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# The Grapevine

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

## Willunga Almond Blossom Festival

The Willunga Almond Blossom Festival (July 24 to July 31) provides an opportunity for members of the Southern Vales Pastoral District to take their ministries into the community. The Festival opportunities began with the *Free Games* on the Willunga Oval on Saturday afternoon. This event was organised by the combined church communities within the Southern Vales and FUSION. The Pastoral District Council decided not to formally participate but encourage members to help on the



Saturday and the Sunday afternoons. However, the Pastoral District has taken the lead to organise and participate in an *Advent Pageant* in November at Aldinga.

On Sunday, July 25, members joined the Festival Procession with Fishers of Men. (Matthew 3:19). A Pastoral District brochure was handed out along with sweets for Children.



Wendy Sandercock, Margaret & Bill Cale, Tom Drought, Heather & Peter Chapman



**Blessing of the Tools:** Beverly Driver, Bp Stanley, Fr. Tom, Trish Frith (Mistress of Ceremonies).

After the Procession, the *Blessing of the Tools* was celebrated by Bp. Stanley Goldsworthy and Fr. Tom Gleeson

From Monday to Thursday each congregation staffed the Anglican Stall in the Willunga Sports Centre, where excellent lunches were available and lunch guests were entertained by students from the local schools.

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

The stall sold a great range of cakes, biscuits, slices, fresh produce, and jams. Thank you to all the people who contributed and all who staffed the Stall.

Lorna McGaffin, Sylvia Francis and Heather Whyte ready for customers after setting up.



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 editor, Anne Chittleborough, 23 The Esplanade, Pt Willunga 5173, Ph 8556 5078 or email machit@comstech.com.au, preferably by 15th August

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

### NEWS FROM PASTORAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Council met on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July hosted in the Rectory with Fr Phil in the chair in greatly improved health and spirits. Thank you to Fr Phil and Carol for your hospitality and afternoon tea break. After opening with prayer, major items of business discussed included:

**Maintenance at St Philip & St James:** Still awaiting a report from the structural engineers on the plaster falling from above the East window. Rupert Best will follow up.

**Cakeless Cake Stall** raised approximately \$300 for Southern Vales Schools' Ministry. Final figure next month.

**Pastoral District brochure:** An internal version has been completed and was circulated. A suggestion to change the front logo was accepted and it will now be available for new parishioners.

**Personal Room Hire:** A new Insurance manual has been received from the Diocesan Office and includes guidelines for hire of rooms. A \$25 insurance excess fee for private use will need to be charged in addition to the donation. Final figure for a session to be determined at the next meeting.

**Insurance Valuation Review:** Parish Secretary has obtained a price list which can be used to value the contents of the four churches. Separate building valuations will be completed in the next few weeks.

**Parish Breakfast at St Ann's:** Agreed that it was very successful with the highest number of people yet and a worthwhile function to repeat. See Social Report

**Sunday School Room kitchen window:** Following a suggestion to replace the louvres with a sliding window in order to reduce dust; members of the Grounds & Maintenance Committee inspected the site after the meeting.

**Shirley Garfit Bequest:** It was proposed that the interest from Shirley's bequest be used to finance ministry education and clergy professional development.

**Falcon nesting box:** Mary Blagrove announced that, with all necessary approvals and at no cost to the Parish, a box in a strong metal frame has been placed on the tower of St Philip & St James by a falcon enthusiast in the hope of encouraging breeding and with the benefit of keeping the pigeons away. Falcons have been regularly seen on the tower.

**Pastoral Assistants:** Wallace Mausolf thanked Fr Phil for what he has done in bringing the Pastoral Assistants together for regular meetings and his practical help. Fr Phil expects that this will continue after the arrival of Fr Paul.

**Financial Reports** were presented by the Parish Treasurer:

Total income for June	\$4,452.90
Total expenses for June	<u>3,250.57</u>
Surplus	1,202.33
Total income YTD	\$32,802.80
Total Expenses YTD	\$29,592.18

Di Best

**John 6:41** *THE PEOPLE STARTED GRUMBLING ABOUT HIM, BECAUSE HE SAID, I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE THAT CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN.*

How dare Jesus claim to be the Bread of Life! The people knew His parents, they were neighbours, all their lives they had known Him, and their judgement made them blind to the truth, all they wanted to see was a carpenter, so all they could see was a carpenter.

They were judges of externals, and of human values only, that is why our Lord was rejected by these people, for them there was no way a carpenter could be the Son of God.

Because they had made up their minds they were unable to receive what He offered. But whether they liked it or not, and whether they approved or not made no difference, closed minds cannot hold back the Gospel. So the truth stands firm. Only in and through Jesus can anyone know life in it's fullness.

To know Jesus as the Bread of life who offers us Himself in The Eucharist saves us from ignorance and closed minds repeating this mistake for ourselves, for in it we recognise who Jesus is: the Christ, the living bread come down from heaven.

Here God reminds us that He comes to us on His terms and strange as it may seem His terms are a Cross and bread and wine. Symbols of obedience and dependence. The only way to know who Christ is, and where He calls us is to keep in communion with Him. The bread and the wine of the Eucharist are the instruments He uses to demonstrate the communion He wants us to share with Him, that's why we call it Holy Communion.

*with every blessing*  
*Phil*



The Christian life of some churchgoers is so inconspicuous that you'd think Jesus commanded his followers to "Go into all the world, shut up and keep your heads down." *Murray Watts*



## August

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>

Friday 6<sup>th</sup>

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>

Monday 9<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>

Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

Gold Coin Collection for CPS\* workers

**ST ANN'S PATRONAL FESTIVAL  
TRANSFIGURATION**

Mothers' Union 9.30 am St George's, Magill

Visit by St George's 12 noon, St Ann's

St Ann's Guild 3.00 pm

St Margaret's Guild 2.00 pm

Colton Court singers 11 am -12

Parish Council, Rectory, 2.00 pm

Women's Fellowship, St Margaret's, 10 am

**BARTHOLOMEW**

Parish Prayer Group, St Margaret's, 10 am

St Ann's Quiz Night, 6.30 for 7.00pm start

## September

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>

Monday 6<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>

Monday 13<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Friday 24<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>

**MARTYRS OF NEW GUINEA**

Gold Coin Collection for CPS\* workers

Mothers' Union 9.30 am, St Margaret's

Colton Court singers 11 am-12

Back to Church Sunday

St Ann's Guild 1.30 pm

St Margaret's Guild 2 pm

Women's Fellowship, St Margaret's, 10 am

St Ann's Jumble Sale

**MATTHEW**

Parish Prayer Group St Margaret's 10 am

St Ann's Family Tea 6.30-8.30

**MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS**

\*Christian Pastoral Support



## QUIZ NIGHT ST ANN'S ROOM

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 27TH,  
2010**

**6.30pm for 7.00 pm START**

**ST ANN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH,  
PLAINS ROAD, ALDINGA**

**COST: \$6.00**

**TABLES OF 8**

If you cannot bring 8 people,  
come anyway and join another  
intelligent table.

**TEA & COFFEE PROVIDED**

**BYO DRINKS & NIBBLES**

**RAFFLE**

**Contact Val Martin on 8556 6100**

**to make a Booking**

## 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,  
August 25th at 10 am.

*Gillian Clampett*

## Back to Church Sunday: September 12

**Back to Church Sunday** is the single largest local  
church invitational initiative in the world.

It is based on the simplest and shortest step in  
evangelism – that we should invite someone we  
already know to something we love; invite our  
friend to church. **Who will YOU invite?**

Thirteen Parishes/Pastoral Districts in our Diocese  
have responded positively to the **Back to Church  
Sunday** initiative.

*Invitation cards will be available at your church.*



## Mothers Union

The next meeting of MU will be  
**Joining Together Day: Mary Sumner Day** at  
St George's, Magill on Saturday 7th August at  
9.30 am. Further details from *Barbara Jeanes*,  
8556 4440 .

The **September 6th** meeting will be held at St  
Margaret's McLaren Vale at 9.30am. This will  
be the *Wave of Prayer*.

There will be a Trading Table.

Hostesses, Intercessions and Bible reading:  
Carol Anderson and Di Rickard.

*Contact: Barbara Jeanes 8556 4440*

## Christian Care & Support Centre

Invitation to AGM  
Monday August 16  
at 7.30 pm

Aldinga Uniting Church Hall, Main St Aldinga  
*Please come along and support the operations of  
this local organisation*

## **St Ann's**

Re-grading and resurfacing of surrounds now done – waiting on a few more “soaks” to settle material before final trim.

Worship services core support continues well.

Understandably numbers fluctuate due to health/ weather pressures – but still manage 20+. Thank you to the celebrants and we welcome Paul Zimmermann as an Eucharistic Assistant.

Family Tea was back in June, our July gathering will be on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> surrounded by “jumble”, but August Tea will be the much anticipated Quiz Night on 27<sup>th</sup>.

July 24<sup>th</sup> book/clothes jumble sale ( inside hall only ) was slipped in to reduce stocks of these items and keep us in “circulation”. It will run from 9am to 1pm.

Much to the disappointment of some at St Ann's the recent oven fire did not disable the stove or render it unsafe and thus no upgrade replacement was needed – better luck next time Ladies!!

Our power bill for the June quarter was nearly double last year's.

We enjoyed hosting the Parish Breakfast – Many thanks to the organisers, contributors, and “consumers” . Nothing like a bit of inclement weather perhaps to give us that extra boost to overcome the challenge!



*John & Francis Sanders and Paul Zimmermann enjoy the breakfast*

Almond Blossom Festival parade – 10.30am Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July – is a work in progress that we hope as many “bodies” as possible can join in to show an Anglican Presence. (see page 1)  
*Bill Cale & Peter Chapman*

## **St Margaret's**

Lovely Eucharist services from various priests and Morning Prayer from Wallace over the last 4 weeks. Thanks to all clergy.

As Sue & Greg Judd leave us after 8 years, we welcome newcomers Helen & Greg Roberts to our congregation. Praise God for sending them to the Southern Vales.

A fitting send off for Greg & Sue at Morning Tea after the Service on July 11.



Good roll up at St Ann's last Saturday morning. Hearty thanks to the chefs inside and out, as the weather was not kind. Thanks also to Peter Chapman, who is a real talent. We know which gift God gave him.

*Di Rickard*

## **St Philip & St James**

We have missed Fr Phil's administration of the Eucharist and wish him well in his recovery from recent illness.

We have also missed Connie Carroll's accompaniment and likewise wish her well.

It was good to have Connie's relations with us on July 11.

Christine has continued to accompany our services and we thank her valued contribution.

Bishop Stanley and Fr Graham were celebrants for our services.

The fabric of the chancel, sanctuary and vestry were inspected by John Goldfinch of FMG Engineering and suggestions were made for the treatment of the cracking, but we have not received a written report.

It is good to have Di and Rupert back following their overseas holiday.

Our thanks to Steven Wells for care of the lamps and other duties.

The grounds remain in good shape and water run off is well controlled.

Congratulations to other congregations on special events that they conducted and have in mind.

Access to Old Noarlunga is severely affected by current road works at the Seaford Road intersection during peak traffic time. It is advisable to access from Seaford Road and to travel via Patapinda Pd through the town, rather than use South Road.

*Mary Blagrove & Wallace Mausolf*





*Bishop Stanley assisted by Mathew Hearn at the John Keble Eucharist on July 18, 2010 at St Philip & James*

## ***St Stephen's***

Next major event is the Willunga Almond Blossom Festival and the Anglican Pastoral District stall from Monday July 26 to Thursday July 29. Procession on Sunday July 25 at 10.30 am Evensong service held on July 11 as Fr Phil was recovering from his illness. Welcome to the Warrington's, who have moved to Willunga. Thanks to City of Onkaparinga, who continue to mow the grounds. Need to hold a working bee to continue work on the slate area. Windy weather has left branches broken from the peppercorn tree and a golden wattle.

*Margaret Cameron & Ted Sandercock*

## ***Social Committee***

The Parish Breakfast on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July was a very successful event. We fed 44 people (including 4 children) a hearty cooked breakfast on a very cold, blustery morning. A big thank you to the cooks and to the wonderful helpers who set up and then cleared away. We didn't set out to make a profit, but we now have enough funds in hand to finance refreshments at the Christmas lunch.

This year we plan to hold the lunch at the SEM Cafe at Seaford, on Saturday November 27<sup>th</sup>. We have been offered a very attractive menu at a reasonable price and with the added advantage of being able to provide our own alcoholic beverages. A menu will be circulated to all centres in the next few weeks.

*Wendy Sandercock*

## ***Scenes from the Parish Breakfast***



*The inclement weather did not deter the cooks, Michael Chapman, Bill Cale and Peter Chapman. The sausages, bacon & eggs were much appreciated*



*Service please!*



*Peter Chapman entertained the breakfast eaters with some of his poetry*

## ***Thanks***

A big thank you to Anne Lear, Val Martin, and Vera Penny for their help in preparation for the Parish Breakfast; also the wonderful cooks both indoors and out. A great turn out by Parishioners!

## Around the traps continued...



**Free Games:** Families and friends join in the Water Balloon Volleyball. The Games were supported by the Local Christian Communities.



**Almond Blossom procession team:** Trish Frith, Margaret Cale, Wendy Sandercock, Val Martin, Bill Cale, Tom Drought, Bill Jeanes, Heather Chapman, Eileen Binns and Peter Chapman. Well done, faithful servants!



**Tuesday helpers at the Anglican Almond Blossom Stall:** Eileen Binns, Trish Frith, Vera Penny, and Pat Roper.

## Synod 2010

Synod began at Christ Church, O'Halloran Hill on Friday July 2, with a well attended Synod Holy Eucharist. The Administrator, Archdeacon Richard Seabrook delivered the sermon which emphasised conducting ourselves in the love and trust of Jesus and only in Him can we hope to move forward in a positive and Godly manner. Fr. Richard also stressed that there would be a willingness for transparency throughout Synod. It became clear from the outset that all of the issues to be discussed on the agenda were going to be vigorously questioned and scrutinised by Synod Representatives.

While the meeting began with a sense of wariness, Fr. Richard carefully considered each individual's point of view. It was this careful, slow and considerate attitude, which gained trust amongst members of Synod. He was respectful and courteous to everyone, and in doing so engendered a positive sense of resolve, even with the most difficult of issues.

The Synod dinner was held at the Imperial Prince Chinese Restaurant, O'Halloran Hill.

There is still the majority of the agenda to work through and with Fr. Richard at the helm, we can give thanks to God for this brave chairman, even if he does barrack for the wrong footy team!

The following items were discussed and passed: Observers to Synod- after a lengthy discussion whether or not the recently appointed Synod Solicitor, John Strachan, would be accorded a seat at Synod, this motion was finally passed. There was a disagreement as to when his appointment commenced.

Financial Reports—with a major concern about the Legal Expenses of \$174,000 (Budget \$3,000).

This was mainly due to accounting procedures.

Report of the Diocesan Council—a tabled addendum was not included and so remains on the table for further deliberations.

Report of the Murray Anglican

Ministry and Mission—a full session to be devoted to this topic in Synod 2011.

Ministry Development Officer— Diocesan Council asked to investigate an appointment.

Episcopal Standards Cannon - the Legislative Review Committee to prepare a an Ordinance for Synod 2011

2010 Budget will need to be recommitted as the Rate of Assessment was changed from the proposed 13% back to 12%.

After thank you motions were passed, the Synod was adjourned at 3 pm on the Saturday.

Synod reconvenes on the Friday, 27th August at Christ Church, O'Halloran Hill.

*Julia Drought, Ted Sandercock & Felicity Warrington*



## **Education for Ministry**

Education for Ministry (EfM) is an extensive educational program of theology and ministry linking the faith of the Christian tradition with the events of everyday life, such that the one inspires the other. Lay people face the difficult, often subtle, task of interpreting the richness of the church's faith in a complex and confusing world. They need a theological education which supports their faith and encourages its expression in the day-to-day events of life.

When the emphasis of the baptised people of God took place in the 20th century, EfM became an important part of that growth by providing an educational program that develops an informed and skilled laity for God's mission in the world.

EfM is worldwide and used throughout the Anglican Church. The program has operated in Australia since 1978 and currently there are more than 50 groups operating in rural and urban centres. There are groups in Canada, USA, Great Britain, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Mexico, The Bahamas, Honduras, Italy, Switzerland and West Germany.

The EfM vision sees a partnership between the ordained and the laity as they work side by side in the mission of God. The goal of EfM is to enable expression in word and deed of the baptismal commitment—to strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God and neighbour for all of life.

EfM is a program of theological education and ministry formation over four years, one year at a time:

Year 1—Old Testament Studies

Year 2 – New Testament Studies

Year 3—Church History

Year 4—Contemporary Theology

Participating Parishes have found that this program benefits Lay Leaders, especially Parish Visitors, Lay Assistants and Parish Council members.

There is an annual fee for the learning materials and a group fee, which may be provided from a Ministry Development Fund.

### **Interested?**

Further Information (*EfM Prospectus*) and *Frequently asked questions about EfM* are available from the Parish Secretary (An EfM graduate).



***A tasty selection on the Anglican Almond Blossom Stall.***

*Thanks to all people would contributed to this successful activity*

## **Bush Church Aid (BCA)**

I have taken over from Barbara Jeanes as BCA box collector and promoter of this great organisation. Since our retirement Alf and I have travelled through many of the areas serviced by BCA, and have seen the wonderful work these people do. I hope I can bring to you regular updates and information on some of the BCA activities. If you don't have a BCA box and would like one, please contact me.

A gold coin weekly will help these people continue their work in the name of the Lord.

*Anne Lear 8556 5520 Mobile:0417866779*

## **Dampier Seafarers Centre**

*Anne and Alf visited Fr. Ian McGilvray at the Seafarers Centre Dampier on the NW coast of WA on a recent trip to Karratha.*

*The following is communication from Fr. Ian. It has been edited.*

The Dampier Seafarers' Centre has the privilege to demonstrate and proclaim the Gospel of Christ's redeeming love to the many seafarers of all races and creeds, who have visited Dampier since 1972. We share our faith by offering spiritual support, friendship, hospitality, comfort in times of distress, aid in emergencies, counseling for those with problems and help in the cases of injustice.

Susan and I have now been serving the Lord in Dampier for just over seven years. These seven years have been a time of joy, challenge and growth for myself, the staff and for the many volunteers who have worked in the Centre. We have one full time staff member (me), two part time staff and twenty volunteers; considering Dampier has a population of less than 1500, we are blessed by the number of volunteers we have. Without the work and dedication of these willing, busy people the Centre could not function.

In this last year we have had the privilege to be able to offer hospitality to over ten thousand seafarers from twelve hundred vessels. I also enjoyed visiting 413 of these vessels. Over four thousand tourists and non-seafaring visitors also made use of our facilities. We have Sunday evening services every week; the attendance at these services can be a bit erratic with the average of four seafarers attending per week, although I am pleased to report that a couple of local residents are now attending on a very regular basis. In addition to these weekly services, eighteen services were requested and given on ships berthed in port. In this past year, I have officiated at nine weddings and one funeral. We continue to provide, free of charge, to any seafarer who may request them, the Bible (in 39 languages) and the Jesus DVDs/Videos (in 32 languages), as well as an assortment of Christian tracts in many languages. Twenty-two seafarers were visited in hospital and 92 have received counseling.

We are only able to contact about 75% of the seafarers, who man these vessels. There is still much work to be done. In addition, several large projects are being developed in the port to cater for the resources trade. I ask you to pray that our Lord will continue to give us compassion and vision.

*Fr Ian*

*The full article is available from Anne Lear.*

## From St Ann's Sunday School

*This is a version of Jesus' story put together for the Parish paper by St Ann's Sunday school.*

### A TRUE FRIEND see Luke 10:25-37

One day a man was going along the road from *Adelaide to Aldinga* when hoon's attacked him, took his phone and his wallet, and left him lying in the gutter.

Along came a *Christian person* but when he saw what looked like a dead body, he hurried past because *it was a bit too scary!*.

Along came a *medical expert*. But he had a good excuse not to stop, because *he didn't have his medical equipment with him*. So he kept going very quickly.

Finally, along came a *bikie* on his *motor-bike*. He stopped and took pity on the man. He did as much first aid as he could, then put the man on *his motor-bike* and took him to *Flinders hospital*.

Jesus said – Which of those three men was the true friend? You go and do the same!

## Almond Blossom Festival : Free Games



The Free Games were supported by the local Christian Communities



Families concentrate on wood work activities.

*We will have differing views on church issues but the Eucharist is a sign, that despite those differences of opinion, we are one in Christ. Therefore the love of Jesus that we receive in the Eucharist must be the love we share with one another, in our thoughts, words and deeds. We must work together in charity and peace; we must pray for each other in a spirit of reconciliation; we must outwardly show true love and gentleness with one another.*

From the Homily preached at the Diocesan Synod, July 2, 2010 by The Venerable Richard A Seabrook, Administrator, Diocese of The Murray.

## Parish Service Times

### St Stephen's, Willunga

Saturday: Holy Communion: 5.30 pm

### St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga

Sunday: Holy Communion: 9.00am

### St Ann's, Aldinga

Sunday: Holy Communion: 9.00 am  
with special time for children

### St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

Sunday: Holy Communion: 10.15am  
with Sunday School

Wednesday: Holy Communion: 9:00am

## Southern Vales contact information:

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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](mailto:wendysac@westnet.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>

## More Almond Blossom Procession



### Look what we caught!

Fisherwomen: Trish Frith, Margaret Cale, Wendy Sandercock and Val Martin.