

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

Pentecost Sunday — May 23rd 2010

The Pastoral District congregations joined together to celebrate the Church's Birthday (Pentecost) at St Stephen', Willunga. This was celebrated in style with appropriate decorations, beautiful music and a birthday cake.



We were privileged to have Barrie Bowden as guest organist and the Southern Vales choir added their wonderful voices. Barrie had recently repaired the reed organ at St Stephen's.

In his sermon, Fr Phil likened Pentecost to the creation of the Granny Smith apple from a discarded insignificant plant to become a world wide favourite for many people.



The pastoral assistants distributed a Granny Smith to each member of the congregation.

At the end of the service a birthday cake was blessed and distributed; a lovely floral arrangement was presented to Wallace Mausolf in recognition of his and Dorothy's Diamond Wedding Anniversary.





Organist: Barrie Bowden

Wendy Sandercock with Cake

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 the acting editor, Ted Sandercock, 27 Aubrey Drive, Willunga 5172, Ph 8556 4535 or email sanderwt@westnet.com.au, preferably by 15th June

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News from Pastoral District Council

Your Pastoral District Council met in the Rectory on May 16th at 2.00 pm. All members were present. St Margaret's continues to have only one Warden. Fr Phil opened the meeting with prayer.

Major items of business included:

- A report on the archiving of documents by Anne Chittleborough and her team. Additional help came from Fr Graham and Catherine Cooling, and Robin Radford (former archivist, Diocese of Adelaide). Material has been submitted to the Mortlock Library.
- The Southern Vales team continue to meet with Peter Wright (Anglicare). Greg Judd no longer leads this team and Bob Smith joins the team. The next meeting will be on May 25 with Peter Wright and Davis Fleming (Diocesan Treasurer).
- The outcomes of the Special Vestry on 14th April have been revised and discussed by the Council members. A survey is available at each Centre for members of each congregation to provided feedback on priorities for 2010. A Future Direction document will then be forwarded to Archdeacon Seabrook and Diocesan Council.
- Progress is being made on the making of new vestments.
- The appeal for a memorial seat in memory of Shirley Garfit to remain open until the end of June.
- The recent renovation at SSPJ has been completed.
- Anne Chittleborough provided a report on the planning for the 2010 Advent Pageant involving Aldinga schools. This is the Pastoral District's major involvement with FUSION in 2010.
- The Council approved the quote to remove the rectory main bedroom windows and replace them with sliding doors as fire safety measure. A new electric mower has been purchased. The Maintenance & Grounds committee to attend to fly screens and the watering system. The hot water system was recently repaired with a new element.
- The recent media release for Schools Ministry was tabled. A fundraiser to support our contribution for funds Christian Pastoral Support workers was suggested—a Cakeless Cake stall (see back page for details).
- Confirmation preparations were discussed.
- Back to Church Sunday will be on Sunday, September 12, 2010.
- A Pastoral District sample brochure was discussed and modifications suggested.
- Financial Report indicated:
 Total Income to April: \$22,944
 Total Expenditure to April: \$22,424.
 Monies to Missions—\$2,491
 Interest for 6 months of \$2,844 was credited across accounts.

Fr Phil writes...

Many Anglicans give worship a low priority as if it were incidental to the important things of life. Yet there are some things we ought note about worship.

- 1. Jesus found it a necessity. In spite of all His criticisms of the religious establishment, he never suggested that the time had come to dismantle it. "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" are among his first recorded words.
- 2. There is a lot of talk about finding God anywhere, which usually ends up finding God nowhere. We, human beings, have a very definite bias away from God, which can only be rectified by disciplined worship and prayer.
- 3. There is nothing in the Bible or our own experience to suggest that God can become a reality if we just "do what comes naturally". For what comes from that as our Lord said, "are the cares of the world and the delights in riches", and an effort is needed if we are to find our way into God's kingdom.

In Church, the presence of God is focused in a special way since we go for no other reason than to seek Him. On Pentecost Sunday, we were reminded that it was when the first Christians were assembled with one accord in one place, the Holy Spirit came. It was then that men and women were empowered by Jesus to turn the world upside down.

It's no different from any other department of life. You cannot call yourself a dancer if you never dance; you cannot call yourself a footballer if you never train or play with your team; you cannot call yourself a Christian if you never or seldom attend the gathering of the Christians.

with every blessing Phil

Pastoral District Council News continued

- The Diocesan Office has informed the Council of the generous gift from the estate of the late Shirley Garfit.
- The Council resolved that the booking of Sunday School rooms by organisations or individuals without insurance cover must be approved by the Council before the booking can be confirmed. For private functions the donation to be \$25 per session to cover costs.
- Almond Blossom Festival: the Council resolved not to participate in the free Games activity on the Willunga Oval. Individuals may wish to offer his or her services.

Observers welcome.

What's on in June & July

June

Sunday 6th Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers Monday 7th Mothers' Union 50 years celebration, St

Stephen's 11 am

Tuesday 8th St Margaret's Guild 2 pm Thursday 10th Colton Court singers 11 am-12

Friday 11th **BARNABAS**

Monday 14th St Ann's Guild 1.30 pm

Wednesday 16th Women's Fellowship, St Margaret's, 10 am

Sunday 20th Parish Council, Rectory, 1.30 pm Thursday 24th **BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST** Friday 25th St Ann's Family Tea 6.30-8.30

Tuesday 29th **PETER & PAUL**

Wednesday 30th Parish Prayer Group, St Margaret's, 10 am

July

Saturday 3rd **THOMAS**

Sunday 4th Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers Monday 5th Mothers' Union, Seaford, 9.30 am Thursday 8th Colton Court singers 11 am-12 Monday 12th St Ann's Guild 1.30 pm Tuesday 13th St Margaret's Guild 2 pm

Sunday 18th Parish Council, Rectory, 2.00 pm

Wednesday 21st Women's Fellowship, St Margaret's, 10 am

Thursday 22nd MARY MAGDALENE

St Ann's Family Tea 6.30-8.30 Friday 23rd

Sunday 25th **Almond Blossom Festival Procession** Wednesday 28th Parish Prayer Group, St Margaret's, 10 am

Parish Prayer Group

Prayer is an integral part of the Pastoral District vision for the future of the four Centres.

The monthly Prayer Group contributes to the prayer life of the Pastoral District.

The group is learning new ideas and knowledge of *The* Lord's Prayer, through a short study of a word, phrase or sentence.

Everyone is welcome to come occasionally or regularly. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 30th note the changed date.

McLaren Vale Uniting Church Adult Fellowship

Parishioners are invited to come and enjoy a performance by the harpist

Lisl Warner

on June 9 at McLaren Vale Uniting Church 10.30 am for Morning Tea 11.00 am for Lisl's performance **Trading Table**

Donation towards expenses appreciated Enquiries: May Elvey ph 8556 4049



Mothers Union

The next meeting of MU will be held at St Nicholas', Seaford on Monday 5th July 2010 at 9.30 am.

Guest Speaker: Mrs. Roz St John, the Overseas and Northern Outreach representative for The Murray Diocese.

Lunch at the Ecumenical café.

Hostesses: Doreen Richards and Betty Leske.

MU Christmas Cards

Order forms for the MU Christmas Cards and diaries are now in each church.

> Cards—\$5.00 for packs of 10 Diaries—\$6.50 each

Women's Fellowship

Members of the Pastoral District, Mothers' Union and friends are invited to a presentation by

Senior Nurse Susanne Harris, Flinders Medical Centre Neonatal Unit at St Margaret's Sunday School room

on June 16 at 10.00 am.

An Introduction to Flinders Medical Centre Neonatal Unit: where every baby is special. Mother's Union and Women's Fellowship combine to learn the latest techniques used at Flinders Medical Centre Neonatal Unit. For a number of years the Fellowship has forwarded knitted items to Flinders Medical Centre Neonatal Unit.

Encourage young mothers and your interested friends to come along and meet Susanne.



Almond Blossom Festival

We will run our usual stall from 10 am to approx 2.30 pm.:

> Monday July 26 St Margaret's Tuesday July 27 St Ann's Wednesday July 28 St Philip & St James' Thursday July 29 St Stephen's

Best sellers: cakes, biscuits, slices, fresh produce, jams, fresh fruit (Biscuits in snap lock plastic bags; all cakes and slices to be well sealed in plastic bags or plastic wrap. Please list ingredients.)

Some handcraft & knitted baby wear also sell. No plants please.

Enquiries: Margaret Cameron Ph 8556 2343

^{*}Christian Pastoral Support

St Philip & St James St Philip & St James Day

Bishop Ian George was the guest celebrant and preacher for the SSPJ Patronal Festival, reminding the congregation that because we are not perfect we need never think that God doesn't have a purpose for us. 'Never be shy or diffident', he said, 'about telling people what God means to us. *That* is what counts – people aren't going to be convinced by theological dissertations!'



Di Rickard, Fr Phil Anderson, Bp. Ian George, Beverly Driver and Judith Wells.

At the end of the service the annual 'ditty' written by Wallace Mausolf was a response to comments he had heard on the Open Day at the Old Noarlunga Market Square – 'I'd love to look inside the church but I don't want to go for a service or get in the way'. Rupert Best read the part of the visitor, and finally was warmly welcomed into the church community.



Wallace Mausolf, Rupert Best and The Ditty

On display at the front of the church were colourful and warm knitted rugs given to the Women's Fellowship by people in the community. They were to be taken to Anglicare to be distributed.



Mary Blagrove and Margaret Cameron display the warm, colourful rugs.

Every year the SSPJ Day lunch seems more delicious than the last! It was greatly enjoyed by those present.



Brother Paul-John, EFO

On St Philip & St James Day Paul Zimmerman (now Brother Paul-John, EFO) was back in the parish after having taken his vows and become a full member of the Ecumenical Franciscan Order. Congratulations, Brother Paul-John

Photographs provided by Anne Chittleborough

Other News

- Di and Rupert Best are currently touring Europe. They deserve a break from their very close involvement both at SSPJ and with the parish.
- Our bottle and can collection is progressing well. We are grateful for the success of the pigeon treatment, but rats and mice have caused damage to the sanctuary and the vestry.
- It is good that the residents of Old Noarlunga, along with other affected areas, are relieved at last of the Corella plague (until next season?).
- Our local residents group has advertised our church details in their bi-monthly newsletter.

Wallace Mausolf & Mary Blagrove, Wardens.

Have your say!

The Pastoral District Council has distributed a survey on the activities suggested in the Pastoral District Future Directions document.

Please collect a copy from the back of your church and return the completed survey by Sun-

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St Ann's

- Congregation numbers are holding up well with the beginning of winter
- Thank you to SSPJ for their hospitality at their
- Patronal Festival
- The Kitto/Russo wedding was the first for a long while
- The April Family Tea very enjoyable and hosted one new face.
- Ground levels surrounding Church and Hall surveyed by Peter Chapman to indicate that shaping is needed prior to new stone being spread – quotes to follow.
- Jumble Sale on May 15th was successful and \$500 was raised.
- Mice are trying to move in for the winter!!

 Bill Cale & Peter Chapman, Wardens

St Stephen's

- After the good rain, weeds are appearing in the driveway – a working bee to remove them will be organised in May. May need to ask for assistance.
- Pentecost Sunday was great success. Thanks to guest organist, Barrie Bowden. The Pastoral District also thanks Barrie for his careful maintenance of our historic reed organ. Thanks to those who prepared the church and to Wendy Sandercock, who made the Pentecost cake. Lunch at the Alma Hotel was enjoyed by 29 parishioners.



Lunch at the Alma Hotal after the Pentecost service at St Stephen's

- Baptism on June 5, 2010.
- Used a Mass service booklet based on *A Prayer Book* for Australia one Saturday Evening.
- The church was open from 10am to 4 pm on Saturday May 29 and Sunday May 30 for the History Week Walk around Willunga using a Passbook to visit local historic buildings. There were extra copies of *The Grapevine* and a new SV brochure. Thanks to the volunteers, who welcomed our interested visitors.
- Peter Kyloh has joined the Reading team. Thanks for filling in for the absent reader on Saturday May 8

St Margaret's

- The Special Vestry held at St Ann's on April 14th provided some direction for the future.
- Home visiting is continuing as is visiting the sick; an ongoing Ministry in this centre.
- There is continued support for the Sing-a-long with the residents of Colton Court.
- Hospital visiting has begun and has proven to be fruitful
- The St Margaret's Guild ladies have had a number of catering activities for funerals at Kalyra Aged Care. They also catered for Tom Drought's engagement party on Sunday May 16, 2010.
- Sunday School numbers are down but Verna
 Adams continues with excellent preparation; the
 children give a reflection of their lesson at the end
 of the service.
- April Mavis Brown was baptised on Sunday May 16. Over 70 visitors including 30 children.
- Still seeking out a second warden. If you are interested contact Fr Phil.

Di Rickard, Warden.

Social Committee

- Twenty six parishioners attended the Proms concert at the Hopgood Theatre on Sunday 30th of May. No doubt the afternoon program rather than the evening program has appealed to more people this year.
- The committee has no planned social events until July, when we will hold another Parish Breakfast. Further details will be given next month.
- We need another representative on the committee from St Margaret's to replace Sue Judd, who will be leaving us at the end of July.

Wendy Sandercock, Convenor.



Matthew Hearn shows Bishop Stanley his book, watched by mother, Donna Hearn.

Photo: Anne Chittleborough

Schools Ministry

"Chaplaincy in Australian government schools is making a major contribution to school morale; it is proactive, unique, effective and important. Government project funding should be continued when the three year cycle of project funding ends." These words encapsulate the sentiments of 98% of principals who took part in Australia's first ever national research project on "The effectiveness of national School Chaplaincy Association (NSCA) Chaplains in Government Schools in Australia.

Within South Australia over 300 Government schools have an established chaplaincy program. The responses from School Principals have been extremely positive. Chaplains in SA government schools are known as Christian Pastoral Support Workers.

The study also found that Chaplains were accessible and approachable, dealt with a wide range of issues ranging from behaviour management, social and family relationship issues to matters relating to social inclusion and racism.

The Southern Vales has CPS workers in four Primary Schools and Willunga High School. Mentors for Primary Schools boys are also provided.

The Anglican Pastoral District of Southern Vales supports this activity through funds provided by the monthly Gold Coin Collection and a direct grant from Pastoral District funds. In addition volunteers assist at the Sausage Sizzle at the Willunga Quarry Market in October and November.

The Pastoral District Council has agreed to organise additional funds so that Pastoral District funds can be applied to other activities. The suggestion is a **Cakeless Cake stall**. Labeled Schools Ministry envelopes will be supplied at each Centre and parishioners are asked to place in this envelope an amount of money that would have been spent on making a cake or what would have been spent buying a cake (\$5.00-\$10.00) at this virtual cake stall.

Envelopes will be available from Sunday, June 13 until the virtual stall closes on Sunday June 27.

Envelopes to be returned to the Wardens at your Centre.

Please continue to support the Gold Coin Collection on the first Sunday of the month.

At a Regional meeting in May of Schools Ministry Employer teams in the Southern Fleurieu, it was noted that Australia is a mission field and CPS worker are at the forefront of this major mission activity. How do we support this valuable work? Yes, it is a different form of evangelism with potentially long term results that may provide the community with positive attitudes for interactions with Christian groups; even providing a Morning Tea for school staff can have positive outcomes. A MU group in SA has taken on a project to assist parents and carers of disabled children in a primary school. We need to look out into our community and discover its needs and in many cases we can help by caring and being supportive.

Please keep Schools Ministry in your prayers.

Ted Sandercock, Anglican representative, SV Schools Ministry Employers

The Cakeless Cake Stall

Use the **Schools Ministry Envelope** available at your Centre to donate a sum of money that you would have spent to make or buy a cake from this virtual stall.

All funds will go as our additional contribution to Schools Ministry.

The Cakeless Cake stall will be open from Sunday June 13 to Sunday June 27.

Return your Envelope to the Wardens at your Centre.

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 special time for children

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

Parish Secretary, Wendy Sandercock Ph 8556 4535 email: wendysac@westnet.com.au

The parish office is not regularly attended but messages can be left on the message bank 08 8323 9155

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