

The Grapevine

March 2011

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

March brings the beginning of the season of Lent as we prepare for our major Christian Festival of Easter

SHROVE TUESDAY, 8th March



Evensong at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale at 6 pm, will be followed by the traditional pancakes in the Sunday School Room. A Frivolous Feast before the season of Lent!

Bring your family and bring your friends!
Savoury and sweet pancakes, and loads of fun!

Also bring your 2010 palm crosses to be burnt to make ashes for Ash Wednesday

ASH WEDNESDAY, 9th March

Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes at
9 am St Margaret's, McLaren Vale and at 7 pm at St Ann's Aldinga



BIBLE STUDIES

If you missed out on ordering a copy of the Bible Study book, *Rich Inheritance*, come along anyway! Someone will be glad to share with you. Studies start on Sunday 13th March and will be held at St Philip & St James' Old Noarlunga and St Ann's Aldinga on Sundays at 10 am, St Margaret's McLaren Vale on Wednesdays at 10 am, & on Thursday evenings at the Rectory, McLaren Vale, at 7 pm.

175 YEARS OF ORDAINED MINISTRY!



Photo: C. Beal

On 24th February Fr Martin Chittleborough and Canon Graham Cooling celebrated 50 years of ordained ministry, together with Canon Bill Goodes (L) from the Diocese of



Adelaide. They were joined at the service at St Peter's Cathedral by collegial friends from St John's Morpeth, and by Bishop Garry Weatherill (once Fr Martin's curate) who was celebrating 25 years as a priest and 10 years as a bishop. On 20th February St Ann's congregation sprang a surprise celebration after church with champagne, cake and a poem by Peter Chapman to mark the occasion.

Fr Paul writes:

One of the highlights of my ministry in the Southern Vales Pastoral District so far has been baptising children. The occasion welcomes children and adults as I did with Catherine Davidson at St Ann's Aldinga, in being adopted as a 'child of God'.

I was particularly touched by a baptism at St Philip and St James' on the last Sunday in February, where Eva and Ted Norris were baptised. After several emails between Australia and France where the family have been living in recent years, I met them two days prior to the baptism at the church. The children's parents were married there in January 2006. During the practice, Eva who is two years old was a little hesitant in being taken into my arms and so we agreed as a contingency plan that her father would hold her while she was baptised. To my surprise on the day, just before the baptism began, she showed me the stem of a flower that she had in her hand. I spoke to her about it while the godparents and other children gathered around the font. She seemed to be very relaxed with me and was more than eager to be taken into my arms and to be baptised. I was informed later that she had been really looking forward to meeting Fr Paul again and to being baptised. This was one of four baptisms in the Pastoral District during February. All of them have been special in their own way.

During March, there are two more baptisms, that of Lillian McHugh at St Margaret's on the 13th of March and Ryan Jones at St Philip and St James' on the 27th of March. I look forward to welcoming them into the body of Christ and the Church universal.

The season of Lent is just around the corner. The season represents the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness after he was baptised. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday with two services on March the 9th at McLaren Vale at 9 am and at Aldinga at 7 pm. I would encourage you to attend one of these services so that you can start your Lenten pilgrimage. Please also come along the night before to McLaren Vale for a Shrove Tuesday Evensong at 6 pm followed by pancakes. A Lenten Study will be held over five weeks (see p. 1). Please consider this as well, as part of taking something on for Lent. In the week leading up to Easter, known as Holy Week, there will be services at all the churches. Bishop Stanley Goldsworthy will give the addresses at each of them. There will be more details about Holy Week in the next edition of The Grapevine.

Plans have begun to mark the centenary of St Margaret's this year. An initial meeting has decided to investigate a number of activities including a wine bottling, an involvement of some of the wineries that have had an association with the church, music concerts and a ladies' luncheon. A service marking the dedication of the church is planned for November.

I want to congratulate two clergy who reside in the pastoral district who celebrated their golden jubilees as priests at St Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide on the 24th of February. Fr Martin Chittleborough and Canon Graham Cooling were ordained priests in Adelaide in 1961. A surprise celebration was held for Fr Martin at St Ann's, Aldinga on the Sunday prior to the Choral Eucharist. A celebration lunch will be held for Fr Graham Cooling in the middle of the year, at the time he was ordained to the priesthood.

My congratulations too to Bishop Stanley Goldsworthy who celebrated during the month his 60th anniversary in being ordained a Deacon. The occasion was celebrated at Mt Mary's

News from Parish Council

In the absence of Archdeacon Seabrook, the meeting was chaired by Archdeacon Reg Farnell. Business discussed included the following (other matters are covered elsewhere):

- * **Rectory maintenance:** A new stove had been installed by Hilton's to replace the faulty one.
- * **Restoration & Maintenance Committee:** Peter Chapman reported that a meeting would be held shortly to set priorities for the very considerable maintenance tasks needed in the Pastoral District.
- * **First Aid Kits:** Each centre's First Aid kit was being checked for contents and for shelf life of products. Contents and procedures needed to be made clear at each centre. It was noted that it was also important to know how to contact families in case of accidents.
- * **Bible Studies:** Responses were invited to the idea of continuing Bible Studies in the parish after the conclusion of the Lent studies.
- * **Churches open for prayer:** Ideally our churches should be open during the day for prayer despite a potential risk of theft and vandalism. Individual vestries to discuss the practicalities of this.
- * **ABM Sunday:** The date was set for Sunday 15th May.

Treasurer's Report for January 2011

Total Income	\$7,076.55
Total Expenses	\$6,595.66
Operating Profit	\$327.54
Donations to Missions	\$ 528.50

Mary Blagrove retiring from office: Mary Blagrove announced her decision to retire from Pastoral District Council, saying she would not be standing for re-election this year. Suffering from deteriorating mobility, she felt it was time to hand the banner on to someone else.

Everyone on PDC recognized the immense value of Mary's work for Southern Vales over the many years she had held office. Archdeacon Farnell described Mary as an example of faithfulness to us all, and an encouragement for others, and noted how difficult it was to replace someone like her. (See p.6)

Next meeting: Tuesday 15th March. Observers welcome.

Echunga on the 8th February, the anniversary date of the ordination.

I also want to say thank you to Mary Blagrove for her many years as a Warden and as a Church Councillor at St Philip and St James, Old Noarlunga. Mary has served as a Church Councillor for 38 years and as a Warden for 24 years. Mary has also decided to retire as the sacristan of the Church. It is a sterling and wonderful effort and all of us appreciate your efforts Mary over the years as a servant of God in that church. Congratulations to Stephen Wells in being elected as the new People's Warden and to his sister, Di Wells in offering to be the sacristan.

With every blessing in Christ.

Fr Paul

What's on

March

- Fri 4th World Day of Prayer**
Services 9 am Southern Vales Christian College and 2 pm Kalyra
- Sun 6th Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers**
ST ANN'S VESTRY 9.45 am
- Mon 7th Mothers' Union 9.30 St Margaret's**
'Relationships, Not Rules'
Enquiries: Trish Frith 8556 2604
- Tues 8th St Margaret's Guild**
Enquiries: Fran Pettigrew 8323 9366
SHROVE TUESDAY
6 pm Evensong St Margaret's
(and Pancakes—see p. 1)
- Wed 9th ASH WEDNESDAY**
Holy Communion 9 am St Margaret's
7 pm St Ann's
- Thurs 10th Colton Court Singers**
Enquiries: Sue MacKirdy 8556 5162
- Mon 14th St Ann's Guild**
Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100
- Tues 15th Pastoral District Council 7 pm**
- Wed 16th Women's Fellowship**
Enquiries: Margaret Cameron 8556 2343
Lenten Soup Supper I: Sue Dutton (see p. 5)
Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100
- Sat 19th St Ann's Jumble Sale**
- Sun 20th Evensong & PASTORAL DISTRICT VESTRY**
with shared tea (See next column)
- Wed 23rd Lenten Soup Supper II: Kevin Liston**
- Fri 25th ANNUNCIATION**
MU Lady Day service at Goolwa
St Ann's Family Tea 6.30-8.30 pm
Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100
- Sat 26th Diocesan Conference (see next column)**
- Wed 30th Lenten Soup Supper III: Lois Gepp**

April

- Sun 3rd MOTHERING SUNDAY**
Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers
- Mon 4th Mothers' Union 9.30 St Ann's (see p. 7)**
- Wed 6th Lenten Soup Supper IV: Bp Ian George**
- Mon 11th St Ann's Guild**
- Tues 12th St Margaret's Guild**
- Thurs 14th Colton Court Singers**
- Sun 17th PALM SUNDAY**
- Wed 20th Women's Fellowship**
- Thurs 21st MAUNDY THURSDAY**
- Fri 22nd GOOD FRIDAY**
- Sat 23rd HOLY SATURDAY**
- Sun 24th EASTER DAY**
- Mon 25th ANZAC Day**
- Wed 27th Parish Prayer Group**

*Christian Pastoral Support

Baptisms

- Sun 13th March Lillian McHugh, St Margaret's
Sun 27th March Ryan Jones, St Philip & St James'



VESTRY 2011

The Vestry meeting is the 'Annual General Meeting' of the parish, when reports are presented, elections confirmed, and everyone has the opportunity to ask questions and make suggestions.

Be there!

Sunday 20th March at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale, following Evensong at 5 pm.

Shared tea to follow

PARISH BREAKFAST!



*A sumptuous continental
& cooked breakfast*

St Margaret's Sunday School Room
Saturday 2nd April 8am - 10 am.
Come and enjoy!

Enquiries:

Helen Roberts 8323 9331
Fran Pettigrew 8323 9366

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LET GO AND LET'S GROW!

Diocese of The Murray Diocesan Conference

Saturday 26th March, Tailem Bend

Eucharist 9 am at St Luke's Tailem Bend
Conference 10-4

* **Bp Andrew Curnow:** A Perspective on the Future of the Anglican Church.

* **The Rev'd Dr Graham Buxton:** Where is the Life we have Lost in Living?

* **Bp David McCall:** The Necessity for a Bishop to have a Split Personality.

* **Wendy Beumer:** The Bishop Election Committee

* **John Strachan & John Harley:** Canon Law, Constitution, Ordinances, and the Diocese of The Murray

* **The Rev'd Martin Bleby:** Are you being served? Ministry in the Church of God

Register by 18th March. Forms available in your church.

February Baptisms



Above & R: Cath Davidson was baptised at St Ann's on 6th February supported by sponsor Anne Lear. The congregation celebrated the special occasion with a party in the hall afterwards.

Below & L: The same afternoon Emma Elliott was baptised at St Ann's. It was a family affair with her sisters and brother and a number of other children in the congregation. Her sister Katey (L) read a New Testament Lesson and sister Sophie, with her mother, read a poem.



Above & L: Also baptised at St Ann's, this time on 20th February, was John and Lorena Gordon's son Alexander. Alexander's baptismal gown was a family one from Lorena's family in Peru.

Below: On 26th February Eva and Ted Norris were baptised at St Philip & St James'. Their parents, Sarah and Simon, were married at St Philip & St James' church five years ago and are currently living in France.



Photo: D. Best

SOUP SUPPERS AND SPEAKERS

Once again St Ann's will be holding Soup Suppers on Wednesday evenings throughout Lent. Come and try the tempting and delicious variety of soups with bread and water and followed by fresh seasonal fruit. These meals are more a feast than a fast, and each week there is an interesting speaker.

Come to the church for evening prayers at 6.30 pm, or come straight to the hall at 7 pm when the soup will be served. The speaker's address then follows, and the evening concludes by 8.30. Not a late night. Come alone or bring a friend.

16th March: Sue Dutton: A Good Way to Die: Palliative Care and Hospice

Sue and her husband Fr Alan Dutton lived in the Solomon Islands for 10 years, during which time Sue ran a medical clinic. She writes: 'I returned from the Solomon Islands in 1969 and saw my children through primary school. By then we were living in Perth. I looked around to see what I might do. My training was in nursing but 'hands on' nursing had become an area for non-graduate staff and it seemed to me that my options in Perth were limited. In 1984 the Hospice Movement began in Perth. It was a real challenge, and so many special people were involved in setting it up through the Silver Chain Nursing Service. I was hooked; and for the next 20 years I worked as a Palliative Care Nurse both in the in-bed Hospices and in the Community, both in Perth and Adelaide. People use to ask me how I could continue in this work for such a long time; my reply was always that whatever I put into caring for someone who was dying was returned threefold by the families of the patients for whom I cared.'



23rd March: Kevin Liston: Refugees, Asylum Seekers & Inverbrackie

Kevin works with people who have endured the refugee experience and are now building new lives for themselves and their families in Australia. His focus is on strengthening communities, fostering personal independence and self-sufficiency and contributing to the improvement of government policies and programs in this area.

Kevin comes from a bilingual background in Ireland. He was ordained a catholic priest in 1973 and resigned from the ministry in 1977. He has studied and worked in Ireland, Scotland, Italy, Kenya and USA before migrating to Australia in 1982 with his wife and daughter. He was Director of the Australian Refugee Association from 1983-2009 and is currently working for Refugee Services, Families SA.



Photo supplied

30th March: Lois Gepp: Aldinga Christian Care & Support Centre: Caring in our Community.

'There but for the grace of God go I...' says Lois Gepp. 'I had to do something to help.' From a farming life at Cape Jaffa, Lois and her husband moved to Sellicks in 1996, and after the death of her husband in 2000 Lois began assisting at the Centre. Since that time, with the rapid expansion of housing in the district, she has seen the needs grow exponentially, with every week seeing new people coming to the Centre for assistance and for food. Now Director of the Centre, Lois works with volunteers from the churches in the often heartbreaking and challenging work of meeting the needs of the hidden poverty sector of our community.



6th April: Bishop Ian George: The Church & the Arts

Archbishop of Adelaide from 1991- 2004 and an artist in his own right, Bishop George is an occasional lecturer at the National Gallery of Victoria, the Art Gallery of South Australia and the Queensland Art Gallery. He is well-known in Australian art circles and regularly leads tours of the Art Gallery of SA on Good Friday and in Advent. He was Art Critic for *The News* in the 1960s.

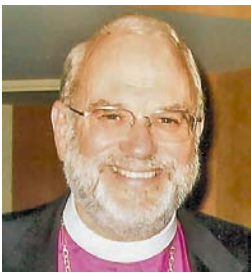


Photo: D. Best

Bp Ian George conducted the 8.30 am service at St Philip & St James on 7 February and for part of the time wore his magnificent cope. Designed by an architect friend and embroidered by several members of the St Peter's Cathedral Embroiderers' Guild in 1996/1997, it took 2000 hours to make and represents all the churches with which Bp Ian has been involved in Adelaide. Members of the congregation held it across the sanctuary and Jessica Hands and Matthew Hearn are standing in front of St Peter's Cathedral. It is a truly amazing and beautiful work of art.

Di Best

[Bishop George will bring the cope when he speaks at the Lenten Soup Supper at St Ann's on 6th April.—Ed.]

Around the traps...

From St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga

* While Sunday attendances dropped following the change of the service time to 8.30 am, numbers are starting to build up again.

* A family reunion will be held on 9th October and a family thanksgiving service will be held in the church at 11.15 am. It has been reported that their forebears were considerable contributors to the church in its formative years.

Wallace Mausolf & Mary Blagrove, Wardens.



Well done, good and faithful servant! (see p. 2)

Mary has described herself as a 'lifetime product of the Anglican Church' in what was formerly called the Parish of Willunga. Her grandfather was a Synod Representative in the early 20th century, and her grandmother was the first treasurer of the Ladies' Guild which met every week to 'attend to the needs of the church' at St Philip and St James.

Born here, baptised at St Margaret's, confirmed at St Stephen's, Mary has been for 38 years on Parish Council and served 23 years as a Warden and 24 as Synod Representative. She described her time in office as 'pleasure, purpose and privilege', saying how much she had valued the trust and fellowship of both clergy and lay people. Reflecting on the life of the church over the years she spoke highly of the Stewardship (Planned Giving) Programme, and of its Continuation Committee which helped keep in touch with people, and often alerted the church to individuals who needed help in times of difficulty.

From St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

* The mulch provided by Julie Stuttard, and the planting done by the Willunga Cemetery gardener, have greatly improved the appearance of the drive. The re-surfacing of the driveway is to be done before autumn.

* Alterations have been done to the signs to show the changed service times.

Di Rickard & Greg Roberts (Wardens)

From St Stephen's, Willunga

* We still need to finish the slate paving and decide what to do with the area under the peppercorn tree. We need to reconsider the signage and will contact Nick Mausolf.

* Our thanks to Julie Stuttard for organising mulch for the St Stephen's surrounds.

* 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.

* Regular members of St Stephens have been discussing the lack of comfort of some of the pews that make kneeling difficult. There is a view that chairs would be more flexible and more comfortable. An immediate solution would be to remove bottom timbers on the offending pews – a few pews have had this treatment and have remained stable.

*Margaret Cameron & Ted Sandercock,
Wardens*

Mitchell update

Mitchell Hands has recovered from surgery to remove the tumour from his liver and sports a magnificent scar to prove it. He is now into his fifth cycle of chemo and all the associated side effects but still marches on with help. Still some time to go through treatment and recovery and we thank you all for your prayers.

Di Best and the Hands family.



In the photograph is little Mitchell after the operation, with 'his favourite' (the hospital's) mop, his mother Louisa, father Hayden with Mitchell's support system, and in the little car further down the corridor, sister Jessica.
(Photo: D. Best)

Why pray?

People sometimes wonder why we need to meet to tell God our needs when he already knows them.

'Look,' Jesus says, 'I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.' (Revelation 3: 20)



This is why we meet, to share a time with Jesus.

Because of the Lenten Studies at St Margaret's on Wednesday mornings through Lent, there will not be a Prayer Group in March and our next meeting will be 27 April, the Wednesday immediately after Easter, at 10 am in the St Margaret's Sunday School Room. At this meeting we will finish our reading of the book *Praying the Lord's Prayer*, and discuss whether we will choose another study, or have a different focus for our time together.

Gillian Clampett ph 8556 5998

Congratulations to...



Photo: D. Best

Christine Carroll and Clark Nash

who have announced their engagement and plan to be married next year. Chrissy is the daughter of Connie and John and is our greatly treasured violinist at St Philip & St James.

Chrissy works at the Department of Forensic Science and Clark is researching for his PhD in Organic Chemistry in an allied field. We are very happy for them and wish them the very best for the future. Di Best



Christobel Mattingley whose *fiftieth* book is to be launched on 1st April. *A Brilliant Touch: Adam Forster's Wildflower Paintings*, is another beautiful

volume published by the National Library of Australia, as was her last book, *For the Love of Nature: E. E. Gostelow's Birds & Flowers* (2010) (seen here).



Mothers' Union

The first MU meeting was held on 7th February at St Stephen's. Fr Paul celebrated the Eucharist.

The 'Bring and Buy' stall raised \$119 for the MU Flood Relief for Queensland, and members were challenged to list and talk about five items they would take if they themselves had to be evacuated.

The annual **Lady Day** service will be held at **Goolwa** on **25th March**. For details see pewsheet.

On **4th April** Kaz from Wildlife Rescue will be talking about '**Caring for Wild Life**'. Trish Frith

From St Ann's, Aldinga

* We are sad that Margaret and Bill Cale have had to make a return visit to England for family reasons and that Margaret's nephew has died of cancer. We look forward to their return.

* Healing services had been held twice after Communion services, with the congregation invited to stay back to participate. This had been much needed and appreciated.

* Family Teas began again on 25th February.

* Three people from the St Ann's congregation are attending and greatly enjoying Confirmation classes.

* Hooks have been installed on the front wall of the church to facilitate hanging notices of special service times.

Peter Chapman, Warden

April is 'Box Month'!

You can return your ABM and BCA boxes to
Di Rickard (8556 5914)
or
Anne Lear (8556 5520)



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 March. **PLEASE NOTE CHANGED EMAIL ADDRESS.**

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.



A Celebration of Chaplaincy.

The annual service of celebration of the work of the Christian Pastoral Support workers (chaplains) was held this year at St Ann's Aldinga. In a service led by Fr Paul, pastors and ministers from all denominations in the area took part, praying for the chaplains and their work.

John Anderson, Chair of the Southern Vales Schools Ministry Employers group, introduced the CPS workers and spoke of the impact they are having, reaching 2½ thousand young people and 200 staff, as well as, in many cases, the families of the children. A number of these people are unchurched, for whom 'Jesus Christ' is nothing more than a swear word.

The New CPS worker at Willunga High School, Louise Fechner, was commissioned by Fr Paul and John Anderson.



From small beginnings this programme has grown in the district to six workers working up to four days a week, and a number of people serving as mentors at the Aldinga Beach R-7 School.

The CPS workers spoke in turn of their work. It involves a number of different roles – often one-on-one interaction with students with problems, as directed by the schools. It involves building relationships and trust with the teachers and with the families of the children, helping in situations of grief and loss, assimilation of migrant children, children settling in to Reception. It can involve lunchtime craft classes, assisting with learning programmes, talking to children in the school yard, and being aware when families are going through hard times or breaking up.

Mentors are a particular need in the schools, especially men. With many children coming from broken families, and having female teachers at school, some boys have no male role models and there is a great need to expand this mentoring programme. Men who could offer a couple of hours a week to spend with boys in this situation would find it challenging but rewarding. If you can help, please talk to John Anderson on 8323 8931

Pastors and ministers from all denominations in the district laid hands on the CPS workers and prayed for them.

The St Ann's Guild provided refreshments after the well attended service.

In photo above (L-R): Sue Camac (Willunga PS), Cherie Love (McLaren Vale PS), Amanda Johnson & Louise Fechner (Willunga HS), Natalie Wells (Aldinga PS) and (Marie Cester (McLaren Flat PS).

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: 8.30 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

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