

# The Grapevine

December 2011

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



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Christian College  
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(Mary), Leyton Webb  
(Joseph) and Luke  
Field (as the donkey)  
at the Aldinga Advent  
Pageant 2011  
(see p. 8)*

## Christmas Services in the Southern Vales

<b>SUNDAY 18th DEC.</b>	7 pm	<b>A Service of Carols and Readings</b> St Margaret's, Main Rd McLaren Vale
<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	6 pm	<b>A Children's Service</b> to delight children and adults St Margaret's, Main Rd McLaren Vale
	9 pm	<b>Eucharist</b> St Stephen's, St Andrew's Tce, Willunga
	11.30 pm	<b>Midnight Mass</b> at St Philip & St James, (the church on the hill), Old Noarlunga
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	8.30 am	<b>Communion service</b> at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale
	10.00 am	<b>Communion service</b> St Ann's, 7 Stonehouse Lane (off South Rd) Aldinga. Bring the kids!

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 December.

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.

## 2010 December

- Sun 4<sup>th</sup>** Gold Coin Collection for  
CPS\* workers
- Mon 5<sup>th</sup>** Mothers Union (see next column)
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>** Combined Guilds afternoon tea  
2 pm Enquiries: Fran Pettigrew  
8323 9366
- Thurs 8<sup>th</sup>** Colton Court Singers 11 am-12  
Enquiries: Sue MacKirdy  
8556 5162
- Sat 10<sup>th</sup>** Parish Christmas Luncheon  
(see next column)
- Mon 12<sup>th</sup>** St Ann's Guild outing  
Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100
- Sun 18<sup>th</sup>** Service of Lessons and Carols  
St Margaret's 7 pm
- Sat 24<sup>th</sup>** 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 25<sup>th</sup>** CHRISTMAS DAY  
8.30 am St Margaret's, McLaren Vale  
10 am St Ann's, Aldinga
- Mon 26<sup>th</sup>** ST STEPHEN'S DAY.  
9 am Eucharist at St Stephen's followed by  
morning tea

## 2012 January

- Sun 1<sup>st</sup>** EPIPHANY  
Gold Coin Sunday
- Sun 8<sup>th</sup>** BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
- Sat 14<sup>th</sup>** Blessing of the Wine Harvest, McLaren Vale
- Sun 15<sup>th</sup>** Memorial service for Dahlis McKenzie,  
St Ann's
- Tues 17<sup>th</sup>** Pastoral District Council
- Sat 21<sup>st</sup>** St Ann's Jumble Sale
- Wed 25<sup>th</sup>** CONVERSION OF PAUL
- Thurs 26<sup>th</sup>** AUSTRALIA DAY
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup>** St Ann's Family Tea

\*Christian Pastoral Support

## Baptisms

- Sun 4th December Eloisa Rose Maiolo, 2 pm St Ann's
- Sat 17th December Louise Blackburn, St Stephen's Willunga
- Sun 18th December William & Thomas Ruzgar & Danielle Organ at St  
Philip & St James
- Sun 15th January Patrick Thomas, St Ann's  
Isobel Baraiola, St Margaret's

## Bible Studies

It's not too late to join an Advent Bible Study!  
At St Philip & St James, and at St Ann's, following the Sunday  
service, and at St Margaret's on Wednesday at 10 am after the  
9 am Eucharist and at 7.30 pm in the Rectory.

## MOTHERS' UNION

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.30 am**  
Seaford Ecumenical Mission.



Guest speaker and Christmas lunch.  
Husbands welcome.

Contact Trish Frith 8556 2604

## PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> December**

**Vasarelli's Cellardoor Café**  
**2-course meal \$25**



Indicate your choice of main  
course on the form at the  
back of your church.

## SPECIAL CHRISTMAS TOUR OF THE ART GALLERY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

*by Bishop Ian George*

with a special focus on Australian art.

**Sunday 11th Dec at 2 pm.**

Meet at the main entrance

## TRADITIONAL SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

**St Margaret's  
McLaren Vale**

**18<sup>th</sup> December  
7.00 pm.**

**Bring your friends!**



## CHILDREN'S SERVICE & CHRISTINGLE

**A service to delight both  
children & adults**

**CHRISTMAS EVE  
St Margaret's,  
McLaren Vale, 6 pm**

**Children can dress as  
angels or shepherds and take part in the  
Nativity play.**



## 26TH DECEMBER - ST STEPHEN'S DAY

Join the St Stephen's congregation  
on the Feast of Stephen  
9 am Eucharist  
followed by morning tea.





### ***St Margaret's McLaren Vale 100 years and going strong!***

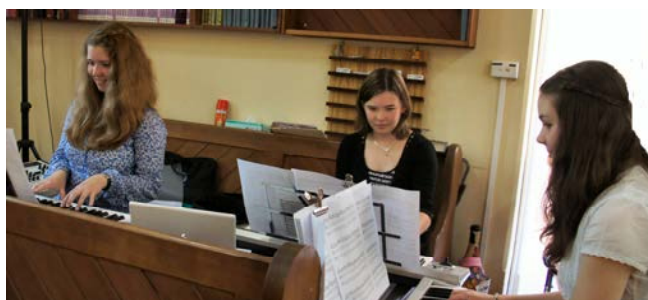
The Saturday evening Centenary dinner was a magnificent feast with nearly 60 people attending. Greg & Helen Roberts and their team (top R) were thanked for their catering and organisation. Mary Blagrove, as the longest serving parishioner, was presented with a magnificent tigerlily. The Centenary raffle raised \$527.

The St Margaret's Patronal service was well attended, and the Sunday School made '100 years' birthday cards for the church (L-R Matthew Hearn, Georgia Copeland, Hayley and



Jack Brown). At the lunch to follow, Lorna Mc Gaffin, a tireless 'behind the scenes' worker, was presented with a tigerlily.

That afternoon there was a delightful concert in the church, with children from Tatachilla Lutheran College dressed as a 1950s Sunday School class, directed by Greg Johns (bottom



R), keyboard players exchange student Valentina Breitenbach (L ),Tori Lee (C ) and Sarah Rose Runnals (R ), bass singer Ben Simonds, and Rosemary Nairn and her singing group 'The Little Sisters'.



## *Fr Paul writes...*

I'm sure many of you are busy with end of year activities and in the preparation for Christmas. Father Christmas is here already, wishing us a Merry Christmas and spreading good cheer to shoppers and children alike. Somehow, he will be back on Christmas Eve, managing to drop off presents for all the children and hopefully adults too! There is a film being released this month called "Arthur Christmas", which shows how Santa delivers gifts to every child in the world in 24 hours. Good luck!

Unfortunately, Father Christmas for many people is all they hope for and believe in at Christmas. For Christians, the real reason for Christmas is to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The Jews had been waiting for hundreds of years for the promised Messiah. Jesus Christ then arrived, a little more than two thousand years ago, born of Mary in a stable in Bethlehem.

The Church is already preparing for this day in the season of Advent, which represents four Sundays before Christmas. The word "Advent" simply means coming – for it is a season of preparation to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ; that is God coming to us in human flesh. Advent also looks forward to the end, to the last times, to Jesus coming again to judge the world. So in this season of Advent, we should be waiting and watching in the pre-season rush of Christmas. We should also be waiting and watching to slow us all down and prepare our hearts for the real meaning of Christmas.

I encourage you to do this by attending at least one of our communion services on Sundays in the lead up to Christmas. Another part of this preparation is to attend the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> of December at 7 pm.

There are also some changes to Christmas services this year. On Christmas Eve, the Children's Service will be held again at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale at 6 pm. I encourage everyone to bring their children or grandchildren to the service. Also on Christmas Eve, there will be a Vigil Eucharist at St Stephen's, Willunga at 9 pm. We are resuming the Midnight Mass at St Philip and St James, Old Noarlunga at 11.30 pm. On Christmas Day, there will be a Sung Eucharist at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale at 8.30 am and at St Ann's, Aldinga at 10 am. Both services will have children's activities.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a blessed holy and joyous Christmas.

*Fr Paul*

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

A report on the condition of the rectory has been done and sent on to Fr. Richard. Some minor renovations of the church and the toilet have been noted and will be attended to by John Carroll and Peter Chapman in the near future.

We are sorry that Bishop Stanley Goldsworthy is unwell. We pray for his speedy recovery and trouble-free surgery.

St. Margaret's Guild's Postie Fashion parade raised over \$530. Special thanks to Wendy Sandercock for arranging this successful event and to the Guild for the afternoon tea catering. The guild will be spending some of these funds on cleaning the windows of the church and the Sunday School room. We are awaiting quotes from two local businesses to do this job.

Fr. Paul has asked Philip Turner for a quote to make two acolyte candleholders. Philip will let Fr Paul know the cost involved. Finance for the candleholders to come from Guild funds.

The centenary raffle raised \$527 and was drawn on the night of the dinner. Our thanks to those who donated prizes for this fundraiser

The bottling of Centenary wine has been completed. These excellent wines are still available for purchase.

*Greg Roberts & Julia Drought, Wardens*



## ***"Granny Annie" off to a good start***

Opening on Thursday 3rd November, Granny Annie's Drop-in Centre was visited by five young mums with their children in the first three weeks, as well as others who just came to be part of the day. Among those attending on the first day were Lisa and Stephanie, with Oliver and Harriet. Oliver was celebrating his fifth birthday and was coaxed from his shyness by the smell of raisin toast. Harriet needed no coaxing!

*Granny Annie's is open on Thursdays 9-11.30.*

*Drop in and share the fun!*

## From St Ann's Aldinga

We wish to thank Wallace Mausolf for stepping in at short notice to take the service of Morning Prayer for us on 6th and the 20th November. He conducted the services with the skill and sensitivity of the veteran that he is, and we appreciated his sincerity and his reading of the sermons which Fr Paul so capably provided. On the 6th we were able to celebrate Wallace's birthday, which he shares with Bill Jeanes, in the hall with a cake and singing. An amazing thing happened that day—a rather bedraggled-looking cactus, which normally sits un-noticed near the front door of the church, sprang into bloom for the day in a way that no-one could have anticipated, and featured as the flower decoration for the day before subsiding and resuming its characteristic dullness by the following Sunday.

Our November Jumble Sale did well despite the rain on the day, and made \$617 to go towards the air-conditioning of the hall.



Above L: Bill Jeanes & Wallace Mausolf cut the cake, and R: Barbara Walter and Trish Frith admire the cactus flower.  
Photos: V Martin



We are very glad to welcome Brian McMillan back from his pilgrimage across Spain, looking fit and relaxed, and once again making a joyful noise unto the Lord on the organ.

On the 20th Nov we were delighted to welcome Elizabeth Blades on a visit from WA. A much-loved former organist from St Ann's, creator of the stained glass window in St



Ann's hall and tireless stone-mason in the building process ten years ago, Elizabeth joined in a rousing rendition of St Ann's theme song, 'I go to the rock of my salvation'.

The final Family Tea for the year was celebrated with party hats, festive food and Christmas Carols played by Felicity Warrington and ably conducted by her husband Jack.



Thanks go to Rob MacKirdy and Bill Cale for working on the watering system and to Trish and Victoria for continuing work in our garden. The Council has now delivered us a green bin.

*Peter Chapman & Pat Roper, Wardens*

The congregation at St Philip & St James has been happily watching some hollyhocks coming back to life in the cemetery and in the garden beside the vestry where we had sown seed and planted the specially grown doubles grown for us by Sr Beverley. We are now very sad, and a little disturbed, that once again they have all been cut down while leaving the weeds untouched. Sorry Sr Beverley!



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## Those church bulletin typos again!

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.



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

Our thanks to Felicity Warrington for providing the music on the first Saturday of the month.

Quotations have been requested from local handymen to clean the gutters and repair down-pipes. The inside wall on the Northern side near the sanctuary is damp from water coming off the roof or gutter. It will need to be repainted when dry.

Our thanks to the City of Onkaparing for fulfilling requests to cut the grass before our recent weddings.

The St Stephen's saint's day will be celebrated on Monday December 26 at 9.00 am. Light refreshments will be held after the service, The Pastoral District wide Patronal Festival will be held on a suitable Sunday in 2012.

Please join us for the Vigil Mass on a Saturday at 5.30 pm if at any time you are unable to attend a Sunday Service.

*Margaret Cameron & Ted Sandercock, Wardens*

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

We are enjoying our Advent Studies for this year and are grateful to Judith Wells for her good leadership.

Sr Bev has done a wonderful job with the Advent Candles—thank you Sr Bev.

We are looking forward this year to having a Midnight service once again.

Congratulations to St Margaret's for their excellent Centenary celebrations, and we commend Fr Paul on his first year of ministry.

We miss Bishop Stanley and are grateful to the clergy who have stood in and taken services for us—thank you Fr Ed Pumphrey and Fr John Devenport.

*Wallace Mausolf & Stephen Wells, Wardens*

### ***A season of weddings and baptisms !***



*John Stell and Belinda Albrecht were married at St Stephen's on the 5th November. John and Belinda attend St Stephen's even though they live in Stirling.  
(Photo: T Sandercock)*



*Michael Hogan and Airlie Gillen were married at St Stephen's on 12 November by Fr Alex Bainton.  
Photo: T Sandercock*



*Above: Jonah Josiah Bayliss (above, with father Benjamin and mother Kira) was baptised at St Ann's on 20th November, and Henry Langley (R) at St Margaret's on 27th November.  
(Photo provided)*



*Below: Benita Toomer and Mark Wylie-King were married at St Philip & St James on Friday 18th Nov. by Fr Paul, and R: little Georgina Wylie-King was baptised on 20th November. Photos: D Best and G Dew*





**act for peace**

## Christmas Bowl

**Act for Peace is the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia**

**In our time of feasting and celebration, let's not forget those in need.**

This year's Christmas Bowl focuses on conservation farming in Zimbabwe. Zimbabwe was once known as the bread basket of Africa, but today is one of the poorest countries in the world, with many of its people surviving only on grain handouts.

Act for Peace's program partners introduced conservation farming, which is a low cost and low technology farming strategy. Since then farmers' yields have increased by up to 200 per cent and these communities have taken enormous strides towards achieving food security.

**Help fill the Christmas Bowl :  
Act for Peace this Christmas.**

Christmas Bowl envelopes are available in your church.  
For further information visit [www.actforpeace.org.au](http://www.actforpeace.org.au)

### **Urgently needed for the Christian Care & Support Centre**

The pressure's on at the Aldinga Christian Care & Support Centre to meet the needs of increasing numbers of people who are 'doing it hard' this Christmas.

We would appreciate any gifts of food for Christmas Hampers, especially such things as fruit cake, pudding, mince pies, biscuits, tinned 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., by 14th December. Or, of course, donations of money.

Fill the basket in your church, or contact Anne Lear on 0417866779



"As I understand it, Christmas is the time of year when we celebrate the birth of the first credit card."

## **News from Pastoral District Council**

The business of the November meeting of the Pastoral District Council included the following matters. Others are dealt with elsewhere in this issue.

**Anglicare Partnership** – The SV Committee expects to meet with Anglicare in December. Fr Richard read the Administrator's reply to correspondence on an uncosted alternative that was forwarded to Diocesan Council.

**Advent Pageant**— \$100 to be contributed towards expenses.

**Pastoral District Calendar** – A discussion was held on the celebration of Saints' days in general and our Patronal Festivals in particular. When Patronal Festivals occur around Christmas and during Easter-tide, such as St Stephen's, there may be a transfer of dates and alternative ceremonies may be considered.

**Sausage Sizzle for Schools Ministry (November)** –This was a successful event and all the sausage supply was sold by 1.00 pm. About \$250 was raised for the SV Schools Ministry.

**St Margaret's Centenary celebrations** – see p. 5. The bottling of Centenary wine has been completed. These excellent wines are still available for purchase.

**Centre reports** – included the need for repairs to buildings. Our old buildings are under continual observance re repairs, and finances are sought to supplement our finances.

**Insurance** – the Diocesan Office is to be asked about insurance for small groups that wish to use the Sunday School rooms.

**Family Service** – the idea of a once a month Family Eucharistic service on a Friday evening at St Ann's was favourably discussed. Fr Richard and Fr Paul to design an outline service for discussion with the St Ann's wardens.

**Restoration & Maintenance Committee** – Peter Chapman tendered his resignation as Chairperson of this committee. Fr Richard thanked Peter for his godly and diligent attention to this role and Fr Paul was asked to organise the appointment of a new Chairperson.

**Publicising Christmas Services**— Those around McLaren Vale and Willunga will be publicised in cooperation with the Lutheran and Roman Catholic churches. The PD Council agreed to spend up to \$150 to contribute to this promotion. In 2012 this activity will be extended to the Aldinga region by the Galilee School Catholic congregation. Concern was expressed re the need to do a similar activity in the Northern region of the Pastoral District.

**World Day of Prayer** – To be held on the first Friday in March, 2012. The PD Council agreed to host this service at St Margaret's. An organising committee of Fr Paul, Julia Drought, Greg Roberts and Trish Frith was suggested. Details about this event to appear early in 2012.

### **Finances**

	<b>October</b>	<b>January– October</b>
Income	\$9,012	\$71,849 (\$12,899 over budget)
Less Wine Costs	-\$1,340	
Nett Income	\$7,679	
Expenditure	\$5,956	\$70,616 ( \$3,195 under budget)
Operating profit	\$ 1,723	-\$7,517
Donations to mission	\$1,226	\$5,437

**Next PD Council meeting** January 17, 2012 at 6.30 pm. Visitors welcome.  
**Ted S**





## Advent Pageant 2011

(see also p. 1)

Photos: M  
Chittleborough

"Can we stay here?"

"No. I'm sorry, there's no room in this inn."

Mary and Joseph, accompanied by their donkey, knocked on the doors of three shops before they found shelter in a stable in the atrium of the Aldinga Shopping Centre. The rain on 25th November hadn't dampened anyone's spirits, and Southern Vales Christian School, Aldinga Primary School and Galilee Catholic School, accompanied by parents and volunteers from the Anglican, Catholic and Uniting Churches and FUSION Australia, and supported by local businesses, had paraded to the Aldinga shopping centre to celebrate a special event.

Southern Vales students and a combined choir from the three schools performed a Nativity play in front of a huge crowd—a wonderful opportunity to make known the story of the first Christmas. 370 copies of a song book were handed out, and in each was the story of the birth of Christ and Christmas service times for the local churches. A wonderful team baked 340 cup cakes; the children's share in Jesus' birthday cake. Others contributed their time, vehicles, expertise...

Sincere thanks to all those who made this possible.

*Anne Chittleborough*

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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 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: 9:00am**

## **To contact your church wardens:**

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**St Stephen's, Willunga**

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**St Ann's, Aldinga**

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