

KEEPING CONNECTED TO OUR ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY

Theme: Ringing in the New Year!

January 2021



The New Year starts with thankfulness for the many blessings we have discovered through the challenges of 2020 that we take with us into 2021. Being closed for 9 months, yet open for worship 24 hours a day through the wonders of modern technology our congregation has vastly increased, and we probably know each other much better than before. We can't make it rain, but we can do things about caring for our community and each other and bringing justice and compassion.

Australia Day is a good day to think about all people, all cultures with open hearts and kindness. An oldy but a goody the golden rule "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" will transform our constitution, our anthems, and the reality of everyone who lives under the Southern Cross.

NATIONAL HYMN

O God, who made this ancient land
And set it 'round with sea,
Sustain us all who dwell herein —
One people strong and free.
Grant we may guard its generous gifts,
Its beauty rich and rare.
In your great name, may we proclaim:
"Advance Australia fair!"
With thankful hearts then let us sing:
"Advance Australia fair!"
Your star-bright Cross aslant our skies
Gives promise sure and true
That we may know this land of ours
A nation blessed by you.
May all who come within its bounds
Its peace and plenty share,
And grant that we may prayerfully
Advance Australia fair.
With thankful hearts then let us sing:
"Advance Australia fair!"

The words of the National Hymn are approved by His Excellency the Governor-General for use in church services of a national character. Words adapted by R L Sharwood.

Many thanks for those who helped our Christmas Services to be so special, our Christmas lights appeared as a special gift from JM and many others brought cheer and practical goodwill to be shared by friends and strangers. It is a tribute to our congregation that all of Albury feels that they are connected to St Matthew's even though they may not be on the Parish Roll. I even had a call from the Albury Wodonga Islamic Community to share their goodwill with St Matthew's at Christmas.



Toddler's service



Venetia Heath



Helen Glachan, Helen Martin



Kaye Kennedy, Helen Kennedy



Ratcliffe Family



Sandra M-M, Annette Gorham

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. Thanks to our Choir and organist who are keeping the music alive, while we are unable to do so. 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 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. If we are careful now, then we will have a lot more to celebrate at Easter.

We are now 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 Service through YouTube.

Please Note: you can watch all the livestream 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

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

Upcoming services/ important dates

17th January 9:00 am Service and 10:30 am Children's Church

24th January 9:00 am Australia Day Service

31st January 9:00 am Candle Mass

7th February 9:00 am service and 5pm Evensong

14th February 9:00 am Thanksgiving Service

Events for your Calendar:

Tuesday 19th January **Mother's Union Annual Picnic** in the Botanical Gardens

5:30 pm BYO everything, including Mosquito repellent.

All welcome. If temperature is over 35, it is automatically cancelled.

Tuesday 26th January **Tunes on Tuesday** with James Flores and Tom Summerfield 1:10 pm

Sunday 7th February **Evensong** 5 pm

Children's Church started 17th January 2021 10:30 am and is held the third Sunday each month at 10:30 am.

Making Music and Musicians at St Matthew's



This is the time of year when children and parents are looking at their options and St Matthew's Music Association provides a very special opportunity that can benefit the whole community. Our services have regularly featured recipients of our scholarships so would you please consider making a tax-deductible donation to add a bit of musical hope to the young people on the Border and at the same time making an investment in our own

future. The forms are on the St Matthew's Albury Website: www.stmatthewsalbury.com dropdown box 'music' or contact St Matthew's Office.



Thoughts for the month:

'No Act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.' Aesop

'Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile.' Mother Teresa.

'Love is a great beautifier.' Louisa May Alcott

'It isn't what you have in your pocket that makes you thankful but what you have in your heart.' Unknown

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.



Erica



Gillian, John, Kathy



Kylie

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.

Food Room – On-going needs: 1L Long-life Milk, Breakfast cereal, packet Tea bags, store bought jam, 425g cans tuna

Please deliver to St Matthew's Office Hours: 10:00 – 12:00 Monday – Friday Thank you in advance.



CONGRATULATIONS

To
Denise and Stafford
 on their recent
Engagement
 We wish them love
 and
 great happiness
 for their future together.



Reminder – St Matthew's Albury You Tube

You can watch **The Brides of St Matthew's Albury Yesteryear** at any time, and as many times as you like. The hot weather is a good chance to watch and enjoy this YouTube in the cool and comfort of your home.



HAPPY Birthday wishes to all celebrating a birthday January 2021

- Jan 3rd Jenny Prince, Lyn Winnell
- Jan 6th Sandra MacLeod-Miller
- Jan 16th Kathy Cherry, Necia Searle
- Jan 18th Margaret Wright Jan 24th Julie Ling
- Jan 28th Kerrie Wilkinson?
- Jan 31st Helen Voogt



**Special
birthday wishes
to
Edgar Braybrooks
103
Sunday 17th January**

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, Gaye Pattison



John Hall, Fiona Patten, Victorian MP



Kathy Cherry, Gillian Pearce



Doug Oxbrow



Warwick Fyfe, Sue Fyfe, Ruth Frances



Glens Seymour



Bryan Baker, Kathy Cherry



David Martin, Graham Stevens



Thelma Bye, Fr Peter



Annette Gorham, Jenny Heinjus



Rowena and Fr Bill Ginns



Dave Murray, Josh



Paramedics Grahame and Wayne



Leanne Kohla



Jo and Ken Davenport



Ben Yonson



Fr Peter, Arthur, Julie Fraunfelder



Mary McAllister



Belinda Wilkinson



Necia Searle, Janette Kettyle



Graham Power



Ken Curnow



Gloria Myers



John Martin



Coyle Family



Judy Webster



Maureen Beattie



Kevin Beattie



Iris Jackson-Jones



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 phone Annette 0413 938 541.

A visit can also be arranged.

This can be a difficult time, 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.

Also, remembering our loved ones whose years' mind is in January, and those who have recently died: Ken Argall, Pat Flynn, Ellen Mahon, Robert Bell, Ray Bowd, Kathyne Duck, Dot Herbert, Jenny Cochrane 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 2021, first quarter performers:



January 26	Thomas Summerfield & James Flores (Piano)
February 9	Callum Knox (Organ)
February 23	Hamish Wagstaff (Organ)
March 9	Stephanie Johnston (Voice)
March 23	Arthur Hull (Voice)
April 6	Ethan Porter (Cello)



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. 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.