

November 2011

The Grapevine

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



Photo: V Martin



What a month October was!

October in the Pastoral District of Southern Vales was a month of murder and mystery, of 'kids' stuff' toys and Noah's Ark, of a Fashion parade, a family reunion, a Mayoral Prayer Breakfast and the opening of "Granny Annie's" See inside.

Above (L) *Guilty as charged?* And (R) *Puppet Pete seems to be in dispute with carpenter Noah.*

St Margaret's Centenary 12-13th November

Celebrate with us!

Centenary dinner Saturday 12th, St Margaret's, 6.30 pm
Sunday 13th—Pastoral District Combined service, 10 am
followed by BYO picnic in the church grounds
and at 2 pm a concert by Tatachilla Lutheran College students

Centenary wine still available—see Fr Paul.

After 9 years of fundraising, including such measures as subscription dances, donations, sale of strawberries, postcards, Easter Fair, a children's ball and dancing classes, a concert, a Recitation, a strawberry supper... the church dedicated to St Margaret was built.

Parish minutes record that *On Tuesday November 21st the church was dedicated by the Bishop [Nutter Thomas], who was accompanied by Archdeacons Clampett and Bussell, Canon Hornabrook, who assisted, as did Rev T P[ercy] Wood of Strathalbyn..*

At 3 pm Dedication
7 pm Confirmation (7 candidates)
8 am Wednesday, Celebration of Holy Communion

News from Pastoral District Council

At the October meeting of the Pastoral District Council the following matters were discussed. Other matters are included elsewhere in this issue.

Anglicare Partnership – Recent communication from Alan Mitchell (Anglicare) indicated that the draft Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) is back from the Diocesan lawyers with a request for minor adjustments. This reviewed document goes to the Anglicare SA Major Projects committee on November 3. Further information will be available after that date. Correspondence on an uncosted alternative has been forwarded to Diocesan Council for a response.

Parish Directory – after providing extra time for some parishioners to respond, the redesign of the Directory will commence and data will be entered. The new Directory should be ready for 2012.

St Margaret's People's Warden – Julia Drought has been appointed to serve until the 2012 Vestry meeting.

Stewardship – Fr Richard thanked Margaret Cale and her team for producing excellent, simple and well explained stewardship material. He intends to table this material at Diocesan Council and recommend that it be distributed across the Diocese as an example that could be widely used. The PD Council was informed that more letters of Stewardship Intention need to be returned as this will assist the preparation of the 2012 Pastoral District budget.

Outreach –discussion continuing with St Nicholas, Seaford Ecumenical Mission. **Granny Annie Coffee and Time Out** – St Ann's will be open each Thursday from 3rd November for tea & coffee as part of the Outreach mission of the Pastoral District.

Sausage Sizzle for Schools Ministry (November) –Ted Sandercock agreed to promote & organise volunteers for the November event.

Finances:

September

Monthly Income	\$ 5,373
Less Wine Costs	-\$ 1,269
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Monthly Expenditure	\$ 6,708
Loss	- \$ 2,605

Missions	\$ 389
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Finances (to September 30)

Income	\$54,087 (\$487 over budget)
Expenditure	\$64,760 (\$1,838 under budget)
Loss	\$10,673 (\$2,325 under budget)

Donations to Missions	\$ 4,210
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Next PD Council meeting will be on November 15 at 6.30 pm. Visitors welcome

Ted S

Meet Julia Drought, new Warden at St Margaret's



I am 54 years young and have lived in our McLaren Vale home for nearly 18 years. Before that we lived in Parkside—quite a sea change for our family. I'm married to Michael and we have four grown-up children, Miriam, Lucy, Tom and Annabelle. We live

on a 12 acre property opposite Tatachilla Lutheran College, where our children attended high school.

I have done relief teaching off and on since we moved here and in more recent years have looked after my late mother and continue to care for my father, Rev Tom Drought.

I'm addicted to patchwork, enjoy feeding my animals, reading and singing and have been playing the organ at St Margaret's for the past seven or eight years. I look forward to helping others in my role as warden at St Margaret's, though I'm still learning about the job. I hope I can make a positive contribution to our parish as so many have done before me in the past 100 years.

Julia

Jack Sanders R J P



We were greatly saddened by the death of Jack Sanders on 7th October. He has been a much loved and valued member of the community and the St Ann's congregation. His burial was in the cemetery he tended for many years. One of the last things he did was to do the calligraphy in the new prayer books. We will miss his support and encouragement,

along with that quick-witted dry humour, always delivered with precise timing. Our sympathies extend to Frances and his family at this time.

Pat Roper & Peter Chapman

Dahlis McKenzie R J P



Dahlis McKenzie died in Southport, Queensland, aged 96 years. Dahlis was for many years a parishioner At St Ann's. There will be a memorial service for her at St Ann's in January at a date to be decided.

Pat Roper

November

- Tues 1st** ALL SAINTS Eucharist 6 pm St Ann's followed by dinner at Shivers
- Wed 2nd** ALL SOULS Eucharist 9 am St Margaret's
- Thurs 3rd** Opening of **Granny Annie's**, St Ann's Aldinga, 9-11.30
Enquiries; Pat Roper 8386 2470
- Sun 6th** Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers
- Mon 7th** MU Outing to Meadows
Enquiries: Trish Frith 8556 2604
- Tues 8th** St Margaret's Guild 2 pm
Enquiries: Fran Pettigrew 8323 9366
- Thurs 10th** Colton Court Singers 11 am-12
Enquiries: Sue MacKirdy 8556 5162
- Sat 12th** Quarry Market Sausage Sizzle for CPS workers
Enquiries: Ted Sandercock 8556 4535
Centenary Dinner, St Margaret's, 6.30 pm
Enquiries: Greg Roberts 8323 9331
- Sun 13th** COMBINED SERVICE, ST MARGARET'S, 10 am
BYO basket lunch in the church grounds
2 pm Concert by Tatachilla College students, St Margaret's
- Mon 14th** St Ann's Guild 1.30 pm
Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100
- Tues 15th** PD Council, ST Margaret's 6.30 pm
- Wed 16th** [MARGARET OF SCOTLAND]
Women's Fellowship St Margaret's, 10 am
Enquiries: Margaret Cameron 8556 2343
- Sat 19th** St Ann's Jumble Sale Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100
- Sun 20th** CHRIST the KING
- Tues 22nd** St Cecilia and St Barnabas Eucharist St Margaret's 11 am,
followed by lunch at local cafe
- Fri 25th** Advent Pageant, Aldinga
Enquiries: Anne Chittleborough 8556 5078
St Ann's Family Tea 6.30—8.30 pm
Enquiries: Pat Roper 8386 2470
- Sun 27th** ADVENT I (Starting Bible Studies)

December

- Sun 4th** Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers
- Mon 5th** MU Seaford Ecumenical Mission and Christmas Lunch
- Thurs 8th** Colton Court Singers
- Sat 10th** Christmas Lunch, Vasarelli's Cellardoor 12.30 pm
Café, 169 Main Road McLaren Vale
- Mon 12th** St Ann's Guild outing
- Tues 13th** St Margaret's Guild
P D Council meeting 6.30 pm
- Sun 18th** Service of Lessons and Carols
- Sat 24th** CHRISTMAS EVE
6 pm Children's service, St Margaret's, McLaren Vale
9 pm Eucharist St Stephen's, Willunga
11.30 pm Midnight Mass, St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga
- Sun 25th** CHRISTMAS DAY
8.30 am St Margaret's, McLaren Vale
10 am St Ann's, Aldinga
- Mon 26th** ST STEPHEN'S DAY. 9 am Eucharist, St Stephen's

BIBLE STUDIES

will be held through Advent at St Philip & St James Old Noarlunga and St Ann's Aldinga after the Sunday Services, and at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale at 10 am on Wednesdays and on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 pm



Willunga Quarry Market Our Second SAUSAGE SIZZLE Sat. 12th November

Proceeds support the Christian Pastoral Support Workers in our schools.

Enquiries: Ted Sandercock 8556 4535

Advent Pageant 2011

On Friday 25th November at about 10.30 am children from Aldinga Primary School, Galilee Catholic School and Southern Vales Christian College will converge on the Aldinga Shopping Centre, accompanied by marshals from all the local churches, to perform a nativity play and sing Christmas carols.

Why not come and join the fun?

And if you would like to take part, contact Anne Chittleborough 8556 5078.



Pastoral District Christmas Lunch Sat. 10th December.

12.30 pm

Vasarelli's Restaurant, 169 Main Road McLaren Vale

\$25

Two-course menu

Thursday Mornings at

Granny Annie's

9—11.30 am

St Ann's Hall,

Come in for a cuppa, a chat, a chance to meet new people.



Or for a moment of peace in the beautiful St Ann's church

Children welcome.

Toys and games provided in the hall.

Enquiries: ph 8556 5078

Weddings:

Sat 5th Nov John Stell & Belinda Albrecht at St Stephen's

Sat 12th Nov Michael Hogan & Eirlee Gillen at St Stephen's

Fri 18th Nov Mark Wylie King & Benita Toomer at St Philip & James

Baptisms:

Sun 20th Nov Georgina Wylie-King at St Philip & St James
Jonah Josiah Bayliss at St Ann's

Sun 27th Nov Henry Langley at St Margaret's

Sun 4th Dec Eloisa Rose Majolo at St Ann's

Sat 17th Dec Amelia May Blackburn at St Stephen's



Photo: T Sandercock

News from St Stephen's, Willunga

- * The wedding of Steven Cesco and Bonnie Smith (L) was celebrated on Saturday October 15. The wedding guests included a number of pilots from the Aldinga airfield. Thanks to the family for tidying the grounds and assisting to set up the church.
- * We have been using the new vessels donated by Kate Hall in memory of her father, Ken Hall.
- * The septic system has been attended to by Compass Waste.
- * The church would benefit from a visit from the Environmental Architect so that priority maintenance can be scheduled and fund raising initiated.
- * A date to celebrate St Stephen's Patronal Festival will be decided, as St Stephen's Day, Monday 26 December, is a difficult date and follows a very busy time for Fr Paul, Margaret Cameron & Ted Sandercock

Aldinga On Display Saturday 29th October

When Aldinga decided to hold another "Aldinga on Display" event to raise awareness of community activities and networks in the Aldinga region, with the theme "Kid Space", St Ann's swung into business with a magnificent Ark made by Peter Chapman and Bill Cale, a visit from "Puppet Pete" and his friend Heather Chapman, a visit from "Kids' stuff" mini-jumble sale and refreshments.

(A) Sophie & Ellie Beenham with their dad Dave, and (B) Cody, Tyler & Jasper Baker enjoyed talking to Puppet Pete, while (C) Harry and Troy Lowe enjoyed the toy stall.

Peter Chapman writes:

Over the whole community event numbers were down. Sometimes we work hard to reach out to our community, and sometimes we see little result. The Aldinga On Display day was a bit like this, but I know that our efforts are not in vain. To work together creates a great fellowship between us, and I for one love it. It is like laying bricks for a building. One brick looks insignificant and small, yet as we lay one brick after another our design takes shape. God asks us to walk in faith and I see what we are doing is just that; laying one brick at a time and reaching into our community. Eventually people catch on and see the same vision we are building, the vision we pray for in our parish prayer, and soon they too will join in.

Reconstructed Doorway & Maintenance

Repair work to the arched doorway and the walls on the west and south is looking good thanks to the expertise of Dean and Carl Mills. The power upgrade will go ahead once we have had ETSA come out and assess the needs here. We wait on them currently. Bill Jeanes has been kept busy in the cemetery putting on further timber grave site edges and general maintenance. A water fountain (minus the water) is in place thanks to the efforts of Trish, Bill Cale and Val, and screening has been put up. We are delighted to have our new WELCOME 'feather' flying, too. Pat Roper & Peter Chapman



Photo: B Walter





Murder Mystery Night at St Ann's

Recognise these mysterious characters? They and others enjoyed a spirited mystery night and dinner at St Ann's on 14th October. Clockwise from top left: Michael Drought, Cath Davidson, Heather Chapman, Wendy Sandercock, Pat Hughes, Helen Franson, Pat Roper, Barbara Jeanes, Alan (butler and mastermind of the event) and Sandra Lynes, Sallyanne Baker, Alf and Anne Lear... And who dunnit? It wasn't the butler this time... *Photos: V Martin*



Photo: D Best

Mitchell Hands

The last news of Mitchell in *The Grapevine* was in June. Since then he turned two in August so is well advanced in his interpretation of two year old behaviour. The short medical report is that he has had surgery to remove the port from his chest, is going through his childhood immunisation programme again – largely eliminated by the chemo – his AFP (tumour marker) reading has remained

at 6 or below and the CT scan this week was all clear. As his seizures still remain uncontrolled, his medication is regularly adjusted to try and reduce their frequency. His love of life and determination that "Mitchell do it" keep the family truly alert. And also the Flinders Paediatric Ward nursing staff. Three security officers turned up at the Nurses' Station one night recently as the Distress Button had been pressed! The nurses were mystified until they worked out that "this little fellow" must have done it. We give thanks that we have "this little fellow" with us still and our hearts go out to those less fortunate. *Di Best*

St Margaret's Fashion Parade

The St Margaret's Fashion Parade on 25th October was a great success, thanks to Wendy and the Guild members. Over 60 people came. The Postie lady was very pleased with her sales, and the Guild made a profit of \$536.60.

Fran Pettigrew



Photo: P Devenport

Changed service time at St Ann's

In an attempt to make the Sunday service less difficult for children and the elderly, the service time has been changed from 8.30 to 9 am. We appreciate Fr Paul's willingness to do this as it puts added pressure on him to get back to the 10.30 service at St Margaret's.

Fr Paul Writes...

The first two days of November are very special in the Church calendar. No, it's not because it's the Melbourne Cup, where the nation stops to watch the horse race, and for many put their annual bet on the TAB. The first day of November is All Saints Day where we remember all the special men and women who are recognised with special saints who surround the throne of God. The second day is All Souls Day, where we remember all of those who have gone before, that is the faithful departed.

The day before All Saints Day is Halloween. It tends to be uncomfortable for Christians. The custom sees children particularly in the USA dressing up as ghosts and witches in order to go out around the neighbourhood. It is mostly harmless fun. The custom is becoming increasingly more common in Australia. I noticed a costume shop a week or so ago with its front window covered by Halloween costumes. My son attended a Halloween party and had to dress up as someone scary. I'm not sure if he really achieved that! Whatever your personal view on the matter, it is undeniable that this event has become a colossal sales opportunity.

Personally, I would be rather celebrating the saints and remembering those who have gone before us than celebrating Halloween. It is a time to think of those heroes of faith, personally known to you or from the Bible or later history, whose example you find particularly inspiring. They are the saints that are not necessarily remembered during the year. They are the ones that are not named in the liturgical calendar and those who you may know that have been special to you. Let us thank them for their lives and entrust them into God's gentle hands.

We remember St Margaret of Scotland at this time each year with a Patronal Festival at the church honoured in her name at McLaren Vale. We also have the opportunity to thank those who established the church 100 years ago. You may recall that in June, we celebrated the centenary of the laying of the church's foundation stone by Thomas Hardy. We continue those celebrations with a Dedication Eucharist at St Margaret's at 10 am on the 13th of November. There will be a shared lunch in the grounds afterwards followed by a concert at 2 pm, featuring students from the Tatachilla Lutheran College. This will be the only service in the Pastoral District that weekend. On the Saturday night before, there is a three course dinner with wine at a cost at 20-dollars. All are welcome but there is an RSVP date. Please email me or phone Greg Roberts on 8323 9331 by the 7th of November if you are able to come along and join in on this celebration.

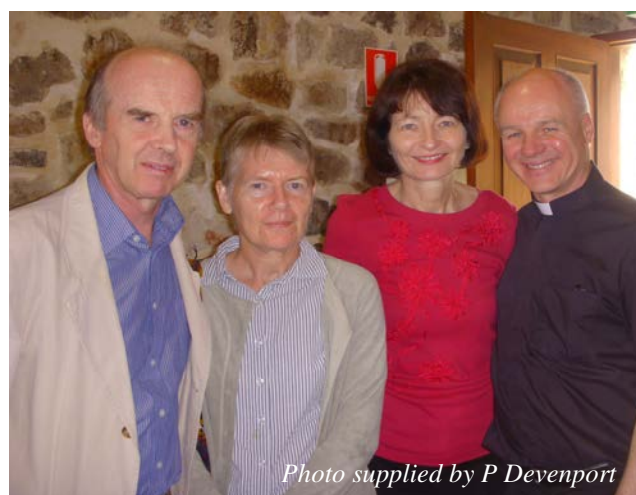
With every blessing in Christ

Fr Paul

Mayoral Prayer Breakfast

Both Peter Chapman and Fr Paul were on the planning committee for the Onkaparinga Council's inaugural Mayoral Prayer Breakfast, which was attended by more than 300 people including a number from our Pastoral District. Brenton Ragless (Channel 9 weather presenter) was MC, and the guest speaker was CEO for Anglicare SA, Dr Lynn Arnold, who spoke on his life and his faith. The Mayor was delighted with the response to the prayer breakfast. Just over \$1000 was raised for her chosen charity, **Southern Man Made**.

Below: Scott Boocock, Fr Paul and Peter Chapman at the breakfast. (Photo supplied)



The Bishop of Port Moresby, Peter Ramsden and his wife Sue (seen with Fr Paul and Helen, above) attended the Sunday Eucharist at St Ann's Aldinga on the 23rd of October. They were holidaying in Adelaide at Christ Church North Adelaide with Fr Lyndon Sulzberger and his family, and came to Aldinga for the weekend.



Southern Vales Christian Care & Support Centre

Life at the Southern Vales Christian Centre has been very busy in the last few months. Many people are finding it very difficult to keep up with all the accounts which arrive on a regular basis. (ETSA, Water etc.) We are very grateful to the people who leave food in the Churches on a regular basis.

With Christmas rapidly approaching we would appreciate any gifts of food for our Christmas Hampers. The following is a list of a few things we normally pack: fruit cake, pudding, mince pies, biscuits, tin fruit, tinned vegetables, cordial or juice, milk, eggs, a treat for children, plus all normal things like cheese, margarine, eggs, tin fish and meats, pasta sauces etc.

If you would like more information please contact me on 0417866779

Anne Lear

Birthday Season at St Ann's

Following a 6 pm Eucharist at St Ann's for All Saints' Day, the congregation treated themselves to a meal at Shivers Restaurant across the road. This proved to be an opportunity to celebrate Alf Lear's 80th birthday - a date



he shares with Bill Jeanes (and Guy Fawkes) Gwen Anthony had also celebrated her birthday after the Sunday service the week before.



News from St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga

A memorial service for Edward Giles, a pioneer settler and benefactor of the church, and a large family reunion for the Giles family, took place on 9th October. Edward Giles was reported to have donated part of the land and money for the building of this church, the oldest south of Adelaide, in 1843. St Philip & St James is similar in style to St Mary's, Walton in England where there are records of Giles family baptisms, so it is likely that Edward Giles had some say in the design of the church.

Edward Giles was a government surveyor and later a market gardener at Willunga. His great-grandson Ralph Aldersey of Mount Gambier was present at the reunion, which was a huge event with 160 in attendance. A plaque will be installed along with other historical records when repairs to the porch have been completed.



Photo: T Sandercock

Margaret Cameron has donated a chalice and a ciborium to St Philip & St James' church. They were presented by Margaret and



blessed by Fr Paul on the 16th of October during the service. The donation compliments the prayer desk in the church sanctuary, made by Margaret's father. (*L Judith Wells, Margaret Cameron & Fr Paul.*) *Photo by S Wells.*

The congregation has had a good clean-up of the church grounds, and the top paddock has been cropped.—we are grateful that it is kept in good order.

We are pleased that Bishop Stanley is again able to assist with services and are grateful that Fr Ed Pumphrey and Fr John Devenport have also been able to assist. Connie Carroll will be missed as she goes to America for the birth of her grand-daughter. We appreciate Felicity's helping out with the organ on occasion.

Wallace Mausolf & Stephen Wells

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 November.

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 be included in *The Grapevine* in this format.



Mr & Mrs Leske joined me to attend the Annual Luncheon last month. The guest speaker was the Rev. Mary Lewis who spoke of life in the mining town of Roxby Downs.

Mary and her husband Owen are both medical practitioners. Mary works in the clinic 2 ½ days a week, the rest of the week is spent spreading the word of Jesus to a community where so many of them have never heard of him.

The town was built in the desert early 1980s by Western Mining. This year the town and surrounding district is a picture, with Sturt Peas and other native flowers everywhere. Water for the town is carted by BHP to a desalination plant.

This year was the 10th anniversary of the Roxby Downs Community Church. A building was dismantled at Woomera and rebuilt at Roxby. The words on the foundation stone read 'NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD'S HELP'. The church is shared by the Anglican and Uniting churches. Funding for the ministry is 50% from BCA and 50% from the people at Roxby. The town population's average age is 28, with 50% under 15. 30% at the mining site are women. Very few have any knowledge of Christianity. Parents' leisure time is spent in clubs and taverns while the children are left to play in parks etc. Many as young as 11 and 12 are drinking alcohol. The town is expected to double with a construction camp to cater for 10,000 people, and schooling will be urgently needed to cater for the 600 children expected.

From these notes you can see the urgent need for support from BCA to work with and bring Christianity to these families. Please help by taking a BCA box—loose change soon adds up to a dollar.

Anne Lear 0417866779

Sale of bush tub nibbles raised \$235-00.

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
Julia Drought 8323 8724

St Stephen's, Willunga
Margaret Cameron 8556 2343
Ted Sandercock 8556 4535

St Ann's, Aldinga
Peter Chapman 8557 7151
Pat Roper 8386 2470

Southern Vales Pastoral District

Contact information:

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Please respect Fr Paul's day off on Mondays.

Parish Secretary:

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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>

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: 9.00 am
(please note the changed time)**

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: 9:00am

***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 in the
Pastoral District will be a combined Eucharist at St
Margaret's, McLaren Vale at 10 am to celebrate the
church's centenary (see p. 1)***

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the 10 Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to 'Honour thy father and thy mother,' she asked, 'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?' Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, 'Thou shall not kill.'