

KEEPING CONNECTED TO OUR ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY

Theme: ALL SAINTS DAY CELEBRATING THE SPECIAL ONES GOD'S LIGHT SHINES THROUGH AND SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF BORDERS RE OPENING



Fr Peter

Greg Brown & John Scott

26th October – 8th November

Dear Friends, It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!! All the good news seems to be pointing ahead and won't we treasure our family and friends and opportunities to be together even more this year. It looks like St Matthew's will be open on Advent Sunday and welcoming Bishop Clarence so we look forward in hope while not counting all our chickens All Souls and All Saints remind us that good news belonging and feeling at home has a human face so we give thanks for the saints in our own lives those in heaven and on earth. Maybe remembering to call or contact the special ones in our lives, spend a moment listening to a piece of music, reading a poem or having a cup of tea or glass of wine and remembering shared times. The American election and the Melbourne Cup loom large but we celebrate the light of God's love that we see shining brightly and not through windows but in the lives of those saints who have blessed our lives. One of my favourite short poems written by English poet A E Houseman

WITH rue my heart is laden
For golden friends I had,
For many a rose-lipt maiden
And many a lightfoot lad.

By brooks too broad for leaping ⁵
The lightfoot boys are laid;
The rose-lipt girls are sleeping
In fields where roses fade.



For All Soul's Day

Remembering our loved ones 2020

Allan Douglas ABIKHAIR, Suzanne Maree RIED, Peter John RUSSELL, Harry 'Joe' WOODING, Coral Michelle MARKS, Margaret Rose STEVENS, Margaret LAWSON, Ena BARLOW, Jennifer Logan BOYTON, Alison DOUGLAS, Raymond MAHON, Elmore STOLL, Janet Anne CANT, Kevin James DAVIES, Gary Edward HERRON, Barbara Joy FELLOWS, Noela WHITE, Thelma Jean CALDWELL, Beryl Joyce WEIDNER, Janet Rosalie COX, Gwen CULLEN Cecilia CHANT, Josh STEPHENSON, Peter WILLIAMS, Darrell McCune Ron ELSTON

Thoughts for the week:

Happiness is not something ready made. It comes from your own actions

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. Please Note: you can watch all the livestream services on St Matthew's Albury YouTube at any time that suits you, after they premiere – can even watch time and time again!



PRAYERS

God of all consolation,
Be our refuge and strength in sorrow.
As your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
by dying for us conquered death,
and by rising again restored us to life,
so may we go forward in faith to meet him,
and after our life on earth, be united
with our dear brothers and sisters in Christ
where every tear will be wiped away,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All our laughter, all our sadness

Safe now in God's hands

All our anger, all our gladness

Safe now in God's hands

All our stories, all our memories

Safe now in God's hands

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we pray

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

A reading from the Gospel according to John (14:1-3)

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

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.

New Op Shop Facebook page please like and share it.

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

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

16/10 message from Richard and Philippa Flanigan: Grew up in Albury and attended St Matthews. Married a year ago and waiting lung transplant. Hi Peter, thanks for thinking about us. We are doing ok. My condition is gradually worsening so keeping fingers crossed for the call up for some lungs. I'm always hopeful but also very mindful of the fact that someone else has to die for me have the chance of extending my life. We recently celebrated both UK and Canberra anniversaries. Both very special times. My younger son had his wedding at the Arboretum last month so between there and St Matthew's there seems to be a monopoly in the family. I'm hoping Covid will settle down a bit more so I can get to Albury and visit family. A visit to St Matthew's would also be on the agenda. Best wishes to you, your family and all at St Matthew's.



From Tara Sullivan

Thank you everyone for your well wishes and congratulations . We are so richly blessed and are doing very well. Joel Cameron Sullivan came into the world at 12.30pm weighing 10 pounds and 2 ounces. He is absolutely perfect and we could not be happier. Xox I along with Joshua, Tara and Lily thank you all for your prayers for the safe arrival today of my great nephew Joel Cameron. *Kerry Wilkinson*



Rita Hunter's 100th birthday celebrations. She celebrated with a family get together at Robert & Barb Lester's house on Sunday. On the 28th the day of her birthday there will be a celebration at the facility where she is living which the family are unable to attend because of Covid19



Congratulations Christine on passing your Batchelor of Business majoring in Accounting



We welcome Reverend Emily Payne to Northern Albury .



HAPPY Birthday wishes

to all celebrating a birthday in November

- 1st Valerie Ratcliffe 3rd Catie Inches -Ogden
- 5th Kaye Everett (93 years) 12th Elizabeth Pike
- 15th Veronica Robertson 21st Simone Summerfield
- 25th Janette Kettle 26th Catherine Dawson
- 26th Jack Hall

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



OUT AND ABOUT - photos

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 Annette 0413 938 541. Their next meeting is Wednesday 4th November.



Van de Stadt family



Kathy Cherry & Brian Baker



Christine Watson



Sylvia Williams



Laurel Foster



Sadie Moffitt



Lyn Collins



Barbara Hoodless



Lorraine & Ken Curnow



Graham Power



Stacey Chick

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 November

Rest in peace. Cecilia Chant, Josh Stephenson (Stephanie Stephenson's step-son), Darrell McCune Peter Williams, Ron Elston



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



The Albury Chamber Music Festival are pleased to announce a change of plans in response to the positive news of the borders opening and the return to live performances. Their Excellencies are currently working on a date for an Albury visit in the New Year on the occasion of a Live Festival Concert at St Matthew's. Please check the Festival Website for updates.

We will shortly be announcing our St Matthew's Music Association Scholarships including a new Indigenous Music Scholarship. 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 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'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 on Sunday 1st November 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