

Keeping Connected to our St Matthew's Family

Theme: God's Love Warming Up the World in Winter

June 2021



When the weather is getting dark and chilly the warmth of good news and friendship seems to be growing, and it's so very important to share. Bad news and anxiety, sadness and sorrow make the headlines but there are wonderful signs of hope, and we are part of it. Politically our leaders have been encouraged to make decisions according to compassion and perhaps we need to continue to share the courage to do the best thing, even when things are difficult. When it rains after a drought we give thanks, so let's not continue to complain about our leaders when they do the right thing - after all we are the ones that have put them there. There are signs of kindness every day with donations to our emergency accommodation fund as well as rugs, food donations and donations to our Op shop. There are many pets in Albury who are happier and better fed because of the

kind donations to assist pet owners in need.

Compass ABC National TV – 'One of a Kind' has resulted in a stream of messages of goodwill for our ministry at St Matthew's and our positive message to the community. Bishop Clarence has particularly noted the many communications from around the country from friend and stranger who have received encouragement and hope from what we are doing together – so keep doing it!

Let us all work together for a good outcome for St Matthew's and each other.



Congratulations to Thomas Summerfield recently awarded the Matthew McGinness Award for service to the community through his musical ability.



St Matthew's Music Association - Friday 11th June Trinity Anglican College had a Masterclass for border students by Simone Waddell singer songwriter, to give local kids a window into music as an international passport in a time of lockdown - still connecting people through music and technology -really positive message when so many bubbles and borders! St Matthew's Music Association for Country Kids is sponsoring it - we have sponsored HSC music masterclasses for Albury High School and the Scots school so good to share it around -let's hear it for our musicians - composer Dr Jodie Blackshaw head music teacher at Trinity and for the donors to St Matthew's Music Association that really make a difference.

Important dates in June:

Sunday 13th June Sunday Service 9am Rev Michelle Wood Guest speaker

Sunday 20th June Sunday Service 9am World Refugee Day Children's Church 10:30 am

Wednesday 23rd June Wednesday Service 10:30 am and catch-up morning tea with friends from Dellacourt. All welcome.



Winter Solstice 2021 - Shine a light on the darkest night with Survivors of Suicide and Friends.

This year's **Winter Solstice is scheduled for Monday June 21** from 6:00 pm, at QEII Square in Albury. For the first time, the Solstice will both be hosted in person and will be streamed online for those who cannot physically attend. This is a free event for all.

The Winter Solstice was created to encourage candid and destigmatising conversations around suicide, and around the real, lived experiences of mental ill health in our community. We come together on the darkest night of the year to share stories, to support, and to remember those we've lost.

We'll be hosting guest speakers Georgie Dent, Kerry O'Brien, and Linda Burney, alongside our ever-wonderful MC David Astle. Join us for a night of reflection, remembrance, and connection.

In the words of Samuel Johnson who spoke at the 2018 Solstice, "this event is an example, a template if you like, of how to handle this issue. I'd love to see this in every town."

For more information, please visit <http://www.wintersolstice.org.au>, or check out our social media: Instagram - @sosaf_wintersolstice Facebook - @alburywodongawintersolstice

Here is a link to see what the Winter Solstice means to Bobby Whybrow

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Forelle Ensemble Concert SCHUBERTIAD

Friday 25th June, 7 pm.

Location: St Matthew's Church Albury

Tickets \$20 – \$30 - purchased online or available at the door.

Schubertide is a celebration of Austrian chamber music performed by the newly formed Forelle Ensemble.

This concert is hosted by St Matthew's Music Association and in partnership with the Austrian National Trust Office.

FUNDRAISING EVENT

after 18 months of no fundraising we are excited to present: CIRCA AD Jewels – The Jewels and Style of The Duke and Duchess of Windsor presented by Adrian Dickens.

A fascinating 50-minute illustrated presentation on a collection that is still regarded today as one of the greatest collections of jewels created over 40 years. Boxed lunch in the Ballroom at Adamshurst, 603 David Street Albury.

Starting 1pm, Date: JULY 11th, 2021, RSVP: July 1st Max: 70 people

COST: \$75.00 per head (includes luxurious boxed lunch and a piccolo)

Payment: Account: St Matthews Church Albury BSB: 032736

Account number: 392189 Reference: 'your name 200'



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 Service 10:30 am. This service is a great option for people who find the 9am service too early, especially in the winter months. 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. Sanitising and safe personal hygiene procedures are still a requirement at the time of arrival.

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 a monthly production.

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

End of Financial Year – Tax Deductable Donations

There are so many ways to help the mission of St Matthews to our community. As the end of financial year draws close, Parishioners may be interested in the following ways that they can assist by making a tax deductible donation:

- **St Matthew's Music Association – Music Scholarships**
- **St Matthew's Letourneau Organ Development and Maintenance**
- **St Matthews Church – Building Maintenance and Restoration**
- **St Matthews – Emergency Food and Accommodation**
- **Volunteers – time and help**
- **Albury Chamber Music Festival – please download sheet on St Matthew's website**

Please see separate sheet attached for all details and methods for making tax deductible donations to the area that you nominate.

MOTHER'S UNION

MOTHER'S UNION STUDY, PRAYER, AND SUPPORT GROUP meets every Friday at the Martin Centre, Cahill Place from 9:30 am – 12 noon. Everyone most welcome.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH report Rev. Catherine Dawson: Hello St Matthew's from Children's Church. We were so excited about Pentecost we celebrated a week early! Did you see our banner on Pentecost Day? We made it full of flames. And we made a flame headdress and Catherine told us about the flame of Pentecost. She even showed us a real flame, after making us promise we would not try it at home!! The flames came together and separated and came back from nothing!! (It was really impressive) Catherine told us the Bible story of how Jesus reassured his friends that they would be ok even if he left them. The people still belonged tother and as well could do things on their own and even if life looked all blowed out with nothing left, life would be ok because of the gift of the Holy Spirit that Jesus sent them. Thank you to the Children's church team. For food, marching music, crafty things, joining in and for a lovely cuppa.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH is this Sunday June 20th, 10.30 am, there will be music drama and craft praying and marching!! We look forward to seeing you, Catherine



Thoughts for the month:

The best and most beautiful things in the world, cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt with the heart. *Helen Keller*

Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under the trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky is by no means a waste of time. *John Lubbock*

A kind word can warm three months of winter. *Japanese Proverb*

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.**



The Catholic Education Sandhurst Ltd supports the 'In School Volunteer' program which provides assistance to Aboriginal children in schools within the Diocese. We invite volunteers to assist in this In-School Programme at St Monica's Primary School, St Augustine's Primary School and St Francis of Assisi Primary School, all in Wodonga. Starting in term 3, 2021. Hopefully, volunteers would have had previous experience and/or interest in the field of education. Adherence to Child Safety Standard protocols required. Indications of interest are welcome. For more information contact the Project Coordinator Sr Shirley Garland 0417 674 919 email: shirleygarland18@gmail.com

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: Packets of biscuits, tins of soup, cup of soup, tins of vegetables. Tins of spaghetti and baked beans, packets of pasta, bottles of pasta sauce. Boxes of tea bags, packets of noodles, tins of tuna, 1litre long life milk. **Emergency pet food needs:** donations of small cans (ring tops) or packet cat and dog food, in date, would be appreciated.

*** 'Masquerade' Gala Fundraiser for Hilltop Accommodation Centre, on Saturday 24 April.** We are extremely grateful for the support you have shown for this most worthy cause. I am pleased to inform you that with proceeds from the night, and additional donations in lieu of tickets, we have raised a total of \$13,000 for Hilltop!



Wedding: Congratulations to Stafford Simpson & Denise Farrington on their recent wedding in May.

Special Wedding Anniversary Congratulations: 12th June, Joy and Ian Haberecht 70th

Stafford and Denise

Baptisms May: Charlotte Anne Lane, Olive Jackie Land



HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes to all celebrating a birthday

JUNE:

5th Victoria Chick, Joan Sheather

7th Bishop Clarence Bester

8th Mick McGlone



13th Roy Mead's - 99th Birthday

18th Inge Lubke

20th Margaret Murphy

25th Roma Hodgson 90th

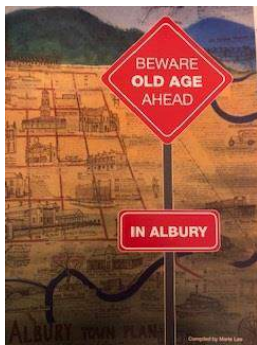
Early JULY: 3rd Dawn Brooks

10th Cath McGlone

12th Ray Fietz

13th Kylie Hull

15th Shirley Gray 93rd birthday



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).

*Lovely story how our Keeping Connected Newsletter has helped people re-connect: the friendship between Sue Fyfe and Margaret Prosser, her Sunday School teacher more than 60 years ago have reconnected by mail and email, after reading a newsletter last year, and contacting St Matthew's.



*Congratulations to Kate Ashley Counsellor Therapist, on starting her new counselling business, NIMUE Counselling (Nurturing, Innovative, Mindful, Unique, Evolutionary) mobile: 0419 004 407.

Email: kate@nimuecounselling.com.au

Rev. Dr Michelle Wood with Kate Ashley

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



Fr Peter and Melinda Schneider



Gordon and Eleanor McKissack



John Martin



Fr Peter and Glyn Rees



Marg Caton



Fr Peter, Robert, Lesley Munro



Bernadette and Jim Hislop



Sue and Brian



Archie McGlone



Sandra and Marg



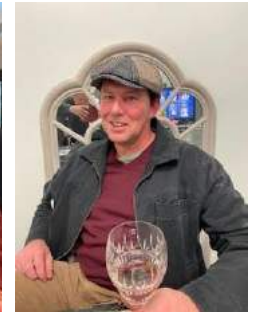
Joy and Norma Tanner



Eliza and Victoria



St Matthew's Village



Paul Summerfield



Yvonne Jackson



St Matthew's Village



Rona Jarrett



Joy



Andrea, Catherine, Eve, Annette



The Beitzel's



Martin Hendriks



Gaye Pattison



Helen Martin



The Webb's



Fr Bryn and Rev. Dr Michelle



Sally Williams and Kellie Trainor



Pauline and Jim



Liz and Rod Pike



The Pike Family



Liz and Rythm



Fr Peter and Sandra



Jan Skinner



Murray and Bek



Prue Smith



Stephanie Stevenson



Rosie and John Satchell, Sandra



Rod Pike, Victoria



Dawn Gould and Floe



Necia Searle



Chris and Allan



Maureen Lewis



Stephanie



Sussan, Angela Braybrooks, Michelle

St Matthew's Craft Group

Next meetings St Matthew's Craft Group – Wednesday 7th July and 4th August 1:00 —4:00 pm, if you are interested in joining the group, please contact Sadie Moffitt 0438 610 740. The July meeting, Helen Glachan will be teaching how to knit poppies for Anzac Day and Remembrance Day from 2pm. If you would like to attend this session, please contact Annette 0413 938 541.

Pastoral Care



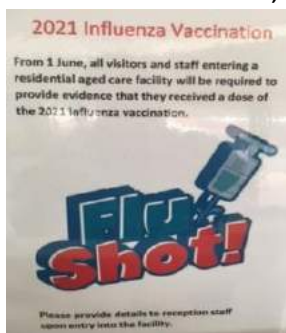
The Pastoral Care Team meet the first Wednesday of each month at the rectory. We continue to stay connected phoning and visiting friends in our Parish and community. The 'Phone Tree' is a great way to keep in touch. If you would like one of our team to phone you, or if you know of anyone who would appreciate 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.



Our kindness rugs and 'thinking of you' cards, continue to be given to members in our parish/community who are not well, and are so greatly appreciated by all who receive them. Thank you to all who have made and donated knitted/crocheted rugs or wool for rugs to be made. A new 'Act of Kindness' idea this year is giving a knitted or

crocheted shawl, very handy for people in hospital or Nursing Homes, if you would like to make and donate one, they would be appreciated.

We would like to take this opportunity to give special thanks to Fr Bill Ginns for his long-time active involvement in pastoral care and assistance taking services in our Retirement Villages and Graeme Scott for his involvement in pastoral care for many years, both have recently retired from our Pastoral care team, and we wish them good health and relaxed days ahead.



From 1st June, it is a requirement that all visitors and staff entering a residential aged care facility provide evidence that they have received a dose of the 2021 influenza vaccination.

Dates next Retirement Village Services:

Mercy Marianella: Tuesday 8th June 11:00 am

Dellacourt: Tuesday 8th June 3:00 pm

Borella House: Tuesday 15th June, 3:30 pm

Murray Gardens: Thursday 17th June, 11:00 am - cancelled

Yallaroo: Tuesday 22nd June, 11:00 am

Riverwood: Friday 25th June, 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 May – June.
And those who have recently died.
Forever in our hearts.***

Funerals May: Roger Schnelle, Edgar Braybrooks, Vivienne Sharman, Elma Bettye Howsam



In special memory of Kaye and Ken Everett a gentle, gentleman, united with his beloved Kaye, and at home in God's loving care.



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 2021



Dates for the Albury Chamber Music Festival 2021 Friday 5th – Sunday 7th November.

Lady Primrose Potter has called to confirm her attendance at our festival she is one of the most important Arts patrons in the country and many of her friends are making plans to join her. Nance Grant and Lady Potter both turn 90 this year so it will be a time to celebrate another milestone for two of Australia's Golden Girls of the Arts.

TUNES ON TUESDAY Recitals:

June 15 Rhys Mckee (Saxophone)

June 29 Aylish Jorgensen (Cello)

July 6 Tim Adkins (Guitar)

July 20 – Tony Smith (tbc)



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 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: 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.