

Keeping Connected to our St Matthew's family

Theme: Easter, Anzac Day and looking forward to Pentecost

April 2021



How quickly the year is racing by and now celebrating Easter and Anzac with Prince Philips farewell and Pentecost promising a full calendar. Easter is about death overcome by life and the death of Prince Philip seemed to collide with the new life of the Easter story reminding us that life goes on and we take the best with us. Thinking of the best, Anzac calls us to reflect on the themes of service and sacrifice and Pentecost puts us all on the same page regardless of our background with a message that good news is for all people.

The themes of respect, equality and fair dealing seem suddenly to be on our national agenda. Special appreciation must go to female leaders in Government, business and families. The winds of change flowing through Pentecost also cause us to make a positive difference and overturn generations of doing things in a less than respectful way. The change of heart is at the centre of the Christian tradition. Our faith that puts ourselves in other people's shoes cannot but help to remedy so much that is bringing pain and division across our communities and we can be proud that St Mathew's stands for the love that makes a difference no matter who you are.

EASTER AT ST MATTHEW'S





Upcoming services/ important dates:

Sunday 18th April Children's Church 10:30 am

Saturday 24th April 'The Phantom of the Opera' Gala Performance 6:30 pm.

A 'phundraiser' for Hilltop. Dress code: Black tie, formal or lounge.

Tickets are: Gold - \$150 – performance, ball mask, drinks and 2-course dinner at Albury Club. Silver - \$100 - performance, ball mask, drinks and light supper.

RSVP & tickets Sunday 18 April, events.alburyhume@outlook.com

Sunday 25th April ANZAC DAY Albury Club Lunch \$30.00/ person if you are interested in attending and joining a parish table, please contact St Matthew's Office by Tuesday 20th April.

Sunday May 23rd Bishop Clarence and Michelle visit and Choir birthday

ABC Compass Program – 'One of a Kind' featuring St Matthew's debuts on ABC TV Plus Sunday 16th May at 8:00pm. Then ABC 1 Premiere Sunday 23rd May at 6:30 pm

Sunday Service 9:00 am each Sunday. As we count our blessings of being able to meet, we are mindful of the measures that are helping keep our community safe. We are grateful for our congregations understanding in suspending Holy Communion in this period, but so thankful that our real connection is expressed in the sharing our love and care together until we get the all clear. Part of that care is in our social distancing and in supporting St Matthew's by Direct Debit, tap-n-go, or collection bags as you depart, rather than handing round the plate.

Private Communion can be arranged, by phoning St Matthew's Office 6021 3022

Wednesday Services commence at 10:30 am. The service is a slightly different format but connected in prayer and loving action.

Procedure for attendance at services be patient with ourselves and with others.

We are set up with QR-Code Registration on arrival, please bring your mobile phone for this process. If you do not have a mobile phone, you are able to register manually on the sign-on sheet on arrival. We are asking that people start arriving at 8:40 am so you have time to register and maintain safe social distance.

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.

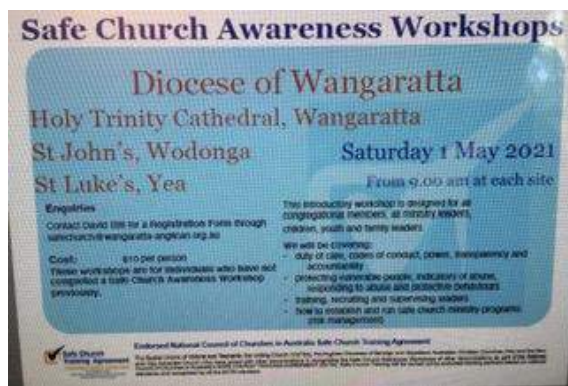
Please Note: you can watch all the livestream Sunday services on St Matthew's Albury YouTube at any time that suits you – can even watch time and time again!

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

St Matthew's change to Office hours: Monday – Friday 10:00 am - Noon

The **Keeping Connected to our St Matthew's Family Newsletter** is now a monthly production.

SAFE CHURCH AWARENESS WORKSHOPS



There will be three Safe Church Awareness workshops, all held on the 1st of May. They will be held at St John's Wodonga, Holy Trinity Cathedral Wangaratta and St Luke's Yea. These are for those who have not yet completed a Safe Church Awareness Workshop. Cost is \$10.00. **Please note:** You will need to register for the workshop, and this is only for people who have **NOT** previously attended a Safe Church Awareness Workshop. For enquiries contact David Still for a Registration Form

through safechurch@wangeratta-anglican.org.au

St Matthew's Music Association Scholarships

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2021 St Matthew's Music Association Scholarships. Each full scholarship currently represents \$1400.00. Three scholarships are vocal. six full scholarships, two half scholarships and three organ scholarships.

Thoughts for the month:



It is through kindness and connection that hearts connect and friendship begins.
Bonnie Jensen

*Yesterday is history.
Tomorrow is a mystery.
And today? Today is a gift.
That's why we call it the present.*
Michael Babatunde Olatunji

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, 1L long life milk, tins of vegetables, bottled pasta sauce, packets of pasta, tins of soup, tea bags, tins of tuna, store bought jam, packets of biscuits.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

wishes to all celebrating a birthday

April: 5th Jan Scholz

9th Estelle Poulton 90th Graeme Scott 80th

12th James Flores 15th Pam Thorman

16th Betty White 95 25th Helen Martin

May:

5th Fr Peter and Leslie Macleod-Miller

10th Sally-Ann Russell 23rd Glenda Appleby

26th Lyn Dynan 28th Matthew-Paul Fowler



*To the wonderful people who made **Easter Sunday** happen, My family and I are visiting Albury and enjoyed yesterday's service so much. We appreciated the joy of celebrating Easter together that was evident throughout the service and the tremendous effort behind the donkeys and chickens, the balloons, the service and the amazing music, recital and choir. We were made to feel very welcome. Thank you! Genevieve, Ben, Bridget and Amelie Wilkinson

Good news is for sharing - If you have some good news or have an event coming up that you would like to include in the Newsletter, please share with us by sending an email to St Matthew's Office:

office@stmatthewsalbury.com

OUT AND ABOUT



Gwen and Graham Rudd



Angela and Edgar Braybrooks



Gloria Myer & family



Sandra & Malcolm Halford



Kathy Cherry & Bryan Baker



Helen Kennedy



Derek & Virginia



Bruce Levett



Christine, Sandra and Lyn



Angela Braybrooks & Sussan Ley



Lyn Collins & Annie Snow



Rosie & John Satchell



Dexter, Pam, Marg, Sandra



Vicki & Sandra



Iris & Jennifer



Summer Ratcliffe



Christina, Valorie, Ariel Ratcliffe



Marg & Pam



Gill Mackay



Gordon & Eleanor McKissack



James



Edgar Braybrooks



Angela Braybrooks



Betty White



Carol Wallace



Josh



Cathy & Mark Carden



Gary & Fr Peter



The Davis family



Vicki & Rev Catie



David Sutherland & Martin Hendriks



David & Fran Luxon



Anthony



James, Bishop Clarence, Tom



Annette & Fr Martin



Fr Peter & Fiona

St Matthew's Craft Group

Next meeting St Matthew's Craft Group - Wednesday 5th May from 1:00 —4:00 pm, if you are interested in joining the group, please contact Sadie Moffitt 0438 610 740. **Request:** If you have any spare wool blanketing to make baby cot blankets or pieces of felt to make small crosses, could you please bring with you to Church on Sunday or to the office between 10 – 12.

St Matthew's Craft Stall Sunday 2nd May, after the Service.

Pastoral Care



The Pastoral Care Team meet monthly at 9:00am 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. **At all times, it is important we think of each other, and**

those who are sick and isolated, and pray for all.



Dates next Retirement Village Services:

Borella House: Tuesday 20th April, 3:30 pm

Yallaroo: Tuesday 27th April, 11:00 am

Riverwood: Friday 30th April, 10:00 am

Mercy Marianella: Tuesday 11th May, 11:00 am

Dellacourt: Tuesday 11th May, 3:00 pm

Borella House: Tuesday 18th May, 3:30 pm

Murray Gardens: Thursday 20th May, 11:00 am

Yallaroo: Tuesday 25th May, 11:00 am

Riverwood: Friday 28th May, 10:00 am



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 April,

And those who have recently died.

Forever in our hearts.



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

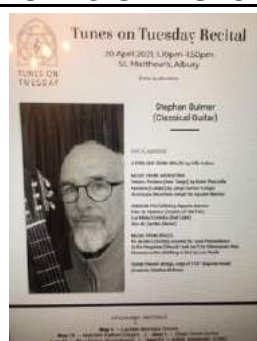
Albury Chamber Music Festival



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



Upcoming Recitals:

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| April 20 | Stephen Bulmer (Classical Guitar) |
| May 4 | Lachlan McIntyre (Voice) |
| May 18 | Malcolm Halford (Organ) |



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, Letourneau 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. 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.