

# The Grapevine

September 2011



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

## ***Back to Church Sunday – September 11***

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

Last year we celebrated *Back to Church Sunday* in all four centres, inviting people we knew to come with us to church. In each church the congregation was pleased to welcome several new people. It made an opportunity for some to rediscover the church they had drifted away from: it seems that most people who no longer attend church simply haven't made time for it—many people are a simple re-invitation away!

It also provided an opening for some who had never before ventured inside the door to come with that extra assurance that they were welcome and invited.

As one person said, *'We feel that it was a worthwhile exercise because it made us think and make an effort to try to encourage people to return or to come and familiarise themselves with the church that they see as they drive past and wonder at it.'*

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

***Bring your family, bring your friends and neighbours;  
make it a special occasion!***



### **Thank you Wendy!**

I don't suppose any of us know the full extent of the time and effort Wendy Sandercocock has put into being Parish Secretary (in addition to her other contributions to parish life which are too numerous to mention here) but we do sincerely thank you, Wendy, and wish you a wonderful holiday. At the PDC meeting on 9th August Fr Richard spoke highly of the work done by Wendy as Parish Secretary over the past 4 years, which included an interregnum, saying that he had been very impressed by Wendy's efficiency in the role, and by the gentleness and grace with which she undertook the work. On behalf of the PD, Margaret Cale thanked Wendy, presenting her with a gift.



**All Church Chatter items  
(for the Sunday  
pewsheets)  
should now be sent to  
Sr Bev Driver  
ph 8323 9557  
or email  
phoneless@bigpond.  
com.au  
by Wednesday at the  
latest.**

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 September.

With *The Grapevine* now appearing on the parish website [www.southernvalesparish.org](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.

## News from Pastoral District Council

At the meeting of the PDC for August, discussion included the following:

- \* **Di Rickard's resignation** as Church Warden at St Margaret's was noted with regret. Greg Roberts paid tribute to her hard work over the past 18 months, saying she would be greatly missed.
- \* **Anglicare Partnership:** A Memorandum of Understanding had been forwarded to Diocesan Council and circulated to members of the PDC, providing an opportunity for some matters to be clarified.
- \* **St Margaret's Centenary:** The Planning Committee was planning a number of ways to celebrate the occasion, focusing on St Margaret's Day, 13<sup>th</sup> November. Invitations to be sent to past members of the St Margaret's congregation. Keep this date in your diary!
- \* **Parish Directory:** There were still about 30 information and permission forms outstanding. Wendy would finish the compilation after her leave.
- \* **Outreach Committee:** The need for a Diocesan response to the growth in housing in areas of the Diocese had been raised at Synod by the Seaford Ecumenical Mission. An Outreach Committee to get together in August to formalise this. Southern Vales and the SEM, being in areas significantly affected by growth in housing, should liaise and work together on this.
- \* Descendants of **Edward Giles**, former benefactor of SSPJ, to hold a Family Reunion 9<sup>th</sup> Oct. A plaque to be placed in the church by the family.
- \* **Stewardship:** Some time was spent discussing what was involved in parish stewardship and planned giving. Points raised included:
  - Encouragement of regular giving – we need to budget
  - The things we value about our church have a cost
  - Stewardship involves more than money – people & buildings
  - A chance for people to offer their skills and talents
  - The need to keep people informed about how the money is used – what it achieves. Encouragement.
  - The need for a follow-up committee.

### Finance Report:

Monthly Income	\$9,909.30 (includes wine sales \$3,077)
Less Wine Costs	\$3,264.30
Nett Income	\$6,645
Monthly Expenditure	\$5,917.72
Profit	\$727.28
Missions	\$538.45 (Ordination Candidates Fund & School chaplaincies)

It was noted that the OCF target was met thanks to a generous donation.

### Finances (to July 31st)

Income	\$41,639.12 (\$889.12 over budget)
Expenditure	\$51,454.78 (\$1,751.52 under budget)
Loss	-\$9,818.36
Donations to Missions	\$3,439.10

**Wendy Sandercock** was farewelled as Parish Secretary (see p. 1) and **Sr Bev Driver** was thanked as a welcome successor in the role.

*Next meeting Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept, to be chaired by Archdeacon Reg Farnell. Observers welcome.*

## Fr Paul writes...

Spring is upon us, and with the warm weather over the past week or so it's been rejuvenating for the body and the soul. Spring is a time of new life in the garden but I hope it is a time also when we can think of others who may like to be renewed spiritually. **Back To Church Sunday** on September the 11<sup>th</sup> aims to welcome people back into our fold but also to welcome someone new. It is a chance as well for those who don't come to church often to join us on this day. Please mark it in your diary and join us for one of our services, including the service the Saturday night before at St Stephen's, Willunga. The times of the services are on the back page.

We are introducing a booklet, which will make it easier for everyone to follow the service. The booklet has been produced from *A Prayer Book of Australia*. It will replace the green prayer books, which have been used for many years and have well and truly reached their 'use by' date. The booklet contains all the responses and will be handed out along with the hymn book and the pew sheet. No longer will you wonder where we are in the service, particularly those who are new to our church.

It has been decided by the Pastoral District Council to resume **services at St Ann's Aldinga to 9 am from the 30<sup>th</sup> October**. The service has been at 8.30 am for the past year, which has been too early for most families to attend. The service I hope will encourage more families to join in for weekly worship and for children to attend Sunday School. The Sunday School at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale now has around seven or eight children attending on a regular basis. I hope the children's activities at St Ann's will see a similar resurgence with the new service time.

On September the 25<sup>th</sup> it will be **Stewardship Sunday**. The day marks the end of the current annual cycle of envelopes. New envelopes for the coming year will be distributed. I would encourage everyone this month to seriously consider increasing the amount given weekly, as part of your financial commitment to the church. Another option instead of envelopes is entering into a direct debit system with your financial institution. The Pastoral District of the Southern Vales has budgeted for an \$18,000 deficit this financial year, so that a priest can be paid. At this point, we are \$10,000 behind for this financial year.

Finally, I want to thank St Margaret's Ladies Guild for the purchase of the sanctuary chairs for the church. They are a welcome addition to the sanctuary. Thank you also for the work of Ted Sandercock and Sister Beverley Driver in replacing the Aumbry Lamp in the church. Thanks also to Peter Chapman and Bill Cale for their efforts in finding a suitable seat, which is a memorial in honour of Cyril McCaffin. The seat is located outside the Sunday School room at St Margaret's. The additions will be blessed by Bishop Stanley Goldsworthy on Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. We also have a new street sign erected at St Stephen's Willunga. Thank you to Wallace Mausolf's son, Nick from Rip Digital for making it.

**September**

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> **NEW GUINEA MARTYRS** (see p. 6)  
 Sun 4<sup>th</sup> **Gold Coin Collection** for CPS\* workers  
**HOME MISSION SUNDAY**  
**Baptism of Leo Dobbins, SSPJ**  
 Mon 5<sup>th</sup> **MU Diocesan gathering in Goolwa**  
 (see next column)  
 Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> **Colton Court Singers** 11 am-12  
*Enquiries: Sue MacKirdy 8556 5162*  
 Sun 11<sup>th</sup> **BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY**  
 11th-18th **Schools Ministry Week**  
*Enquiries Trish Frith 8556 2604*  
 Mon 12<sup>th</sup> **St Ann's Guild** 1.30 pm  
*Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100*  
 Tues 13<sup>th</sup> **St Margaret's Guild** 2 pm  
*Enquiries: Fran Pettigrew 8323 9366*  
**Pastoral District Council mtg** 6.30 St Margaret's  
 Sat. 17th **St Margaret's Garage Sale**—see next column  
**St Ann's Jumble Sale**—see next column  
 Wed 21<sup>st</sup> **MATTHEW**  
**Women's Fellowship** St Margaret's, 10 am  
*Enquiries: Margaret Cameron 8556 2343*  
 Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> **St Ann's Family Tea** 6.30—8.30 pm  
*Enquiries: Pat Roper 8386 2470*  
 Sun. 25th **STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**  
 Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> **MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS**

**October**

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> **Gold Coin Sunday**  
 Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> **Mothers' Union Craft & Chat**, St Margaret's  
 Sat 8<sup>th</sup> **Quarry Market Sausage Sizzle** for CPS workers  
 Mon 10<sup>th</sup> **St Ann's Guild**  
 Tues 11<sup>th</sup> **St Margaret's Guild**  
**Pastoral District Council mtg**  
 Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> **Colton Court Singers**  
 Fri 14<sup>th</sup> **St Ann's Mystery Night & dinner** (next column)  
 Sat 15<sup>th</sup> **Wedding, St Stephen's**  
 Wed 19<sup>th</sup> **Women's Fellowship**  
 Tues 25<sup>th</sup> **St Margaret's Guild fashion parade** (see next column)  
 Fri 28<sup>th</sup> **SIMON & JUDE**  
**St Ann's Family Tea**  
 Sat 29<sup>th</sup> **Aldinga on Display**  
 \*Christian Pastoral Support

**Bible Studies**

A Weekly Bible Study is held each Wednesday at 10.00 am (after the 9.00 am Eucharist) in the St Margaret's Sunday School room. The discussion each week follows *The Sunday Journal* and focuses on the following Sunday's Readings. All welcome.



**MOTHERS' UNION GATHERING**  
**at Goolwa, Monday 5th September, 10 am.**  
 Guest speaker CPS worker Maureen Moores.  
 Wave of prayer  
*Enquiries: Trish Frith 8556 2604*

**17th SEPTEMBER**

**St Margaret's Garage Sale**  
 &  
**St Ann's Jumble Sale**

*Enquiries:*  
 Lorna McGaffin 8323 8523  
 Val Martin 8556 6100



**Saleable goods wanted!**

*The Anglican Pastoral District is scheduled to run the Willunga Quarry Market Sausage Sizzle in October and November.*

Join your fellow parishioners for a fun morning interacting with the local community and visitors.

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

**Sat. 8th October, Sat. 12th November**  
 in aid of the Christian Pastoral Support Workers  
 in our schools

*Enquiries: Margaret Cale ph 8556 5236*

**Mystery Night**

St Ann's, Friday 14th October, 6 for 6.30 pm  
 Tickets from Val Martin 8556 6100  
 for pre-dinner drinks and a 3-course meal **\$20**  
 Wine available \$1 per glass.  
 You may like to 'dress up' for the occasion

**Spring is just around the corner!**  
**Think fashion!**

**FASHION PARADE, ST MARGARET'S**  
**TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> OCT.**

1.30 pm to 4 pm in  
 the Sunday School  
 room.

**Tickets \$5**

Afternoon tea  
 provided.

Door prize and  
 raffle. Clothes by  
*Postie*



**Advent Pageant Friday 24th November**

Children, carols, a nativity play, Jesus' birthday cake: the Christmas message told by the school children in the Aldinga shopping centre—a heart-warming event. Anne Chittleborough (8556 5078) and Gillian Clampett (8556 5998) would be pleased to hear from anyone interested in joining the team.



## Around the traps...

### Thank you to...

Greg Judd for his cheerful vision of the coming fashion parade at St Margaret's (p.3). Greg writes that they have 20 sheep, a dog and chooks—and lots of weeds. Sounds like hard work!



...And speaking of hard work, work has begun in earnest on the restoration of St Ann's church walls. Peter Chapman, Bill Cale and Martin Chittleborough have been sweating it out with an impact drill, chisel and stone hammer to remove the damaging cement which is to be replaced by the correct mortar. Carl Mills will begin the mortar work as soon as possible but is still looking for suitable stone to repair the doorway.

A donation has been made for a 'feather' for St Ann's, Aldinga to attract the attention of the fast-moving traffic on South Road. Linda Sanders of Ozfeathers has drafted designs for consideration.

Sadly, someone has been in the SSPJ cemetery at Old Noarlunga and cut down the hollyhocks, which have always been a much-loved feature of the cemetery.

The new St Stephen's sign at Willunga has been installed and makes a considerable difference to the street-scape, looking much more professional.

Ted and Wendy Sandercock set off for China at the end of August for four weeks. Go well, Sandercocks!

### Home Mission Fund

The Home Mission Fund is a means by which a little extra financial support can be given to parishes going through a hard time. It helps with:

- \* Grants for travel in remote parishes
- \* Loans to parishes to bridge financial difficulties or for special projects
- \* Loans for building projects
- \* Grants to parishes in cases of extreme financial difficulty.

Our Pastoral District is asked to support the Home Mission Fund during the month of September.



### Mother and daughter baptised at St Stephen's

Above: Belinda Albrecht, Hope's Godfather Adam McCue, and John Stell (Hope's father and Belinda's sponsor) at the baptism on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August. We welcome them into the church family. John and Belinda are to be married at St Stephen's in November. (Photo: T. Sandercock)



We rejoice with Peter Chapman who has now joined the team of servers, and served for the first time on 21st August at St Ann's.

St Ann's will take part in the 'Aldinga on Display' event on 29th October, which is aimed at letting the local community get to know what the district has to offer and encourage community relationships. Plans for the day are underway.

### St Margaret's Centenary Wine

Available from Warden Greg Roberts ph 8323 9331 or from Fr Paul. \$90/doz



All welcome at St Ann's family tea nights. Good fun, No charge. Bring food to share—or just come! Bring your friends and family. Next one Friday Sept. 23rd.

### Norma Strachan RJP

Although Norma left Aldinga in about 2004 to live in Strathalbyn, she is warmly remembered by many in the parish and the wider Aldinga community. Norma died on 14th August and her funeral was held on 18th August at St Ann's, where she had served as Sacristan for many years.

## Congratulations to...

**Trish Frith and her support team** (Val Martin and Bill Cale) for a wonderful job again this year, raising a total of \$932 for parish funds!

Trish writes:

*Roses trimmed, Trish resting.*

*Many thanks to Val Martin and Bill Cale for picking up the pieces and keeping the fun and laughter about.*

*From Garden Therapy (Ted O'Neal)*

*'Garden and nature prove that we are not really in control: God is. But God is counting on us to help make something beautiful in the garden of our lives'. Together we are working on that. Thank you.*



Photo: B Cale



**Clarrie Barlett and his wife Jean** who have had a triple celebration—Clarrie's 90th birthday, Jean's birthday, and their 64th wedding anniversary. Mary Blagrove organised a celebratory morning tea after church at St Philip & St James, and this was also an occasion to wish **Stephen Wells** joy for his 60th birthday, which will be while he is in England.

**The Almond Blossom teams**, who baked, bottled and attended the stall in the Institute. There were fewer buses of visitors this year, but we nevertheless exceeded last year's total, raising over \$1,300. Convener Margaret Cameron thanks all those participating for their hard work and for the attractive presentation of the goods.



To **Aileen Treagus** (apologies for the typo last month, Aileen!) for reaching her jubilee membership of the Mothers' Union. A worshipper at Seaford Ecumenical Mission since its opening 15 years ago, Aileen is a Lay Preacher who on many occasions in the past took services in this parish.

Cartoon by Tim Walburg.  
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"WELL, ANOTHER GOOD SERMON ON GIVING!"

Dear Lord,

So far today I'm doing all right...

I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy, nasty, selfish or self-indulgent. I have not whined, complained, cursed or eaten any chocolate. I have charged nothing on my credit card...

...but I will be getting out of bed in a minute, and I think that I will really need your help then please.

**For Fair Trade tea or coffee in support of communities in PNG, East Timor & Sri Lanka, contact Fr Paul 8323 9744**

**Anglican Church Calendars 2012.**  
Order forms at the back of your church.

**\$15**





**If you missed ABM's East Africa appeal last week, it's not too late!**

Famine is not a simple problem. It is caused by a combination of drought, war, health, education, infrastructure, economic and other issues. The effects of the famine are felt disproportionately by the most vulnerable people; like the young, the elderly, and those who are sick or living with a disability. The Anglican relief effort in Kenya is based on an understanding of the affected communities and involves the communities themselves in determining the type of assistance which they need most urgently and how it should be distributed.

For John Mutua, Executive Director of **Ukamba Christian Community Services**, responding to the famine goes hand in hand with the everyday hard work towards a day when drought-ravaged communities are able to resist famine by having developed their own resources to such a point that external help is no longer required. This work includes the application of innovative farming practices, improved water storage and harvesting, reforestation of denuded land and the formation of community organisations which give an equal voice to women in planning for the future of East African communities.

ABM works with several African partners and is aiming to raise to \$80,000 to help relieve some of the pressure from this natural disaster. *All money raised from this Crisis Appeal will be directed to the Anglican Churches in need in the region. No money is taken from your donation for administration costs. This appeal is tax deductible [for donations over \$2].*

Donate at your church,  
or online at [www.abmission.org](http://www.abmission.org).  
Or you can send your cheque/money order (made out to the Anglican Board of Mission - Australia) to:  
Anglican Board of Mission – Australia  
Locked Bag Q4005  
Queen Victoria Building NSW 1230  
Phone 1300 302 663  
or email [info@abm.asn.au](mailto:info@abm.asn.au)

### **PNG Martyrs' Day, 2nd September**

Commemorate the missionaries and PNG staff who were killed by the Japanese in PNG in 1942.  
A Eucharist will be celebrated at 6.30 pm at St Cuthbert's, Prospect.  
Celebrant: The Most Rev'd Jeffrey Driver  
Preacher: The Rev'd Theo McCall.  
All welcome.  
After the service there will be a shared light tea in the hall. *Enquiries: Anne Chittleborough 8556 5078*

## **Southern Vales Pastoral District**

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Ass't Priest The Rev'd Paul Devenport  
Ph 08 8323 9744

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

**Parish Secretary:**

**Sister Bev Driver**

ph 8323 9557

email [phoneless@bigpond.com.au](mailto:phoneless@bigpond.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>

### **To contact your church wardens:**

**St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga**

Wallace Mausolf 8386 2338,

Stephen Wells 8326 7114

**St Margaret's, McLaren Vale**

Greg Roberts 8323 9331

**St Stephen's, Willunga**

Margaret Cameron 8556 2343

Ted Sandercock 8556 4535

**St Ann's, Aldinga**

Peter Chapman 8557 7151

Pat Roper 8386 2470

### **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**

**(9 am from 30th October)**

**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**