

September 2010



The Grapevine

Newsletter of the Pastoral District of Southern Vales, Diocese of The Murray, SA

Back to Church Sunday – September 12

There are many people who used to go to church but for a variety of reasons have stopped going. Feedback suggests that many people would be open to an invitation to return. Last year one person commented, 'I was thinking of coming back, but just needed a reason to do so.'

Back to Church Sunday provides the perfect opportunity for people everywhere to rediscover church, and for those in church to take the opportunity to invite them. The campaign is based on a simple idea: if you ask people to come with you to church, most likely they'll say yes. Most people who no longer attend church simply haven't made time for it. Many people are a simple re-invitation away!

Back to Church Sunday is based on the simplest and shortest step in evangelism—that we should invite someone we already know to something we love; invite our friend to our church.

Your local Church Warden can provide you with an invitation Card to give to the person you are inviting.

***Come as you are,
and bring your friends!***



Have you ever heard people say, 'The church would fall down if I went!' Well, Peter Chapman has, and wrote this cheerful verse:

*'Back to Church' is on its way
We've worked hard for this day –
Strengthened rafters and the doors
With extra nails in the floors,
The windows all have toughened glass,
The pulpit reinforced with brass -
So the church won't fall apart
When you walk in at the start.*



This month we say goodbye to Fr Phil Anderson and Carol and wish them well as they resume their retirement in Wollongong. We look forward to the arrival of Fr Paul Devenport and Helen in October.

No stranger to us at Southern Vales, Fr Paul will be ordained at Christ Church O'Halloran Hill on St Luke's Day, Monday 18th October. It is to be hoped that as many people as possible will be there to support them on that day.

FROM THE EDITOR: Sincere thanks to Ted Sandercock for producing the last three excellent issues of *The Grapevine*.

People with news of coming events or noteworthy happenings in the Pastoral District of Southern Vales to share with the rest of the parish, please contact me at 23 The Esplanade, Pt Willunga 5173, Ph 8556 5078 or email machit5@bigpond.com.au, by 15th September.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGED EMAIL ADDRESS.

With *The Grapevine* now appearing on the parish website <http://www.southernvalesparish.org> and including photos and some contact details, remember to notify me (contact details above) if you don't want to have anything about you included in *The Grapevine* in this format.

Anne Chittleborough

News from Pastoral District Council

The August PDC meeting, the last to be chaired by Fr Phil, was held in the rectory. Matters discussed included the following (other matters are covered elsewhere):

- **New vestments:** Sister Bev had purchased 3 new sets and was making another green chasuble. This will make a full four sets when complete.
- **Rectory Alterations:** Toughened glass to be used on the side windows of the door, front windows to be tinted and a security screen door. This will add \$712.80 to the original quote of \$3,204.80
- **Rectory Maintenance:** Some matters to be seen to before the Devenports arrive include replacement of curtains in the 2 front bedrooms and lace curtain in the living room. Bill Cale, Wendy Sandercock, Di Best and Di Rickard to address these maintenance items.
- **Rectory Garden:** Is looking beautiful. A few donations have been received, and compost will be purchased.
- **Cakeless cake stall** in aid of the Southern Vales Schools Ministry Fund raised \$330
- **Insurance valuations** were underway. Di Best had set out a useful spreadsheet which could serve as a model for the other centers. The difficulty of putting a realistic replacement value on church buildings and furniture was noted.
- **Vertical sliding sash window** to be installed in St Margaret's Sunday School kitchen,
- **Interest from the Garfit Memorial:** A portion of this to be set aside annually for lay ministry and education expenses.
- **St Stephen's cemetery** curator had written that heritage roses had been removed as they were dead
- **Parish Archives** Anne Chittleborough reported that work had resumed on the Parish Archives. Margaret Cameron had been making a valuable index of matters of interest recorded in early PC minutes.

Financial Reports were presented by the Treasurer:

Total income for July	\$5,677
Total expenses for July	\$3,556
Surplus	\$2,121
Total Income YTD	\$38,480
Total Expenditure YTD	\$33,148

At the conclusion of the meeting the Parish Secretary moved a vote of thanks to Fr Phil and Carol for their friendship and their hospitality to Parish Council in their time here, and this was passed with acclamation. Fr Phil responded by thanking individually all those present for their contribution to the Pastoral District Council and to the life of the parish.

The next meeting will be held in October at a date to be decided in consultation with Archdeacon Seabrook.



Pastoral District Council afternoon tea at the Rectory.

L-R: Peter Chapman, Fr Phil, Margaret Cameron, Carol, Ted Sandercock, Wallace Mausolf, Di Rickard, Margaret Cale, Bill Cale, Mary Blagrove & Wendy Sandercock

What's on

September

- Thursday 2nd **MARTYRS OF NEW GUINEA**
 Sunday 5th **Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers**
 Monday 6th **Mothers' Union St Margaret's 9.30 am**
Enquiries: Barb Jeanes 8556 4440
- Thursday 9th **Colton Court singers 11 am-12**
Enquiries: Sylvia Francis 8323 0007
- Sunday 12th **BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY**
 And farewell lunch for Fr Phil & Carol
 St Margaret's, 12 midday
St Ann's Guild 1.30 pm
Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100
- Monday 13th **St Margaret's Guild 2 pm**
Enquiries: Fran Pettigrew 8323 9366
- Wednesday 15th **Women's Fellowship St Margaret's, 10 am**
Enquiries: Margaret Cameron 8556 2343
- Saturday 18th **St Ann's Jumble Sale**
Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100
- Sunday 19th **HOME MISSION SUNDAY**
 Tuesday 21st **MATTHEW**
- Wednesday 22nd **Parish Prayer Group, St Margaret's 10 am**
Enquiries: Gillian Clampett 8556 5998
- Friday 24th **St Ann's Family Tea 6.30—8.30 pm**
Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100
- Wednesday 29th **MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS**

October

- Sunday 3rd **ABM SUNDAY**
Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers
- Monday 4th **Mothers' Union 9.30 am St Ann's**
Enquiries: Barb Jeanes 8556 4440
- Saturday 9th **Quarry Market sausage sizzle—see next column**
- Thursday 14th **Colton Court singers 11 am-12**
Enquiries: Sylvia Francis 8323 0007
- Monday 11th **St Ann's Guild 1.30 pm**
Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100
- Tuesday 12th **St Margaret's Guild 2 pm**
Enquiries: Fran Pettigrew 8323 9366
- Monday 18th **ST LUKE**
Paul Devenport's Ordination
- Wednesday 20th **Women's Fellowship St Margaret's, 10 am**
Enquiries: Margaret Cameron 8556 2343
- Thursday 21st **St Ann's Guild visit to St Elizabeth's, Warradale**
- Friday 22nd **St Ann's Family Tea 6.30—8.30 pm**
Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100
- Wednesday 27th **Parish Prayer Group, St Margaret's 10 am**
Enquiries: Gillian Clampett 8556 5998

* Christian Pastoral Support

Did you notice?

In August there were 5 Sundays, 5 Mondays and 5 Tuesdays. This happens only once every 823 years!



Farewell lunch for Fr Phil and Carol

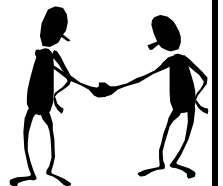
St Margaret's
 Sunday School room
 12th September, 12 midday



Looking for companionship and good cheer?

Come to the next
St Ann's Family Tea
 Friday 24th September
 6.30-8.30 pm.

Bring food to share
 —or just come!



Southern Vales
 Schools Ministry
Sausage Sizzle
 Willunga

Quarry Market
 Saturday October 9th

8.30 am to 1.00 pm

During your visit to the Market
 enjoy a bite to eat.

See you there!

Money raised supports the Christian
 Pastoral Support Workers in our
 Southern Vales Schools.



When we think of Church we usually think of something we do, an activity calling out for our attention, one amongst many we have to balance against all the other activities in which we are involved. However when we look at the New Testament it is clear that church is not something we do, but something we are. This we express at the peace. **WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST.**

We see this defined in Acts 2:42 **THEY DEVOTED THEMSELVES TO THE APOSTLES TEACHING AND FELLOWSHIP, TO THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND THE PRAYERS.**

Here are set out four components for the Church's growth.

1. **APOSTLES TEACHING.** We sometimes talk about blind faith, but there is no such thing; blind faith is no faith at all. Faith grows as we combine it with study of the Scriptures.
2. **FELLOWSHIP.** The Greek word *Koinonia* which we translate as fellowship is a specialised New Testament word to describe sharing. *Koinonia* is what takes place when the Holy Spirit calls people into a community where all are held together with a common purpose.
3. **THE BREAKING OF BREAD.** It is clear from the Bible and the history of the early church that it was worship that held everything else together. Early Christian historians have recorded how people put their lives at risk to attend the Eucharist, often being present before heading off to work for the day. They knew that in the act of breaking bread they best recognised Christ. So too for us; that is why we often use the word "communion" to describe this action.
4. **PRAYER.** For the Christian, prayer is where we talk and listen to God both as individuals and in community. As we pray together we discover God's will for us. People who remember each other and pray for each other grow together spiritually.

Giving these four guidelines their proper priority will surely grow our parish as we move into the future with your new Priest, Father Paul.

Carol and I thank you all for your prayers, generosity and hospitality.
May God bless you in the coming days.

Fr. Phil



We owe Fr Phil a lot for his friendship and the way he has cared for our Pastoral District over the past year, and thanks are also due to Carol, who has welcomed us into the Rectory and moreover has transformed the Rectory garden into a place of delight. To jog our memories—a file photo of the working bee cleaning up the area around the Rectory before the Andersons came, and the garden as it is now. Thank you Carol!

Real Life

The Anglican Parish of Victor Harbor is offering a study program from October 3 to October 10, *Real Life*. 'Real life' is more than just existing and making do. In Jesus, we see a human being fully alive. In Jesus there is hope for all people to be fully alive.

Teaching sessions on Sunday 3rd and Saturday 9th; other activities during the week.

Come and find life in Jesus! Speakers included Fr Martin Bleby, Fr Andrew Klysmith, Sarah Dingle (University of Adelaide) and Doug Schultz (Church of Christ).

Further enquiries from the Victor Harbor Parish Office, phone 8552 1076.

Synod Reconvened

Synod reconvened at Christ Church, O'Halloran Hill on Friday, August 27.

Before the Agenda items were addressed, two letters from Bishop Ross were read by the Administrator, Archdeacon Richard Seabrook. In the first letter Bishop Ross informed Fr Richard that he had been diagnosed with "major depression with anxiety", and also with serious prostate cancer which would demand a "radical prostatectomy".

The second letter indicated that he had been advised to consider retiring on medical grounds and relinquish the See for health reasons. He would consider resigning, he said, if he were in a financial position to do so, and requested that Synod grant him an unconditional ex-gratia payment of \$300,000 to enable him to see his way clear to do this as soon as practicable. He indicated that this would allow the Diocese of The Murray to move forward and begin a process to elect a new Bishop.

It was noted that under the Diocesan insurance plan, retirement on medical grounds would assure him of insurance payments of 85% of stipend to the age of 65 (the Bishop's stipend being 150% of clergy stipend). A motion 'That this Synod grant an ex-gratia payment of \$300,000 to Bishop Ross on his resignation due to illness' was lost after a very lively discussion expressing many points of view. The Synod will await the outcomes of the Special Tribunal.

The following matters were passed:

- Permission of Synod must be given for any payout to the current Bishop over \$50,000.
- Legislative Review Committee is to review the powers of the Executive Committee and its composition, and the operation of the Diocesan Council.
- Legislative Review Committee is to review the Diocese of The Murray Faithfulness in Service document, inviting submissions and Parish consultations to be held.
- The Bishop is to consult with Diocesan Council before appointments and terminations are made.
- A Diocesan Conference is to be organised by the Diocesan Council for 2011.
- It was recommended that Diocesan Council meets at least every 2 months (the Ordinance stipulates at least 4 times per year)
- Diocesan Council is to investigate assistance for clergy who retire due to ill-health.
- Recognition was made of the dedicated service by the recently resigned Chancellor, Mr John Harley.
- The passing of Mrs June Peake-Jones, Mr Edgar Castle and Mrs Leslie Martin was recorded and acknowledgement made of many years of dedicated service

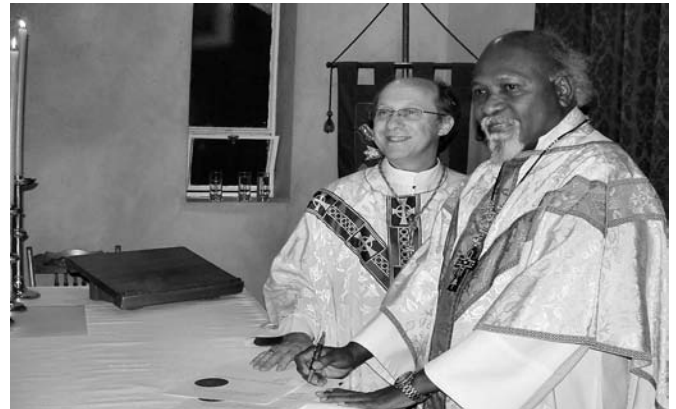
This Synod was characterised by the strict adherence to Synod procedures and rules, and opportunities were given for the operations of Diocesan Council and the Executive to be revealed and explained. Motions were passed to review the operations of the Executive and the Diocesan Council and a review of the application of Safer Ministry throughout the Diocese. As would be expected, Bishop Ross' ill health and the lengthy negotiations by Diocesan Council with him over recent years, occupied much of the Synod business.

Ted Sandercock and Julia Drought

(A full report of the Synod can be obtained from our Synod Representatives Ted Sandercock and Julia Drought. Other rep. Felicity Warrington was excused from Synod.)

News from PNG

Bishop Joseph Kopapa, Bishop of the Diocese of Popondota, PNG, has been appointed Archbishop and Primate of the Anglican Church of PNG, and was installed at the Cathedral Church of the Resurrection, Popondetta on 29th August.



Bishop Ross Davies and Bishop Jo Kopapa signed an Agreement of Partnership between the Diocese of The Murray and the Diocese of Popondota, PNG, at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale, 6th March '07. Our Diocese regularly supports the work of the Diocese of Popondota and our Mothers' Unions have links with those of parishes in that Diocese.

Rose Pruning: a letter from Trish Frith



Thank you all for supporting this parish mission. The long hot summer took its toll on many gardens. It was great to hear your stories... Granddaughter

Jessica and Carol Anderson gave me support and Val Martin supplied welcome refreshment. We did 21 gardens (30 hours) and raised \$600.

A message from the heart:

I know it's been said so many, many times, many ways, so I'm going to say it one more time. *Thank you* to all the cleaners, flower ladies, to the organists and music providers, to the welcomers, readers, morning tea ladies, to Guilds and all committees, Sunday School teachers, Sacristans, Pastoral Assistants, Lay Readers and all the clergy who take us through God's plan every Sunday and in some places other days. They are the ones who keep our boilers stoked, refuel us with God's word, and keep our love and passion for Christ alive.

God bless each and every one of you.

Di Rickard

Around the traps...

St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

- August began with the sad news of Verna Adams' passing; a very sad time for Peter and the Parish. The Parish women provided excellent refreshments after the funeral service on Friday August 6th.
- We are really pleased that Jac Hocking will be continuing the work of the Sunday School begun by Verna. Thank you Jac.
- The Mothers' Union celebrated Mary Summer Day with a luncheon at St George's, Magill on August 7th.
Di Rickard, Warden



The quilt made by Julia Drought and Sister Bev, bearing messages to Verna from the Sunday School children she had taught, displayed at 'Verna's corner' of the Sunday School room..

A Sunday school teacher asked, 'Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?'
'No,' replied Johnny. 'How could he, with just two worms.'

St Ann's, Aldinga

- The July Family Tea was a "cosy" affair surrounded by jumble sale goods set out for the next day
- The "inside only" Jumble Sale (books & clothes) brought in \$244 and cleared some shed space for more items for the next full sale on Sept 18th. Shed about full again but more goods always welcome. Thank You Team!
- Our St Ann's Day Patronal Festival was a festive occasion not spiritually dampened by the inclement weather. Bishop Ian George preached, and the choir excelled themselves, concluding with the old St Ann's favourite 'I go to the rock of my salvation'. Afterwards there was a warming meal of soup and crusty bread, and of course a birthday cake—whose candles stubbornly defied Bp Ian's attempts to blow them out. (Regrettably, all photos of the day were lost in a computer crash—Ed.)

Peter Chapman & Bill Cale, Wardens

St George's Goodwood visit to St Ann's

Monday August the 9th was a cold, wintery day, but the weather did not deter the seventeen parishioners from St George's from making the long journey to Aldinga.

We were able to warm them with bowls of hot soup, and there was much fellowship and conversation over the shared luncheon which followed. Between courses, Anne Chittleborough conducted a tour of the church and grounds, and after some more refreshment the visitors left for the drive home.

Lyn Dutton from St George's presented a generous bag of goodies from Haigh's Chocolates and these were used as prizes at the St Ann's Quiz night. The visit was enjoyed by all who attended and perhaps we should consider more inter-parish social activities.

Wendy Sandercock

Meet Jac Hocking—new Sunday School teacher at St Margaret's

My name is Jac and I have attended St Margaret's Anglican Church for the past 18 months.

I live at Kangarilla, having spent 30 years in the Riverland prior to moving closer to "the big smoke"! I am married to Greg who works in the irrigation industry. We have three children. Will and Tom are working and studying in Adelaide and Phoebe attends school in McLaren Vale. I am currently teaching Reception children at Moana Primary School and it is lovely to be near the sea each day, having grown up on Kangaroo Island.

While living in Renmark, we were fortunate to have Fr. Phil and Carol serving in our parish for several years and it has been a pleasure to serve as pastoral assistant with Fr. Phil again. I was involved in children's liturgy there, as teacher when my own children were younger and more occasionally as they grew older.

I would like to thank our congregation for the encouragement I have received so far and I look forward to assisting with Sunday School at St. Margaret's



(Photo provided)

St Stephen's, Willunga

It was good to have been able to take an active part in the Willunga Almond Blossom Festival this year, with St Ann's Day being celebrated on a different Sunday to avoid the customary clash.

The street procession on July 25th, in beautiful weather, saw our "Fishers of Men" (Trish, Wendy, Tom Drought Jnr, the Chapmans ,the Cales) led by Eileen with Piano accordion and Val (in wig!) handing out Parish brochures (photographs in the last issue) . At the oval we then supported Bishop Stanley and Fr. Tom Gleeson in the "Blessing of the Tools".

The Anglican stall raised a total of \$1,210.60. Thanks to each Centre for the effort in preparation and staffing the stall. Margaret Cameron reported that the presentation of the food for sale had been outstanding, and she thanked all those who had cooked and wrapped.

Ted Sandercock also worked with Margaret Offe on the hospitality tent for the Free Games on the Saturday of the Festival.

Margaret Cameron & Ted Sandercock



Photo:T. Sandercock

*St Philip & St James' day at the Almond Blossom Stall.
L-R: Di Best, Jean Bartlett and Mary Blagrove
welcomed people to the trading table.*

St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga

- We are very relieved to hear that Connie Carroll is making progress, and congratulate her family for their constant care. Rebecca and James attended SSPJ on the Sunday before leaving for America.
- We are grateful to Chris Carroll as well as Felicity Warrington for providing accompaniment for our services.
- We have received a report on the condition of the church from the recommended engineer. We are meeting with Rupert Best to review the report. An application has been written for a grant of \$7,000 for prevention of salt damp.

Wallace Mausolf & Mary Blagrove, Wardens

Aldinga Christmas Pageant

It's confirmed! It's on!

The Aldinga Primary School and the Galilee Catholic School will be participating in this heart-warming celebration of the Christmas message in the commercial hub of our district on Friday 26th November, and support has been promised by other churches in the Aldinga district.

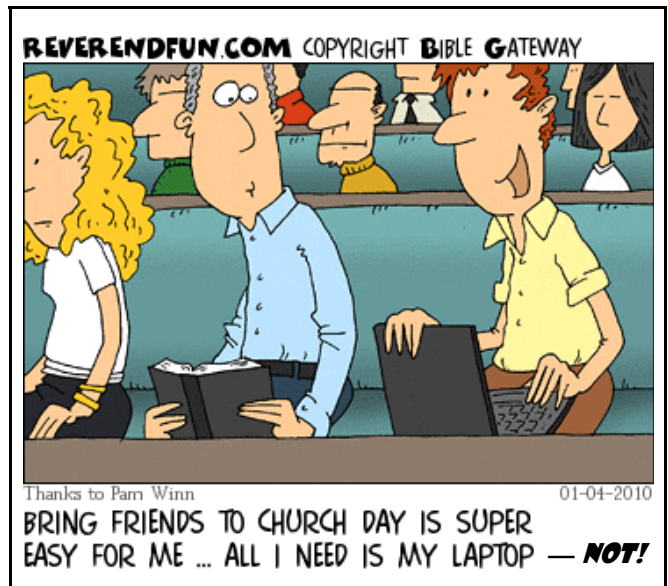
**If you would like to be involved contact
Anne Chittleborough ph 8556 5078.**

SV Schools Ministry

The Employer Group of the SV Schools Ministry, now meets in the St Margaret's Sunday School. At the last meeting on Saturday August 7, the Chairman, Peter Romanowski, resigned as Chairman. John Anderson is the Acting Chairman until October. Peter will continue to serve on the Group. Trish Frith also tendered her resignation as an Anglican representative in the Group. The Group accepted her resignation and thanked her for her support and active involvement over recent years. The Parish Council also thanks Trish for her contribution to this Mission activity.

Ted Sandercock is now the Group Secretary and continues to represent the Pastoral District of Southern Vales. The Pastoral District of SV will be responsible for the Sausage Sizzle at the Willunga Quarry Market on Saturday October 9 and Saturday 13th November.

**Volunteers are needed to help during the period
8 am to 1 pm. Contact Ted Sandercock
ph 8556 4535 if you can help.**

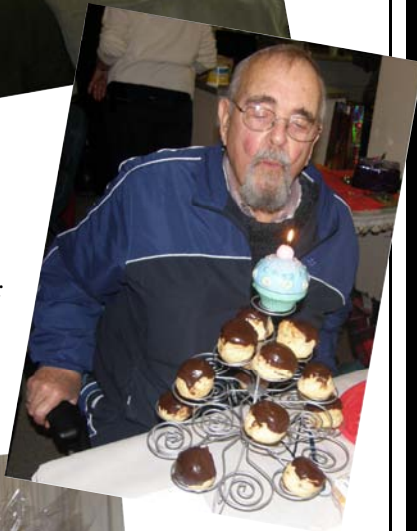


Quiz Night 2010

The Quiz Night held at St Ann's on 27th August was great fun, providing a variety of brain-teasers and a good deal of hilarity. Many thanks to Burda and John for running it, and to all those who worked to make it such an enjoyable evening. Special thanks to Val Martin and Anne Lear. Jack Francis' family made it an occasion to celebrate the anniversary of his birth in 1924. The raffle prize was won by Christine James. Profits for the evening, \$340, will go to missions.



Above: Burda and John; R: Jack prepares to blow out his birthday candle; below: Christine James with the 1st prize in the raffle.



Below, L-R: Kirsty Moore, Barbara Walter, Jill Waite, Jane Hayward, Denise Joy



Parish Service times

St Stephen's, Willunga

Saturday: Holy Communion: 5.30 pm

St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga

Sunday: Holy Communion: 9.00 am

St Ann's, Aldinga

Sunday: Holy Communion: 9.00 am
with children's lessons and activities

St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

Sunday: Holy Communion: 10.15 am
with Sunday School

Wednesday: Holy Communion: 9:00am

Southern Vales contact information:

Until Fr Paul arrives, please refer all matters to the Parish Secretary in the first instance.

Parish Secretary: Wendy Sandercock

Ph 8556 4535

email wendysac@westnet.com.au

The Parish Office is not regularly attended but messages can be left on the message bank 08 8323 9155

Visit our website!

<http://www.southernvalesparish.org>

A prayer for persecuted Christians

Lord our God, we pray for strength and courage for those experiencing persecution, and for peace that only you Lord can bring. Thank you that your grace is sufficient for their needs. We ask that their faith will not fail but that their suffering will draw them closer to you and increase their faith.

(Prayer from Barnabas Fund,, contributed by Di Rickard.)

The TV in St Ann's hall has just quietly expired and we can no longer show DVDs. If you have recently upgraded your TV and have one to give away, please contact Bill Cale 8556 5236.

