

# KEEPING CONNECTED TO OUR ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY

## Theme: St Francis Day



Fr Peter



Dr Pieter Mourik and Paul Wood



Rev Maureen Beattie

Daylight saving is often described as 'losing an hour' for many it seems as though we have lost a year. Christmas is now on the horizon and we are wondering what sort of Christmas it will be. There is so much beyond our control and St Francis Day celebrates unconditional love and a special connection across all creation. Connected by love and concern is the most positive theme that we can all join in. Reflecting on the beauty of nature can be a great boost to our mental health and tranquillity. To stop for a moment, take a deep breath, look around and share the beauty with a friend. Growing things even in a pot helps us into God's rhythm of life.



### **William Blake "To See a World..."**

*(Fragments from "Auguries of Innocence")*

To see a World in a Grain of Sand  
And a Heaven in a Wild Flower,  
Hold Infinity in the palm of your hand  
And Eternity in an hour.

Thanks to all who have donated pet food, so we are able to help care for vulnerable animals in the care of vulnerable people.

For those who have seen the film *The Greatest Showman* or with an interest in Hans Christian Anderson or Mendelssohn we remember the famous soprano Jenny Lind, often called the Swedish Nightingale would be 200 on the 6<sup>th</sup> October.

## Thoughts for the week:

Nurture your mind with great thoughts – Benjamin Disraeli



Yesterday is but a dream,  
tomorrow but a vision.  
But today well lived makes every  
yesterday a dream of happiness,  
and every tomorrow a vision of  
hope. Sanskrit Proverb

May your dreams take you  
to the corners of your smiles, to the  
highest of your hopes,  
to the windows of your  
opportunities,  
and to the most special places  
your heart has ever known.

**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](http://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.



Loving God,  
we thank you for St Francis who spoke of  
your love in a way that every creature could  
understand. Help us to follow in his footsteps  
as we care for the world and your creation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



### **The Prayer of St. Francis**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love  
Where there is an injury, pardon  
Where there is doubt, faith  
Where there is despair, hope  
Where there is darkness, light  
And where there is sadness, joy  
Grant that I may  
Not so much seek to be consoled as to console  
To be understood, as to understand  
To be loved, as to love  
For it is in giving that we receive  
And it's in pardoning that we are pardoned  
And it is in dying that we discover the dawn of Everlasting Life  
Amen

**We pray** for ourselves and each other in the words of **The Grace:**  
The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the  
Friendship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore Amen



**The reading is from the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter of the Gospel according to St Matthew.** “Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add

a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore, do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed, your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

**For the word of God in scripture. For the word of God among us.  
For the word of God within us. Thanks be to God**

## **Safe Church Awareness Online Workshop 7pm on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22nd October 2020**

As part of the Safe Church approval process, the Diocese has mandated that a number of roles within the Parish require completion of a Safe Church Awareness Workshop. Many of our Parish have already completed these workshops. Examples of roles requiring completion of the workshop, include: member of Parish Council, Pastoral Care team, Choir, Servers, Side persons, Welcomers and Group Leaders. Due to the Victorian Covid restrictions and

closure of the NSW/Vic Border, there will not be an in-person workshop before the Diocese cut-off date for Safe Church clearances this year. Instead the Diocese is conducting an online Safe Church Awareness Workshop via ZOOM which you can do from your home or office over two sessions for approximately 3 hrs the first evening and 2 hrs the following evening. There is NO Charge for this workshop. You need to register and have access to the internet. If there is sufficient interest, St Matthews will arrange for a group to watch the Zoom Training from the Rectory on the nights listed below.

To register email: [safechurch@wangeratta-anglican.org.au](mailto:safechurch@wangeratta-anglican.org.au)

With Name, Phone Number and Email address.

The **Safe Church Awareness Workshop** will take place over two nights on **21st and 22nd October**. Anyone who wishes to attend using their personal computer will need to email Father David Still at [safechurch@wangeratta-anglican.org.au](mailto:safechurch@wangeratta-anglican.org.au) and he will send the zoom link and meeting details to you, plus the workshop handbook.

If you have an enquiry re Safe Church at St Matthews Albury, or you wish to join the ZOOM group at the Rectory, you can contact Mark Carden, Church Warden, on [markcarden1@bigpond.com](mailto:markcarden1@bigpond.com)

### **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.**

**From our Bishop an Invitation to all in our Diocese** to join us for a special Diocesan Morning Prayer on the **Feast of All Saints, Sunday, 1 November at 10am** so that we can continue to 'pray together'. More information and details to follow.

# Sharing the Good News

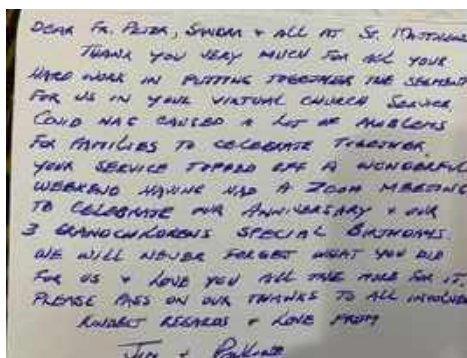
**Sharing the vouchers!** If you have any spare vouchers for the tip, they would be greatly appreciated please drop into the retro op shop or St Matthew's Office 10 – 12 Monday – Friday. Thank you in advance.

## \* Congratulations to Tom Summerfield



**Trinity Anglican College Albury-Wodonga** Congratulations to Tom Summerfield who has been nominated for the HSC ENCORE performances for 2020. ENCORE is a program of outstanding performances and compositions by students from the Higher School Certificate Music examinations. Congratulations to Tom for his passion and commitment to Music. Congratulations must also go to his teacher, Brett Spokes, for all the work behind the scenes. Fantastic!

**And special thanks to all who support St Matthew's Music Association.**



\*Thank you card from Jim and Pauline Wenham for joining in the celebration of their **50th** Wedding Anniversary 22nd August 2020.



\*Hailey Wright enjoying birthday celebrations with her twin Will and baby Rylee on the 29<sup>th</sup> August. doing well. Will and Hailey with their favourite teddy bears.

\*27/9 message from Julie and Graeme Scott: Good afternoon Fr Peter, we have been catching up with the YouTube

services, and 'Keeping Connected' newsletter, and want to thank you for your innovative ways in get people together, telling their interesting stories, and giving us connection with people we haven't seen for ages! It is hard work I am sure, but luckily for us, this is an area in which you shine! It is wonderful to have Annette to work with, she does such a fantastic job coordinating info. Great to have the input of the Bishop and Readers. It was great to see some of the Parish Council, and so good to hear from Vicki Chick, each session, looking stronger each week, on YouTube. How wonderful that Beryl Weidner had a fitting send-off! Take care and God Bless you! Love and wishes, to you!



## **HAPPY Birthday wishes**

to all celebrating a birthday in October

7<sup>th</sup> David Sutherland

13<sup>th</sup> Wari Williams 14<sup>th</sup> John Atkinson

23<sup>rd</sup> Elly Chick 25<sup>th</sup> Stacey Chick

27<sup>th</sup> Gill Mackay 28<sup>th</sup> Ailsa Jones

28<sup>th</sup> Bev Butler

**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](mailto:office@stmatthewsalbury.com)

**OUT AND ABOUT**



Jan Skinner



Denise Farrington, Stafford



Betty White, Annette



Sally Williams



Eleanor & Gordon McKissack



Thelma Bye, Annette



Necia Searle



Graham Stevens



David Murray



Edgar Braybrooks



Lola Traill



Cathy and Mark Carden



Noela Murphy



Suzie & Chris Reid, Annabelle



Sandra Macleod-Miller



Margie Wright & Annette



Rosie and John Satchell





## St Matthew's Craft Group

Meetings first Wednesday each month from 1 – 5 pm. If you would like to be part of this group, please contact St Matthew's Office 6021 3022 Their next meeting is Wednesday 7th October.

Sadie Moffitt

## 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 October.



**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](http://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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

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** – Budget week this week! We are counting our pennies across the nation and St Matthew's as well is looking to the future and working out how we can continue to service the community without going into a financial panic. Aa huge 'thank you' to the increasing number of people who are making a regular donation to the work of St Matthew's it's so encouraging. If you haven't managed to Direct Debit, make an enquiry at your bank and it's surprisingly easy to organise. New technology whether it is YouTube, a new car, a sewing machine, or a lawn mower can be frightening to begin with but surprisingly easy when given a go. I hoped that by making some financial sacrifices myself that the load would be a bit lighter and others would also help out, and that is exactly what is happening so 'thank you' again on behalf of myself and St Matthew's.

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.



**REMINDER:**

***Evensong first Sunday each month***

***Tune in Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 5pm***

***St Matthew's Albury YouTube***

***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.***