

May 2011

The Grapevine

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



Palm Sunday, St Ann's

Christ is Risen!

Highlights of Easter in the Southern Vales



Maundy Thursday, St Margaret's



Holy Saturday
Easter Vigil and Baptism
St Philip & St James



Good Friday,
St Ann's & St Margaret's



The Easter Garden and Cross with flowers, St Ann's



A very Happy Easter to you all. It was a joy to celebrate my first Easter as a priest in the Southern Vales. To have a great representation of people of all ages at our services was uplifting and encouraging.

I firstly want to thank Bishop Stanley Goldsworthy for his thought-provoking addresses throughout Holy Week. They were a joy and a privilege to hear and I'm sure you would agree enriched all of us who heard them. I want to also express my thanks for the many people who assisted with the preparation of Holy Week. It was certainly a busy week, with the preparation of the churches for Easter, all of which was done joyfully and with love. Thank you to Bishop Stanley and Ted Sandercock who worked with me for two months in organising the services and booklets for Holy Week and Easter. Thanks to the Choir Director Felicity Warrington and the choir for their work in preparing for Holy Week. Thank you also to all those, particularly Anne Chittleborough and the St Ann's Guild who organised the Lenten suppers. I praise God for the input of many people as we work together to seek the will of Christ and make the new life of Easter apparent in our lives and hopefully many others.

There were several new initiatives this Easter that I was encouraged by. For the first time, the Pastoral District had a weekday Eucharist during Holy Week, with addresses by Bishop Stanley. I was particularly encouraged by the number of people who attended the service at Old Noarlunga at 6 pm on Monday of Holy Week.

More than 100 people attended our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services at McLaren Vale and Aldinga with another first, the celebration of our Lord's Passion at 3 pm on Good Friday at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale. The Easter Vigil at St Philip and St James at Old Noarlunga was particularly special with the number of people attending nearly doubling from last year to 55. One of the many highlights of this service was the baptism of Heather Farrow, who is preparing for confirmation.

I was also encouraged by the number of people who attended St Stephen's Willunga at 8 a m on Easter Day. St Ann's, Aldinga was again bulging at the seams on Easter Day with 115 people in attendance. St Margaret's, McLaren Vale was also well attended with 55 people.

The festival of Easter continues this month, with a number of planned events including the 10th anniversary celebration of the hall at St Ann's, Aldinga on Sunday, May the 29th. The day will begin with a Eucharist at St Ann's at 10.30 am (services will be at the usual times at the other centres) followed by a lunch, and a concert at 2 pm. Fr Lyndon Sulzberger will preach as part of ABM Sunday at Aldinga and at McLaren Vale on May the 15th. This month, we also celebrate the marriage of Mary Gordon and Grant Harrison at St Ann's Aldinga on May the 28th. There are plans for a baptism this month and a service for a thanksgiving for a child in coming weeks.

With every blessing in Christ, *Fr Paul*

Easter Seminars in the schools

The Schools Ministry Group conducted Easter seminars in which SMG staff shared the amazing life of Jesus to many students both high school and primary. Here are few snippets from seminar participants.

High School students:

It was interesting to hear because I think some of the people didn't know who God was.

It was a good day and there were things that I will think about.

I found this seminar fun. I don't believe in Jesus and I don't celebrate Easter but I wish I did.

Primary School students:

I enjoyed learning about why we remember Jesus.

I enjoyed everything, it was fun!

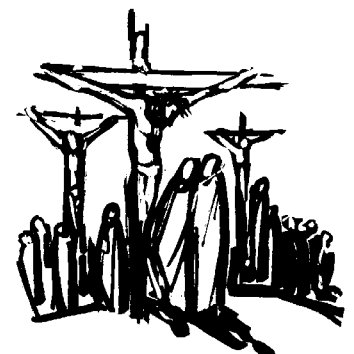
It was interesting and fun to watch. Does God still come to earth?

Staff:

I thought the seminar was terrific. The presenters were fantastic and engaged all the students whilst delivering a very important message.

The students loved it and it had a good message.

The questions amazed me; the children asked some curly ones.



Don't forget your support this month for the great work of the Christian Pastoral Support workers!

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May

- Sun 1st **COMBINED SERVICE 10 am:**
St Philip & St James Patronal Festival
Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers
- Mon 2nd **MARK**
Mothers' Union 9.30 am McLaren Vale
 Quiet time, led by Helen Davies
Enquiries: Trish Frith 8556 260
- Mon 9th **St Ann's Guild 1.30 pm**
Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100
- Tues 10th **St Margaret's Guild 2 pm**
Enquiries: Fran Pettigrew 8323 366
- Thurs 12th **Colton Court singers 11 am-12**
Enquiries: Sue MacKirdy 8556 5162
- Sat 14th **MATTHIAS**
- Sun 15th **ABM SUNDAY** (see p. 8)
- Wed 18th **Women's Fellowship** St Margaret's, 10 am
Enquiries: Margaret Cameron 8556 2343
- Sat 21st **St Ann's Jumble Sale**
- Wed 25th **Parish Prayer Group, St Margaret's 10 am**
Enquiries: Gillian Clampett 8556 5998
- Sat 28th **Wedding, Mary Gordon & Grant Harrison,**
 St Ann's, 12 md
- Sun 29th **St Ann's Hall 10th Anniversary.**
 (See next column)

June

- Thurs 2nd **ASCENSION DAY**
- Sun 5th **Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers**
- Mon 6th **Mothers' Union 9.30 Seaford**
- Thurs 9th **Colton Court Singers**
- Sat 11th **BARNABAS**
- Sun 12th **PENTECOST**
- Mon 13th **St Ann's Guild**
- Tues 14th **St Margaret's Guild**
- Wed 15th **Women's Fellowship**
- Sun 19th **TRINITY**
- Wed 22nd **Parish Prayer Group**
- Friday 24th **St Ann's Family Tea:** Speaker from
 Recycle Right
- Wed 29th **PETER & ST PAUL**

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**St Ann's Jumble Sale
 & Sausage Sizzle
 Saturday 21st May
 8.30-12.30**



CELEBRATE WITH US!

**'A Pleasant Sunday Afternoon: Music at St Ann's'
 Sunday 29th May**

Just over 10 years ago the congregation of St Ann's set out to build a hall. They gathered rocks on 'rock-picking picnics', and a willing and enthusiastic team of parishioners learned how to lay stones. With the team working day in and day out, the stone hall took shape, while those who didn't build provided sandwiches and cups of tea. The building operation became a local curiosity, and a number of passers-by stopped to ask about it, to contribute rocks, or to learn how to build.



On Sunday 29th May the '10th birthday' of the hall will be celebrated with the Sunday service at 10.30 am followed by a party lunch in the hall to follow.

At 2 pm there will be a musical concert in the church followed by wine & cheese in the hall. A \$5 donation for the concert will go towards repair to the church's stone walls.

St Ann's Family Teas

These have been cancelled for March – May due to clashes with other events—however, they resume on **Friday 24th June (6.30-8.30 pm).**
 All welcome. No charge—bring food to share.

At the June Family Tea a speaker from **Recycle Right** will join us, to answer all our questions about recycling in the district.



'SOCK IT TO YOU' parish fundraiser
 Need warm and cheerful socks for winter?
 Ring Trish Frith 8556 2604

News from Pastoral District Council

Anglicare Report Council members discussed the Anglicare report sent to Diocesan Council. Draft drawings accompanied the report and copies of these are displayed at each Centre. A meeting of the PDC, Anglicare and four members of the Diocesan Council is planned for May. The Diocesan solicitor and Anglicare will need to draw up a Head of Agreement so that a planning proposal can be created, then a Special Vestry meeting can be called to consider a draft business plan. Anglicare has been covering all the preparation and draft planning costs. It was noted at the Council meeting that while there will be some financial benefit, other benefits include community outreach, support from Anglicare services, & recognition by the community of good work undertaken by the Anglican Church.

The Southern Vales website is regularly updated. Fr Paul has agreed to be shown by the webmaster how to access the website and place current news items on the Home Page.

Opening our churches other than at service times is being tried. Current opening times are: St Ann's, Thursdays 10-12 noon; St Margaret's, Sunday afternoon; SSPJ and St Stephen's on Saturday mornings. Please let your Warden know if you can assist.

Parish Secretary: Wendy Sandercock has indicated that she will relinquish her role at the end of July. Copies of the Role Statement are available from Wardens. *If you are attracted to this ministry or part of it, please speak to your Warden or Fr Paul.* Wendy can discuss the variety of activities she undertakes on behalf of the Pastoral District.

The introduction of *A Prayer Book for Australia* was discussed. The PDC agreed to purchase an annual licence fee of \$125 to have access to electronic copy of the Holy Communion Service with Seasonal additions to enable the Pastoral District to produce service booklets.

Willunga High School is to commence a breakfast program next Term. Parishioners are encouraged to volunteer to assist – one Monday morning a month.

Wendy Sandercock was appointed as the **Alternative Synod member** as Felicity Warrington was not able to attend the May 20-21 Diocesan Synod.

Pastoral Visitors: the diocese has no official Pastoral Visitor program. Until there is recognised training offered and a licence granted any visits are not covered by insurance.

Two generous **Donations** have been made: a safe for St Margaret's vestry and a Chalice and Paten.

Fr Paul suggested that consideration might be given to the formation of a **SV Youth Choir**.

Finances (to March 31)

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| Income | \$17,367 | Donations to Missions | \$ 1,039 |
| Expenditure | \$24,307 | | |
| Loss | \$ 7,092 | | |

The Insurance account will be paid in full by drawing \$6,394.84 from our *At Call* account held at the Diocesan Office. With a \$17,000 deficit in the 2011 budget it will be most important to focus on a few extra fund raising Activities. The 2010 Diocesan Assessment had \$232.87 added to it, to cover the Guild Income for 2010.

Pastoral District Restoration and Maintenance Committee – Representatives from each Centre and Fr Paul had met and discussed the general R&M situation. Individual Church "working groups" will be formed to attend to immediate repairs and maintenance needs. The Pastoral District R&M committee, which will meet monthly [to begin with bi monthly] and have representatives from each church, will review reports of each church's priority restoration and maintenance needs and report them to the PD Council. The Committee will consist of: Peter Chapman (Coordinator), Peter Kylvoh, Rupert Best, John Carroll and Fr Paul (ex officio).

Yes, it was a busy but productive Council meeting! *Ted Sandercock*

Congratulations to...

Clive Auricht, who has published his book *Medicine Beyond Kokoda*; stories about his life and work as a young doctor in Papua New Guinea between 1956-1963, working in Madang, the Eastern Highlands and Saiho in what is now the Oro Province. (Our Diocese is linked with the Oro Province of PNG).



St Philip & St James Restoration Programme 1989-2001



As we celebrate today (1st May) the oldest church in our Pastoral District, St Philip & St James Old Noarlunga, built only 14 years after the founding of our state, we can also celebrate the team who faced the massive challenge of restoring their historic church.

In his book *The Building and Maintenance of St Philip & St James Church at Old Noarlunga 1850-2001*, Colin Griffen wrote: *1985 was a momentous year in the church's history. It was in that year that both it and the cemetery were given State Heritage listing. To say that listing caused consternation in the Parish would be a considerable understatement. This was because it was feared at the time that owning a State Heritage item would impose a heavy financial obligation on the parish of Willunga [as the Pastoral District of Southern Vales then was] and the parish was in no way ready, or able, to cope with any such additional burden.*

However, a better understanding of the implications of listing eventually prevailed and people began to realise that without Heritage assistance the building was doomed. Having reached the stage where it was becoming unsafe to use, considerable funding had somehow to be found to make the necessary repairs possible.

Reports from the Heritage Branch engineer and architect detailed a daunting list of necessary tasks and a committee was formed after church on Sunday 10th September, chaired by Fr Pat Allen, with Wallace Mausolf, Colin Griffen, Philippa Gamlin, Mary Blagrove and Jim Blazeby.

On this occasion Warden Wallace Mausolf writes: *Today we wish to acknowledge the contributions of Colin Griffen and Philippa Gamlin towards the restoration programme at St Philip and St James church 1989 -2001. Had it not been for their initial enthusiasm the programme would either not have got underway, or would not have been managed as effectively.*

Colin and Philippa at that time were recent members of the congregation and residents of Old Noarlunga, where they entered fully into the life of the church and the community. The Restoration Committee was formed on September 10th. The first meeting was held in Colin's home and following meetings in Philippa's home, both in Old Noarlunga and later at McLaren Vale.

Colin, at first Treasurer, became Co-ordinator between the church and the Heritage Branch of the SA Government. This was a very demanding task, entailing volumes of correspondence. He also made contacts with the City of Noarlunga and the obtaining of suitable contractors and equipment for the work.

Philippa, for her part, made opportunities for fund-raising, both by personal effort such as repairing necklaces and conducting stalls at the town square, and arranging for musical comedies at the Old Noarlunga Institute. An ideas person, Philippa pursued every possible avenue towards the funding of the project and managed to convey her enthusiasm to others. Her personal approach led to others joining in the project.

Since that time a toilet/storeroom has been added by Peter Chapman, and the task of restoration and maintenance of the church is an ongoing and essential one. The Heritage Architect and the engineering firm involved advise that the further major repairs needed for underpinning the eastern end of the building can't be done until the soil is stabilised, which requires regular monitoring of the moisture content of the soil surrounding the church. As the current co-ordinator of the ongoing programme, Rupert Best does a sterling job monitoring the soil moisture and doing battle with salt damp.



The Committee, 1992: (L-R) John Hoysted (Heritage Architect), Jim Blazeby, Philippa Gamlin, Hedly Blaese (Building Contractor), Colin Griffen and Mary Blagrove. (Photo: D. Best)



*Around
the
traps.....*



At the Lenten Soup Supper on 30th March Lois Gepp from the Christian Care and Support Centre spoke of the work of the Centre and the difficulties faced by many needy people in the district. All the work is done by volunteers, and it was warming to see how many members of our congregation assist there. With Lois (3rd from left) are volunteers (L-R) Margaret Hooper, Anne Lear, Gillian Clampett, Vera Penny and Ann Hobbs. Our parish also regularly supports the Centre with donations of finance and food.

From St Ann's, Aldinga

The Lenten Suppers at St Ann's have also been very successful with excellent speakers. With an 'extra' thrown in (Fr Martin an unexpected bonus showing us slides and talking of the early art and history of the Pt Willunga district) they concluded after Easter on 26th April with a talk on the Church and the Arts by Bp Ian George (see next issue).

We had a wonderful visit by 5 children and 2 babies in our service on Mothering Sunday. Our Sunday School teachers were overjoyed. For the last hymn of the service the children joined in with instruments. We enjoyed a beautifully decorated Simnel Cake, courtesy of Anne Lear and gorgeous posies made by Barb Jeanes.

Bill Cale and Peter Chapman worked on Wednesday 6th to put a special waterproofing sealer on the western gable end wall of the Hall. Two coats were applied and we are all waiting with high hopes that there will be no more seepage inside when the rains come.

On the evening of the 6th a funeral was held at St Ann's for Mrs Patricia Shearer. People came as far as Sydney to attend the funeral. The ladies of the guild provided afternoon tea.

St Ann's Open Church times have been operating this month with the Church open for two hours from 10 am each Thursday. We have a sign out by the road to advertise it, and two people are in attendance at these times. Thus far we haven't had any visitors but feel that as the community become aware of the service being offered it will only be a matter of time. [One of our new parishioners said that at a time when she was searching, she had to go a long way to find a church open, and it would have been helpful to know that a local church was open—Ed]

A combined Palm Sunday service heralded the start of Holy Week. Our church and pathway, decorated with palms, welcomed the large parade of worshippers in for the observance of this celebration, which was followed by a shared lunch in the hall.

A very busy Lent culminated in the joyous celebration of our Lord's Resurrection in a packed church on Easter Day including a large number of children. We were wondering where to seat everyone! *Pat Roper & Peter Chapman*

From St Philip & St James', Old Noarlunga

Mothering Sunday was enhanced by Sheila Ley, who made the traditional Simnel Cake and Mary Blagrove, who made and presented floral sprays for the occasion.

The lovely service of the Easter Vigil and the Lighting of the New Fire was well attended and was made even more special by being the occasion of the baptism of Heather Farrow (see photo on p.1). Our thanks to Bp Stanley, Fr Paul, and musicians Connie and Christine Carroll and trumpeter John Dunstan.

On our Patronal Festival on May 1 special acknowledgement will be made of the work of Colin Griffin as Building Coordinator and Philippa Gamlin as Fundraising Committee Coordinator for the Restoration Program . (See p. 5). Thanks to John Sanders for making the scrolls to be presented to them. We welcome members of the Pastoral District for the occasion .

Wallace Mausolf & Stephen Wells

From St Maragaret's, McLaren Vale

The month began on a sad note with a Requiem Mass for Marie Deering, a long time parishioner of this church.

Mothering Sunday saw a wonderful response for flowers and each woman received a beautiful posy on leaving the church. Many thanks to all the flowers girls. Thanks to Heather Whyte who made the Simnel Cake.



Parish Breakfast A). Ted Sandercock, Greg and Helen Roberts, prepare eggs & bacon; while B) Patricia Pennington offers toast to Sylvia Francis..



Wedding expo: Photo provided

Our driveway has been upgraded and is now greatly improved.

On 2nd April we had a Parish Breakfast at St. Margaret's which was very well patronised by the other Churches in our Parish. Members of the Parish helped prepare a cooked breakfast of bacon, eggs, and sausages and a continental breakfast was also available. We hope that these breakfasts will continue so as to bring people together.

On Sunday April 3 the Parish was involved in a Wedding Expo which was held at the Chapel Hill Winery, McLaren Vale. We set up the presentation where we displayed all the Churches in the Parish together with service times to encourage couples to at least look at our Churches for the venue for their weddings. Our PD

churches were open and attended for the day which provided an opportunity for people to view the buildings and meet some of the people in the parish.

We had good crowds for our Maundy Thursday service. As well as the traditional footwashing and stripping of the altar, a new chalice was consecrated and used for Communion. On Good Friday the Veneration of the Cross was also well attended and we were pleased to welcome new faces to our Easter service. *Di Rickard & Greg Roberts*

From St Stephen's, Willunga

Our music will now be provided by Felicity Warrington (on the first Saturday of the month) and Julia Drought (third Saturday in the month). We are grateful for their assistance in this.

The City of Onkaparinga has laid an asphalt footpath along St Andrew's terrace.

We are back to sherry and nibbles after the Vigil Mass as the weather gets cooler.

The Easter Day Holy Communion service at 8 am provided St Stephen's congregation with a challenge in getting the word out. We advertised in the local papers (especially *InANutShell*) and trialed a letterbox drop in a few selected areas of Willunga. Known Anglicans were approached at a personal level. While there was only a small attendance at the service, it was a good start to the new initiative of an Easter Day service at St Stephen's.

The next Saturday service will be on May 7. Please join us for the Vigil Mass on a Saturday at 5.30 pm if at any time you are unable to attend a Sunday Service. *Ted Sandercock & Margaret Cameron*



The Anglican Board of Mission
Working for Love, Hope and Justice

ABM is the mission arm of the Anglican Church in Australia, supporting the work of the church overseas and Indigenous ministry in Australia. Through ABM we contribute to the support of local churches and evangelism in developing countries, including Papua New Guinea, and to Anglican community development projects including health, water and literacy programmes. See more about this in the ABM magazine *Partners*, available at your church.

We regularly contribute to the work of ABM through Lenten Envelopes, the Good Friday offering to the church in Jerusalem and the East, and our mission boxes. The Diocese of The Murray is linked to the Oro Province of PNG.

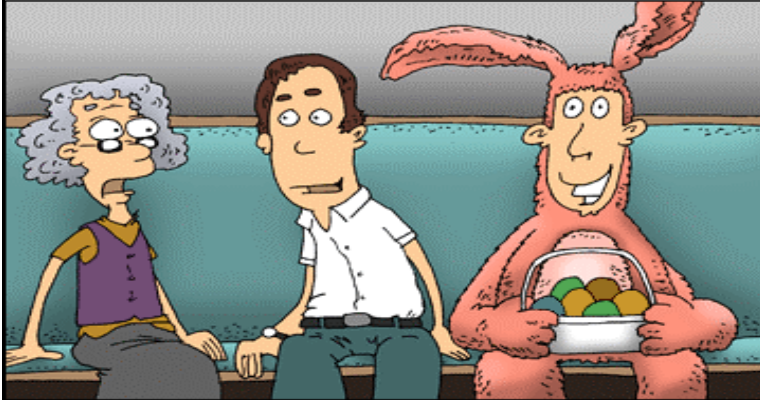
Our Pastoral District is celebrating **ABM Sunday on May 15**. Guest preacher at St Ann's and St Margaret's Sunday services will be Fr Lyndon Sulzberger, Rector of Christ Church, North Adelaide. Fr Lyndon is Commissary for Bp Peter Ramsden of the Diocese of Port Moresby.



Thank you to all who filled a BCA Box. We raised \$453.85 for Bush Church Aid for the six months to April. The money goes to support the work of the church in struggling outback areas of Australia.

Anne Lear

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YOU'LL HAVE TO FORGIVE HIM ... HE'S NEW TO THE FAITH AND THIS IS HIS FIRST EASTER

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If you have 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, preferably by 15th May.

The Grapevine now appears on the parish website <http://www.southernvalesparish.org> and includes photos and some contact details. Remember to notify me (contact details above) if you don't want anything about you included in *The Grapevine* in this format. -Ed

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

On Sunday 29th May the service at St Ann's will be at 10.30 pm. Other services at the usual times—8.30 am at Old Noarlunga, 10.30 at McLaren Vale.

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