

Keeping Connected to our St Matthew's Family

Theme: Hope Springs Eternal

St Matthew's Day

Acts of kindness that keep rising to the occasion!

September 2021



With the Olympics and Paralympics behind us we remember that in any marathon words of encouragement can speed us on our way. Bad news can make us dread the future but as we approach St Matthew's Day, we remember that even something that looks like destruction can lead to new life. Lockdown has actually opened up so many budding opportunities some of these are really high tech and we thought totally beyond us. Can you imagine how we would have laughed at an online Evensong, yet we get 250 people tuning in from all parts of the world. Friends who have been in hospital, even in other cities have been in contact to say what a thrill it is to be in touch though unable to be in the building for years. Our musicians have expanded our horizons and our students from St Matthew's Music Association have continued to improve while in lockdown and we can hear the difference. The Milawa Bread Artisan Bakers at Harris Farm continue to help us reach out and connect in a friendly old-fashioned way and that's thanks to Alisa's continued kindness. Home Schooling and Aged Care facilities in lockdown represent an enormous personal challenge and our Pastoral Care team continue to contact everyone possible, and if you do know of anyone who is out of the loop, please drop us a line. We are looking for new opportunities to get together both online and in person as Christmas approaches and as health regulations allow. You might have some ideas so please share them. Many thanks to Justin Clancy and his office for their support and assistance with some very tricky questions.

14th September will be 30 years since the great fire and look at us now – what a great message and what encouragement in the face of fear and anxiety. This is really the Easter story, and it is our story! Huge thanks for all you are doing to support the continuing mission of St Matthew's to our community in good times and in bad.



St Matthew's Albury will remain closed this Sunday 12th September 2021; however, the Livestream Service will premiere at 9:00 am on St Matthew's Albury YouTube, website and Facebook. This service can also be viewed at a later date.

The **Office** will remain closed at this stage.

The **Retro Op Shop** will reopen Monday 13th September at 10:00 am.

There will be **NO** Wednesday Service this week, 15th September 2021.

We are waiting to see what **St Matthew's Day** holds but hoping the doors will be open next Sunday 19th September for the St Matthew's Day Service at 9:00 am. This service will also be livestreamed and put on YouTube.



Updates will be put on Facebook during the week, and we thank you for your continued support.

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. 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 Sunday Services on St Matthew's Albury YouTube at any time that suits you – can even watch time and time again!

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

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.

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.

HAPPY Father's Day 2021



Almighty God, we ask your blessing upon all fathers,
That they may enjoy and treasure the challenge of
Fatherhood, sharing their love and interests with their
children, enabling and encouraging them as they grow.

Give courage to those who are sole parents, and
understanding and hope to those who are separated
from their children by distance, or by family breakdown.

We also ask for your special care
and blessing on all fathers and families, who are living through the
confronting reality of a Covid Pandemic.

Give them courage, strength, perseverance, and hope,

To move through to better times.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

This prayer was taken from the 'United in Prayer- prayers for all occasions,' section found in the back of the 'Worship and Prayer book for M.U. Australia.' NB. An insert for the time of Covid, has been incorporated into the original prayer)





Thoughts for the month:

To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.' Audrey Hepburn
Happiness is not a destination. It is a method of life. Burton Hills.

Be someone's sunshine on their rainy day.

*You cannot do a kindness too soon
 because you never know how soon it will be too late. Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness.

Kindness in giving creates love. Lao Tzu

Be swift to love and make haste to be kind. Henri Frederic Amiel

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, tins of vegetables, bottles pasta sauce, packets of pasta, tins of soup, Tea bags, tins of tuna, store bought jam, packets of biscuits.

Emergency needs – include more than just food hampers, frozen meals from Food Share, laundromat tokens are given for washing clothes, accommodation is provided from a Grant we received, and bedding, clothing and domestic goods are given.



A very big **THANK YOU** to **Milawa Bread Artisan Bakers** for their continued donations of bread each Saturday.



Aaron



Fr Peter, Aaron



A very big **THANK YOU** to Aaron and Riley, **Moff-IT** for their knowledge, expertise and time in keeping Fr Peter's technology up to speed to keep us all connected and our office computers running smoothly.



Riley



Ross Altass, Aaron's Pop



Regional Lifestyle Magazine Spring - Albury is the town feature.

To the Manor Drawn - features Adamshurst and many more local friends!

Available at Harris Farms \$14.95, well worth it!

Beautifully illustrated and great local stories.

A lovely coffee table magazine to keep.



Vietnam Veterans Day 18th August – The Vietnam Veterans thank Fr Peter for the sounding of the bells of St Matthew's 14 times and poppies on the fence to commemorate the 523 that died as a result of their service in Vietnam and remember the 14 local men that died in Vietnam.

God bless you for your support of the veteran community.

From Major Graham Docksey, OAM, JP (Retd) President City of Albury RSL sub-Branch



*Email received from Scott Watkinson Hall: Dear Peter, Today I watched your virtual service, and delighted in how refreshing and uplifting it was. You are clearly blessed with a wonderful community in Albury. Best regards, Scott.

*Email to James Flores from Greg Loveday, 30 August: Dear James, I loved your playing at the St Matthew's livestream yesterday. I particularly liked the old one hundredth with the four voices. Also thanks for all you do for the Music Foundation, it's a little gem producing great radiance and changing the lives of youth. Kind regards Greg

*Messages received 5th September from Dr Hamid Goshen from the Baha'i community: Dear Peter Best wishes on Father's Day. Special thanks for

connecting us to the Heavenly Father. And Dion Rowe from Ballarat: how lovely to still be connected with my friends at St Matthew's through livestream.



* Congratulations to Helen and John Martin on being great grandparents for the second time with the birth of Emelia Rose Gale a month ago.



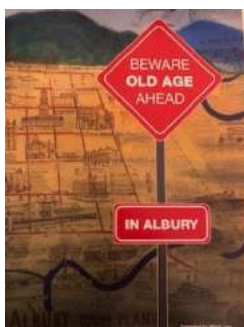
Baptism August: Rupert Lawrence Ross

No Weddings in August



HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes TO ALL celebrating a birthday in September:

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| 1 st Christine (Kiki) Watson, Joe Nesbit, Marilyn Comitti, Marlene Hudson | |
| 2 nd Essie Osborne | 3 rd Roma Jones |
| 13 th Annette Gorham, Oliver Chick | 14 th Jaxon Chick |
| 15 th Barbara hoodless, Mark Carden | |
| 17 th Dannielle Chick | 18 th Helen Kennedy |
| 20 th Rebecca Litton | 23 rd Laurel Foster |
| 26 th Christine Thomas | 29 th Maureen Lewis |



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).



Congratulations to Rev. Bryn Jones on his recent appointment as Chaplain to Trinity Grammar School in Kew Melbourne after many years at Trinity Anglican College, and also as a continuing part of St Matthew's Meditation community. Bryn has also played the guitar at our Christmas Services, a memorable Preacher, Worship Leader and with Jenny great friends and valued members of St Matthew's and the wider community. His appointment commences in 2022 and he will be working with Adrian Farrer the Principal of Trinity formerly Principal of Cathedral College Wangaratta and son of one of our former Bishops.

OUT AND ABOUT now and during the year



Ratcliffe's



Graham Stevens



Margaret



Bill Mackay



Fran and David Luxon



Rev. Catherine Dawson



Suzie Reid



Carl



Greg Seymour



Jo



Chris Thomas



Graham Power



Fr Peter



Margaret



Tom



Paul Haberecht



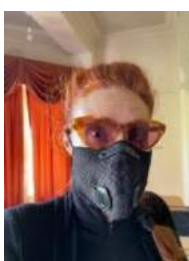
Stevie



Annie Snow



Marie Lee



Donna



Tina



Maureen Lewis



Rev. Maureen



Diane



Martin Hendriks



Justin Clancy



Marlene Hudson



Bryn Jones, Rev. Michelle Wood



Ken Curnow



Lorraine Curnow



Bishop Clarence, Marg, Pam



Rod Brown



Don and Trish



Annette, Eleanor McKissack



Kathy cherry, Bryan Baker



Marg Caton, Pam Horsburgh



Kathy, Graham, Noela



Vicky and Byron Gray



Cathy and Mark Carden



Kevin Wanambiro



Fr Allan and Jane Jarrod's



Ron Rickette



Rosie Satchell



Frank and Jan Draper



Fr Bill and Rowena Ginns



Marg Caton



Deb and George Benyon



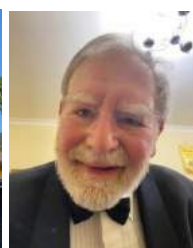
Fr Peter, Gaye Pattison



Kevin Beattie



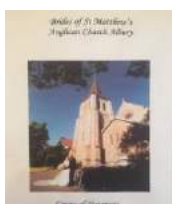
Robin Wellard, Gill Mackay



Rick Allen



Joe, Bishop Clarence



Reminder: The Brides of St Matthew's Anglican Church Albury

Is published on **St Matthew's Albury YouTube** and can be viewed at any time.



St Matthew's Craft Group

The craft group ladies whilst not able to meet, continue to be busy knitting poppies, embroidering baby blankets and coat hangers, machining items, and making Christmas gifts.



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. Thank you to all who have made and donated knitted/crocheted rugs or

wool for rugs to be made.



Prayer

We hold before God ourselves and each other as lockdowns and borders slowly ease restrictions and uncertainty. Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful and lift up all who are brought low. In this time of anxiety, give us strength and to assure the isolated of our love, and your love. Amen.

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

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.

Mandatory Requirement for going into Retirement Villages and Nursing homes by mid-September:

Clergy and volunteers will need to provide a copy of influenza and COVID injections.

Even if volunteers have only had one injection at this stage, proof of that will suffice until the second injection has been had.

September Retirement Village Services: Will depend on situation for services in September - no services until at least after 10th September. **September dates - TBC**

COVID-19 Certificate Immunisation: the number to call if you need to get a hard copy for proof of your vaccination certificate is: 1800 653 809.



*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
September.*

*We remember with love those special people who have recently
died.*

Forever in our hearts.



Funerals August:

Wendy Elizabeth English

Kaitlyn Rose McGowan

Julie Margaret Morey

Doreen Deegan

Fr Norm Fellowes with a special connection over many years to St Matthew's.



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.



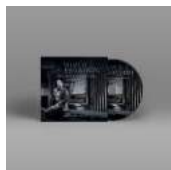
TUNES ON TUESDAY RECITALS LIVESTREAM:

September 7 Thomas Summerfield (Piano)

September 21 James Strachan (Piano)

October 5 Thomas Summerfield (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.

Bank details are:

Bank: Westpac 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.