

# The Grapevine

May 2010

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

## Special Vestry Meeting

A lively Special Vestry Meeting meeting on Wednesday evening 14<sup>th</sup> April at St Ann's was chaired by Archdeacon Richard Seabrook with Fr Phil Anderson and Br Paul Devenport and Helen all attending. The purpose of the meeting was to consider a Future Directions document and further the consultation process.

After fortifying soups and bread, Ted Sandercock made a presentation of the "Future Directions" paper, which had been prepared by Margaret Cale, Rupert Best and Ted Sandercock from sources which included the 5 Year Plan, suggestions from Pastoral District Council Meetings and the Vision from the previous Special Vestry Meeting. This had previously been circulated on Sunday April 11 at all four Centres.

Fr Anderson introduced the topic and explained the purpose of the meeting. Keeping in mind the "Context" statement of Jesus' words, *This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you*, Archdeacon Seabrook invited discussion. There was a strong emphasis on reaching out to children and younger people, as well as suggestions for extending our activities elsewhere in the community and making the liturgy more accessible to newcomers. We were pleased to have some challenging questions from the Archdeacon and to hear Br Paul's ideas for when he joins us.

The many suggestions were recorded and will be circulated in an amended paper to members of the Pastoral District. People's feedback is encouraged. Then a modified proposal will go the Pastoral District Council for approval and sending onto the Diocesan Council.

The Futures Directions document is part of the process of our returning to Parish status. It will enable the Pastoral District Council to develop an Annual Plan which addresses priorities we have agreed on. It was pointed out that not all suggestions would be able to be addressed in a given year. Progress should be reviewed at the end of each year.

It was suggested that the themes discussed should be used to structure the Pastoral District Council Agenda. This would assist members of the Council to monitor the Annual Plan.

After the completion of discussions we shared a delicious spread of desserts.

*Ted Sandercock and Di Best*



*A reflective moment at the Special Vestry Meeting.  
L-R Fr Phil, Archdeacon Richard Seabrook, Dn Paul Devenport, Fran Pettigrew, Helen Devenport*

**PLEASE NOTE:** Ted Sandercock will be editing *The Grapevine* for June, July and August - many thanks, Ted!  
So — if you have news of coming events or noteworthy happenings in the Pastoral District of Southern Vales which you would like to share with the rest of the parish, please contact Ted at PO Box 790 Willunga SA, ph 08 8556 4535 or email [sanderwt@westnet.com.au](mailto:sanderwt@westnet.com.au)

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



## Some images of Easter 2010



Despite the lateness of the hour, little Aurora, Avalon and Astrid Choat were entranced by the Coming of the New Fire at the SSPJ Easter Vigil service on Easter Eve. Seen above with mother Victoria.

Centre: Fr Phil lights the Easter candle, with Ted Sandercock.

Below L: children delight in the Easter Garden they have made: Clockwise from bottom L: Ian and Tim Michael, Charlie and Emily Moore, Tom McNee, and visitors Victoria Murray and Sophie Brown.

And R: children hand out colourful balloons, butterflies, and Easter messages to adult members of the congregation.



The flowered cross stands triumphantly on South Road for all to see this symbol of the joy of the resurrection.



*Photo: G. Clampett*



## What's on in May & June

### May

<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Wedding, St Ann's</b> 3 pm: Demelza Ruzzo & Anthony Kitto
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>St Philip &amp; St James Patronal Festival COMBINED SERVICE</b> 10 am <b>Gold Coin Collection</b> for CPS* workers
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Mothers' Union</b> 9.30 am St Ann's with trading table. <i>Enquiries: Barb Jeanes 8556 4440</i>
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</b>
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Ann's Guild</b> 11 am, with visit from St Elizabeth's Warradale (see next column)
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Margaret's Guild</b> 2 pm <i>Enquiries: Fran Pettigrew 8323 9366</i>
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>ASCENSION DAY</b> <b>Colton Court singers</b> 11 am-12 <i>Enquiries: Sylvia Francis 8323 0007</i>
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Ann's Jumble Sale</b> <i>Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100</i>
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Celebrating Ascension Day Parish Council</b> 2 pm
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Women's Fellowship</b> , St Margaret's, 10 am <i>Enquiries: Margaret Cameron 8556 2343</i>
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>PENTECOST (WHITSUNDAY) COMBINED SERVICE</b> , St Stephen's 10 am (See next column)
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Parish Prayer Group</b> 10 am (see next column) <i>Enquiries: Gillian Clampett 8556 5998</i>
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Ann's Family Tea</b> 6.30-8.30 <i>Enquiries: Bill Cale 8556 5236</i>
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Proms Concert</b> 2 pm

### June

<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Gold Coin Collection</b> for CPS* workers
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mothers' Union 50 years celebration</b> , St Stephen's 11 am (See next column)
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Margaret's Guild</b> 2 pm
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Colton Court singers</b> 11 am-12
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>BARNABAS</b>
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Ann's Guild</b> 1.30 pm
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Women's Fellowship</b> , St Margaret's, 10 am
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Parish Prayer Group</b> St Margaret's 10 am
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST</b>
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Ann's Family Tea</b> 6.30-8.30
<b>Tuesday 29</b>	<b>PETER &amp; PAUL</b>

\*Christian Pastoral Support

### CONFIRMATION.

It is intended to hold a service of Confirmation at St Ann's on August 1st in conjunction with the Patronal Festival. Interested candidates please contact Fr. Phil as soon as possible. Ph 83239744

### Visit from St Elizabeth's, Warradale

A group of visitors from St Elizabeth's, Warradale will be joining the St Ann's Guild for lunch on Monday 10th May, at 12 midday.

All welcome to come and join us for the occasion.

*Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100*

### Jumble Sale & Sausage Sizzle

**St Ann's, Sat. 15th May**  
8.30-12.30



Any (good) goods acceptable.

*Enquiries Val Martin 8556 6100*

### Pentecost Service at St Stephen's

Pentecost will be celebrated with one service in the Parish at St Stephen's on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 10 am. Our guest organist will be Barry Bowden and the choir is preparing a special Anthem.



Please wear an item of red clothing.

Parishioners who would like to adjourn to the Alma Hotel for lunch after the service, can book with Margaret Cale or Wendy Sandercock by May 16<sup>th</sup>.

### MU Jubilee



A MU service will be held on Monday 7th June celebrating 50 years of MU in our parish!

The service will be at 11 am St Stephen's (where it all began) and then moving to the RSL hall for lunch. Guest speaker Mrs Jan Malpas was a foundation member and Secretary of the MU in the then Parish of Willunga.

Any former members or interested new members are welcome to attend. *Enquiries: Barb Jeanes ph 8556 4440*

### Parish Prayer Group

Part of our forward-looking parish vision is a *weekly* prayer group.

A powerful prayer group will help our whole vision come to fruition. At present our Parish Prayer Group meets monthly for an hour, on the fourth Wednesday.

Many of us enjoyed the challenge of reading an old text (Jonah) in a new light during the Lenten studies. In a different context, the group is learning new things about an old favourite, the Lord's Prayer, through a short study each month.

Everyone is welcome to come either occasionally or regularly. The next will be on Wednesday 25th May.

*Gillian Clampett*



## News from Parish Council

The Council met on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April when general business discussed included:

- **Archiving of documents:** Fr Graham Cooling, Margaret Cameron and Anne Chittleborough to meet on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April, joined by Robin Radford who set up the Diocese of Adelaide's archives.
- **Anglicare Partnership:** Concept plans and possible house designs have been done. The next stage is for the Diocesan Finance Committee to be involved. Bob Smith will take over from Greg Judd as our parish representative in this matter as the Judds will be moving. Thank you Bob!
- **Special Vestry Meeting:** Ted Sandercock circulated a draft document which included points made at this meeting – to be circulated within the pastoral district before presentation to Diocesan Council. (see meeting, p. 1)
- **Shirley Garfit Memorial:** A motion was passed that a seat be procured and placed on the verandah outside the Sunday School Room.
- **Advent Pageant:** Anne Chittleborough announced with delight that the Catholic Church will also support this event at Aldinga which means that 4 churches and, it is hoped, 3 schools will be involved.
- **Rectory maintenance** is needed on curtain drawcords, fly screens and watering system. Di Rickard, Mary Blagrove and Wendy Sandercock will meet Carol to see what is needed.
- **Parish brochure:** Margaret Cale has produced a draft brochure for distribution in the community, which could be printed in the parish office – a very positive publicity move.
- **St Stephens:** The National Trust which is organising History Week has asked that St Stephens be open on the weekend of 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> May as part of this event.
- **Financial Reports:** as previously circulated by Treasurer Margaret Cale:

Total Income for March	\$5,233
Total Expenditure “	\$4,655
(including \$1,000 to Southern Vales Schools Ministry)	
Surplus	577
Missions	\$1,000
(including \$142 for Ordination Candidates' Fund)	
Budget YTD: Income	\$15,916
Expenses	\$17,973
Deficit	\$2,000 (due to insurance paid in a lump sum)

YTD payments to Missions amount to almost \$2,000.  
Our At Call Account stands at \$87,000.

Di Rickard was nominated as the third signatory to replace Leonie Pettman (retired).

The next meeting will be on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May – observers most welcome.

Di Best

## Fr Phil writes...

There once was a very spoiled little puppy who lived in the best kennel money could buy situated in the garden of an English mansion. Because he was a very busy little puppy, night time often found him exhausted, so sleep was a high priority.



One night at full moon the moon shone into the kennel and woke the puppy. He stood outside and in great anger began to bark at the moon. In fact he barked at the moon with all the energy he could muster, but it made no difference whatsoever. Despite the best efforts of the puppy, the moon kept on shining.

Sometimes we treat God just like that. We don't get our own way, something goes wrong with our plans for life, or tragedy comes, so like the small puppy we bark at God.

But it makes no difference. Despite our anger our frustration, our disappointment with God, He goes on loving us just the same. That's the essential message of the verse we often say is the core of the Gospel of John 3:16 'God so loved the world he gave His only Son that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life.'

When things go wrong don't blame God, be like Fr. Maximilien Kolbe who died in 1940 at the hands of the Nazis in Auschwitz. He took the place of one of 10 men sentenced to death by starvation, utterly convinced that nothing happens unless God allows it, and if God allows it then it can only be for our good and His glory.

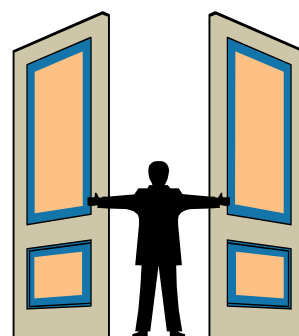
With every blessing, Phil

### Let's open our churches!!

*It was felt by many of those present at the Special Vestry Meeting that our churches, which are locked for much of the time for security reasons, should be made open to the public as much as possible.*

*Would you be prepared to volunteer to spend a couple of hours at one of our churches on a rostered basis, in order that they can be open?*

*If so, please contact Fr Phil, ph 8323 9744.*





*Although he has been a Warden at St Ann's since 2008, **Bill Cale** has somehow missed being written up in *The Grapevine*. 'Perhaps that's because I actively discouraged it', he says.*

*Perhaps. Or perhaps it was slackness on the part of the Editor...?*

Bill Cale originally came to Australia as a '£10 Pom' in 1968, working

in Victoria for a couple of years. He returned to England when his father was ill – staying longer than he had originally meant to, and returning in 1973 with a wife, Margaret (our Treasurer), and their first daughter.

After working in Victoria for a while, for the Department of Agriculture, Bill came with his family to South Australia in 1984. They lived at Sheoak, and then Kapunda before taking on the caravan park at Aldinga. This kept Bill and Margaret more than busy, and most of their contact with our parish was through Barbara Thompson, who would come around to see them with pew sheets and snippets of news.

In 2003 they moved out of the caravan park when someone else took over the management, and it was from that time Bill and Margaret became actively involved in parish life.

When not engaged in multifarious Warden's duties and extra tasks at St Ann's or wrestling with the St Margaret's lawnmower, Bill can often be seen driving his white van, with which he delivers milk, stocks to vending machines etc.

Since coming to Australia he and Margaret have had two more children and now have five grandchildren.



Our newest Warden, **Di Rickard**, was born in Coburg, Victoria. She and her husband Max moved to Modbury, SA in 1966 and in 1973, looking for a bigger house for their family of 5 children (their sixth was born at McLaren Vale) and wanting to live near

the sea, they moved to Seaford. Di attended Southern Vales church and was Warden at Ann's for a while before joining the St Margaret's congregation.

When her youngest started school Di began work at Myer, Colonnades, being appointed Manager in 1994. She retired from this in 1991.

In 2001 she and Max retired to Naracoorte for a 'tree change', having a hobby farm where they ran cattle and sheep. Worshipping at St Paul's Church, Di found this a time of great growth in her faith, and was made a Pastoral Assistant. She did home visiting and spent time with the dying, both in nursing homes and private homes.

Wanting to be closer to most members of their family (which now includes 13 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren) they returned to Aldinga in 2009, and in 2010 Di was appointed Warden of St Margaret's McLaren Vale. Di says she is glad to be back in the familiar territory and church.

She plays an active role in the parish. As well as the demands of being a Warden she does home visiting and makes pastoral visits to Life Care (Aldinga), Colton Court and Kalyra (McLaren Vale). Di has also agreed to be the ABM parish contact person.

### *In Remembrance...*

*On ANZAC Day the priest noticed little Alec standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names and small flags mounted on either side of it. The six-year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the priest walked up, stood beside the little boy, and said quietly, 'Good morning, Alec.'*

*'Good morning Father,' he replied, still focused on the plaque. 'Father, what is this?'*

*The priest said, 'Well, Alec, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service.'*

*Silently, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque.*

*Finally, little Alec's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear, asked, 'Which service, the 8.00 or the 10.00?'*

### **From the Sublime to the Ridiculous!**

**A fun afternoon of music and anecdotes  
for Mother's Day at St Peter's Cathedral**



**Sunday 9 May 2010  
3.00 pm – 4.30 pm followed by  
afternoon tea**

*Music by the Adelaide Benefit Concert Choir with  
associated singers and musicians*

**Guest Anecdotalist: Bishop Garry Weatherill**

*Musical Director: Joan Claring Bould*

*Event Organiser: Peter Burke*

**Cost: \$20, \$10 concession, or donation,  
including afternoon tea**

**Proceeds to Anglican Board of Mission**

*RSVP appreciated for catering purposes to  
Doris Henderson 0409 671 031*

## ***Around the traps...***

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



#### **The Salt Damp Story**

Immediately after Easter work started on the chemical damp proof project at St Philip & St James.

This is being done by Salt Damp Injection Systems who have drilled over 600 holes at the base of the southern wall and around the porch both inside and out. They have injected over 400 litres of the special alkoxysiloxane solution. The walls are 800 mm thick and injections have been at two intervals from both sides. All holes were repointed after injection. The photo shows Malcolm and Glenn Winrow and the injection system. The chemical is an Australian product and the company, also Australian, has used this treatment on ancient buildings in Venice and Athens as well as in many places in Australia.

Re-plastering is deferred for two years by which time the walls have dried out and this will be another major project.

Thank you to the cheerful, energetic team of Brenda, Roger and grandchildren, Bob, John, Malcolm, Di, Rupert, Stephen and Wallace who turned up on Easter Monday morning to help remove pews, furniture and outside rubble in preparation. And the team who restored order. In the meantime services proceeded as usual with a one-sided congregation.

*Di Best*

[Latest reports from a visiting celebrant are that the work has been done and the church is looking sparkling!]

#### *In other news:*

The lovely service of the Easter Vigil and the Lighting of the New Fire (see photos p. 2) was quite well attended. We thank all in anticipation of sharing our Patronal Festival on 2<sup>nd</sup> May and all who assisted in any way for making it a happy and meaningful occasion.

Bob Smith, Rupert Best, Greg Judd and John Carroll have done a great job of refurbishing the eastern end of the cemetery.

*Mary Blagrove & Wallace Mausolf, Wardens*

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

We are awaiting the right sized piece of slate so that a new church sign can be made. The cost will be about \$1000 including an A-frame 'Welcome' sign similar to those at St Margaret's and St Ann's.

After the good rain, weeds are appearing in the driveway – a working bee to remove them will be organised in May.

At the time of the early settlement of the district two identical silver chalices were brought out from England, one for the original church of St Stephen's (demolished 1929) and one for St Philip & St James. The SSPJ chalice was stolen, but the St Stephens one is still used for Christmas and Easter. It has some scratches and it has been suggested that it be restored by gilding the inside.

*Margaret Cameron & Ted Sandercock, Wardens*

#### **Opening Doors -Visiting Heritage Listed Buildings**

As part of History Week at the end of May, the Willunga National Trust is conducting guided tours around Willunga. St Stephen's Church, built in the 1880s (see photo of church with its original spire), will open for visiting on Saturday May 29 and on Sunday May 30 from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm.

The history of the church will be available as well as cards for sale.

If you would be able to volunteer an hour or so of your time to meet and greet, please contact Ted Sandercock, ph 8556 4535.





## **St Margaret's, McLaren Vale**

Work on the driveway at St Margaret's is to be completed before the shrubs and flowers are set in place.

It is cause for concern that the church is closed on combined service Sundays. Consideration to be given to having a volunteer staying at the church until 10.30 on those occasions in case there are any visitors.

The Maundy Thursday service was inspiring, and the ending of the service, with the stripping of the alter, was dramatic. We had a lovely service on Easter Day.

I am looking forward to the appointment of a second Warden for St Margaret's. Meanwhile I get through with God's help, mainly because we have a very helpful congregation.

At the service on 25th April there was a 'show and tell' of 14 bright and cheery rugs made for the Women's Fellowship by members of the congregation. These will be given to Anglicare for people in need. *Di Rickard, Warden*



### ***Congratulations, Lucy and Joe!***

*The wedding party at St Margaret's on 10th April included Lucy's brother Tom (left) and sisters Annabelle and Miriam (right of the bride)*

*On behalf of Lucy and Joe Baker and all the Drought family, we would like to sincerely thank all our dear church family for helping to make Lucy and Joe's wedding day a very beautiful and joyous occasion. Special thanks to Bishop Stanley and Sister Beverley for their preparation, Fran Pettigrew for the spectacular flower arrangements, Felicity Warrington for wonderful music, the St Ann's Guild for Amazing Gastronomical Gourmet Delights and the St Margaret's Mob for the venue.*

*Cheers & thanks, Julia & Michael*

## **St Ann's, Aldinga**

Stations of the Cross took on a different format this year that was well received. Hot Cross Buns and 'cuppa' followed. Easter Sunday brought an overflowing congregation (around 120) on a most pleasant day.

We are grateful to the council for erecting posts beside the exit to the church grounds. The unmarked ditch was proving to be a hazard to people parking or turning there.

We were pleased to host the Special Vestry meeting on April 14th. On Friday 23rd April we held a well-attended and cheerful Family Tea.

Our 'minor happening' for the period was the 'pathetic' stealing of less than a metre of copper pipe from outside the back of the hall. Fortunately the thieves did turn the water off and left it so! *Peter Chapman & Bill Cale, Wardens*



### ***Have you been for a walk in St Ann's cemetery lately?***

Many early settlers in the district were not able to afford headstones, and the site of their graves was unmarked.

Curator Bill Jeanes (pictured) spends many hours in the cemetery continuing the work done by former curator Jack Sanders, putting timber rails around these older graves which Jack had marked with a wooden cross. One of Bill's current challenges is how to handle a grave where a large tree has grown inside the site!

Feel free to visit the cemetery, see the history of the Aldinga and Port Willunga area as recorded on the headstones, and pause to rest on the seats and enjoy the peace of this country churchyard..

## A word about MU Australia...



*There is a misconception about the Mothers' Union being solely for women with children!*

The name was changed to MU in each country and there are men, single women and married women with no children who have joined and are playing an integral role in the work undertaken by MU.

Mary Sumner originally formed the Mothers' Union to gather together young mothers in her husband's parish, who were lonely and had no outside support in raising their families. By joining together in prayer and discussion these women found how much this helped them in their daily lives. The only requirement to be a member of MU Australia is baptism in the Christian faith.

We do not spend our time just drinking tea and complaining about our children!! The organisation supports various departments of MU one of which is the Overseas and Northern Outreach and the Australian project for 2010 is Health and Literacy in Papua New Guinea. This department also supports indigenous women and clergy families in remote areas in the North of Australia.

It may seem unusual to link Health and Literacy, but imagine not being able to read - especially labels on medicines. How to cope with a large family of children with illnesses and not know which medicine to give to a sick child? This programme has run successfully in the African Dioceses where husbands have joined their wives in the classes. MU World Wide is the only institution to be represented on the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women.

MU has been criticised for not running fundraisers but we are not a money raising organisation. The subs we pay each year are divided up into the various departments and at our special church services at Provincial, Diocesan and Deanery levels the collections are sent to the Australian treasurer for distribution among the departments and to our special project for the year.

Our Deanery Lady Day service in March was held at St Margaret's. We were joined by three of the branches in our Deanery (the Diocesan service was held at Naracoorte) and the collection was \$93.10. With each Diocese in Australia having a service that day, a sizable sum would have been raised.

We welcome new members in sharing Christ's love by encouraging, strengthening and supporting marriage and family life.

*Barbara Jeanes*

*Barbara Jeanes, treasure and Treasurer Extraordinaire of both the St Ann's Guild and the MU has been awarded a special Treasurer's Apron with two pockets: one for each organisation.*



## Parish Service Times

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

Sunday: Holy Communion: 9.00am

**St Margaret's, McLaren Vale**

Sunday: Holy Communion: 10.15am  
with Sunday School

Wednesday: Holy Communion: 9:00am

**St Stephen's, Willunga**

Saturday: Holy Communion: 5.30 pm

**St Ann's, Aldinga**

Sunday: Holy Communion: 9.00 am  
with Sunday School

*But please note:*

*In May there will be two parish combined services.  
On these occasions there will be only one Sunday service,*

*2nd May, St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga,  
10 am*

*23rd May, St Stephen's Willunga, 10 am*

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*Please respect Fr Phil's days off on Monday and Tuesday*

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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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