

February 2011

# The Grapevine

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

## We Welcome You!

January has brought a wonderful number of baptisms.

We warmly welcome these new members of our Church family..



9th January, St Ann's: Lily Regina Lear, great-grand-daughter of Anne & Alf Lear. (Photo: Val Martin)



16th January, St Margaret's: Ella Fowles, seen here with Fr Paul and great-grandmother Margaret Cameron. (Photo J Drought)



22nd January, St Stephen's: Lara Nicole Beattie, with her parents and godparents. (Photo: T Sandercock)



30th January, St Margaret's: Baby Joshua Tassie, seen here with siblings (L-R Christopher, Annaliese, Rebecca and Benjamin).

## *Fr Paul writes...*

It has been a wonderful start to the year with the number of baptisms in the Pastoral District of the Southern Vales. For the first two months of 2011, nine children and adults will have been christened in all the four centres. Welcome to all who have been baptised, we hope that you will be blessed as you start your new life in Christ.

I have been encouraged by the number of people attending services at most of our centres during January, even though it is generally a quiet time of the year, with people on holidays. It has been great to see the number of visitors especially at St Ann's, Aldinga. At St Margaret's, McLaren Vale, we have introduced refreshments including morning tea and wine after the Eucharist, which has been a success.

Church vestry meetings will be held at all the centres over the next month or so (see below). Each of the meetings will be held after the service on Saturday or Sunday, to elect a People's Warden and discuss any business, which may need to be put on the agenda for the Parish Vestry Meeting to be held at 5 PM on Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> of March at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

Lent will start on Ash Wednesday, March the 9<sup>th</sup>. It is a time when we have traditionally considered giving up something like chocolate! Instead, I would encourage you to take on something extra and that is a Lenten study. This year's course is called 'Rich Inheritance'. It is written by Bishop Stephen Cottrell, the Church of England Bishop of Chelmsford. More information about the course can be found at <http://www.yorkcourses.co.uk> I pray that as many people as possible can take part in this study program, spread over five weeks. During Lent, there will be also Lenten Soup Suppers with a number of interesting speakers at St Ann's, Aldinga. (see next page)

Gradual improvements are being made to the church grounds at St. Margaret's, McLaren Vale. Over the past month or so, mulch from trees pruned at the Willunga Cemetery has been spread around the driveway entrance and around the Church and the Hall area. Native plants have now been purchased and are being planted. I am grateful to Julie Stuttard of the Peacock Farm at Willunga, who is the Curator of the Willunga Cemetery in offering to assist with a gardener to improve the church grounds and help maintain the rectory garden as well. A contract has also been let to grade the driveway in the not too distant future. The improvements will enhance the grounds as St Margaret's McLaren Vale prepares to celebrate its centenary this year.

With every blessing in Christ.

## **ANNUAL VESTRY MEETINGS FOR 2011**

The Diocesan Ordinance for Parishes outlines procedures for Vestry meetings.

Each Church congregation (vestry) will hold a Church Vestry meeting to elect a People's Warden and to raise any significant matter to be placed on the Annual Pastoral District Vestry Meeting Agenda.

Any matter to be raised at a Church Vestry meeting must be discussed beforehand with the Priest, who chairs these Church Vestry meetings and sets the Agenda.

For the Pastoral District of Southern Vales these short meetings will be held as follows:

St Stephen's Vestry	Saturday, February 12 at 6.30 pm.
St Philip & James Vestry	Sunday, February 13 at 9.45 am
St Margaret's Vestry	Sunday, February 27 at 11.45 am
St Ann's Vestry	Sunday, March 6 at 9.45 am

Nomination forms for position of People's Warden are available from the back of each Church.

**Completed Nomination forms must be returned to the Parish Secretary at least 1 week before the relevant Church Vestry meeting.**

The **Annual Pastoral District Vestry** meeting will be held on Sunday March 20, commencing with Evening Prayer at 5.00 pm at St Margaret's church, 99 Main Road, McLaren Vale.

*Wendy Sandercock (Parish Secretary)*

*Fr Paul Devenport (Assistant Priest and Church Vestry Chairman)*

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 the Editor, Anne Chittleborough, at 23 The Esplanade, Pt Willunga 5173, Ph 8556 5078 or email [machit5@bigpond.com.au](mailto:machit5@bigpond.com.au), preferably by 15th February. **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.

**February**

- Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> **CANDLEMASS**
- Sun 6<sup>th</sup> **Gold Coin Collection** for CPS\* workers
- Mon 7<sup>th</sup> **MU** 9.30 am St Stephen's Willunga  
*Enquiries: Trish Frith Ph 8556 2604*
- Tues 8<sup>th</sup> **St Margaret's Guild** 2 pm  
*Enquiries: Fran Pettigrew 8323 9366*
- Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> **Colton Court Singers** 11 am-12  
*Enquiries: Sue MacKirdy 8556 5162*
- Sat 12<sup>th</sup> **St Stephen's Vestry Meeting** 6.30 pm
- Sun 13<sup>th</sup> **St Philip & St James Vestry Meeting** 9.45 am
- Mon 14<sup>th</sup> **St Ann's Guild AGM** 1.30 pm  
*Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100*
- Wed 16<sup>th</sup> **Women's Fellowship** St Margaret's, 10 am  
*Enquiries: Margaret Cameron 8556 2343*
- Sun 20<sup>th</sup> **Southern Vales Schools Ministry Celebration** 6.30 pm. (see next column).
- Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> **Parish Prayer Group** St Margaret's 11 -12  
*Enquiries: Gillian Clampett 8556 5998*
- Fri 25<sup>th</sup> **St Ann's Family Tea** 6.30—8.30 pm  
*Enquiries: Bill Cale 8556 5236*
- Sun 27<sup>th</sup> **St Margaret's Vestry Meeting** 11.45 am

**March**

- Fri 4<sup>th</sup> **World Day of Prayer** (see next column)
- Sun 6<sup>th</sup> **Gold Coin collection** for CPS\* workers  
**St Ann's Vestry Meeting** 9.45 am
- Mon 7<sup>th</sup> **MU Meeting**
- Tues 8<sup>th</sup> **St Margaret's Guild**
- Wed 9<sup>th</sup> **ASH WEDNESDAY**  
9 am St Margaret's  
7 pm St Ann's
- Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> **Colton Court Singers**
- Mon 14<sup>th</sup> **St Ann's Guild**
- Wed 16<sup>th</sup> **Women's Fellowship**  
**Lenten Soup Supper I** (see next column)
- Sat 19<sup>th</sup> **St Ann's Jumble Sale**
- Sun 20<sup>th</sup> **Pastoral District Vestry Meeting**  
St Margaret's 5 pm
- Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> **Parish Prayer Group**  
**Lenten Soup Supper II**
- Fri 25<sup>th</sup> **ANNUNCIATION**  
**St Ann's Family Tea**
- Wed 30<sup>th</sup> **Lenten Soup Supper III**

**Baptisms:**

- Feb 6<sup>th</sup> Cath Davidson (at the 8.30 am service) & Emma Elliott (1 pm), St Ann's
  - Feb 13<sup>th</sup> Alexander Gordon, St Ann's
  - Feb.27<sup>th</sup> Eva and Ted Norris, St Philip & St James
- \*Christian Pastoral Support

**DID NOAH FISH?**

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.'

**SOUTHERN VALES SCHOOLS MINISTRY**

*Every first Sunday of the month we have a gold coin collection for the Christian Pastoral Support workers in our local schools.*

**Come and meet them!  
Celebrate their work!**

Sunday 20th February, 6.30 pm, at St Ann's Aldinga  
Bring a plate to share

*Enquiries: Ted Sandercock, ph 8556 4535*



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (WDP)** is a world-wide ecumenical movement of women of many faith traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March.

Throughout the day, prayers are held all over the world, beginning with the first sunrise and ending at the last sunset, following the sun's path around the globe.

*The service this year for 4th March was prepared by the women of Chile with the theme, 'How many loaves have you?' - reminding us that we are to express our faith by practical acts of caring and sharing.*

*See Church Chatter or contact Trish Frith ph 8556 2604 for further details*



**LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS**

Save the following dates for our traditional soup evenings at St Ann's, 6.30-8.30 pm.

Join us—and bring your friends—for a delicious variety of soups, and interesting and challenging speakers.

- 16th March:** Sue Dutton: Palliative care and hospice
  - 23rd March:** Kevin Liston: Refugees & Asylum Seekers
  - 30th March:** Lois Gepp: Christian Care & Support Centre
  - 6th April:** Bp Ian George: The Church & the Arts
- Further details in the next issue.

## Around the traps...



### Jumble!

The St Ann's January Jumble Sale was offered so many children's toys and clothes to sell that a new venue had to be found, and the back of the church was turned into a special section for children. (Shades of the past, pre-hall, when all jumble sales had to use this space!) All money raised in this area, together with donations (a total of \$215), was contributed to the Queensland Flood Relief appeal. Other takings for the day totalled \$655—hard work, but a good result. Thank you to the St Ann's team and Julia Drought for a magnificent effort.

Val Martin, President of St Ann's Guild, adds:  
*I would like to thank all members of St Ann's Guild and St Ann's congregation for their support in 2010, also all those people who helped in any way by donating their goods, time, and energy. It was a successful year.  
God Bless you all and Happy New Year  
Val Martin*

### Love your Church?

Come to the St Ann's Guild AGM, 1.30 pm on St Valentine's Day, 14th February!



### Queensland Flood Relief

In addition to the money raised at the St Ann's Jumble Sale, further offerings of \$410 were added from donations at the Sunday Services; a total of \$625 to go to the Primate's Queensland Flood Relief Appeal.

### Mrs Betty Porter ill

Those who know Betty Porter, wife of Bishop Robert Porter, the first Bishop of the Diocese of The Murray, would want to know that she has suffered a stroke and is in Epworth Hospital, Melbourne. She has lost power in her right arm.

### News of Mitchell

Surgery for Mitchell Hands' liver cancer went ahead on Wednesday morning, 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb., and the surgeons think they removed it all including 50% of his liver. It all went according to plan with only a small blood transfusion and they were pleased with his condition immediately afterwards. He will have another two cycles of chemo following his recovery, in about three weeks. We are grateful to the expert medical team and for all the prayers and caring thoughts and words from our extended family in the parish. *Di Best*



*Mitchell with his mother Louisa  
(Photo: D Best)*

### News from St Philip & St James...

Dorothy Mausolf is now out of hospital and is at home, slowly improving with the help of good medical attention.

On 1st February Mavis Harvey, a former lifetime member of SSPJ and now a resident of Perry Park, celebrated her 98th birthday, and on 4th February Philippa Gamlin celebrated her 93rd birthday.

The agapanthus display at SSPJ was super this year, as it has been all around the district. Thank you Lord for the wonderful rain, and may all parishioners enjoy a healthy, happy and productive 2011.

*Mary Blagrove (Warden)*



*As well as being the day of the Baptism of Lily Regina Lear, 9th January was a special day for Fr Paul and Helen—their first wedding anniversary. They were presented with a small gift to celebrate with. Photo: Val Martin*

**Celebration follows celebration!**

Champagne has been added to the menu of the after-service nibbles and drinks at St Stephen's. Thank you Peter Kyloh for supplying the large glasses.

*Ted Sandercock (Warden)*



**'What can I give Him?'**

**'Give your heart!'**

Rising to the challenge of thinking what little girls could give to Jesus at Epiphany Tide, Suraya Chittleborough and Katrina and Lauren Clifford wrote down what they would like to give (a smile, friendship and sharing), put their messages in boxes and laid their gifts before the crib.

*Photo: Michael Clifford.*

**Mentors needed in our schools**

There continues to be a major need in the Southern Vales government Primary Schools for male volunteers to work as mentors with boys. There are two main areas:

- One to one with Junior Primary boys (6-8 years)
- Small group mentoring in Years 5, 6 and 7.

Special preference is for men who have sport and or hand tool skills. Some financial assistance, up to 4 hours per week, may be available to compensate for work time missed.

If you have a ministry to help in this way please contact *Ted Sandercock* ph 8556 4535



**Christian Care & Support Centre**

The centre at Aldinga has been kept very busy throughout the year. A growing number of people in the district find it very difficult to pay bills and rent, and buy food. Many are looking for assistance with their electricity bills. We are able to give some help with this. The Pastoral District of Southern Vales has been very generous with donations of food throughout the year, and this enables us to assist with food as well as with government vouchers. We are permitted to give only 2 vouchers each 6 months (the amount depends on the number in the household) but with a supply of groceries we are able to give extra help. We are grateful to the people who give cash donations as this enables us to buy perishables like cheese, eggs, and margarine. Bakers Delight allow us to pick up rolls and buns etc from their Noarlunga bakery once a week. We pack and freeze it and make it available twice a week. This year we gave out 35 hampers to the most needy.

*Enquiries: Anne Lear (8556 5520, 0417 866 779)*

*[Hear Lois Gepp speak about the Centre at our Lenten Soup Evening on 30th March]*



*Anne Lear and Vera Penny sort the Centre's supply cupboard.*

**From St Margaret's . . .** Despite the scorching 42° temperatures, there was a large congregation at 1 pm on 30th January supporting Joshua Tassie at his Baptism, with 44 adults and 20 children attending. *Di Rickard (Warden)*

## Our Parish 2011

One Pastoral District, four centres. Together and individually we have a wealth of interests, talents and commitments to offer God through the Church and the community. Again this February, people involved in the many activities of this parish were asked to write a few words about an activity they are involved in. Contact details are provided, & expressions of interest would be welcome.

**ANGLICARE**  
SA  
working for people

We support the Anglican welfare agency by donating items of clothing, rugs, blankets etc, and by giving

Christmas gifts, toys and food in the season

### Bible Studies

Studies of the scriptures are offered during Advent and Lent. at each Centre with at least one evening group. During 2011 it is intended to offer a Bible study throughout the year, most likely after the 9 am service on Wednesday mornings at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale. These studies provide people with an opportunity to discuss the scriptures in a small group and share their knowledge and experience of the Christian faith.



Enquiries: Ted Sandercock, ph 8556 4535

### Cemeteries

Our churches at Old Noarlunga, Willunga and Aldinga have historic cemeteries which are still currently operating. Our curators maintain the grounds and see to the leases, finances and practical arrangements for burials and interments. Contact details are posted at each cemetery.



### Christian Care & Support Centre

Volunteers from our Pastoral District assist at the Centre, which is open Monday and Wednesday from 9 am to 12 md. assisting the growing number of people in the district who are struggling financially. Volunteers also collect bread from Bakers Delight each Wednesday evening, bagging it and making it available on Thursday morning. For more information see p. 5.

### Parish Prayer Group

meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at St Margaret's Hall at 10 am, following the Eucharist at 9 am. We meet in a friendly and informal group to join together in bringing to God the joys and needs of our parish and community. Everyone is welcome, whether occasionally or regularly, and prayer requests can be given to any member or to Fr Paul, or to Gillian Clampett ph 8556 5998.



**Choir** The choir has enjoyed the opportunity to sing during combined services again during 2010, and even at one wedding! Our numbers have increased, and when at full strength we have 2 basses, 3 tenors, 2 altos and 7 sopranos. We have a repertoire of 4 different Eucharist settings, and sing psalms, anthems and special Communion hymns. A real highlight for the year was the Advent Carol Service. In 2011 We will be meeting on Thursday nights at 7 pm for practice. We know our efforts are appreciated, and we enjoy working together to praise God.  
Enquiries: Felicity Warrington ph 8556 4625

### Colton Court Singers

Musicians and singers are very welcome to join us at Colton Court in McLaren Vale from 11 am to 12 noon on the 2nd Thursday of the month for a happy singalong. We sing popular songs and a few hymns. It is a joy to see residents and staff respond to this small gesture of outreach.  
Enquiries: Sue MacKirdy ph 8556 5162



### FUSION

Fusion is an international youth and community organisation working with socially-at-risk young people and working to build community and church togetherness. In 2010, members of Southern Vales Pastoral District assisted in their activities at the Almond Blossom Festival and played a major role in running an Advent Pageant at the Aldinga Shopping Centre, involving all the local schools and churches. Enquiries: Anne Chittleborough ph 8556 5078



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The **Restoration and Maintenance Committee** is a group of men responsible for just that—the restoration and maintenance of the buildings and property of the Pastoral District.

Enquiries: Peter Chapman ph 8557 7151



### MISSIONS

As well as the local mission and outreach represented on these pages we support the **Anglican Board of Mission**, **Bush Church Aid** and the **Church Missionary Society** through fundraising and inviting visiting speakers, and support Diocesan ministry through our **Home Mission Fund** and Diocesan **Ordination Candidates Fund**.

## GUILDS

### St Ann's, Aldinga

What does a Guild do? Come and find out!

It includes fund-raising, catering, visiting, and church tasks such as arranging flowers, cleaning the brass, and cleaning and managing the hall. We hold five jumble sales a year—yes, there's some hard work in that, but we have lots of laughs.

We would love to welcome new members with new ideas and perhaps help with what has to happen in the day-to-day running of our church. Our meetings are on the second Monday of the month in the St Ann's Hall at 1.30 pm.

*Enquiries: Val Martin ph 8556 6100*



### St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

St Margaret's Guild supports the parish in any way it can, with members visiting the sick, catering for functions when need arises, raising funds and enjoying fellowship with each other. Meetings are held in the Sunday School room on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. You are welcome to join us.

*Enquiries: Fran Pettigrew ph 8323 9366;*

*Lorna McGaffin ph 8323 8523*

## Social Activities Committee

This committee was formed in 2008 to arrange social functions for the parish as a whole. There have since been, several breakfasts, lunches, outings and a picnic, all of which have attracted parishioners from each centre.



The original committee has been reduced to two active members, so volunteers are urgently required to start planning for the year ahead. If you enjoy our parish social events and have ideas to share, contact *Wendy Sandercock ph 8556 4535*

## Southern Vales Schools Ministry [SVSM]

SVSM is an extension of the mission task of Southern Vales churches. The Christian Pastoral Support [CPS] workers which it supports provide a bridge between the school communities and the local churches and service agencies. We support them through fundraising, assistance for CPS workers, morning teas for teaching staff, mentoring students (see also p. 5) and providing food items for CPS workers activities within the schools. Our Gold Coin donations each month support this ministry and the Anglican Pastoral District runs the Willunga Quarry Market Sausage Sizzle in October and November. *Enquiries: Ted Sandercock ph 8556 4535.*



## SUNDAY SCHOOLS

### St Margaret's McLaren Vale, 10 30 a.m.

Sunday School lessons have continued over the summer school break with an average attendance of two children each week. We have had a number of pre-schoolers attending and it has been lovely to see them participate in the games and craft activities...the glue and glitter are very popular! Lessons have been adapted to suit the relevant age of the children attending. We have based lesson content on the Gospel for each week with the intention that families can discuss a common theme after Church. We are looking forward to the term

ahead! *Enquiries: Jac Hocking ph 8383 7496*

### St Ann's, Aldinga, 8.30 am

Although 8.30 am service time may not be ideal for families with children, lessons are prepared each week and children are able to join in activities and lessons based on the Gospels before returning to take part in the service. We plan to look this year at some other options of ministering to children. Our Easter and Christmas services are well attended and are popular with children and families. *Enquiries: Anne Chittleborough ph 8556 5078*



## Women's Fellowship

This small group continues to supply knitted baby wear and squares, which are sewn together for baby rugs and knee rugs for older people. These are sent to Anglicare, Genesis and Aldinga Care. Out in the Parish there are others who knit squares for baby rugs and also baby wear. We'd love to have you join us, and if you have any odd knitting wool you do not need, we would be very happy to put it to good use. *Enquiries: Margaret Cameron ph 8556 2343*



## Mothers Union

The Mothers' Union is a world-wide organisation of some 3.6 million members in 79 countries. The Southern Vales Group, which includes Seaford, with a membership of 21, meets on the 1st Monday of each month (except January) at 9.30 am and is seeking more folk and more opportunities to take up the MU call of encouraging, supporting and strengthening Christian family life.

*Enquiries: Trish Frith ph 8556 2604*



## Pastoral District Council

The Council consists of the two Church Wardens from each centre, and is chaired by the Parish Priest, or in our case, the Parish Administrator, Archdeacon Seabrook. The Parish Secretary and Treasurer also sit on the Council. It meets monthly except in January and is responsible for decisions affecting the whole Pastoral District. Observers are welcome at these meetings.

## Christmas News from the Pilbara



Ian and Sue, assisted by volunteers, had a busy time during the festive season extending hospitality to many seafarers who were spending time away from family. They were able to extend hospitality to 719 people from 99 vessels.

They promote the work of the centre through their annual 'shoe box' appeal. This year they collected 218 shoe boxes which were distributed to the nine vessels that were berthed in Dampier on Christmas Day. The children from the schools in the district collect the shoe boxes. Ian tells of the joy and surprise of the crew as they receive their boxes.

This year there were seafarers of ten different nationalities who came to the centre to celebrate Christmas Day. The weather was hot but kind to them on Christmas Day but on New Year was spent in 'shut down' as a cyclone was developing off shore.

I bring this news to you to encourage you to give thought and prayer to the wonderful people who are out there spreading the word of the Lord as well as giving love and kindness to others.

*Anne Lear*

## Everything I needed to know about life, I learned from Noah's Ark...

1. Don't miss the boat
2. Remember we are all in the same boat
3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
4. Stay fit. When you're 600 years old someone may ask you to do something big.
5. Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
8. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
9. When you're stressed, float for a while.
10. Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

## Parish Service times

St Stephen's, St Andrews Tce, Willunga

Saturday: Holy Communion: 5.30 pm

St Philip & St James, Church Hill Rd,  
Old Noarlunga

Sunday: Holy Communion: 8.30 am

St Ann's, South Rd, Aldinga

Sunday: Holy Communion: 8.30 am  
with children's lessons and activities

St Margaret's, Main Road McLaren Vale

Sunday: Holy Communion: 10.30 am  
with Sunday School

Wednesday: Holy Communion: 9:00am

## Southern Vales Pastoral District

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*Please respect Fr Paul's day off on  
Mondays.*

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attended but messages can be left on the mes-  
sage bank 08 8323 9155*

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