

KEEPING CONNECTED TO OUR ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY no 7

Pentecost and Trinity Dear friends the year is flying by and already we are at Pentecost looking forward to Trinity. The Spirit of God blows the winds of change through our lives and connects us in a special way. Strangely Pentecost seems to be lived out in a very real way this year. We are certainly doing things differently but connected through love, justice, kindness, friendship and sharing the good news in our own language and in our own way.

Our Pentecost Livestream Service reflects these themes with a message coming from all around the world. Indigenous Welcome by Liz Hetta, local children sharing the Spirit, Bishop Clarence spreading the good news in various languages, Fr Rod Bower and a message of changing the world. From Opera Australia and frequent visitor to St Matthew's Greg Brown sings You'll Never Walk Alone and from the other side of the world Tom McIntosh from St Matthew's bell tower and the Dean of the Falklands will share thoughts and blessings ringing out across the world. We are God's sign language and so Auslan Choir will remind us of familiar words in a very visual language. The language of good news is heard and understood in every individual and family in our Parish and in so many ways we continue to be the Gospel, the good news wherever we are. Another special thank you to the Spirit of God, warm hearts and modern technology with James Flores keeping us connected. Connect with Global Theme and wear red celebrating the sharing of the Spirit of Change and the Spirit of love.



Mark Oakley Dean St. John's Cambridge joins St Matthew's Pentecost service



Bishop Clarence



Liz Hetta

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.

Link Blessing – UK YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PUtll3mNj5U>



Message for Pentecost and Australia from Jane

Hedges Dean of Norwich: *Dear Peter, Wonderful to hear from you. I recorded a video in the Cathedral this afternoon on my iPhone and I'm hoping it will reach you with our Pentecost greeting. If it doesn't please do give our love at this season to all your lovely people in Albury - it feels very special to be in touch with friends on the other side of the world.*

We hope you are coping with the current challenges - the most difficult thing for us extroverts is not allowing to meet with people! We hope the lock down will continue to be lifted and that we will be allowed to have some public worship even if it has to be in smaller groups

With much love to you all Jane and Chris Xx



Fr Peter and Fr Martin



Dexter



Tom McIntosh and Chris Thomas

STARS IN THE DARKNESS - Good News for sharing:



John Schuberg

* Making the Op Shop great again! The Op Shop re-opens Monday 1st June 10:00 – 2pm. Good quality warm clothes/coats are needed for both men and women.



Jack & Marie Jones - *Happy 70th Wedding Anniversary



Peter Wilson * Thank you to The Albury Masonic Lodge for donations of towels and blankets



Julie Fraunfelder *Thank you to all our keen knitters for beanies and rugs to keep those in need warm.

* Thank you from Necia and Graham Searle: To all members for their prayers and support in the early days of our further isolation, and all the cards and other well wishes. I believe it got me through the first few days. We are sore and sorry for ourselves, but not having pity parties. Will be staying with the kids for another week then see if we can go home, and just starting the rounds of medical treatments. Would certainly appreciate the continuing prayers for a while yet. With many thanks and may God bless you all. 🙏

Prayers for:

- Necia and Graham Searle
- Bev Butler
- Hau and Liz Hetta

- others who are on our hearts

In Memory:

- Ena Barlow



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.

KINDNESS RUGS – this act of kindness continues to be so warmly received by so many in our parish and community. Thank you, to the talented people who continue to make the beautiful rugs. As these are distributed on a continual basis, there is an ongoing need for more rugs. If you would like to make and donate a crocheted/knitted knee rug, it would be greatly appreciated.

TUNES ON TUESDAY continues at the usual time, every week online, please check our website for details.



ORGAN RECITAL | 31st May 2020 | 1.30pm AEST

Here's the link for Sunday's live stream organ recital:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SJI894RwDyU>

Programme:

Fantasia in C major, BWV 570 - Johann Sebastian Bach

Vater unser im Himmelreich - Georg Böhm

Meditation (according to Byzantine Modes) - Michael Calabris

Spiegel im Spiegel - Arvo Pärt

Festival Toccata - Percy Fletcher

EVENSONG from St Matthew's Sunday 7th June will be streamed on its usual time, 5pm, thanks to Jill Moodie. Please tune in.

REMINDER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES: Tune into 'Kid's Blast' live each Sunday at 10:00 am, google: youtubekidsblaststpeters



Von Radcliffe family



St Matthew's fountain

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 recorded 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.

When this is over, may we never again take for granted...

A handshake from a stranger
Full shelves at the supermarket
Conversations with neighbours
A crowded theatre
Friday night out
The taste of communion
A routine trip to the doctor
A school rush each morning
A stadium roaring
Coffee with a friend
Each deep breath
BEING CLOSE TO LOVED ONES
A WARM HUG
LIFE ITSELF
AND

In our rush to return to NORMAL let us take this time to consider
Which parts of NORMAL are worth rushing back to...