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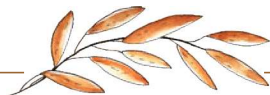
**THE BICENTENARY OF
ST MATTHEW'S ANGLICAN
CHURCH WINDSOR**

SATURDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2017

McQuade Park, Windsor 10am to 3pm

BIG BIRTHDAY BASH!

with entertainment, including Colin Buchanan, school items, Aboriginal dancers, re-enactment, with stalls, food, family history, town crier, associated Museum & Gallery displays and RAAF Fly-past.



SUNDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2017, 11am

Special Church Service, St Matthew's Anglican Church

It will be conducted by the Archbishop of Sydney, the Most Reverend Glenn Davies, assisted by the Reverend Chris Jones, the present rector of the church. Special guests will be His Excellency, the Honourable TF Bathurst AC, who is the Lieutenant Governor of New South Wales and other dignitaries. Any overflow for the Sunday service will be catered for with an outside broadcast.

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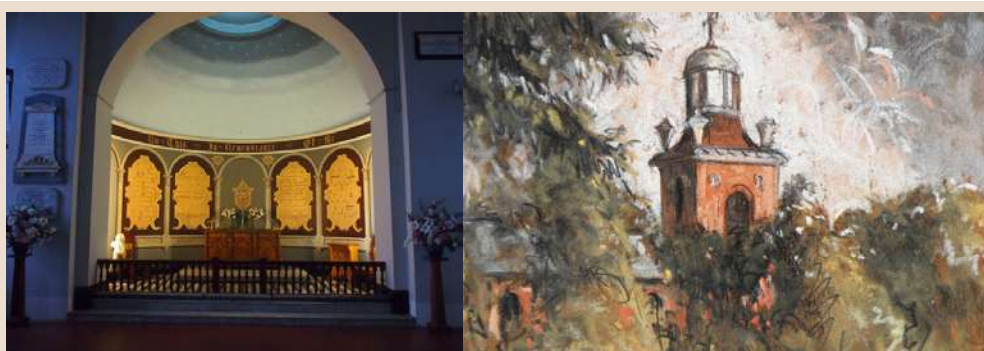
**Saturday 14
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Historic St Matthew's Anglican Windsor, by foundation stone, is the oldest Anglican church in Australia.

The foundation stone was laid by Governor Lachlan Macquarie on 11 October 1817.

The church was designed by famous ex-convict architect Francis Greenway, and the contractor was William Cox.



Artist Greg Hansell, Windsor, pastel, 2012.

**On Saturday 14 October 2017,
in association with the Big Birthday Bash in McQuade Park Windsor,
The Hawkesbury Regional Museum will present the special exhibition
'The Cathedral of the Hawkesbury: 200 years of St Matthew's Anglican Church'.
This exhibition is free, and a free bus will run all day to and from the exhibition returning you to
McQuade Park.**

This exhibition will celebrate **St Matthew's Bicentenary**. The display will highlight the importance of the state heritage-listed church, and its links to key historical figures including Lachlan Macquarie, the Reverend Samuel Marsden and colonial architect Francis Greenway.

On display will be objects that have never been shown before, such as the 178 year-old, blue-green silk wedding dress worn by twenty-year old Elen Ferguson when she wed Joseph Suffolk at St Matthew's Anglican Church in February 1839. Other items have rarely been on display, like the silver communion chalice and silver plate that arrived in Windsor in 1822 as presents from King George IV. The christening dress was worn by Ruby Holland who was baptized at St Matthew's in 1892, and the lectern was made from the original St Matthew's pulpit in 1892.

The church's title, 'The Cathedral of the Hawkesbury', can be traced back to the Reverend Norman Jenkyn who used it in 1926.



Who is this Person?

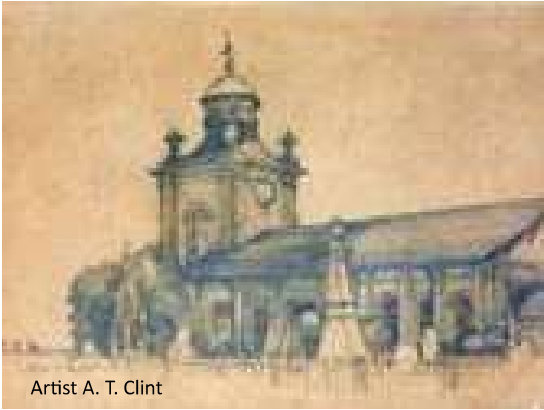


From 1810 the Reverend Robert Cartwright was the first minister to reside in the Mulgrave Place district (the Hawkesbury) but he never conducted a service in St Matthew's church. His preaching was in the chapel/schoolhouse at the top of Thompson Square. Macquarie noted when he attended, that Cartwright 'gave us a most excellent discourse and read prayers extremely well indeed'. Cartwright helped the church to be built, and did great preaching in the district but transferred to St Luke's at Liverpool in December 1819 before St Matthew's was finished.

Cartwright knew and was known by English evangelical leaders like William Wilberforce. A special hymn was written to farewell him when he left Bradford Church in England to come to the colony.

**On Saturday 14 October 2017,
in association with the Big Birthday Bash in McQuade Park Windsor,
The Friends of the Hawkesbury art community and Regional Gallery Inc will present the
special exhibition
'The Church on the Hill'.**

This exhibition is free, and a free bus will run all day to and from the exhibition.



Artist A. T. Clint

The Friends of the Hawkesbury art community & Regional Gallery Inc are acknowledging the St Matthew's Bicentenary with their October 13th - 15th art exhibition, 'The Church on the Hill', in the Stan Stevens Studio at the Deerubbin Centre, Windsor.

The exhibition will draw on the Friends own collections, including Lycett, Preston, Holcombe, Clint (A & S), Sledge & Davson, and works owned by St. Matthew's Church, Windsor.

There is also a photographic component highlighting the weddings & christenings that have taken place at St Matthew's over the years as well as new works from local artists. Profit from the catalogue and raffle will be used to conserve the portrait of the Reverend Robert Cartwright.

**On Saturday 14 October 2017,
in association with the Big Birthday Bash in McQuade Park Windsor,
The Hawkesbury Regional Gallery will present the special exhibition
'Pure Greenway'**

This exhibition is free, and a free bus will run all day to and from the exhibition.



The walls of the original St Matthew's were pulled down when, in 1818, a government committee reported that they were built of 'inferior bricks' and of 'bad quality' mortar. Governor Lachlan Macquarie then handed the design and the building of the church over to the Colonial Architect, the famous ex-convict, Francis Greenway. Although Greenway died in obscurity, he has left the Hawkesbury an enduring aesthetic and architectural statement in St Matthew's. Come and enjoy a selection of works from the Gallery's collection that focus on the architecture, the beauty and the brilliance of Greenway.

Be sure to see both of the above exhibitions when you visit the Deerubbin Centre.



Test Your General Knowledge:

Question: What year were the cross and orb first added to the church?

Answer: 1844

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WINDSOR ANGLICAN CHURCH



St Matthew's Anglican Church

1 Moses St., Windsor

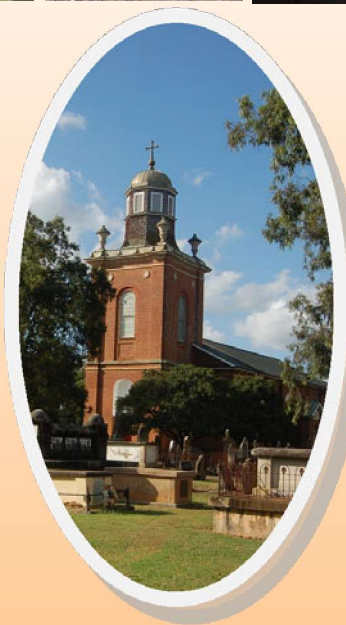
The contact number is 4577 3193

Rector: Chris Jones



Many names, including Cox, Alcorn, Forrester, Kable, Fitzgerald, & Dargin are synonymous with St Matthew's Anglican Church. We are asking descendants of any family with associations to the church to bring their family memorabilia, research or books to sell on 14 October 2017.

Please let us know now if your family group will need space to set up a display, call 4577 6677 between the hours of 6-8pm.

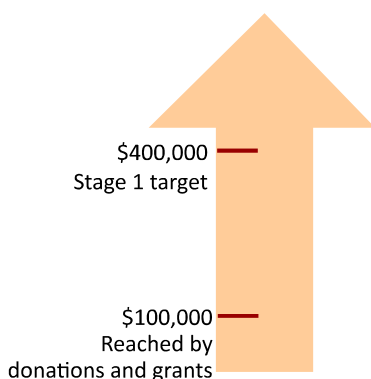


It is now close to the 200th Bicentenary weekend celebrations, and it would help us to get estimates of numbers of people attending generally on Saturday and or Sunday so that the food and refreshments, can be sorted. Please let us know if you are coming and on which day.

Please RSVP to stmatthews-bicentenary@windsoranglican.asn.au

Look out for the deluxe souvenir booklet celebrating St Matthew's Bicentenary which will be available at the church's celebrations on the weekend of the 14 and 15 October 2017. It is filled with goodies, with messages of congratulations from the Queen, from the celebrations' Patron Professor The Honourable Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO, and the present rector, Chris Jones.

\$10 donation would be appreciated to cover costs and any profits will be donated to the National Trust and St Matthew's Bicentenary Conservation Appeal



The National Trust and St Matthew's Anglican Conservation Appeal for Funds

Our church, the oldest Anglican church in Australia by foundation stone, is desperately in need of conservation repair work on the church tower and elsewhere, as well as in the precinct. We are now one quarter of the way to meeting our needs for the Stage 1 repairs; but are only half way to meeting our commitment for matching a government grant dollar for dollar. This Public Appeal is independent of the Birthday Bash and donations are tax deductible.

Donations can be given directly to Westpac BSB 032044 A/C 757079.

When giving, please email, so we can receipt you:

enquiries@windsoranglican.asn.au or ring the church; or donations will be accepted at the weekend celebrations.

The Bicentenary Team thanks all who have supported and helped organize the St Matthew's Bicentenary celebrations for 2017, including our wonderful Sponsors:

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