

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



Confirmation Day!

After their several months of preparation, Bishop Stanley Goldsworthy confirmed six candidates at a combined service at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale on 26th June. Pictured with Fr Paul Devenport and Bishop Stanley Goldsworthy are (front row L-R) confirmees Heather Farrow, Cath Davidson, Megan Devenport, Helen Blake, Gwen Anthony, and

Peter Chapman. Behind: Greg Roberts, Fr John Devenport, Sr Beverley Driver (part hidden), Judith Wells, Ted Sandercock and Trish Frith.

Choir and congregation together raised the roof with the hymns, ands cantors Julia Drought and Clive Auricht sang the beautiful 9th century hymn *Veni creator*. Families, sponsors, friends and members of all four congregations joined in the Eucharist, and in affirming this important step in the candidates' faith journey. For the second week in succession the congregation shared a marvellous lunch in the hall afterwards, and the confirmees, with Fr Paul, cut a cake made by Sylvia Francis and decorated with their names. (See also p. 6)

Fr Paul writes...

The past month in the life of the Pastoral District of the Southern Vales has been a joy, with the centenary celebration of the laying of the foundation stone at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale and the confirmation of six candidates by Bishop Stanley Goldsworthy a week later.

Centenary Luncheon

I am grateful to Barbara Hardy, our guest speaker at the Centenary luncheon on June the 19th. Mrs Hardy's late husband was a great-grandchild of Thomas Hardy who laid the foundation stone at St Margaret's on the 19th of June 1911. A centenary wine was launched at the luncheon (see p.5). More centenary celebrations are planned, with the dedication of the church on November the 13th.

Confirmation

It was wonderful to have six confirmees welcomed into the full membership of the Church on June the 26th. It was made even more special with my daughter Megan being confirmed. The confirmation marked the point for them to affirm for themselves the faith into which they have been baptised and their intention to live a life of committed discipleship. Thank you Bishop Stanley Goldsworthy for taking the service and confirming the candidates. I would certainly like another confirmation service next year so I would encourage anyone who would like to be confirmed to contact me.

Saints days

In the past month, we have remembered the great Apostles, Peter and Paul. We shared their feast days on June the 29th because they were one in Christ. Peter and Paul were two great foundational figures in the Church. We remember them like all the saints, just as we remember the foundation of St Margaret's McLaren Vale 100 years ago. Speaking of saints, we will celebrate this month St Ann who is the patron saint of St Ann's Aldinga. St Ann was the mother of Mary, the mother of Jesus. One service will be held in the Pastoral District that weekend on the 24th of July at 10 am. Bishop Stanley Goldsworthy will preside and preach at the service. There will be no service at St Stephen's Willunga the previous night at 5.30 pm.

Holidays

I will take be taking two weeks annual leave from July the 19th. This will be the first time since my ordination in October last year that I have been able to take some annual leave. Bishop Stanley, Fr John Devenport and Fr Graham Cooling will be taking services during my absence.

With every blessing in Christ,

Fr Paul

News from Pastoral District Council

Matters discussed at the meeting on 19th June included:

Anglicare Partnership The report of the meeting of the Council with Anglicare and Diocesan Council members was discussed. It was noted that there is no commitment at this stage. A feasibility study is being undertaken and this will incorporate a business plan giving us an indication of possible income involved. While good stewardship of the land rather than financial gain was the primary objective of the proposal, both the Diocese and the PDC will be concerned to ensure that we get a reasonable return for the partnership agreement. It was agreed that PDC supports the Diocesan Council motion to draw up plans.

Memorial to Cyril McGaffin: The seat is now in place and provides a very pleasant spot in the morning sun—including for the Wednesday Bible Studies. A plaque will be attached and the seat can then be blessed.

Parish Secretary: Sr Bev has agreed to take on the role of Parish Secretary after the departure of Wendy Sandercock—thank you Bev! This was her first attendance at PDC.

Strategic Directions 2011: A meeting of PDC members had looked at the topics listed in 2010 and found that many of the matters were being addressed – although not all. To see a full report on this meeting—the issues which are currently being addressed and those to be addressed over the next 12 months—contact the Parish Secretary.

Service Times: While Fr Paul had been doing some excellent work with young families in the Aldinga area, the 8.30 service time at St Ann's was proving impractical for young families attending church, and only services which for one reason or another had been held at a later time had been attended by children. Fr Richard and Fr Paul would consider whether or not it was possible to change the service times.

Facebook: Fr Paul had called the site 'Southern Vales Anglican'. Please contact him if you would like to be friends of the SV Anglican facebook page.

Parish Directory: Wendy Sandercock asked for help from PD members in contacting people whose names were in the Parish Directory, checking that details were correct and that we had permission to include them in the Directory.

Children's Ministry: It is a requirement that all those involved in working with children must have police checks and have undergone safer ministry training in the past three years. Some of those involved in Sunday School needed to update their qualifications.

Finances (to May 31st)

Income: \$5,329.76 (slightly ahead of budget) Expenditure \$7,571.93 (slightly below budget)

Loss \$2,242.17

Donations to missions \$649.15

Other matters discussed at the meeting are included elsewhere in this issue.

The next meeting of the Pastoral District Council will be held on Tuesday 12th July at St Margaret's Sunday School room. July

Sun 3rd Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers

Mon 4th Mothers' Union Community Forum

Enquiries: Trish Frith 8556 2604

Mon 11th St Ann's Guild 1.30 pm

Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100

Tues 12th St Margaret's Guild 2 pm

Enquiries: Fran Pettigrew 8323 9366

Pastoral District Council 7 pm St Margaret's

Thurs 14th **Colton Court Singers** 11 am-12

Enquiries: Sue MacKirdy 8556 5162

Wed 20th Women's Fellowship St Margaret's, 10 am

Enquiries: Margaret Cameron 8556 2343

Fri 22nd MARY MAGDALENE

St Ann's Family Tea 6.30—8.30 pm

Enquiries: Pat Roper 8386 2470

Sun 24th COMBINED SERVICE, St Ann's, A Idinga

St Ann's Patronal Festival (see next column)

Mon 25th JAMES Tues 26th ANN

Sat-30 Jul-6th Aug Willunga Almond Blossom Festival

(see next column and p.6)

August

Mon 1st Mothers' Union

St Margaret's Almond Blossom Stall

Tues 2nd St Ann's Almond Blossom Stall Wed 3rd SSPJ Almond Blossom Stall

Thurs 4th St Stephen's Almond Blossom Stall

Sat 6th TRANSFIGURATION
Sun 7th Gold Coin Sunday
Mon 8th St Ann's Guild

MU Mary Sumner Day

Tues 9th St Margaret's Guild Thurs 11th Colton Court Singers

Mon 15th MARY MOTHER OF OUR LORD

Wed 17th Women's Fellowship
Sat 20th Baptism, St Stephen's
Wed 24th BARTHOLEMEW
Fri 26th St Ann's Family Tea

*Christian Pastoral Support

Bible Studies

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



Enquiries: Ted Sandercock 8556 4535

This year, July has 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays. This happens once every 823 years.

Anyone planning to be around for the next one?

Thank you Bill Jeanes for this information



Mothers' Union Community Forum Monday 4th July St Ann's Hall 9.30 am

'Settling in a new community' Guest speaker Gillian Clampett

Monday 8th August Mary Sumner Day Service at Strathalbyn, 11 am

Celebrate St Ann's Patronal Festival Sunday 24th July



at the Pastoral District Combined service 10 am and stay for the traditional hot soup and crusty bread in the hall afterwards.

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 St Margaret's Tuesday 2nd Aug St Ann's

Wednesday 3rd Aug St Philip & St James'

Thursday 4th Aug 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

Roses looking tired?

Call Trish 8556 2604 for expert rose pruning

A Pastoral District fund-raising project.



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, preferably by 15th July.

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.

St Margaret's Foundation Luncheon





















A: Master chefs Helen Roberts, Patricia Pennington & Fran Pettigrew; B: Mrs Hardy; C: Table 1; D: Mr & Mrs Alex Johnson; R: A cheer for a camera: Table 1 again; F: Lorraine Boyce and Tom Drought; G: Jean Griffen and Wallace Mausolf; H: Greg Roberts; I: Natalie Jones and baby Ethan.

2 Acres for £20: A Church for the Future

Following the service on 19th June a splendid luncheon celebrated the centenary of the laying of the Foundation Stone at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale by Thomas Hardy in 1911.

Speaking after the lunch, Mrs Barbara Hardy spoke of Thomas Hardy of Bankside, her late husband's great - grandfather, who had introduced olives, almonds and grapes to the McLaren Vale area and sold the land to the Church of England (as it was then known) in 1905.

Alex Johnson, grandson of A. C. Johnson, listed as one of the parishioners supporting the building of the church, was also present to celebrate the centenary.



Fr Paul, Mrs Barbara Hardy and Mr Alec Johnson in front of St Margaret's church

Records show that the ladies of the parish had raised considerable sums of money by running functions such as bazaars, lectures, strawberry suppers, Easter Fairs and concerts. The Willunga choir had sung for the service, and the Rector (the Rev'd T. Wood) had been instructed to 'purchase a suitable trowel, cost not over £10.'

Drink thy wine with a merry heart

Hhoto: H Devenpor

(Eccl. viii.7)

A feature of the St Margaret's Centenary celebrations has been the Centenary wines. All of them Hardy's wines, grown and sourced in the McLaren Vale area, they were labelled by Greg Roberts and Fr

Paul & Helen Devenport in time for the Centenary Luncheon. Shiraz Cabernet, Riesling, Verdelho and mixed dozens all sell for \$90 a dozen. *Place your order with Greg Roberts (ph 8323 9331) or Fr Paul (email pdevenport@vtown.com.au)*



Congratulations to...

Christobel Mattingley, part-time resident of Port Willunga and worshipper in our Pastoral District, who with children's artist Bob Graham has been chosen to represent Australia for the

Hans Christian Anderson Award for 2012. This award, given by the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY), is for a lifetime of work which has had an enduring positive influence on readers. It is the highest international recognition given to an author and an illustrator of children's books.

Christobel has written nearly 40 books for children, many of them based on important issues of our time. They include *No Gun for Asmir* and *Escape from Sarajevo* (about a Bosnian refugee family), *Chelonia Green, Champion of Turtles* (the effects of pollution on turtles), *The Miracle Tree* (Nagasaki), *Work Wanted* (unemployment), *The Race* (deafness). She has won many awards for her writing and in 1996 was awarded an AM for service to literature, particularly children's literature, and for community service through her commitment to social and cultural issues. We hope you win, Christobel!



(R) Fr Paul & Helen, and Peter & Heather Chapman with the Mayor of Onkaparinga, Lorraine Rosenburg at the mayoral breakfast at Mt Barker on 24th June. Fr Paul and Peter are on the committee for the City of Onkaparinga Prayer Breakfast to be held at the South Adelaide Football Club on 20th October.



Around the traps...

Confirmation Day (Continued from p. 1)



Megan's confirmation was a special day for the Devenport family, with her father Paul and grandfather John assisting in the service.

Below: Fr Paul and the confirmees cut the cake.



Schools Ministry News

The school counsellor, Lynn Rowe, at Willunga High and Southern Vales CPS worker, Louise Fechner, gave the school a pancake breakfast at 8 am on Tuesday June 21.



They hope to continue it, and hopefully expand to other days of the week. They will be looking for donations and volunteers. The other days would likely be a normal toast/juice or milo brekkie.

If you are interested in helping once a month or once a week or more often phone Louise at the school - 8556 2105 or contact the SVSM Secretary, Ted Sandercock, 8556 4535.

This is a great outreach opportunity with the school asking for our support.

Ted Sandercock

Almond Blossom Festival (see also p. 3)

Our Pastoral District has put in an entry for the parade to be held on Sunday morning, on *this*



year's theme 'Where life blooms'.

Margaret Cale (ph 8556 5236) is keen to hear from anyone who has ideas and/or can offer support on that day.

Instead of the Blessing of the Tools this year there is to be a Thanksgiving for Harvest at 2 pm on Sunday 31st July led by the Anglican, Catholic and Uniting Churches.

The combined churches plan to run a Fun Day at the festival. PDC felt that as in previous years this was a time of too many commitments for the Anglican Church to engage fully in this, but individuals might like to be involved.

Please contact Phil Boulden 8556 4923 or Rilda Offe 8556 2554 if you would like to help with this Fun Day.



Family Teas Resume at St Ann's

After several months when the St Ann's Family Teas had to be cancelled due to clashes with other parish events, it was full house again on Friday 24th, and to add to the occasion, Tess Sapia from the Onkaparinga Council's Recycle Right joined us. She had six volunteers up and playing the 'garbage game' and explained the principles and practicalities of recycling.

A blazing Christmas pudding marked the half-way mark to next Christmas (*help*!!) and two birthdays (Helen Devenport's and Heather Chapman's) were celebrated. (As one person cheeklily remarked—if you put Helen and Heather together you end up with something like 'hell for leather'!)

The next Family Tea will be on Friday 22nd July. All welcome. No charge. Bring food to share—or just come!

Above: Tess Sapia explains the complexities of the rubbish collection chart to Fr Martin and Eileen and Mike Binns.

From St Ann's, Aldinga

- * We were delighted that three members of our congregation were among those confirmed last Sunday.
- * We have continued to open the church between 10 am. and 12 noon each Thursday and have shown an occasional visitor through the church. The congregation discussed the possibility of opening up for longer on Thursday mornings and offering coffee and fellowship in the hall but for the moment this remains on the 'wish list'.
- * The council road sign has now been installed next to the central stone bridge, and while most people think of us as being on South Road, our address is now officially 7 Stonehouse Road.
- * \$265 raised at the 10th anniversary of the Hall will go towards the repair work of the walls of the church. Our heartfelt thanks to the many people who had been working and planning for months to ensure the success of the day.
- * We have recently had two contractors come and inspect the work needed on the stonework. There are places where the mortar work is causing the stone to fret away. Moisture is rising and the lower half of the walls that are most exposed to direct wind and rain are adversely affected. Even though the mortar is of very good workmanship it is the wrong material for such a building, with moisture absorbed in the rock only, causing it to break away from the mortar. A stone mason will replace the existing mortar with a lime mortar that moves with the building. The second part of the work will be replacing stone in the lower sections of the entrance, which has fretted away to near crumbling. We will need to clean out the faulty mortar in preparation to the work.
- * With all the recent rain Peter and Bill are quietly confident that the sealant application on the hall wall is working well.
- * The problem of pigeons on the roof was tackled with a pigeon shoot on Tuesday. We envy Old Noarlunga with their peregrine falcon!
- * Pat Roper and Anne Chittleborough have updated their Child Safe Environment Certificates in the interests of making our church a safe place for children.

 Peter Chapman & Pat Roper

More 'bloopers' from (other) parish pewsheets!

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

From St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga

- * Attendances have generally been showing an increase
- * The top paddock has been cultivated. We are very fortunate to have it kept in good order.
- * The resident peregrine falcons are doing their job well as evidenced by pigeon skeletons found around the tower.
- * On 19th June we had a visit from a teacher and her class from Seaford Primary School. They had asked to have a look at the church and cemetery, and we had a nice half-hour with them. The children asked some very interesting questions.
- * Our roses have been pruned by Trish Frith—thank you Trish!
- * Susan Richards' mother has donated another lovely bag of hand-made children's wear, and we have had some good donations of groceries for the Christian Care & Support Centre.

Wallace Mausolf & Stephen Wells

From St Stephen's, Willunga

- * We are missing Margaret Cameron, who is having a spell in hospital.
- * Brian Fopp is in Kalyra, McLaren Vale. Visitors welcome. Please keep him in your prayers.
- * A run of sunny days gave us the opportunity to poison the weeds in the driveway and around the church.
- * We farewelled Jane Sloane who is off to New York to take up a new role.
- * 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

Thanksaiving Service at St Margaret's

On 5th of June a thanksgiving service was held for the

birth of baby
Matilda
Thompson,
daughter of
Mark & Amy
Thompson of
Huntfield
Heights.
Matilda has
since been
baptised at the
Anglican
Church at
Inverell in
northern NSW.



Thank you, knitters!

Thank you to all those who provided knitted rugs, jumpers, booties, beanies and

knitted toys this year. They have been distributed as follows:

To Anglicare: 29 rugs, 1 large case and 3 boxes of children's knitted clothes and beanies

To Genesis: 5 small baby rugs, 1 box of caps and knitted small teddies

To the Neo-natal Unit at Flinders Medical Centre: 1 box of caps and booties.

Margaret Cameron

Dear Women's Fellowship

ANGLICARE

On behalf of the staff, volunteers and most of all, the

working for people

clients of the Emergency Assistance Programme at St Hilary's, I would like to thank you very much the generous and thoughtful donation of knitted goods. The work that is put into the lovely blankets and clothes is very much appreciated, as is the continued support you provide for this service.

Your kindness and generosity has enabled us to help more families and individuals in need. With your help we can provide warmth to those who could not otherwise afford it.

Our community is very blessed to have you in our midst and we are humbled by such selflessness. We look forward to continuing to partner with you to reduce the harsh effects of poverty in the south...

Yours sincerely Louise Smith

Acting Co-ordinator/ Emergency Assistance and NILS

The Women's Fellowship which does this work is a small but faithful group who meet at St Margaret's Sunday School Room, McLaren Vale, on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, the next meeting being on Wednesday 20th July. For further information ring Margaret Cameron ph 8556 2343.

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St Ann's, Aldinga

Peter Chapman 8557 7151 Pat Roper 8386 2470

Parish Service times

St Stephen's, St Andrews Tce, Willunga Saturday: Holy Communion: 5.30 pm

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

Sunday: Holy Communion: 8.30 am

St Ann's, South Rd, Aldinga

Sunday: Holy Communion: 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 <u>Sunday 24th July</u> the only service will be a combined Eucharist at 10 am at Aldinga, to celebrate St Ann's Patronal Festival.