

# The Grapevine

October 2010

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

**On Monday 18th October, at 7 pm  
The Rev'd Paul Devenport  
will be ordained priest  
at Christ Church O'Halloran Hill  
*Be there to support him!***

**We are invited to a shared supper afterwards.**

Archdeacon Richard Seabrook writes:

*'Father Paul's First Mass will be the following day, Tuesday October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at McLaren Vale. All parishioners are invited to support their new priest as he celebrates the Eucharist for the first time. This is a very important moment in a new priest's life and so I hope and pray that all parishioners, from all the churches in the Pastoral District of Southern Vales will be present to support Father Paul in prayer.'*



Photo provided

*'We welcome Helen and their family into the life of the Pastoral District of Southern Vales and pray that, with Father Paul, they will be happy in their new home and parish.'*

Paul and Helen will be moving into the Rectory on 5th October but Paul will not commence his duties in Southern Vales until after his ordination.

Bring some supper to share in St Margaret's Sunday School room at a welcome after the service on Tuesday 19th.

Br Paul writes:

*I am very much looking forward to being your Priest Assistant at the Southern Vales Parish.*

*Helen and I have had the opportunity to have a break with a 10 day South Pacific cruise late in August and early September, before I returned to work for a couple of weeks finishing up as the ABC News Editor, Illawarra based in Wollongong, a position I have held over the past 15 years. There has been a round of farewells for Helen and me over the past two weeks at the ABC in Sydney and in Wollongong, and at St Luke's Mosman in Sydney, which I have been very humbled by.*

*As I write this, I have today received at the final farewell a thank you letter from the ABC Managing Director, Mark Scott and a plaque commemorating 25 years with the organisation, both in New South Wales and South Australia. As I close this chapter in my life, I am excited about the move back to South Australia and my impending ordination on the 18th of October and my first Mass at McLaren Vale the next day. Helen and I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend both services.*

### **Resignation of Bishop Ross Davies**

A letter from Bishop Ross Davies was read out on Sunday 26th announcing his resignation from the Diocese due to ill health. We wish him a speedy recovery. A letter from Archdeacon Seabrook was also read out, outlining details of the Bishop's departure. Copies of the letters may be obtained from your Wardens. Archdeacon Seabrook continues as Administrator of the Diocese of The Murray, as well as Parish Priest of Mt Barker and having oversight of this Pastoral District. We appreciate his heavy load and keep him in our prayers.

### **News from September Parish Council**

Our meeting this time was chaired by Archdeacon Richard Seabrook, in the Sunday School Room. Matters discussed included:

\* **Maintenance of St Philip & St James:**

Rupert Best had been involved in consultation with the Heritage architect and the structural engineer regarding the condition of the eastern end of the building. Major repairs can't be started until the building is stabilized. Deep underpinning is required for the walls and a quote is to be obtained. Grave sites close to the building present a difficulty in planning for the underpinning.

\* **Rectory Maintenance:** (see also p. 5) With the Rectory vacant some further maintenance had been attended to: curtains were being replaced in the main and second bedrooms, and lace curtains had been replaced across the front of the house (thank you Di Best for making all of the latter.) Carpets were being shampooed. The doorbell and the oven still needed attention. Paintwork was still alright but Fr Richard suggested that one room of the Rectory be painted each year to avoid major costs at any time.

\* **ABM Sunday:** Fr Martin and Anne Chittleborough would speak about ABM at the Sunday services on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Any money received in a retiring collection to be sent to St Margaret's Hospital, Oro Bay in the Diocese of Popondota (see p. 8)

\* **Insurance valuations** for parish buildings and contents had been sent to the Diocese. A complete reassessment had been done for St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga (including the value of its stained glass window) and St Stephen's, Willunga.

\* **Stewardship envelopes:** It would be encouraging for people to know what the money they give is actually used for and what expenses need to be met. New people to be encouraged to take up stewardship commitments.

\* **Changed service times:** So that Fr Paul would not be rushing from one service to another on Sundays but could spend some time with the congregations after the services, Archdeacon Seabrook requested some changes in service times which should come into effect as soon as possible after Fr Paul's arrival. Services to change to 10.30 am at St Margaret's from 25<sup>th</sup> November, and for St Philip & St James and St Ann's a change to 8.30 am would begin the following Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> October. (The different date would allow for a baptism with interstate visitors on the 25<sup>th</sup>.) **See service times on back page.** Summertime daylight saving would begin on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, and the matter of service times could be reviewed at the end of summer.

\* **Gift to Fr Paul and Helen:** A box of items was being donated for their pantry.

\* **Letter to Fr Ross Davies:** PD Council approved Mary Blagrove's suggestion that the Parish Secretary write to our retired bishop to thank him for good things he had achieved during his episcopacy.

<b>Financial Reports</b> were tabled:	Total income for August	\$6,013.20	Total income YTD	\$44,493
	Total expenses for August	\$3,892.23	Total Expenditure YTD	\$37,040
	Operating profit	\$2,120.97	Total giving to missions	\$3,340
	Total donations to missions	\$74.50		

In the absence of the Treasurer, Rupert Best will be a signatory to Parish accounts.

**Parish Council meetings** will now be chaired by Fr Richard (see below), and will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

Next meeting Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 7 pm at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale.

### ***A Letter from the Administrator of the Diocese of The Murray:***

*It will be a cause of rejoicing and giving thanks to God as we welcome Father Paul Devenport to the Pastoral District of Southern Vales to be the priest in this community. He comes not as the Rector or the Parish Priest but as Priest Assistant, licensed to me. Fr Paul comes as a priest in training, a newly ordained priest and his placement in the Pastoral District of Southern Vales is to enable him to develop as a priest in God's Church.*

*As Administrator, because there is currently no Bishop and because Father Paul will hold my licence and be licensed to me, I will have oversight of the Pastoral District, responsible for Father Paul and will carry out certain functions as, in effect, your parish priest. For example, I will chair the PD Council meetings, give direction on Father Paul's ministry, give agreement to rosters and so on. If there are any issues regarding his ministry among you, I will be the person to whom you should refer and not Father Paul. I am aware that I have not had, so far, many dealings with the PD but I pray that, alongside my principal task as Rector of Mount Barker and my secondary task as Administrator, I may guide Father Paul as he begins his work as a priest and guide the pastoral district as best I can...albeit from afar!*

*I send you my prayers and best wishes.*

*Yours, in Christ Jesus,*

*Father Richard A. Seabrook*

## October

Sunday 3rd	<b>ABM SUNDAY</b> Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers
Monday 4th	<b>Mothers' Union</b> 9.30 am St Ann's <i>Enquiries: Barb Jeanes 8556 4440</i>
Saturday 9th	<b>Quarry Market sausage sizzle</b>
Thursday 14th	<b>Colton Court singers</b> 11 am-12 <i>Enquiries: Sylvia Francis 8323 0007</i>
Monday 11th	<b>St Ann's Guild</b> 1.30 pm <i>Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100</i>
Tuesday 12th	<b>St Margaret's Guild</b> 2 pm <i>Enquiries: Fran Pettigrew 8323 9366</i>
Monday 18th	<b>ST LUKE</b> Ordination of Paul Devenport (see front page)
Tuesday 19th	<b>Fr Paul's first celebration of the Eucharist</b> St Margaret's, 7 pm (see front page)
Wednesday 20th	<b>Women's Fellowship St Margaret's</b> , 10 am <i>Enquiries: Margaret Cameron 8556 2343</i>
Thursday 21st	<b>St Ann's Guild</b> visit to St Elizabeth's, Warradale
Friday 22nd	<b>St Ann's Family Tea</b> 6.30—8.30 pm <i>Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100</i>
Wednesday 27th	<b>Parish Prayer Group</b> , St Margaret's 10 am <i>Enquiries: Gillian Clampett 8556 5998</i>

## November

Monday 1st	<b>ALL SAINTS</b> <b>Mothers' Union</b> 9.30 am (see next column)
Tuesday 2nd	<b>ALL SOULS</b>
Sunday 7th	Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers
Monday 8th	<b>St Ann's Guild</b> 1.30 pm
Tuesday 9th	<b>St Margaret's Guild</b> 2 pm <b>Parish Council</b> , St Margaret's, 7 pm
Saturday 13th	<b>Quarry Market sausage sizzle</b>
Sunday 14th	<b>St Margaret's Patronal Festival</b> Combined service
Wednesday 17th	<b>Women's Fellowship St Margaret's</b> , 10 am
Saturday 20th	<b>St Ann's Jumble Sale</b>
Sunday 21st	<b>CHRIST the KING</b>
Wednesday 24th	<b>Parish Prayer Group</b> , St Margaret's 10 am
Friday 26th	<b>Advent Pageant</b> , <b>St Ann's Family Tea</b> 6.30—8.30 pm
Tuesday 30th	<b>ST ANDREW</b>

*There will be no Colton Court sing-along in November.*

**Fr Paul's ordination**  
**18th October & First Mass**  
**19th October**  
*See p. 1*



*Southern Vales  
Schools Ministry*  
**Sausage Sizzle**  
**Willunga Quarry Market**  
**Saturday**  
**October 9th &**  
**November 13th**  
**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.



### Mothers' Union

The November meeting will be an outing; the destination still under discussion. Please watch for the notice in the pew sheet later in October.



*Taking the Christmas message to the community*

### Aldinga Christmas Pageant

**Friday 26th November**

**from schools to shopping centre**

Helpers needed please, to be  
marshalls, to talk to children, bake cakes,  
blow up balloons, pray for the event —  
and just enjoy the day!

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

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 October. **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.



## Farewell to the Andersons

The farewell to Fr Phil and Carol on 12th September inspired our two parish poets to put pen to paper, and their verses say all that needs to be said! Our senior bard, Wallace Mausolf, wrote:

It's not an easy task to come  
And mean something to everyone  
But Father Phil and Carol prove  
That good things do come from a move.

But why take on at this late stage  
A service in this day and age?  
Enough to test the best in those  
Whom we believe the good Lord chose.

And so began another story  
Of thanking God and giving glory  
For those fine folk who have now spent  
A whole year with their minds quite bent  
On giving us the kind of care  
In which we have been pleased to share.

They were no strangers to our state,  
And had no trouble to relate  
To this our parish and its folk.  
You could say, "Not an easy yoke."

They made the rectory home from home,  
A place to which we all could roam  
For meetings and for social treats  
With tasty food and tempting sweets.

The emphasis on daily prayer  
Has shown itself in all due care  
To celebrate those special days  
Which bring to mind with acts of praise  
The saints of old, whose lives revealed  
The love of God in town and field.

At no time in their stay with us  
Have they presumed to make a fuss,  
But humbly have fulfilled each task  
And done whatever they were asked.

All credit then for things  
well done,  
And every wish for  
times to come.  
This place will never be  
the same;  
Your influence will long  
remain.

So, having done your  
very best,  
Go home and have a  
well-earned rest!



Inspired by the Choir of Hard Knocks, our choir, led by pianist Felicity Warrington, and with words written specially for the occasion by Peter Chapman, burst into song to the tune of Lenard Cohen's "Alleluiah":

### ***Hallelujah for Father Phil***

We were down and needed a hand  
We hoped you'd come and understand  
For we knew we did not have to review you.  
Father Dennis was very ill  
You got the call, you came here still  
And we all gathered, to sing—*hallelujah!*

Four churches to officiate  
Hoped your arrival not to late  
Retirement, just was not comin' to you.  
Decked out the manse and paved the way—  
Hoped when you came you'd want to stay  
We knelt and prayed a quiet—*hallelujah!*

Though you are old you're in your prime,  
Our meetings took but half the time,  
Agendas had a way of racing through you;  
Your sermons were quite down to earth,  
Your wit was dry and all it's worth  
We got home on time sighing—*hallelujah!*

The mower choked and packed it in,  
The lawn was high, it was a sin,  
We went and found a new one to amuse you.  
You could not get the thing to start—  
The battery was a vital part—  
As you mowed we heard you singing—  
*hallelujah!*

When Brother Paul is Father Paul  
And he will carry on the call  
We hope his coming here will renew you.  
As Fathers pass and Fathers stay  
Please bless Paul in your special way  
Hope he joins us every day in—*hallelujah!*

You are leaving us, heading east;  
We'll miss you now to say the least;  
It's hard to come and say our goodbyes to  
you.

Yes you and Carol were the best,  
We know we have been very blessed  
Singing now, we'll all thank God—*hallelujah!*



### A Golden Occasion

The following week saw the celebration of Fr Dennis' and Mary's Golden Wedding Anniversary. With St Margaret's Sunday School room decked out in yellow and gold and Fr Dennis wearing a gold satin waistcoat made by Julia Drought, the tables were groaning with good food and the room lit with good cheer. We were delighted to be able to share this special occasion with them.

A musical tribute to Denis and Mary by their son, Country and Western singer Steve Eales, winner of the 2010 APRA Songwriter of the Year Awards and recently returned with thirteen medals from the World Championship of Performing Arts in America, had all toes tapping.



The death has been announced of Fr Dean Barker, following his long illness. Fr Dean assisted in this parish in 1992, and also served in a number of other parishes in this diocese, most recently in Delamere, 1999-2005.



A new sliding door at the Rectory, replacing a bow window, provides a safety exit from that end of the house in case of fire. At the time of printing further work was needed to re-fit bricks around the door.

### Farewell to the Andersons Cont'd...



Fr Phil and Carol were presented with a cheque and a copy of *Trott's View* as a farewell gift. They thanked the parish for the way they had been accepted and ministered to; they had come as strangers and were leaving as friends.

Fr Phil later wrote:

*When trying to express my thoughts about our time in the Southern Vales I thought of the words of S. Paul in the opening verses of his letter to the Philippians, verses 3 - 6 "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, thankful for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now And I am sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." We thank you for your gracious welcome, acceptance and support over the past twelve months knowing that you will be just as open towards Fr. Paul and Helen as they work with you in the building up of ministry in the various communities.*

*Thank you to everyone who attended and took part in the preparation of our farewell gathering. Thanks also to Peter and the Choir for the marvellous song, and the gift was a wonderful surprise.*

*Our address from October 1st is 36 Ashmore Crescent, Kanahooka 2530. Our email address will be [pja@three.com.au](mailto:pja@three.com.au) and our phone number 02 4262 7310. All visitors welcome.*

*Fr. Phil & Carol.*



## Back to Church Sunday, 12th September

*'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 come and familiarise themselves with the church that they see as they drive past and wonder about it.'*

Back to Church Sunday was celebrated in all four centres. Some of those invited have continued to attend services.

A card was given out to visitors and invited parishioners, with service times added to it. Centres also prepared a package containing *The Grapevine*, a Parish Prayer on a bookmark and other Centre specific handouts.

At St Stephen's, Willunga, the core congregation of 8-10 people was expanded to seventeen!

At St Philip & St James Old Noarlunga there was one young lady who by coincidence was visiting the cemetery and was invited into the service and she accepted.

At St. Ann's Aldinga many of the regular congregation were away on holidays or sick, but there were seven new people attending the 9.00 am Holy Communion and eight children attended the Children's Ministry activity. The singing was excellent due to the practice the previous Sunday!

At St. Margaret's, McLaren Vale the congregation increased with five visitors. This was Fr Phil's last service at this church. The newly mown grounds and the spring flowers in the Rectory garden made a welcoming sight.

Accounts of the day included the following:

*I saw visitors in the church cemetery on the Saturday. I introduced myself and during the conversation I suggested they might like to attend the service on the Sunday. The family had attended this church a few years ago. The daughter joined us on the Sunday morning.*

*A couple had recently moved permanently to live locally but had continued to worship in Adelaide. They saw the Back to Church Sunday notice in On the Coast and decided to attend the Vigil Mass on the Saturday at Willunga. They indicated that they would attend St Ann's or St Stephen's in the future.*

*Ted Sandercock*

At the PD Council meeting Fr Richard emphasised the importance of continuing at all times to encourage people to join us in our worship.



At St Ann's the children made little figures of Jesus and his apostles, and with their handprints in paint acknowledged that they too were called to be followers of Jesus.

## Lesotho books project —an update



In February 2010 David and Liz Linn spoke at one of the St Ann's Lenten Suppers about a project to send books to schools in Lesotho. Following the talk, a donation of \$120 was sent to assist this work.

A newsletter from the Linns says: Each time we report progress on packing books or on the fundraising effort, we receive huge thanks from Lesotho. The books are being used to establish (and in some cases now to enlarge) libraries in Primary, and increasingly in Secondary/ High "nation building".

9,431 books were sent in a recent shipment which should arrive in Lesotho in early October.

The newsletter goes on to thank those who have contributed to the project, "including the Anglican Pastoral District of Southern Vales [which] included the project in their Lenten Soup Suppers and sent a 'small cheque' of \$120!!"

Anyone wishing to offer further support for this project can contact David and Liz Linn, ph 8373 1224 or email

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I'LL TELL YOU WHAT. I'LL TAKE THESE TWO NOW AND I'LL COME BACK LATER FOR THE REST. O.K.?

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### **From St Stephen's, Willunga**

- We thank Fr Phil and Carol for their kindness and love to our small congregation. Saturday, September 12 was Fr Phil's last service with us. We have enjoyed his challenging sermons and discussions after Mass around the cheese and sherry table.
- The driveway needs to be poisoned now that the rains have reduced somewhat. Thanks to Jack Warrington for his offer to cut up and remove the pile of fallen tree branches that have accumulated at the back fence. We still need to finish the slate paving and decide what to do with the area under the peppercorn tree.

*Margaret Cameron & Ted Sandercock*

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

- We are grateful to Fr Phil and Carol for their contribution to the well-being of this congregation and the friendship which they extended to us individually. We were pleased to take part in their farewell which was a very warm occasion.
- The return of members from winter holidays and improvement in health has resulted in a return to larger attendances.
- The sale of bottles and cans is approaching \$500.

*Wallace Mausolf & Mary Blagrove*

### **Archiving of Parish Documents**

Over past months Anne Chittleborough, Fr Graham Cooling and Margaret Cameron have spent fascinating hours pouring over parish records and documents dating back to the 1950s.

In a task in which Wendy Sandercock and Mary Blagrove also shared, these have been sorted and indexed and sent to the State Library of South Australia for assessment. It is hoped that they will be accepted and added to earlier parish documents already contained in the State Archives. Those accepted by the State Archives will be indexed on the State Library's website and accessed through normal Library processes.

A list of what was sent is to be kept in the parish office, together with copies of some documents which might be needed for reference on site.



#### **A child cares...**

A four year old child whose next door neighbour was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife, saw the man cry. He went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there.

When his Mother asked what he had said to the neighbour, the little boy said, "Nothing, I just helped him to cry."



### **From St Ann's Aldinga**

The Jumble Sale on 18th September was a successful day, raising \$742.50. Many thanks to all those involved.

The huge range of goods offered, and a slight improvement in the weather, prompted us to move racks of clothing outside—which gave the wind something to play with! The Cales' hot sausages proved popular as a warm-up.

The next Jumble Sale will be on Saturday 20th November. Any good goods welcome.

We will miss Margaret and Bill Cale, and wish them a happy holiday in the UK.



## Help Save Lives at St Margaret's!



Many patients walk or need to be carried for several days to reach St Margaret's Hospital at Oro Bay in the Diocese of Popondota. They often arrive only to be disappointed when they learn that they cannot be treated there. They then journey another 50 km to

Popondetta General Hospital. This situation means that around 4,500 patients end up at Popondetta General Hospital every year—a hospital already crowded with patients.

Many patients in and around the area die of preventable or curable conditions, and the Anglican Board of Mission is assisting the Anglican Church in PNG to upgrade St Margaret's from a rural health clinic to a fully functioning hospital.

A report in April says that construction for its upgrading has begun and is progressing well, but many more resources are needed, especially new equipment. The Royal Australian College of Surgeons has offered to contribute some equipment. An operating theatre is planned, and delivery rooms and maternity wards.

The quality of water available is of concern, as is sanitation. New toilets are being installed to save patients the often painstaking walk to the pit toilets several hundred metres away.

It was decided by the Pastoral District Council that any money donated on ABM Sunday (celebrated this year in Southern Vales on 3rd October) would be sent to the upgrading of St Margaret's Hospital. The Diocese of Popondota, in which the hospital is situated, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Diocese of The Murray in 2007 and traditionally Southern Vales directs some of its ABM donation to work in that Diocese.

Your used stamps can make money for ABM! Collect them and give them to your Wardens to pass on.



## New Life in the Church at Wickham, northern WA.

In February the parish was given the use of a hall, which led to a special celebration to launch the Wickham Community Church. (Wickham had been without a minister for over 10 years.) There are efforts now to develop a ministry for the whole of the town in the form of a Community Chaplain. Rio Tinto is being very helpful and feel there is a need also at the mine site. The minister has been contacted by the Principal of the local primary school, too, regarding a school chaplaincy.

A "wise man from the east" has offered his support to establish a church building. He builds rammed earth or mud bricks which are ideal for the climate and cheap to build, and the locals can be involved in the construction. (Brings back memories of building the St Ann's hall!)

If you want to read the entire *Upfront Outback* newsletter please let me know. Just remember that a BCA box is a great way to assist these wonderful people in their role of spreading the word of the Lord.

Anne Lear 8556 5520, 0417 866 779

## Parish Service times

**Please note changed service times**  
**underlined**

### St Stephen's, Willunga

Saturday: Holy Communion: 5.30 pm

### St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga

Until and including Sunday 24th Oct.:

Holy Communion: 9.00 am

Sunday 31st October and following:

Holy Communion: 8.30 am

### St Ann's, Aldinga

Until and including Sunday 24th Oct.:

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

Sunday 31st October and following:

Holy Communion: 8.30 am

### St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

Sunday 3rd-17th Oct.: Holy Communion  
10.15 am with Sunday School

Sunday 24th October and following:

Holy Communion: 10.30 am

Wednesday: Holy Communion: 9:00am

**But please note: On Sunday 14th October there will be only one service; a combined Eucharist at 10 am at McLaren Vale to celebrate St Margaret's Patronal Festival**

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Until Fr Paul begins here on 19th October  
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*The Parish Office is not regularly attended  
but messages can be left on the  
message bank 08 8323 9155*

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