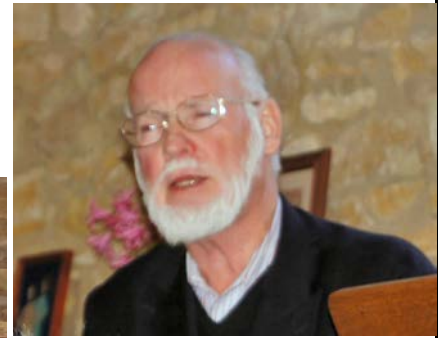




Newsletter of the Pastoral District of Southern Vales, Diocese of The Murray, SA



Celebration of a 'miracle'

Sunday 29th May marked the 10th 'birthday' of St Ann's Hall.

Following the service

celebrated by Fr Paul there was a party lunch in the hall, over which many reminiscences and laughs were shared and Peter Chapman read the poem he had written in 2001.

Fr Martin spoke of the hall as both a sacrament (an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace) and a miracle. The inward and spiritual grace was, he said, the knowledge that the congregation could succeed in tackling big tasks, supporting each other and reaching out to the community. He defined the elements of a miracle as being something in accordance with natural laws, involving the timing of co-incidental events, and which was to the greater glory of God. Certainly the events and opportunities which unfolded had enabled an unlikely bunch of not-so-young people to achieve something which seemed to others to be impossible, and in doing this, had affirmed a community and built up the congregation.

An afternoon concert elegantly compered by Choirmaster Brian McMillan included works by the Southern Vales Choir and solos by Sandra Lyne, and the audience chose and joined in some favourite hymns. This was followed by a brilliant performance by guitarist Chris Finnen who generously offered 50% of the cost of any DVDs sold as a donation towards the repair of the church walls. The afternoon concluded with wine and cheese in the hall.



News from Pastoral District Council

Matters discussed at the PDC meeting for May included:

Anglicare partnership

The Diocesan Council had resolved that *Diocesan Council agrees in principle to the preparation of a Heads of Agreement between the Diocese of The Murray – Pastoral District of Southern Vales and Anglicare SA to proceed with leasing and subdivision.*

That it be prepared in further consultation with the Pastoral District of Southern Vales and vetted by the Synod Solicitor, Mr John Strachan.

PD Council noted the following:

- that the plans displayed in each Centre are indicative of what could be done.
- there will be no cost to the Pastoral District.
- the Diocese will continue to own the land.
- there is no representative from St Margaret's on the Steering Committee. (Subsequently Greg Roberts agreed to be a member.)

The Parish Secretary had arranged a meeting for Wed. June 8 for members of the PD Council to meet with Anglicare and members of the Diocesan Council in order that the next stage could be progressed. This may include a Special Vestry meeting for the presentation of a first draft proposal by Anglicare.

Parish Secretary

Fr Paul reported that Sister Beverly Driver has indicated her interest in the role as set out in the role statement. Sister Beverly will work with Wendy Sandercock over the next months to become familiar with many facets of the work and take over as Parish Secretary at the end of Wendy's term of office.

Facebook

Fr Paul had made investigations and indicated that security can be maintained in the profile. There was generally positive discussion and members noted that social networking was a new part of people's lives. A motion that a Facebook page be set out for the Pastoral District of Southern Vales was carried.

Willunga Almond Blossom Festival

The Council agreed to participate with a stall during the Willunga Almond Blossom Festival, August 1-4, 2011.

Parishioners are encouraged to assist with donations of food, jam and other saleable goods. (See next page.)

Finances (to April 30)

Income	\$25,472 (\$2,000 over budget)
Expenditure	\$32,131 (\$1,000 under budget)
Loss	\$ 6,612

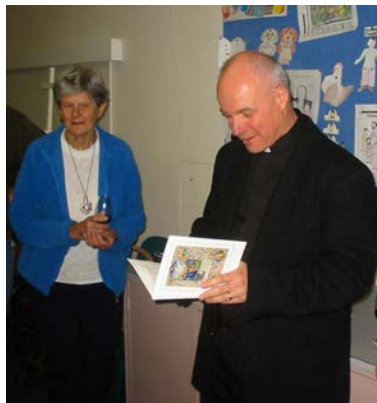
Donations to Missions \$ 1,925

After the meeting, the Parish Secretary presented Fr Paul with the Pastoral District's Easter Offering Gift. A surprised Fr Paul graciously responded.

Strategic Directions

The Strategic Directions document developed in June 2010, after a Pastoral District consultation, was discussed at an informal dinner meeting on May 27 at the Parish Secretary's home. While many of the topics are being addressed, a list of suggested topics for attention of the Council will be discussed at its June meeting and subsequent meetings. This list will be covered in the Council Report in the July edition of the GV.

Ted Sandercock



Fr Paul writes...

A month of celebrations

A sense of community in the Pastoral District of the Southern Vales has certainly been evident over the past month as we celebrate and come together in this season of Easter to celebrate the risen Lord. The Patronal Festival at St Philip and St James' the week after Easter was a joyous occasion, with the recognition of Philip Griffen and Philippa Gamlin for their efforts in the restoration program of the church between 1989 and 2001. And in the last Sunday of May, we celebrated the achievements of many people who contributed towards the building and completion of the hall at St. Ann's, Aldinga ten years ago. The day began with the Eucharist, a shared lunch and an afternoon concert, featuring the choir and classical guitarist, Chris Finnen and then more festivities afterwards over wine and afternoon tea. A truly memorable day!

St Margaret's Centenary

This month, we celebrate the centenary of the laying of the foundation stone for St Margaret's, McLaren Vale. The foundation stone was laid in 1911 by vigneron Thomas Hardy, who had sold the land to the Anglican Church, where the church was built, six years earlier for £20. To mark the centenary a service will be held at 10.30 am on Sunday, June 19th and a lunch will be held in the Church Hall at midday with a descendant of Thomas Hardy, Bill Hardy as guest speaker. A centenary wine will be launched on the day (see also p. 5).

Parish website

Our website southernvalesparish.org is now being updated on a weekly basis. The home page will outline the services for the following Sunday and any coming events. The Grapevine is also downloaded onto the website monthly. If you are unable to be at church on a particular Sunday and have not received the weekly pew sheet, please check the website for details. The Pastoral District Church Council has also agreed to develop a facebook site. Around half of Australia's population is now connected with the social media website. In light of this, it was felt that the parish should develop its own facebook site in a bid to reach those who wish to may become friends of the Southern Vales parish. The site will aim to keep people up to date with any coming events.

Confirmation

Four adults and two teenagers will be confirmed by Bishop Stanley Goldsworthy on Sunday June 26th. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for confirmation on that day at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale. There will be only one service in the Pastoral District on that day at 10 am so please come along to support the confirmees.

With every blessing in Christ,

Fr Paul

June

- Thurs 2nd** **ASCENSION DAY**
Sun 5th **Gold Coin Collection** for CPS* workers
Mon 6th **Mothers' Union** 9.30 (see next column)
Thurs 9th **Colton Court Singers** 11 am-12
Enquiries: Sue MacKirdy 8556 5162
Sat 11th **BARNABAS**
Sun 12th **PENTECOST**
Tues 14th **St Ann's Guild** 1.30 (NOTE: changed date)
Enquiries: Pat Roper 8386 2470
St Margaret's Guild 2 pm
Enquiries: Fran Pettigrew 8323 9366
Pastoral District Council 7 pm St Margaret's
Wed 15th **Women's Fellowship** St Margaret's, 10 am
Enquiries: Margaret Cameron 8556 2343
Sun 19th **TRINITY**
St Margaret's Centenary Luncheon
 (see next column and p. 5)
Friday 24th **St Ann's Family Tea**
 Speaker from Recycle Right
Enquiries: Pat Roper 8386 2470
Sun 26th **COMBINED SERVICE & CONFIRMATION**
 10 am St Margaret's, McLaren Vale
Wed 29th **ST PETER & ST PAUL**

July

- Sun 3rd** **Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers**
Mon 4th **Mothers' Union** Community Forum (see p, 6)
Mon 11th **St Ann's Guild**
Tues 12th **St Margaret's Guild**
Pastoral District Council 7 pm St Margaret's
Thurs 14th **Colton Court Singers**
Wed 20th **Women's Fellowship**
Fri 22nd **MARY MAGDALENE**
St Ann's Family Tea
Sun 24th **COMBINED SERVICE** 10 am
St Ann's Patronal Festival
Mon 25th **JAMES**
Tues 26th **ANN**
Sat-30 Jun-6th Jul **Willunga Almond Blossom Festival**
 (see p.. 6) *Christian Pastoral Support

Bible Studies

A Weekly Bible Study began on Wednesday May 25th and continues 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 Readings.

All welcome. *Ted Sandercock*



Mothers' Union

will meet at Seafood Ecumenical Mission (SEM) on Monday June 6th at 9.30 am.

Guest Speaker.

Diocesan President, Cheryl Bainton

Lunch at SEM Cafe is optional.

Meet at St Margaret's McLaren Vale at 9 am if you need transport.

Enquiries: Trish Frith 8556 2604



St Margaret's Centenary Lunch

Sunday 19th June

12 midday

Four-course meal \$10

with guest speaker: Bill Hardy and launch of Centenary wine



Tickets from Greg Roberts (8323 9331), Di Rickard (8556 5914) or pdevenport@vtown.com.au
 (see also p. 5)

St Ann's Family Tea

Friday 24th June (6.30-8.30 pm).



All welcome. No charge—bring food to share. A speaker from **Recycle Right** will join us, to answer all our questions about recycling opportunities in the district.

Willunga Almond Blossom Festival 2011



We will run our usual stall in the Willunga Institute opposite the front door, from 10 am to approx 2.30 pm.

Monday 1st Aug

Tuesday 2nd Aug

Wednesday 3rd Aug

Thursday 4th Aug

St Margaret's

St Ann's

St Philip & St James'

St Stephen's

Best sellers are: cakes, biscuits, slices, fresh produce, jams, fresh fruit (biscuits in snap lock plastic bags; all cakes and slices to be well sealed in plastic bags or plastic wrap. Please list ingredients.) Some handcraft & knitted baby wear also sell.

No plants please.

Enquiries: Margaret Cameron Ph 8556 2343

To Photocopier Users

Would all authorised photocopier users please notify the Parish Secretary of any problems they have whilst printing. This will avoid the unnecessary call out of the technician, as has occurred recently.

Please also ensure that copy paper is removed from the machine after printing. *Wendy Sandercock*

Around the traps...

From St Ann's, Aldinga

We look forward to the resumption of our Family Teas on the 4th Friday of the month, beginning on June 24th. On this occasion we will have a guest speaker to talk about recycling opportunities in the district

We had our Jumble Sale on the 21st May. We had a busy team of helpers to set up on the Friday morning and despite the blustery conditions on the Saturday there was a steady stream of visitors. We made \$505 after expenses.

We have continued to have the church open on Thursday mornings but thus far have had no visitors. The exception to this was a morning tea which was held in the hall for a bus load from ACH on one of the Thursdays and these folk enjoyed the opportunity to see inside the church.

Peter Chapman & Pat Roper

[It's not just the money that's important about the jumble sales—it's the wonderful people we meet. On this occasion a woman with 2 small boys asked if she could see inside the church. I turned on the lights, and she took the boys down to the front of the church, sat them down, and said, 'This is where we talk to God'. — *M. Cale*]

From St Stephen's, Willunga

We are awaiting a draft format from Nick Mausolf re signage.

We need to review the challenge to contact Anglicans in Willunga.

We are pleased to see Brian Fopp is back home again and has been able to join us at 5.30 pm on Saturdays, thanks to his daughter or grand daughter chauffeurs.

Thanks to Felicity Warrington and Julia Drought for providing music twice a month, and special thanks to Sue McKirdy for stepping up while Felicity has been away.

On Sunday May 7th we welcomed five visitors.

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.

Ted Sandercock & Margaret Cameron



Photo: J. Drought

From St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga

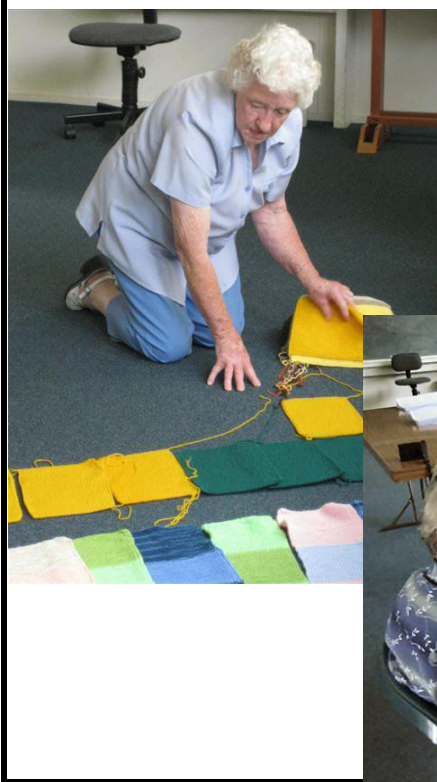
The Patronal Festival of St Philip & St James was celebrated by Fr Paul and a welcome number of pastoral assistants and parishioners. We were delighted that both Philippa Gamlin and Colin Griffen were able to attend and receive certificates of acknowledgement for their dedication to the restoration programme from 1989 to 2001. As it was a cool day, morning tea was served inside the church which was cosy with lamps alight and a cheerful crowd. Thank you to all who attended and assisted, to Wallace for arranging the tribute to two of our leading restorers and also to Mary Blagrove for her role.

Di Best

Erratum: I have been advised that in a recent article about SSPJ the earliest grave was said to be 1852, but a grave in the south east corner is dated 1851 and records show two others in 1851. It is always good to get the facts straight—thank you! —Ed.

Thank you to the reader who sent me these 'Bloopers' from parish pewsheets:

- * *8 new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.*
- * *Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.*
- * *The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'*
- * *The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.*



Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship has completed its work on a huge number of rugs, jumpers, booties and hats and taken them to Anglicare, where they are greatly appreciated and will be distributed to needy centres.



*Margaret Cameron, Lorna McGaffin and Mary Blagrove at work at the Women's Fellowship, and the pile of knitted garments sent to Anglicare.
(Photos: J. Drought)*

From St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

At long last Cyril McGaffin's memorial seat has been installed at St Margaret's, on the verandah. It's a beauty. Many thanks to Bill Cale and Peter Chapman for their endless trudging from store to store looking for just the right seat. It has been bolted to the slate and is just waiting for some sunshine so we can use it. *Di Rickard*



St Margaret's Centenary Celebrations

St Margaret's, McLaren Vale is planning a number of celebrations to mark its centenary celebrations this year.

The Anglican Parish of Willunga bought the land where St Margaret's stands in 1905 from vigneron Thomas Hardy for £20. In 1911, on the 19th of June, Thomas Hardy laid the foundation stone for the church. The day 100 years later ironically falls on a Sunday and so accordingly, the 10.30 am Eucharist will recognise this milestone. The service will be followed by a lunch in the Church Hall at midday.

Cost for the four course catered lunch will be \$10. A descendant of Thomas Hardy, Bill Hardy, will be the guest speaker at the lunch. Tickets for the lunch can be obtained by contacting Greg Roberts on 8323 9331, Di Rickard on 8556 5914 or pdevenport@vtown.com.au

A centenary wine sourced for a Hardy family winery in McLaren Vale will be launched on the day. The wine comprises a 2010 Verdelho, a 2010 Riesling and a 2008 Shiraz Cabernet. The wine is expected to be for sale for \$80 a dozen.

A number of other events are being planned for the remainder of the year including a musical afternoon in the church and the celebration of the dedication of the church on Sunday, November the 13th. *Fr Paul*



(Photo: J. Drought)

Family Baptism at St Margaret's

On May 22nd there was a family baptism of Matthew, Natalie and Ethan Jones. Ethan has been on our prayer list for some time. Although we believe that he is not yet out of the woods, he looked very bonny on this occasion. It was lovely to see a family at the font.

Di Rickard

ABM Sunday 2011

Fr Lyndon Sulzberger was the guest preacher at St Ann's and St Margaret's on ABM Sunday, May 15th. As a Canon of Pt Moresby Cathedral, PNG, he spoke of the seriousness with which the people of PNG take their faith, and the distance they sometimes have to walk to attend worship.

With the Gospel for the day being the story of the Good Shepherd knowing and leading his sheep, Fr Lyndon emphasised the importance of looking for lost sheep wherever we are, and in whatever culture.

(From an article by Di Rickard)

Altogether with Lenten envelopes, boxes and additional giving on ABM Sunday the total given to the Anglican Board of Mission will be just over \$1300, a great effort.

M. Cale (Treasurer)



Diocesan Synod 2011

The 14th Triennial Synod of The Murray at Taillem Bend on 20th-21st May was a very positive and productive gathering. Members of Southern Vales attending the synod were Synod Members Wendy & Ted Sandercock, Julia Drought and Fr Paul Devenport, seen here with Bp Stanley and Helen Devenport.

The meeting was on the whole a housekeeping session. One item of interest was a motion from the Pastoral District of Seaford, for a plan for Diocesan Council in consultation with local parishes and pastoral districts to develop a Diocesan outreach program.

The program aims to reach out to the thousands of newcomers in the rapidly growing area of Seaford, Seaford Rise, Seaford Heights, Aldinga, Sellicks Beach, McLaren Vale and other growing areas of the Diocese.

Synod adopted the motion that the outreach program be referred to Diocesan Council for further investigation.

Following the resignation of a member of the Bishop Election Committee, Fr Graham Cooling (now Priest in Charge of Delamere) was appointed as a replacement.

A motion was passed that a discussion be held in the 2012 Synod on the ordination of women.

A more detailed Report will be submitted to the Pastoral District Council, and copies of all Synod Reports are available from your Synod members.

Mothers' Union 'Quiet Time'



Photo: V. Martin

At the Mothers' Union meeting on 2nd May Helen Davies led a 'Quiet Time' at St Margaret's, speaking about making time available for God in our busy lives.

The next meeting, 6th June, will be at the Seaford Ecumenical

Centre, Seaford, at 9.30 am, with Guest Speaker Cheryl Bainton (Diocesan President) (see p. 3).

The July meeting (4th July) will be in the form of a Community Forum at St Ann's Aldinga, beginning at 9.30 am.



To contact your church wardens:

St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga

Wallace Mausolf 8386 2338

Stephen Wells 8326 7114

St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

Di Rickard 8556 5914

Greg Roberts 8323 933

St Stephen's, Willunga

Margaret Cameron 8556 2343

Ted Sandercock 8556 4535

St Ann's, Aldinga

Peter Chapman 8557 7151

Pat Roper 8386 2470



Thank you Wendy and Ted for finishing the assembling of the May Grapevine—and for all the extra help you put in to the production! —Ed . (Photo: J. Drought)

Thank you...

The Christian Care and Support Centre wishes to thank St Ann's Lenten Suppers for the gift of \$300. This money will be spent stocking up the grocery cupboard. Thank you too to members of the Parish for regularly supporting us with groceries. Our list of families in need is always increasing, with so many finding it a struggle to pay electricity bills etc. *Anne Lear*

News of Mitchell

For the second month Mitchell's AFP reading is normal at 6 so for the time being we can be confident that there is no further cancer growth. This is indeed wonderful news. He goes back on 22nd June for more blood tests.

Meanwhile, as you can see, he has grown eyebrows, eyelashes and his hair is taking shape. He has also been busy being a toddler, now advancing to running and moving fast towards the Terrible Twos. The combination is testing his mother in different ways as he makes up for lost time. Fortunately he now loves 'The Wiggles' who keep him occupied for seconds at a time.

Thank you once again for being with us over the past months. We wish that the prognosis could be as good for others.



Photo: D. Best

Di Best



Mary Gordon and Grant Harrison were married at St Ann's on Saturday 28th May, the bride arriving at the church in a 1955 MG.



Photo provided

Bishop Ian George spoke at the last of the 'Lenten Suppers' on the Church and the Arts. As well as the obvious connections of art, architecture and textiles, he spoke of some themes

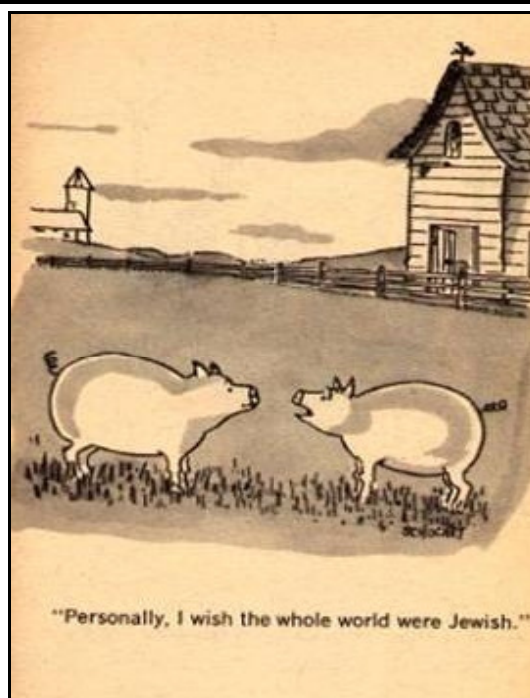
which both share, including creation, redemption and resurrection, and led us through many different styles of art. Bishop George brought two of the magnificent copes which had been made specially for him, like the one above.

Roses looking tired?

Call Trish 8556 2604 for expert rose pruning



With news of coming events or noteworthy happenings in the Pastoral District of Southern Vales please contact the Editor, Anne Chittleborough, at 23 The Esplanade, Pt Willunga 5173, Ph 8556 5078 or email machit5@bigpond.com., preferably by 15th June . As The Grapevine now appears on the parish website <http://www.southernvalesparish.org> and includes photos and some contact details, notify me (contact details above) if you don't want anything about you included in The Grapevine in this format.—Ed.



Schools Ministry News

Extension of School Chaplaincy Funding

We all celebrate the May 10, 2011 announcement from the Federal Government of a further 3 years of school chaplaincy funding. There may be changes in this next cycle and these will be announced later in the year.

Schools Ministry Week

This year the Schools Ministry Group (SMG) celebrates 25 years of Chaplaincy and 20 years of SMG coordinating schools ministry. Schools Ministry Week will be held from Sunday September 11 to Sunday September 18 in conjunction with special church ecumenical events and school activities to honour and promote the CPS Worker and the CPS program in their schools, and to recognise and showcase opportunities for the church communities to be involved in school ministry across SA. *Ted Sandercock*

High Court Challenge

A Toowoomba man — backed by the Australian Secular Lobby — has served a writ in the High Court of Australia that challenges the right of the Federal Government to fund school chaplains in state schools. This challenge threatens the future of more than 2500 school chaplains across Australia and, if successful, will deny our children a vital support service.

Please join me in supporting our school chaplains and the wonderful work they do with our kids. Visit <http://saveourchaplains.com.au> and add your voice to the Statement of Support. Our school chaplains are worth saving!

Grace and Peace *John M Parker (SV Schools Ministry)*



Wonderful news from Nikki and Gary in Kununurra; they are expecting their first child in July. They are holding their first evangelistic church in the park in June and have a guest speaker to give a talk on Christian parenting.

Fly-in, fly-out: problems associated with the mining industry.



With the family difficulties of living in isolation, or on a fly-in fly-out contract, they have begun a programme where every two months each couple is challenged to make a special time for just themselves—dining out and spending time together. They then report back with photos to show where they went.

The Rev'd Peter Palmer and Joy who have been at Coober Pedy for the past three years have returned to Adelaide. While in the north Peter became aware of the problems associated with the fly-in fly-out miners. He is working as a chaplain with a mining company and hopes to work with another four in the future. Many families become dysfunctional, with Mum coping with the daily routine and Dad not fitting in when he returns for his days off. Peter plans to work with these families.

Both Gary and Peter ask for our prayers to help them in this challenging work. *Anne Lear*

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

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 26th June the only service will be a combined Eucharist and Confirmation at 10 am at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale (see Fr Paul writes p. 2).

And on Sunday 24th July the only service will be a combined Eucharist at 10 am at Aldinga, to celebrate St Ann's Patronal Festival.

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