followed you and shared your message of love. Amen.

The Grace

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to the 22nd Chapter of St Matthew

When the Pharisees were gathered together, one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’ He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’

For the Gospel of the Lord. Praise be to you, O Christ.

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.

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.

*Email received 6/9 - Livestream Service - Happy Father's Day from Sadie Moffitt: 'What a lovely service for Father's Day, and an emotional trip down memory lane. Many happy times and friendships have been made over 60 years since I arrived in Albury .Thanks to all those people who put these services together and help Father Peter each week to keep us connected to our beautiful place of worship. Stay safe, keep well.'

*Email received 13/9 We're Lutherans from Immanuel Church, Nth Adelaide. We were married and lived in Albury for 8 years. If we were there now, we'd join St Matthew's. Your streaming Church Services are brilliant. They bring our Creator to us and many others in a simple, beautiful manner. They paint a picture of the wonderful country we live in and the diversity of we human beings and God's many creatures. We feel totally connected to you and your members, portrayed in such a natural way. We love you all. The music and singing are magnificent. God Bless you all. Elisabeth and Kevin Clarke.

*Email received 20/9 from Michelle Wood after thanking her for her lovely reading: Thank you, Annette. It is lovely to be able to participate. The services continue to be a great joy and way of connecting. We feel so blessed to be part of St Matthew's.



Our thoughts and prayers are with all Year 12 students as they complete their final year of High School and prepare for their final HSC and VCE exams, in what has been a very different year. And wish them well in their decision making for the future.

Baptisms on the move!

Home Baptism Sunday 13th September Bowyer family



Baby Elliot Robbie Bowyer, parents Taegan and Matthew Godparents Kyle and Sarah Clark; Grandparents Peggy and Thomas Bowyer



HAPPY Birthday wishes

to all celebrating a birthday in September

20th Rebecca Litton 23rd Laurel Foster
26th Christine Thomas 29th Maureen Lewis

Suggestion: Tune into **Songs of Praise** on ABC TV Sunday mornings at 1130 am

Good news is for sharing - If you have some good news, please share with us by sending an email to St Matthew's Office:

office@stmatthewsalbury.com

OUT and ABOUT



Shirley & Kevin Monte



Shaun & Annette Gorham



Victoria Chick & Vicki Gray



Nettie & Emma McGlone



Ken Everett



Paul Hare



Maureen Lewis and son



Rosie Satchell



Fr Peter & Sandra



Bryan Baker



Judy Kell



Jim Kettle



John Scott & Fr Peter



PASTORAL CARE: 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 contact Annette 0413 938 541. Through these difficult and changing times it is important we think of each other, and those who are sick and isolated, and pray for all.



Our thoughts and prayers are with all who are sick or unwell during this time.

Remembering our loved ones whose years' mind is in September.

Rest in Peace:

Janet Cox 3rd September had a long St Matthew's connection and was a wonderful mother to her daughter Sarah and showed great courage in her illness and will be greatly missed.



Beryl (Bette) Weidner 7th September - a beautiful, elegant lady we all loved dearly - our love and prayers to her family at this time. The Weidner bell rang out over Albury and the guard of Honour down Kiewa street and the magnificent music and family tributes. The love and devotion to her daughters, family and friends will never be forgotten. She has been a true blessing to all of us.



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 5:30 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

Update: Albury Chamber Music Festival



This event will now be a Virtual Service hosted by their Excellencies the Governor General and Mrs Hurley Saturday 14th November at a time to be confirmed and Artistic Co-Directors Sally-Anne Russell and Conductor Mario Dobernig. Their Excellencies are currently working on a date for an Albury visit in the New Year and to Host a live Festival Concert at St Matthew's. Please check the Festival Website for updates.

We will be announcing our St Matthew's Music Association Scholarships including a new Indigenous Music Scholarship at the Virtual Concert. Please consider making a Tax-deductible donation toward the future of one of the children of the border.

TUNES ON TUESDAY continues at the usual time of 1:10pm, every week online, please check our website for details. Join YouTube each Sunday for short Organ Recitals with James Flores at 1:30pm.



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.

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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 – Share the load! There is something we can all do, if we all do a little, it will sort the problem, we can stop talking about it and it will be one less thing to worry about. In gratitude for all those who are making an extra effort, Fr Peter has reduced his pay by 20% to help lighten the load. He wonders if others could consider making a small regular donation to help get us through. Please consider making direct deposits to the Church accounts. Without further contributions the Parish will not be able to pay Fr Peter's wages and other fixed costs for June and beyond. Your assistance is needed.

Bank details are:

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 for a 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.