

# KEEPING CONNECTED TO OUR ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY no 9

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

## Acts of Kindness

'Kindness is a language the deaf can hear and the blind can see' Mark Twain  
*a famous Albury visitor and still rings true a century later!*



Catherine Dawson and Bishop Clarence



Bishop Clarence and Annette Gorham



Deb Davenport and Marylou Hodges

*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.*

Special thoughts for the ABC, Arts, Education, Quantas Industries and their families reminding us of the importance of sharing good news in the face of so much anxiety.

Dear Members and Friends,

### **"Tuning In" into Tax Time and Lighting Up the Musical Future**

Internationally it has been a challenging time for music and musicians. In the world of education there are alarm bells ringing for funding for education in the Arts and Humanities so it is even more important for us to assist young people in regional Australia and to focus on the good news for the future and ways we can all help.

Please find attached a recent copy of the Music Association's "In Tune" Newsletter which includes exciting developments for both the Music Association and Chamber Music Festival, including information on two distinguished Patrons and a welcome to two new Co-Artistic Directors for the Chamber Music Festival.

It was thrilling to be able to organise a trip to Government House, Canberra, to showcase the musical ability of students on the border. The choir of the Scots School, Albury under the direction of noted piano teacher and performer Helena Kernaghan once again delighted the Governor General and Mrs Hurley who had heard them at St Matthews during our Chamber Music Festival under the artistic direction of Helena.

We were also proud that piano and organ scholar, Tom Summerfield, accompanied Arthur Hull in some upbeat and greatly appreciated songs that touched the hearts of many war widows who were being entertained at Government House on that morning.

It is because of these continuing connections that the Governor General who has so much supported regional Australia while he was Governor of NSW, is glad to use his current national profile to further assist people in our region through education and performance.

We are currently organising a virtual concert highlighting the achievements of St Matthews Music Association in giving local young people an opportunity that would normally only be found in Australia's greater cities.

### **Unlocking the Future in a Time of Lockdown**

Donations made will be greatly appreciated as these will allow the Music Association to continue to make available music scholarships to young regional people, support performing artists through concerts and enable the ongoing development of the St Matthews Organ. A donation at this time will allow us to plan for the coming year and audition potential scholars in fourth term for 2021. It is not all bad news, we are currently exploring ways to give of our young people skype lessons with some of the nation's most successful vocal coaches, as well as exploring instrumental options for others.

We are thankful for the assistance of local indigenous leaders in identifying indigenous students who could most benefit from the opportunities that the Association can bring. Having in mind the financial difficulties brought about by bushfires and employment difficulties from COVID 19, we are particularly targeting families and individuals most in need of assistance.

While our Music Scholars have recommenced their face to face lessons, we are uncertain when it will be possible to hold live concerts and will be livestreaming until we can return to safe audience capacities.

Tunes on Tuesday has happily doubled the number of concerts available, now running weekly at 1.10 pm on Tuesdays, and with twice the audience number and from the comfort of homes across the world.

Our Albury Chamber Music festival is still on track for 14 and 15 November 2020, in the presence of their excellencies, General the Honourable David Hurley ACDSC Retired and Mrs Linda Hurley. The program, under the artistic direction of

renowned Mezzo Soprano Sally-Anne Russell and Austrian-born Conductor Mario Dobernig, will be announced as soon as possible.

The Bushfire Benefit Concert headed up by this amazing duo, with a galaxy of musical talent who were headed on an international tour before COVID 19 struck, will long be remembered by the packed audience at St Matthews as probably the finest musical offering in building since the fire that destroyed it 30 years ago. We are confident that the same musicians may re-visit the border in the presence of our Vice Regal Patron a little later in the year when we are on the other side of the present calamity. There will be updates on the festival website in the near future as things become clearer. In the meantime, supporting music and musicians in whatever way we can is a gift we can all bring.

### **Digital Organ Stop to commemorate the Gifts of a Digital World.**

Our famous pipe organ which is the region's most celebrated musical instrument is in continual use in this period of lockdown, producing music for our services which are live streamed across the world, and for our organists and students who continue to explore the repertoire and enhance their skills.

Organs such as ours have benefited from the installation of digital pipes and many international performers have noted the possibility of employing this technology to improve our organ's capacity both in liturgical use and concert performance.

We are very excited that the Vox Humana organ stop (mechanical) is in the process of being returned to the organ having been safely stored for decades in the hope of hearing it in the future. The Vox Humana organ stop is a very lyrical sound with tremendous float. While the digital 32 foot will have the effect of introducing the largest organ stop that gives the whole musical experience, even greater presence.

Both of these opportunities have been made possible by generous donations and we are very close to seeing both projects realised. How wonderful to be able to open up St Matthews and hear the organ as we have never heard it before.

Every little bit counts and at tax time you might consider giving a gift that can never be taken away and that will continue to echo in the minds and memories of all fortunate to hear it.

Another \$20,000 will bring years of fundraising to a joyful, musical conclusion, and because it relates to the enhancement of our iconic building, tax deductible donations can be made through the vehicle of the National Trust, and dedicated to that purpose.

Like two themes in a musical overture, the advancement of musical tuition and the enhancement of Albury's finest musical instrument will have an enduring benefit and it will be a blessing both now and into the future.

### **Making a Tax-Deductible Donation**

The Executive of the St Matthews Music Association realises that in these unprecedented times that many people may not be in a position this year to

donate to the Music Association or Music Festival, however a number of people have expressed a desire to make a tax deductible donation before the end of the current Financial Year.

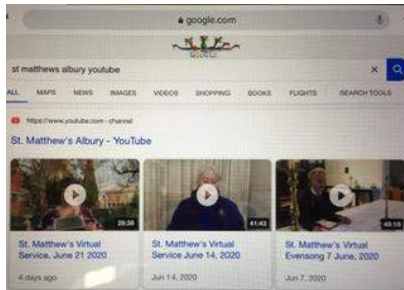
Hence, I have attached the membership forms and banking details for making tax deductible donations to the St Matthews Music Association and the Albury Chamber Music Festival; banking details are: Hume Bank, **BSB 640 000, AC: 111 238 628** Reference: Your Name

Should you wish to donate to the National Trust of Australia (NSW) St Matthews Church Albury, the bank details are: Westpac, **BSB: 032 044, AC: 120 502**, Reference: Your Name.

Given the slowness of mail at the moment, you are encouraged to make any payments by EFT and email [office@stmatthewsalbury.com](mailto:office@stmatthewsalbury.com) with confirmation of the details.

Peter MacLeod-Miller

St Matthew's Music Association Inc.



**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\\_tB6vXKIAY7uoA](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=UUc6-CamX_tB6vXKIAY7uoA)



**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 production, please always check by going to the St Matthew's website:

[www.stmatthewsalbury.com](http://www.stmatthewsalbury.com) and you will find the newsletters on the homepage, under News and Events.



We acknowledge **NAIDOC Week** would have been celebrated the week beginning Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July. It has been postponed due to COVID-19 to the week beginning Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> November celebrating AlwaysWasAlwaysWillBe.

**Reminder:** Evensong Livestream Service Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 5pm

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

### **GOOD NEWS FOR SHARING:**



\*Message from Rev Maureen and Kevin Beattie: Dear Fr Peter and community of St Matthews, Thank you for another uplifting virtual service today. We certainly feel connected with our friends at St Matthews and the Gospel. Each week it keeps getting better, thank you for your leadership and energy Peter.

A beautiful expression of the liturgy of the people. With love and blessings to all, Kevin & Maureen Beattie

\*Message from Graeme and Julie Scott: 'We want you to know we watched all of the YouTube episodes today and congratulate you all on a superb production that has informed us and kept us connected with St Matts. Well done and thanks **SO** much for all the good efforts put in by everyone involved! Keep up the good work, it was almost like being in church especially re the girls singing.'

\*A young organ student from Tamworth requests to play our st Matthew's pipe organ: James Flores is kindly showing a young organ student the musical ropes My name is Joshua Parker, I'm a 17 year old from Tamworth NSW, and I'm writing to ask about an opportunity to play the pipe organ in your church. I'm an organ student with Timothy Godden in Tamworth and have heard so many wonderful things about the organ of St Matthews. I'm in Albury for a week during the school holidays, and I would absolutely love to hear or even play the organ in your church. If this is possible, and please don't feel obliged, I'm in Albury [from Monday 29th June to Wednesday 1st July](#). I realise this is an unfortunate time to be making such a request, and I apologise for such short notice. It's always exciting to play a real pipe organ, it's saddening that the Anglican Church I attend in Tamworth does not have one. My Grandmother is an organist at St Stephens Uniting Church in Albury, and it seems Albury has a rather flourishing music culture. Thank you, I'm much obliged, Joshua Parker.



Father Peter, Marylou +  
the wonderful team at  
St Matthews Allbury,  
Thankyou for your support,  
kindness + professionalism for  
our wedding day. As you know  
+ was such a challenging time  
for us + our families, everything  
you all did to pull it off meant  
the world to us. With everything  
that went on during the week  
+ on the day our fondest  
memory is our time at the  
church. As we said many many  
times that week, "we just want  
to get married" - thank you for  
making that happen. We are  
planning a formal reception in  
MR + MRS ROSS

\*Letter of Thanks from Mr  
and Mrs Ross married at St  
Matthew's March 2020



\*Congratulations to the newly married Mr and Mrs  
Myra and Taiwo Asabi married at St Matthew's  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 10:30am.



\***Thank You** to Marylou Hodges for her time at St  
Matthew's Office as Rector's Secretary. Congratulations on  
your full time appointment with TAFE NSW. We wish you  
well in your future career path.



\***Update** - Victoria Chick – in St Vincent's Private Hospital  
Melbourne recovering after surgery.



\*Maureen Lewis and Sharon – MU bears for Baptisms

## OUT and ABOUT at Gardens Medical Centre



Sussan Ley and Angela Braybrooks



Ken and Kaye Everett



Morrie and Dana Lauder

**Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary** wishes to Marie and Barry Walsh, very dear friends of Marg Caton's.

**Birthdays** June: 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Kevin Monte 90<sup>th</sup>



**\* St Matthew's Retro Lane Op Shop\***  
is 1-year old next week – we are celebrating the volunteers and generosity and kindness that is making it such a success and helping the most vulnerable on the Border.

Patricia Clout



### Prayers for:

Victoria Chick, Necia and Graham Searle,  
Bev Butler, Hau and Liz Heta, Ross Altass  
And all who are in our hearts

### In Memory:

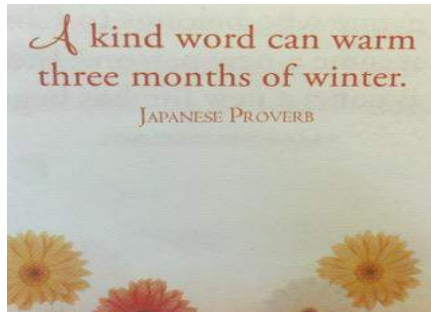


-Ray Mahon – Joanne Davenports father  
-Alison Douglas – Mother of Gordon, Ian and Graham  
-Elizabeth Muntz –Mother of Paul and Angela  
-John Bartlett – Brother of Christine Nesbitt  
Our thoughts and prayers are with them, and their families through this time.



**MEDITATION** across the world and in Albany 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 in Action** – Thank you to all who have crocheted/knitted kindness rugs for others which bring warmth and a smile to all who receive them.

### Tomorrow's recital link



<https://youtu.be/lzNzpjWKiAY>

Hello all,

Tomorrow's organ recital on the French romantic Caen sample set will premiere at 1.30pm AEST. Hope to see you there!

Regards, James

**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.

**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.***