



The Grapevine

October 2011

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



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A: Creative chaos B: Games time
C: Lily Kerkham & Emma Elliott
D: Trent Roper E: Greg Roberts
F: Janet Tassie & Nick Tassie
G: Bethany and Matthew Hearn.

Thank you photographers
J Drought (A,C,D,E,F),
P Devenport (B) and D Hearn (G)

Fr Paul Writes...

The cover of *The Grapevine* has most appropriately vines which are characteristic of the area we live in. It is a good title for this publication and full marks for the person who came up with the idea. In the Old Testament, the scriptures pictured Israel as the special vineyard that belonged to God. It describes how God lovingly tended the vineyard, protected it with stone walls, cultivated the soil and fertilised the vines, just as growers tend their vineyards today.

Vineyards were common in Jesus' time and he uses them in his parables. In one, Jesus speaks of the labourers in the vineyard, those who worked all day and those who were hired for just an hour before the work was completed. All the workers hired were paid the same amount. The parable is reassurance that everyone has an equal opportunity to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, if they turn to God and work in his vineyard. We should also let people know that there are job openings in the vineyard.

In another parable, Jesus speaks of two sons who were asked to work in his vineyard. One says he will but doesn't, and the other says no but does. The parable shows people who profess to believe in God but do not do what God wants from them. He would rather have someone who says no, but then changes their mind and makes a commitment to follow him, abides by his commandments and actively works in his vineyard.

We are recognising this year the work that Christians have done to establish one of four churches in the Pastoral District, St Margaret's, McLaren Vale. We celebrated the centenary of the laying of the foundation stone of the church in June. Next month, we will celebrate the dedication of the church in 1911. There will be a dinner on Saturday night, the 12th of November, which you are all invited to. On Sunday, there will be one service in the Parish, a Dedication Service at 10 am followed by a shared picnic lunch in the grounds. At 2 pm, there will be a concert featuring students from the Tatchilla College. I hope you can be part of the celebrations over the weekend.

The celebration show that we are surrounded by the prayers and example of the faithful generations who have gone before us and the material fruits of their labourers. We are God's stewards and custodians in this particular generation to carry on with that faith and love of God. Please consider the letter you would have received relating to the Stewardship Campaign and your commitment for the next 12 months in giving financially. Giving is part of God's work in providing the ministry required in this Pastoral District. I would urge you to consider the debit system through Bank SA or the envelope system as part of your commitment to the Parish, in helping to do God's work in the vineyard.

With every blessing in Christ

Fr Paul



Willunga Quarry Market

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Sat. 8th October,

Sat. 12th November

**Volunteers welcome, and
sausage eaters too.**

Saunter by and sample a sausage!
Proceeds support the Christian Pastoral Support
Workers in our schools.

Enquiries: Margaret Cale ph 8556 5236

Christian Pastoral Support Workers Information Session

For those interested in considering Christian Pastoral Support work, an information session will be held on
Wednesday 2nd November from 7-9 pm at 13
Hampton Street, Hawthorn.

Enquiries: Ted Sandercock ph 8556 4535

Picnic! (see photos p. 1)

There was something for everyone at the Sunday School picnic—games and activities for the children, relaxation for the mums, dads and grandparents, and yummy food—although not all the young picnickers saw the day out! The day was so much enjoyed that three of the children who attended, when they got home, sat down and quite unprompted wrote a letter of thanks.



Well done Jac Hocking
and the Sunday School teachers!

(Above: Joshua Tassie
as seen by J Drought)

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We were blessed with perfect picnic weather when children and families from McLaren Vale, Aldinga and Willunga gathered at the rectory of St. Margaret's on Sunday September the 25th.

The children enjoyed games and races, including Rob the Nest and Fill the Bucket. Suspiciously, Father Paul seemed to be always on the winning team for the latter! A Scavenger Hunt and Treasure Hunt were also fun, with string and feathers proving a bit tricky to locate. The highlight of the day was a visit by a very determined echidna, who after burrowing into the Rectory yard, decided that the party was not for him and quickly retreated! He certainly attracted lots of interest from the children though.

Thanks must go to Helen and Fr. Paul for providing a lovely venue and for proving such wonderful hosts and Greg Roberts for cooking the yummy sausages!

Jac Hocking

What's on in October and November

October

- Sun 2nd Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers
 Mon 3rd Mothers' Union 9.30 am St Margaret's (see p. 5)
Enquiries: Trish Frith 8556 2604
 Sat 8th Quarry Market Sausage Sizzle for CPS workers
 Sun 9th Edward Giles family get-together, SSPJ 12 md
 Mon 10th St Ann's Guild 1.30 pm
Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100
 Tues 11th St Margaret's Guild 2 pm
Enquiries: Fran Pettigrew 8323 9366
 Thurs 13th Colton Court Singers 11 am-12
Enquiries: Sue MacKirdy 8556 5162
 Fri 14th St Ann's Mystery Night & dinner (next column)
 Wed 19th Women's Fellowship St Margaret's, 10 am
Enquiries: Margaret Cameron 8556 2343
 St Margaret's Guild fashion parade
 (next column)
 Thurs 20th Mayoral Breakfast (see next column)
 Fri 28th SIMON & JUDE
 St Ann's Family Tea 6.30—8.30 pm
Enquiries: Pat Roper 8386 2470
 Sat 29th Aldinga on Display (see p. 7)

November

- Tues 1st ALL SAINTS
 Wed 2nd ALL SOULS
 Thurs 3rd Granny Annie's Opening (see p. 7)
 Sun 6th Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers
 Mon 7th Mothers' Union Outing to Meadows
Watch Church Chatter for details.
 Tues 8th St Cecilia and St Barnabas Eucharist
 St Margaret's 11 am
 St Margaret's Guild
 Pastoral District Council 6.30 pm
 Thurs 10th Colton Court Singers
 Sat 12th Quarry Market Sausage Sizzle
 St Margaret's Centenary Dinner (next column)
 Sun 13th COMBINED SERVICE, ST MARGARET'S
 Basket lunch; Concert 2 pm (next column)
 Mon 14th St Ann's Guild
 Wed 16th [MARGARET OF SCOTLAND]
 Women's Fellowship
 Sat 19th St Ann's Jumble Sale
 Sun 20th CHRIST the KING
 Fri 25th Advent Pageant, Aldinga (see p. 7)
 St Ann's Family Tea
 Sun 27th ADVENT I (Starting Bible Studies)

*Christian Pastoral Support

Bible Studies

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

Mystery Night

St Ann's, Friday 14th October,
 6 for 6.30 pm
 Tickets from Val Martin 8556 6100
 \$20 for pre-dinner drinks and a 3-
 course meal

Wine available \$1 per glass.
 You may like to 'dress up' for the occasion



City of Onkaparinga Mayoral Prayer Breakfast 20th October

South Adelaide Football Club
 7 for 7.15 - 9.00 am

\$27.50 per person or \$260 for a table of 10
 Guest speaker Dr Lyn Arnold AO;
 MC is Channel 7 weather man Brenton Ragless.
 To join the Southern Vales table, contact Fr Paul.

Lift your style!

FASHION PARADE St Margaret's Tuesday 25th Oct.



1.30 pm to 4 pm in
 the Sunday School
 room.

Tickets \$5

Afternoon tea
 provided.
 Door prize & raffle.

Clothes by Postie
 Fashions

St Margaret's McLaren Vale CENTENARY DINNER

SATURDAY 12TH NOVEMBER, 6.30 pm
 3-course meal \$20 including Centenary wine

RSVP by 4th November to Greg Roberts
 ph 0412 555 467 or Fr Paul at
 pdevenport@vtown.com.au

SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

10 am Parish Combined Service followed by
 BYO basket lunch in the church grounds
 2 pm Concert by Tatchilla College students.

News from September P D Council

The Pastoral District Council meeting this month was chaired by Archdeacon Reg Farnell. Matters discussed included the following (others matters appear in different places in this issue):

- **Back to Church Sunday** (11th September) had been the occasion for some people to respond to parishioners' invitations to join in the Sunday worship. Wider publicity would have been helpful, also a Diocesan media release. It was suggested that rather than spend money on buying promotional material, some of which had been inappropriate, it would be better to spend the same amount on producing our own material – perhaps with the title 'Welcome Sunday' instead of 'Back to Church' Sunday. Fr Reg spoke of the importance of choosing the day that's most appropriate for one's own parish, and perhaps having a speaker to give people the confidence to invite others.
- At an **Outreach Committee** meeting it had been agreed that Southern Vales should join with the Seaford Ecumenical Mission to look at outreach to the growing community in the district. There had been great enthusiasm and energy at the meeting. Churches should include some less formal, more welcoming services, for young families, like the 'Fridays at 6' evenings at St David's Burnside – this could possibly co-incide with the monthly St Ann's Family Tea night. Other suggestions might include a non-Eucharistic children's service, or a Family Service once a month. The importance of music was emphasised. It may be possible to link with singers or musicians from local schools.
- **Stewardship Sunday:** Margaret Cale had produced an attractive pamphlet to be circulated before Stewardship Sunday to give people food for thought before the day.
- Correspondence had been received from a parishioner regarding ideas for an alternative development of the **St Margaret's land**. Copies had been sent to Diocesan Council and would be considered at the appropriate consultation stage.
- It was reported that the **Bishop Election Committee** was continuing to meet. Should there be no resolution by 12 months from its formation (5th December) there would be a special call of Synod to elect another committee. Present members could be re-elected.

Finance Report:

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| Monthly Income | \$8,344.85 |
| Monthly Expenditure | \$6,594.20 |
| Profit (!) | \$1,750.65 |
| Finances for year to August 31 st : | |
| Income | \$57,464.12 (\$10,364.12 over budget) |
| Expenditure | \$58,051.68 (\$1,220.32 under budget) |
| Loss | -\$8,067.71 |
| Donations to Missions | \$3,820.90 |

[Date of the next meeting still to be decided.]

Around the traps...

St Stephen's, Willunga



Photo: P Devenport

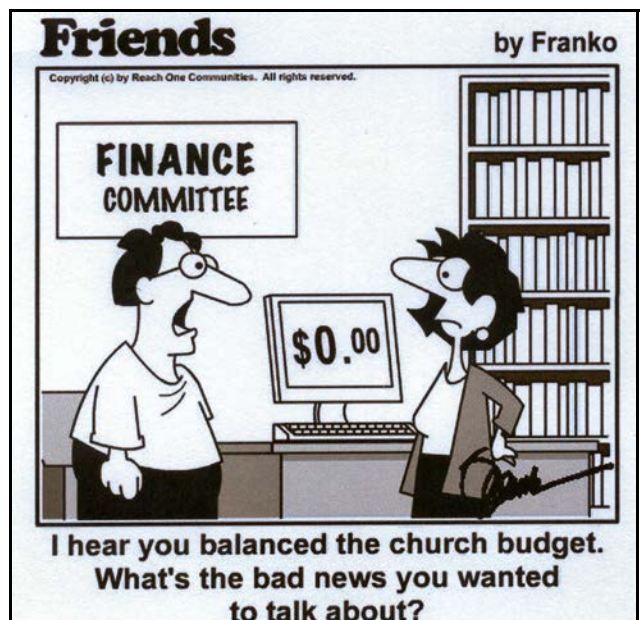
A beautiful chalice and ciborium have been donated to St Stephen's by Kate and Jan Hall in memory of Kate's father Ken Hall, who was for many years a parishioner at St Stephen's. They were blessed at the service on Saturday 17th September.

We are glad to have the Sandercocks back from their trip to China.

The Gilpin family from Mt Compass brought a trailer and spent a day mowing, trimming trees and generally cleaning up the grounds around the church in preparation for their daughter's wedding—a contribution to parish life which is very much appreciated. Thank you!

We look forward to Fr Scott Moncrieff taking our service on Saturday 1st October.

Margaret Cameron, Ted Sandercock



St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga

9th October is the date of the Giles family reunion at St Philip & St James'. A memorial plaque to Edward Giles, a former benefactor of the church, will be installed in the porch.

We were grateful to have Fr Ed Pumphrey help out with our service in Bishop Stanley's absence, and Felicity Warrington to relieve Connie Carroll at the organ.

After a time with low numbers in the congregation our holiday-makers have returned and we are glad to have them with us once more.

We would like to commend Pat Roper and Margaret Cale on the Stewardship material, and also the purposeful nature of the meetings preparing for Stewardship Sunday.

We have a crop in the top paddock and it is looking good. The land is well tended by the lessee.

Wallace Mausolf



The meeting on **3rd October** at St Margaret's is a 'Bring and buy', Helen Cook is giving her profile, and we have a discussion paper on the relationship between David and Jonathon, so bring Bibles.

7th November will be our outing and we are looking at travelling to Meadows to view the wall hanging in the Anglican Church there.

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Some of our members went to a gathering at Goolwa on 5th September where Maureen Moores, Christian Pastoral Support worker at Victor Harbor was the guest speaker. She highlighted the need to support the schools' chaplaincy programme in what are tough parenting times. She mentioned especially the number of 13-year-old girls caught up in texting and alcohol abuse.

Trish Frith

St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

It has been all go at St Margaret's lately with the Jumble Sale and the Sunday School picnic, let alone the planning for the Fashion Parade, and the church's Centenary on 13th November.

The Jumble Sale went very well, raising approximately \$500. Thank you to Lorna McGaffin and the other helpers who did an excellent job and made it a successful day.

Greg Roberts



A memorial seat in honour of Cyril McGaffin, who was such a tireless worker at St Margaret's, now has its dedicatory plaque and is soon to be blessed. Catching the early morning sunlight it is already being put to good use.

Above: Cyril (inset) and Lorna McGaffin.



Emily Crook R I P

Sadly, little Emily Crook for whom we have been praying, lost her battle with cancer. We commend her and her family to our Lord's loving care.

Introducing...

With new people joining our worshipping community we hope to be able from time to time as space permits to introduce readers to someone they may not yet know. This month we introduce...

...Emily Sandow

Hi, my name's Emily Sandow, I've recently moved to the area in August. I am living at Port Willunga with Heather and Peter Chapman in their charming studio apartment in their back yard. I am a vet working at the Willunga Vet clinic. I'm originally from the Clare Valley where my parents still live on a sheep farm. For the last few years I was working in rural England in a mixed animal practice, I then travelled through South America with my long-term partner, Josh. I am really enjoying living, working and getting to know this lovely part of the world!





St Ann's Church repair work started - and not a moment too soon!

As seen in the 'before & after' photos, it would not have been long before the arch crumbled. Thanks to the Mills team for doing what they do best. The stone repair work will continue on and off for a couple of weeks.

Thank you for your patience, and please tell our hard working stone masons Dean and Carl Mills how great it looks.

Photos: P Chapman

St Ann's Aldinga

A bird bath has been installed in the garden, and Bill Jeans has been busy in the cemetery putting in new timber grave site edges and restoring the seats. The Black Cockatoos however have been having fun scattering pinecones all over the place for Bill to pick up.

We are currently looking at upgrading the power to the church and hall, but this will move slowly.

30 copies of *A Prayer Book for Australia* have arrived. It is wonderful that so many parishioners have contributed. Jack Sanders has written the name of the donor in each donated book in beautiful calligraphy. Some books have also been purchased for personal use. Anyone who has not received their ordered Prayer Book please see Peter Chapman.

The jumble sale was as usual, all systems go. The day was a slow one but we raised \$407 and every cent counts. Thanks to all who helped on the day.

Last week was our Stewardship Sunday. Pat and I wish to acknowledge all those who contribute so much in making St Ann's such a vibrant place to be. We wish to emphasise that it is the stewardship from the love you have that makes St Ann's really work; and what a blessing it is to serve as wardens for you. Your financial giving has been truly marvellous, Pat and I are astounded in the generosity of giving; there is at times what seems to be beyond what is expected. There is enthusiasm and expectancy to reach out, support one another, and to serve the church. We truly say Thank you and know and see God's blessings flow.

Peter C Chapman, Pat Roper

**Please note that from Sunday 30th
October the service time for the Sunday
Eucharist at St Ann's will change to 9 am.**

More bloopers from pewsheets —again, not ours!

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

Next Thursday there will be auditions for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

***The Lion Handbook to the Bible*, 4th ed.
2 copies of this excellent book available \$12 each.
Enquiries: Fr Martin 8556 5078**

St Ann's is going ahead with plans for a drop-in centre to be open on Thursday mornings. Called 'Granny Annie's' (St Ann was the grandmother of Jesus) it is hoped that this will prove a caring and child-friendly venue for the growing residential area. The Primary School has promoted it in its fortnightly newsletter and local papers will be kept informed.

Join us on Granny Annie's Opening Day on Thursday 3rd November!

Thursday mornings at Granny Annie's



Meet new people

Cuppa and a chat

Visit historic church
& cemetery

Share your
"kid time" with
others

**St Ann's Hall,
7 Stonehouse Lane, Aldinga**

Comment of the month...

A recent visitor to St Ann's hall said, 'My word, you don't get expert stonework like this these days!' To which a parishioner pointed out proudly, 'It was done by 109 elderly volunteers!'

Grand finals fever in America...



THIS IS THE SAME MAN, PASTOR, WHO THINKS
THOSE PEOPLE WHO RAISE THEIR HANDS AT
CHURCH ARE RELIGIOUS FANATICS

Aldinga on Display

St Ann's will take part in the Aldinga community-building festival on Saturday 29th October. With the theme this year being children and young people, St Ann's will offer a Noah's Ark (BYO toy animals), meet Pete the Puppet, a BBQ and refreshments and a 'kids' stuff' mini-jumble sale. A display table will be located at the shopping center to promote our activities. If you can help with this, contact wardens Peter Chapman 8557 7151 or Pat Roper 8386.



Advent Pageant 25th November 2011

The schools and the churches together, bringing the Christmas message to the community at the Aldinga Shopping Centre.



Volunteers needed—setting up stage, walking/talking with the children, making cakes, decorating banners, praying for the event etc.

There is a place for you in the team!

Contact Anne Chittleborough 8556 5078 and come to a planning meeting at St Ann's hall, Wednesday 5th October 4-5.30 pm

Accommodation needed

Emily Sandow, new vet at Willunga, and St Ann's parishioner, is looking for a permanent place to rent. If you know of a local place available please call Peter Chapman 8557 7151.

Reflection...

'Do not recklessly spill the waters of your mind in this direction and that, lest you become like a spring lost and dissipated in the desert. But draw them together into a little compass, and hold them still. So still; and let them become clear, so clear—so limpid, so mirror-like; at last the mountains and the sky shall glass themselves in peaceful beauty, and the antelope shall descend to drink and to gaze at her reflected image, and the lion to quench his thirst, and Love himself shall come and bend over and catch his own likeness in you.'

[Edward Carpenter: 'The Lake of Beauty', in *A New Zealand Prayer Book*, p. 157



Do you have a mission box for your contribution to the mission work of the Bush Church Aid (supporting work in remote areas of Australia) or the Anglican Board of Mission (supporting mission work overseas)?



October is 'Box Month'!

To hand in your boxes or request new boxes, contact Anne Chittleborough for ABM (8556 5078) or Anne Lear (8556 5520) for BCA



Southern Vales Pastoral District

Contact information:

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Please respect Fr Paul's day off on Mondays.

Parish Secretary:
Sister Bev Driver
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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>



Earlier this year I was fortunate to be able to go to the North West Women's Conference at Karatha. The women had travelled long distances from remote NW Australia towns where the churches are ministered to by Bush Church Aid. It was a great opportunity for them to come together for fellowship, prayer—and shopping!

Anne Lear

To contact your church wardens:

St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga

Wallace Mausolf 8386 2338,

Stephen Wells 8326 7114

St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

Greg Roberts 8323 9331

St Stephen's, Willunga

Margaret Cameron 8556 2343

Ted Sandercock 8556 4535

St Ann's, Aldinga

Peter Chapman 8557 7151

Pat Roper 8386 2470

Parish Service times

St Stephen's, St Andrews Tce, Willunga

Saturday: Holy Communion: 5.30 pm

St Philip & St James, Church Hill Rd,
Old Noarlunga

Sunday: Holy Communion: 8.30 am

St Ann's, South Rd, Aldinga

Sunday: Holy Communion:

to 30th October: 8.30 am

November: 9 am

with children's lessons and activities

St Margaret's, Main Road McLaren Vale

Sunday: Holy Communion: 10.30 am with
Sunday School

Wednesday: Holy Communion: 9:00 am

But please note: From time to time the four centres of the Pastoral District combine in worship to celebrate special events. On those days there is only one Sunday service in the Pastoral District.

On Sunday 13th November the only service will be a combined Eucharist at 10 am at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale, to celebrate their Centenary (see p. 3)

People with 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.

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.