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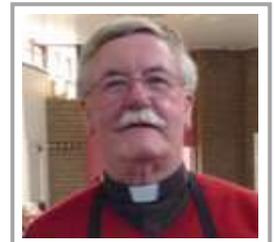
ST MATTHEW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
CORNER NEPEAN HIGHWAY & PARK ROAD, CHELTENHAM

PARISH PRIEST: FR RON WHITE
PRIEST ASSOCIATE: THE REV'D MARGOT POOLE

PARISH NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2011

A WORD FROM OUR VICAR...

It has been a year of colour and movement – some colours I would prefer not to see again and some movements I would prefer not to practise again soon! However, as you can see from the reports and photos, the parish continues to 'blossom and flourish' and for that you all deserve praise for the way in which you have continued to carry out your various ministries be that as a parishioner or a member of the parish with particular responsibilities.



I want to acknowledge particularly the pastoral oversight of the Reverend Margot Poole who was appointed our 'Locum' priest at very short notice! Her gentle and informed ministry which is firmly undergirded with prayer is a very effective one that has been greatly appreciated by the parish and by Bishop Paul who with me has admired Margot's ability to 'swim' after having been thrown in at the 'deep end'. We hope she has enjoyed her trip to the West (fast) and return (slower).

Another ministry that is much appreciated is that of Fr Andre Hassing and it is wonderful to welcome him 'home' after his time overseas.

Finally thank you all for your support, your messages of encouragement and best wishes. It is wonderful to be upright and firing in on all 7 ½ !!!

Fr Ron White
Parish Priest

PATRONAL FESTIVAL ('BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY') & EVENSONG

We were late! Two weeks late in fact. No Bishop, we didn't forget, we were late on purpose. We combined Back to Church Sunday with our Patronal Festival when we give thanks for the life and witness of Matthew – Apostle, Evangelist and Martyr – yes all three. Not a bad record really even if some of the 'facts' are a little obscure!!!

And speaking of 'all three' – it was wonderful to see 'all three' behind the Altar – Fr Andre Hassing (recently returned from overseas), The Rev'd Margot Poole and Fr Ron. A number of people had responded to our invitations and it was wonderful to see looks of surprise and delight as people recognised those they hadn't seen for some time.





This ensured a very lively morning tea flowing into a lunch of finger food while stories were swapped. And then it was home. However, a few hours later they were back! Well, a lot of them and many others who gathered for Evensong – yes, the ‘old’ service with the psalm and the canticles sung/chanted. We even added a few hymns and some of those brought a tear to many an eye – ‘it brought back so many memories’.

And did they sing!!

It had helped that our Organist Christopher Cook, had organised a number of rehearsals between the 8am and 10am Masses and we were able to learn/relearn the concept of ‘Anglican Chant’ in a supportive and encouraging atmosphere – lots of learning and indeed lots of laughs!



It was an opportunity to extend Back to Church Sunday and many who had attended the morning services were back for the evening and the opportunity to commemorate the 400th Anniversary of the publication of the King James (Authorised) version of the Bible. Such celebration was to be held closer to the actual date but had to be postponed because Fr Ron was trying to rewrite his own history!



In the Hall after the service for light refreshments and the opportunity to enjoy a display of Bibles and Prayer Books and to announce the winner of the oldest edition of the Book of Common Prayer – Joan Leslie with a book published in 1833! Plans are underway for a repeat performance early next year.



ALL SAINTS DAY

We are celebrating All Saints Day on Sunday 6th November. As it is a major festival, we will celebrate the 10am service with a High Mass – full sanctuary party and procession before censing the Altar and the Icon of St Matthew (a gift from Sandra and Jon Cooper and the skillful work of Beverley Frame) which will be dedicated that day.

The Wardens and Vestry commissioned Beverley Frame to write an Icon of St Matthew writing his Gospel. Beverley rewrote from an illuminated manuscript – a part of the Dover Bible (Canterbury) about 1155-1165. This is now held in trust by Corpus Christi College Cambridge.

We will end the celebrations with our parish BBQ in the Hall at 12 noon – please join us!



A MESSAGE FROM MARGOT...

A CHALLENGING LEARNING CURVE

At the end of January 2011, I concluded part time ministry at All Souls' Sandringham after being there just on 17 years. I had nothing in mind as to future ministry but after talking with Fr Ron and the Wardens we agreed that I begin working with Fr Ron as his Associate from about the beginning of March. Fr Ron was to let the Parishioners know but this was not to be the way it happened.

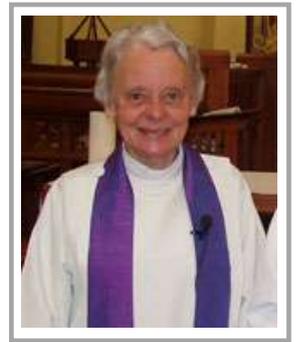
In mid-February I found myself here, with you, at St Matthew's, not as an Assistant but as your Locum because Fr Ron was on sick leave. It has been an interesting 'learning curve' and I have been asked to share with you some of challenges/adjustments that faced me:

- learning names of parishioners who very generously helped me by wearing their name tags.
- the shape of the Church is quite different to what I am used to.
- the traffic on the Highway and Park Road – I was not used to traffic so close!
- using fixed microphones – I have been used to wearing a clip on microphone and in the last 12 months that changed to one that is worn 'on your face.'
- having the Service printed each week and not using Hymn & Prayer Books.
- finding where things 'live' and how things are done.

These are some of the adjustments I have encountered – would you like to tell me some of the things that you have found to be different since 'I landed in your midst'?

I am very grateful for your support and generosity as we get to know each other and may God's blessing be on each one as we share in ministry here at St Matthew's.

Margot Poole
Priest Associate



WHAT IS AN ICON?

A statue is very clearly an object that takes up a three-dimensional space; you can walk round it. An icon is a surface: you can't walk round it but only look at it, and, hopefully, through it. It insists that you don't treat it as an object with which you share a bit of space. In the icon, what you see is human beings and situations as they are in the light of God's action. When you draw a diagram or even a map, you have to pick out the elements of the view that you need in order to convey what this drawing is for; it is a bit like that with an icon. It doesn't seek for photographic realism; like the lines of a diagram, the lines of an icon tell you what it is in the subject matter that is significant, that conveys God's working. And you need to look and pray with that in mind, to look patiently and not analytically, and allow yourself to be 'worked on' – perhaps we should say, allow yourself to be looked at by God, rather than just looking at something yourself.

That's why the use of icons is not some kind of image worship. Certainly icons are treated with reverence – people bow to them, kiss them, light candles in front of them and so on. Some people may approach this in a superstitious spirit, as with any practice formed in church. But the reverence – as any Eastern Christian will tell you – is not because the icons are seen as magical objects but because in their presence you become aware that you are present to God and that God is working on you by his grace, as he does in the lives and words of holy people, supremely in the words of Scripture and the person of Jesus.



St Luke – Patron Saint of Artists

The dwelling of the Light, Praying with Icons of Christ
Rowan Williams – Archbishop of Canterbury

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

They came in all shapes and sizes and various degrees of black, brown, fawn, brindle – and that was only the dogs! Some people arrived without pets (thought they wouldn't be allowed in the church!!!) but they received a distant blessing as did one cat recently operated on and not well enough to travel. Indeed we were able to pray for one middle-aged dog who was to be operated on.

Each animal received a St Francis medallion and each owner was given a holy picture of St Francis for of course it was his festival we were celebrating. And celebrate we did as many of the pets joined in with the hymns (with varying degrees



of success!!) whilst others decided that this was too good an opportunity to meet new friends. The prayers reminded us of the need to care for all animals (not just our pets) and for all God's creation.

A number of the owners having carefully tethered the pets then joined us for our usual monthly luncheon in the Hall and it was time for the humans to make new friends!



None of these occasions simply 'happen' and we thank those who supplied food, cooked and heated, served and cleared away and

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TRIVIA NIGHT!

Over \$700 was raised for Anglicord's Solomon Islands HIV AIDS Programme (violence against women) at the latest of our Trivia Nights which was held on Saturday 22nd October. A rowdy bunch (but very friendly!) gathered with a variety of 'nibbles' and drinks and an opportunity to plug the depths of brain power re geography, music, history, myths and beliefs to name a few of the topics.

A bottle of scotch has rarely raised such interest and a variety of skills – some more accurate than others!! But the main effort was to push forward question-wise and win! Once again the victors were the Op Shop table competitors who overcame an early scoring hitch!

Our thanks to Gay, Claire, Fr Ron and Tony for setting up (with help from the cleaners!) and all who mucked in and cleaned up so we could get home for our much needed beauty sleep. Thank you to everyone who came and brought family and friends and made it such an enjoyable night. We look forward to the next one!

MAKING A BEQUEST TO ST MATTHEW'S

A LASTING GIFT TODAY, FOR TOMORROW

St Matthew's Anglican Church is a welcoming and inclusive Anglo-Catholic faith community that is serious about living the Gospel while engaging in outreach with our local Cheltenham community and beyond.

The foresight of earlier generations has gifted us with our current prominent setting, a unique worship space and a tradition of service and outreach within our local community. These gifts have established St Matthew's within the life of our Community over many years. By making a Bequest to St Matthew's, not only will you enable our ministry and outreach to continue and expand, you will also be remembered by future generations for many years for your important contribution to our Parish life.

In this way, a bequest to St Matthew's Anglican Church is your opportunity to make a final lasting gift for the benefit of future generations of parishioners at Cheltenham.

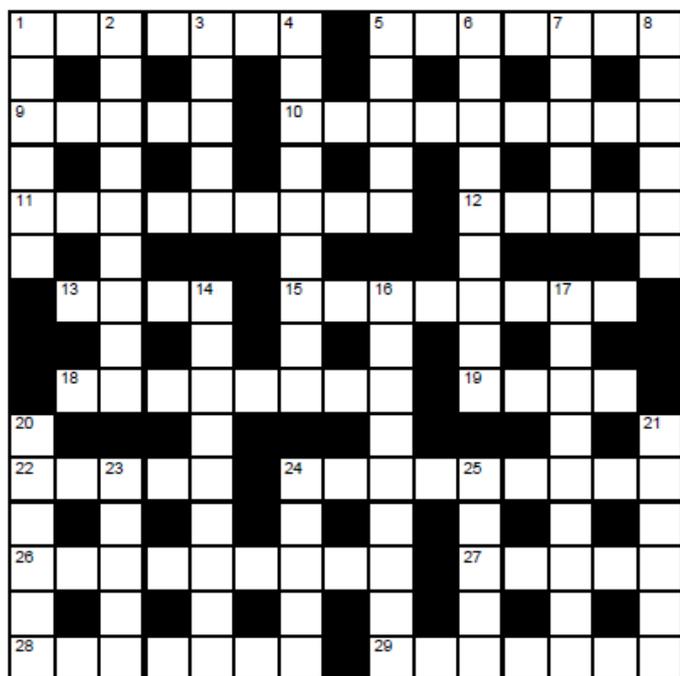
A carefully prepared Will is the best way to ensure that your loved ones are provided for after your death and that your preferred charities are supported as you intend. By making a Will, this allows you to retain full use of your assets during your lifetime and after your passing, still make a significant gift to our Parish Church no matter how small or large.

If you haven't yet made a Will or are not sure about how to include a bequest in your Will, you can speak to any Solicitor who offers a Will-writing service.

Additional information can be found in our information brochure

'Your Bequest A Lasting gift today, for tomorrow: A guide to bequests to the Anglican Parish of Cheltenham – St Matthew's Anglican Church, Cheltenham' copies of which can be obtained from our Parish Office or from our Parish website, www.stmatthewscheltenham.org.au

For more information please contact Fr Ron, Parish Priest.



GENERAL BIBLE CROSSWORD

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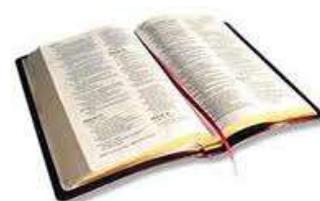
- 1 Wife of Isaac (7)
- 5 Resplendencies (7)
- 9 Stories (5)
- 10 Judges, elders, tax collectors, for example (9)
- 11 Catastrophies (9)
- 12 Father of Ahiam (5)
- 13 Hades (4)
- 15 Eunuch from here was baptised by Philip (8)
- 18 A sound of joy (8)
- 19 Vessel (4)
- 22 Up on high (5)
- 24 First meal of the day (9)
- 26 Hard (9)
- 27 Solomon made a throne out of this (5)
- 28 Furious (7)
- 29 Decorated (7)

Down

- 1 Repair (6)
- 2 David committed adultery with her (9)
- 3 Barrels (5)
- 4 Propitiation (9)
- 5 Jesus was given three as a child (5)
- 6 Times (9)
- 7 Father of Esau and Jacob (5)
- 8 Killed by Jael (6)
- 14 Heavenly flash (9)
- 16 Reaped (9)
- 17 Copycats (9)
- 20 Horse rider's seat (6)
- 21 Remained (6)
- 23 Tender (5)
- 24 Tied (5)
- 25 Abraham was going to kill his son with this (5)

ANAGRAMS – BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

seesign	violentera	hobaida	socialsons
hemwatt	lastagain	ijeerham	shipinpipal
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nailed	onmars	tileaccesses	
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Answers will be in the next edition of Salt!
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WORSHIP

ST MATTHEW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Corner Nepean Highway & Park Road,
Cheltenham, VIC, 3192



Sundays

8am Eucharist with Hymns
1st Sunday of the month BCP

10am Sung Eucharist
AAPB Second Order

Wednesdays

10am Eucharist

FRIENDS OF ST FRANCIS

Community of the Holy Name (CHN)
40 Cavanagh Street, Cheltenham, VIC, 3192
Phone: (03) 9583 2087

Sundays

9.30am in the Prayer Room at the Community
of the Holy Name (CHN)

CLERGY & STAFF

Fr Ron White – Parish Priest
The Rev'd Margot Poole – Priest Associate
Christopher Cook – Organist
Claire Johnston – Parish Secretary

WARDENS & VESTRY

Julie Johnston – Vicar's Warden
Val Fielder – People's Warden
Phil Whelan – People's Warden

Rob Johnston – Treasurer
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UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST MATTHEW'S

Sunday 30 th October	Parish Breakfast 9am in the Hall
Sunday 6 th November	All Saints Sunday 10am High Mass & Dedication of Icon
	Parish BBQ 12 noon in the Hall
Sunday 13 th November	Annual General Meeting 11.30am in the Hall
Sunday 4 th December	Parish BBQ 12 noon in the Hall

DO YOU KNOW – ABOUT YOUR CHURCH!

The ministry of a number of Bishops and Archbishops is 'hidden' in and around our buildings. Their names are on various plaques and stones regarding the dedication or consecration of the buildings.

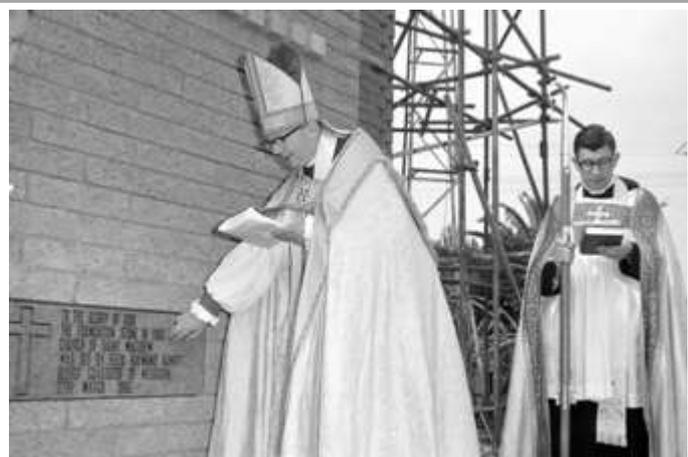
The Old Church states that the Bishop of Melbourne laid the foundation stone on the 19th of June 1905. The Bishop at the time was Henry Lowther Clarke who was about to become the first Archbishop of Melbourne.

The foundation stone of the New Church – the architect of which sings in the choir – was set by Felix Arnott, Bishop Coadjutor, on the 27th of March 1966.

The same building was dedicated on the 18th of September 1966 by Archbishop Frank Woods and was consecrated on the 21st of September 1979 by Archbishop Robert Dann.

It is often not recognised that this building is a memorial to those who served in two World Wars and therefore is of particular significance on such occasions as Anzac Day and Remembrance Day.

Don't forget the Annexe foundation stone which was set by Archbishop J. J. Booth on the 28th of April 1956.



Foundation Stone set by Felix Arnott, Bishop Coadjutor (City of Kingston collection)