

KEEPING CONNECTED TO OUR ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY

Caring without Borders in a time of Border Control



Dear St Matthew's friends, the Border issues and serious lockdown seemed as though they were far far away, and suddenly we find ourselves in the middle of the news. Thanks to all those who have helped us remain connected in the challenging times we have had. It is very encouraging that the new ways of doing things joining with traditional simple acts of kindness will stand us in good stead in the rapidly changing landscape of lockdown and cautious reopening.

Reverend Maureen Beattie with her husband Kevin have been joining us through Keeping Connected and our weekly You Tube Services and have said how refreshing it is to find our community just where we are supposed to be. She reflected that the liturgy, the words and music are supposed to be sending our love out to engage with the world, not gather us in any building.

Each one of us has a story valuing togetherness at a time of separation, what good precious news to share.

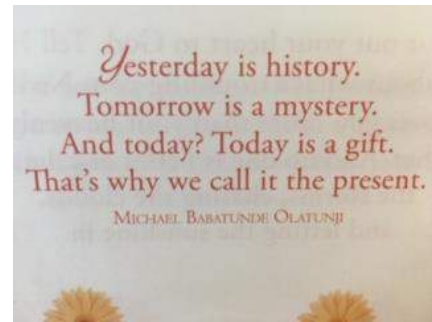
The spontaneous outpouring of kindness to strangers who find themselves in tower blocks, the action of our own government in reaching out to the people of Hong Kong and so much more. This is leading in the most positive direction even the care of people who are unemployed, awareness of the importance of manufacturing and education. All of these are seeds that are being planted that we can help to water and nurture to grow into a more compassionate community.

Can we share our ideas of planting seeds of Hope, Trust and Love toward a better future.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Our Christmas in July was a major way of raising money for Emergency Care and this year we are unable to get together, but the need to work together to address these problems is still present. We are

trying to build up our Emergency Food Room in the light of growing need. What about 'Kind July' and when we go shopping put aside a non-perishable gift to help. If we hear of someone who is struggling, please contact St Matthew's Office 6021 3022

Please bring non-perishable donations to St Matthew's Retro Lane Op Shop between 10am – 2pm Monday – Friday.



*From the Church of England,
A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.*

Stay at home, continue to pray, to love, to care for the vulnerable.



Join us for a Livestream Service each Sunday 9:00 am on our website, Facebook or YouTube. The quickest and easiest way to connect is through YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=UUC6-CamX_tB6vXKlAy7uoA



Please note we have been having trouble emailing to our distribution groups, therefore, if you have not been receiving The Keeping Connected to our St Matthew's Family Newsletter each fortnight, please go to the St Matthew's website: www.stmatthewsalbury.com and you will find the newsletters on the homepage, under News and Events.



PRAYER

Loving God bless the world our environment, living creatures and peoples and particularly your children living under the southern cross.

We thank you for this ancient, beautiful land its rugged mountain ranges its billabongs and plains and assist all those coming to the rescue of our native flora and fauna in the wake of devastating bushfires.

We thank you for the technology linking the communities of our teaming cities and families living in the vast outback -all your sheep as one flock in many folds. For

the simple acts of kindness that link us one to another.

We pray for the shepherds that govern us that we might be led, not driven, and for governments everywhere that they will act out of welfare and compassion.

We pray especially for our government acting with nations to protect the people of Hong Kong and pray that it will open new opportunities to deal with refugees and vulnerable people in greater humanity and generosity.

And for our own country and communities, families and individuals that in the midst of great uncertainty, and the many and various fears we might share the gifts of patience in our differences, forgiveness for the past, courage for the present and hope for the future.

And for all our loved ones

Those in heaven and those on earth

That we will feel the assurance of your love, your guidance through life's shadows until you bring us all safely home

For the love of Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen.

Poems for Children



Kind hearts are the gardens,
Kind words are the roots,
Kind thoughts are the flowers,
Kind deeds are the fruits.

Take care of your garden
And keep out the weeds;
Fill it with sunshine,
Kind words and kind deeds.

-R.W. Langfellow





Friends are like flowers, beautiful flowers,
 Friends are like flowers in the Garden of Life.
 Are you a daffodil? Are you a rose? Are you a dandelion?
 Are you a bottlebrush? Are you a waratah? Are you a thistle?
 Are you a treat to the eye or the nose?
 You can be what you are, and I will be too ...
 Some think we're flowers; some call us weeds
 But we all will be friends in God's Garden of Life.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH will be included in Livestream Service Sunday 19th July

Good News for sharing:



Robin Gibbs St Matthew's Garden Necia and Graham Searle recovering well David Martin visits Vicki Chick rehab



Ron and Anne Elston



Julie Scott



Barbara Hoodless



Vicki Gray

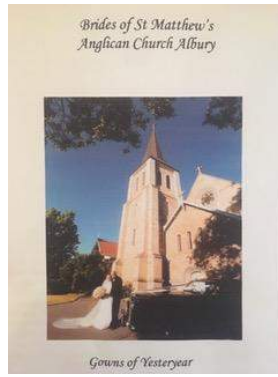


David Murray



Annie Snow with her garden tapestry

Gill Mackay, Lyn Dynan, Judy Webster



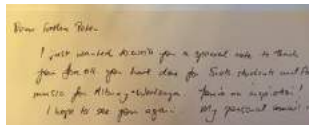
Brides of St Matthew's Anglican Church Albury

Gowns of Yesteryear – featuring over 200 brides – Judy Webster has produced as a DVD, with names and year, we hope to make available soon.



St Matthew's Craft Group –

Meetings first Wednesday each month. If you would like to be part of this group, please contact St Matthew's Office 6021 3022



A special note of thanks to Fr Peter, from the Principal, The Scots School Albury for all he has done for them, and for music in Albury-Wodonga.

Out and about



South Albury Takeaway



The Essential Ingredient



Byron & Vicki Gray Farmers Markets

- **Birthdays:** 6th July Paul Wood; 10th July Cath McGlone 60th



Prayers for:

Victoria Chick, Bev Butler, Necia and Graham Searle, Hau and Liz Heta, Ross Altass, Sylvia Williams
And

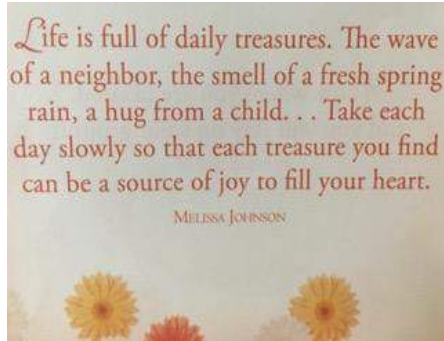
All who are in our hearts

In Memory: Elmore Stoll



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: <http://www.explorationinmeditationandprayer.com/>



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.

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.

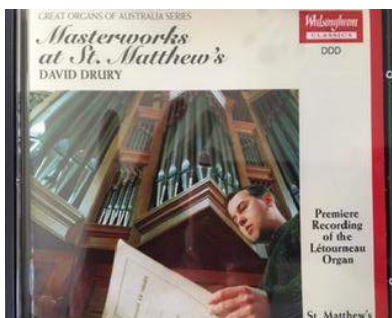
Silver Celebration



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, this will be available on the St Matthew's website in the near future.



Great Organs of Australia

Masterworks at St. Matthew's

Sydney organist David Drury

Premiere Recording of the Létourneau 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.

Albury Chamber Music Festival – Save the date Gala Concert in the presence of their Excellencies the Governor General and Mrs Hurley Saturday 14th November afternoon, and Sunday 15th November the Vice Regal Festival Service at St Matthew's, Artistic Co-Directors Sally-Anne Russell and Conductor Mario Dobernig. Please check the Festival Website for updates.



St Matthew's Music Association

Tim Fischer Music Scholar

Jacky Shen Congratulations on passing his Associate Diploma in piano with Honours.

Special thanks to all who have supported his lessons through the Association.

PARISH FINANCES – Share the load! There is something we can all do, if we all do a little, it will sort the problem, we can stop talking about it and it will be one less thing to worry about. In gratitude for all those who are making an extra effort, Fr Peter has reduced his pay by 20% to help lighten the load. He wonders if others could consider making a small regular donation to help get us through. Please consider making direct deposits to the Church accounts. Without further contributions the Parish will not be able to pay Fr Peter's wages and other fixed costs for June and beyond. Your assistance is needed.

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.



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.