

July 2012

The Grapevine

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



Celebrate St Ann's Patronal Festival
Pastoral District Combined Service
9 am
Sunday 29th July

and stay for morning tea in the hall before going on to the
Almond Blossom Festival.

Willunga Almond Blossom Festival 2012

Our involvement is invited for the

- * **Blessing of the Tools Saturday 28th July, 12 midday,**
with Fr Paul
- * **Anglican Church participation in the**
Main Street Parade
Sunday 29th July from 10.30 am.
Theme: "Stars on High" BYO stars!
To contribute to the parade please contact Peter
Chapman ph 85576 7151
(There is an entrance fee to the Festival grounds—
\$7/\$5 conc./\$20 family pass)
- * **Pastoral District Produce Stall in the Willunga Institute**
Monday 30th July—Wednesday 1st August



See also p. 4

Fr Paul writes...

One of the joys of being a priest is welcoming children and adults into the Church through their baptism. We are blessed by the number of children and adults who have come forward and are continuing to do so in being baptised in our four churches of the Southern Vales.

Baptism is a sign of being welcomed into the Church. It is where a person receives the gift of the Holy Spirit, which enables them to grow in faith. It marks the beginning of the Christian journey in life. It is an outward sign of a person belonging to God's Church Family and in being united to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It means we are asked to 'die' to our old sinful self, and grow up as a person in the light of Christ. It is also a promise that when we die, we will share the eternal life of Jesus.

One of the promises made by parents and godparents is that those baptised will be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him. The confirmation of a person basically continues what was begun at baptism. It celebrates the presence and work of the Holy Spirit within us. It also marks full membership of the Church. The sacrament of confirmation is a transition for a baptised person to take adult responsibility, to confirm for themselves the promises their parents and godparents made for them.

Confirmation is not just for teenagers. Many adults become confirmed later on in life – they may have been baptised as a baby but then at some stage in their life they have come back to the Church and or wanted to make a public affirmation of their faith. In this, all of us become Christ's ambassadors – we are God's co-workers in the world.

We have presently four people of varying ages undergoing confirmation classes. The classes are giving the confirmees a chance to study and talk about God, the learn about Jesus' life and ministry, his death and resurrection, the church, the bible, the sacraments, the Holy Spirit, prayer and worship. As part of this, it also enables them to prepare to receive the Holy Eucharist.

I remember well my confirmation at the age of 12. I felt that something very special had happened to me, through the power of the Holy Spirit. I believe this will be the case for our four confirmees when Bishop Stanley Goldsworthy lays his hands on them and prays that they will be given the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit. The laying on of hands by the Bishop reflects the custom of the apostles who laid on hands when they prayed for someone to receive special gifts. (Acts 13 1-3)

Please pray for our confirmer candidates as they prepare to be confirmed at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale on Sunday the 23rd of September. There will be one service on that day in our pastoral district at 10 am.

I invite anyone to speak to me about being confirmed in the future. I invite parents to encourage your children to consider confirmation. You may also be of an age where you are now able to make the promises made by your parents and godparents at your baptism, or you have decided to come back to the church as an adult.

Confirmation is a landmark step in our continuing journey of spiritual development, and a strengthening of our own Christian commitment, so please consider it seriously if you are not confirmed.

With every blessing in Christ,

Fr Paul

Help is still urgently needed...

The Christian Care and Support Centre at Aldinga is still greatly in need of supplies and donations as it tries to meet the needs of struggling families in the area.

Good basic food such as breakfast cereals, tinned meat and vegetables, tuna, pasta, vegemite, peanut paste... all are needed.

Why not make a grocery item a regular part of our weekly church offering?

DROP IN AT GRANNY ANNIE'S

St Ann's, 7 Stonehouse Lane, Aldinga,
off South Rd

Thursdays 9-11.30 for a cuppa & chat.

Activities for children (and grown-ups!)

Enquiries: 8556 5078

BIBLE STUDIES

You'd be most welcome to
join the Weekly Bible Study
which is held each
Wednesday at 10.00 am
(after the 9.00 am
Eucharist) in St Margaret's Sunday
School room.

Enquiries: Ted Sandercock 8556 4535



HOW COME YOU KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT SIN?

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What's on ...

July

- Sun 1st** **FAMILY SERVICE:**
St Ann's 9 am, St Margaret's 10.30
Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers
- Mon 2nd** **Mothers' Union** 9.30 am Aldinga (next column)
- Tues 3rd** **THOMAS**
- Wed 4th** **St Ann's Guild** 1.30 pm (note changed date)
Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100
- Tues 10th** **St Margaret's Guild** 2 pm
Enquiries: Fran Pettigrew 8323 9366
- Thurs 12th** **Colton Court singers** 11 am-12
- Sat 14th** **Saturday Night Out at Willunga** (next column)
- Sun 15th** **Service at St Philip & St James at 10 am**
- Tues 17th** **Pastoral District Council** St Margaret's 6.30 pm
- Wed 18th** **Women's Fellowship** St Margaret's, 10 am
- Sun 22nd** **MARY MAGDALENE**
- Wed 25th** **JAMES**
- Thurs 26th** **ANN**
- Fri 27th** **St Ann's Family Tea** 6.30—8.30 pm
Enquiries: Pat Roper 8386 2470
- Sat 28th** **Safer Ministry Training, St Margaret's**
Almond Blossom Festival (see p. 5)
Blessing of the tools 12 midday
(There will be no service at St Stephen's)
- Sun 29th** **PARISH COMBINED SERVICE** St Ann's 9 am
Patronal Festival & morning tea
- Mon 30th** **Willunga Almond Blossom stall** (St Margaret's)
- Tues 31st** **Willunga Almond Blossom stall** (St Ann's)

August

- Wed 1st** **Willunga Almond Blossom stall** (St Philip & St James, & St Stephen's)
- Sun 5th** **FAMILY SERVICE:**
St Ann's 9 am, St Margaret's 10.30
Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers
- Mon 6th** **TRANSFIGURATION**
Mothers' Union 9.30 am Seaford
Enquiries: Trish Frith 8556 2604
- Thurs 9th** **Colton Court singers** 11 am-12
- Sat 11th** **MU Joining Together Day**
- Mon 13th** **St Ann's Guild** 1.30 pm
Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100
- Tues 14th** **St Margaret's Guild** 2 pm
Enquiries: Fran Pettigrew 8323 9366
Pastoral District Council St Margaret's 6.30 pm
- Wed 15th** **MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD**
Women's Fellowship St Margaret's, 10 am
- Fri 17th** **ABM Provincial Dinner** (see p. 6)
- Sun 19th** **Service at St Philip & St James at 10 am**
- Fri 24th** **BARTHOLOMEW**
St Ann's Family Tea 6.30—8.30 pm
Enquiries: Pat Roper 8386 2470
*Christian Care & Support

July Baptism:

Sun 15th July St Ann's: Ajay Kolarik

FAMILY SERVICES

1st Sunday of the month
St Ann's 9 am; St Margaret's 10.30 am
All families, teenagers and children welcome!

A service designed for families with children's involvement in the liturgy.

Further information:
Fr Paul Devenport 8323 9744

MOTHERS' UNION

Monday 2nd July; St Ann's,
9.30 am



MARRIAGE :
LOOKING BACK—
LOOKING FORWARD
Quiet time and meditation.

Enquiries: Trish Frith 8556 2604

SATURDAY NIGHT OUT AT WILLUNGA

Saturday July 14, 7pm
at the Bush Inn
following St Stephen's 5.30 pm Vigil Mass.
Bookings by 12th July
8556 4535

ST ANN'S QUIZ NIGHT

(originally planned for 13th July)
has had to be deferred. Watch this space!

ST ANN'S FAMILY TEA

Friday 27th July
St Ann's Room 6.30-8.30 pm.
All welcome. Bring your friends.
Bring food to share, or just come!
Enquiries: 8556 6100

*Time to
refresh
your roses!*

Call Trish
8556 2604
for expert
rose pruning



A Pastoral District
fund-raising project.

Almond Blossom Festival 2012

(cont'd)

The historic Bassett School, Willunga

The slate-roofed Bassett Boys School in Willunga was founded 150 years ago in September 1862, and following the death of James Bassett and his wife, it was operated briefly in the 1890s as a Church of England school, with a Miss Ella Hawkens the very popular teacher in charge.

This year the Almond Blossom Combined Christian Community free Family Fun Activities will be opened by the National Trust, to continue the Bassett School 150th commemorations.

If you would like to assist with these activities, contact Phil Boulden 8556 4023 or Rilda Offe 8556 2554.

Photo: M Chittleborough



Almond Blossom Festival Produce Stall

The Pastoral District of Southern Vales will run the traditional stall in the Willunga Institute, opposite the front door, from 10 am to approx. 2.30 pm Monday to Wednesday. Shared by all centres, this is a Pastoral District fundraiser.

Your contribution of saleable items would be welcomed. 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 with ingredients listed.)

Some handcraft & knitted baby wear also sell. No plants please.

Monday 30th July

St Margaret's

Tuesday 31st July

St Ann's

Wednesday 1st Aug

St Philip & St James' & St Stephen's

Enquiries: Margaret Cameron 8556 2343



From St Philip & St James Old Noarlunga

Our thanks are extended to Bp Stanley and Fr Ed Pumphrey for conducting services during the last month. We are also grateful to our musical accompanists each Sunday.

A ladder has been purchased to replace the rickety wooden ladder. Restoration and maintenance work is being looked into currently and rose pruning has been booked for early July.

The wedding of Darren Jones and Nyree Humphreys was conducted on 15th June.

*Wallace Mausolf & Stephen Wells,
Wardens.*

Another parishioner writes: The huge oleander has been cut down from the cemetery. Surprisingly, with the hills and pepper trees now visible beyond, it is actually more dramatic now, and rather lovely.

*L: Nyree Dana Humphreys and Darren
Lynn Jones leave the church after their
wedding on 15th June. Photo: D Best*



*Detail from the beautiful
Ascension window at St Philip
& St James Old Noarlunga.
Photo: M Chittleborough*

From St Stephen's, Willunga:



With the colder weather we have returned to sherry and cheese nibbles after the Vigil Mass.

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.

Above: Fr Paul baptised Elizabeth Bosworth at St Stephen's, Willunga, on 16th June. Photo: T Sandercock

Above R: Newly baptised, Thomas Blacker marvels at his Baptismal candle. Photo: J Drought

Right: Some of those at the Saturday Night Out on 16th June, L-R: John & Belinda Stell, the top of Hope Stell's head, Fr Paul, Felicity Warrington, Margaret Cameron, Sylvia Francis, Wendy Sandercock.

Photo: T Sandercock

Michael Drought has removed the overhanging tree branches from an adjoining property and the disposal of the subsequent material., and the stonemason Dave Johnson will begin our sanctuary repairs in July..

Our thanks to Wallace for conducting Evening Prayer on June 9th.

Elizabeth Bosworth was baptised on 16th June. This was a joyous family occasion attended by about 50 visitors.

The June Saturday Night Out dinner was held on 16th June at the Bush Inn after the Vigil Mass—an enjoyable evening attended by 10 adults and little Hope Stell. The July event will be on Saturday 14th July at the Bush Inn.



From St Margaret's, McLaren Vale:

The two family services held in May and June at St Margaret's have been well attended and enjoyed by everyone. Thanks for the great work done by Jac Hocking and Fr Paul in the instruction of the children.

Thanks too to Fr John Devenport for standing in for Fr Paul during his brief holiday with his family. We are sure all of them enjoyed the break.

Greg Roberts & Julia Drought, Wardens.

My thanks to Ted Sandercock for the excellent June issue of *The Grapevine*—Ed

Around the traps (cont'd)

From St Ann's, Aldinga

The June Family Service saw some families unable to attend, but we were joined by Judi McNee with her boys Thomas and Zac. Thomas had previously attended Sunday School with his grandparents, who have now returned to England. He was a capable reader of the second lesson and he and his little brother brought the bread and wine forward to the altar at the appropriate time. We look forward to their rejoining the Sunday School once a fortnight.

The regular work in the church gardens and in the cemetery is quietly on-going and we are very grateful for all who help. A problem with the men's toilet was attended to, with the worn fittings for the cost of the parts only. Many thanks to Chris.

The 3rd June saw the baptism of baby Charlotte Lear when about 70 people came to welcome Charlotte into the church. Thanks to Trish and Pat for ensuring all ran smoothly.

May and June saw many parishioners depart for warmer climes, resulting in the rescheduling of the May Jumble Sale to the 9th June. We were still short of many helpers but with those we had we raised \$556.80 after expenses. Many thanks to all who helped.

Because of low numbers two Guild meetings had to be cancelled as well. Behind the scenes, however, we have still been organising a fundraiser for the Ordination Candidates Fund, and our annual (almost) Quiz Night, as well as planning for the Almond Blossom Festival and St Ann's Patronal Festival.

Fr Paul and Helen, Peter and Heather and Pat held another meeting of Priest and Wardens to discuss issues concerning St Ann's; at Pat's home this time. This was followed by a relaxed shared meal together. We all agree that these occasions help us to understand each other and what is happening.

Granny Annie continues to fill a need. In addition to those with young families we have been joined by a lady who is currently house-sitting at Aldinga and looking for

fellowship. She even assisted us with our Jumble Sale preparations!

We thank Fr John Devenport for his presence at our Sunday Services in Fr Paul's absence.

The June family tea was well attended and great in fun and fellowship, with a bocce match included.



Zac McNee and Heather & Peter Chapman try their hand at Bocce at the Family Tea on 29th June
Photos: J McNee

A second attempt at a Guild meeting for June resulted in a rather serendipity visit of nine of us to the ABM film morning to see the delightful film *Salmon Fishing in the Yemen*, and a meeting convened over lunch at the front bar of the "Mulga Bill" on Kensington Road! The meeting flowed so smoothly and effortlessly that we think we should try that again some time!

Pat Roper and Peter Chapman, Wardens.



THE ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION ANNUAL PROVINCIAL DINNER

Friday 17th August
6.30 for 7 pm

Christ Church North Adelaide
Guest speaker Robert McLean

Church to Church Missioner for ABM

(see p. 16 of *Partners*, Autumn 2012, available at your church)

\$30 (or \$25 for non-waged people)

Bookings by 7th August Ph 8556 5078

The Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) is the official mission organisation of the Anglican Church of Australia, working in partnership with Indigenous ministries around Australia, and with churches in PNG and the Pacific, Africa, Jerusalem & the Middle East, and Asia.

It engages with these churches in projects of evangelism, community development and emergency relief.

The used stamps collected at each of our churches provide a boost for ABM funds. Cut or tear stamps from envelopes, leaving some paper around the stamps so they are not damaged, and place them in the plastic bag at the back of the church for collection.

The PDC meeting was chaired by Fr Dirk Van Dissell in the absence of the Pastoral District Administrator. The meeting was attended by five observers, and the following matters were discussed:

The Anglicare Development: Due to a change of office in Anglicare the feasibility study had not yet been completed and there were no developments to report.

Outreach: Synod had raised the subject of evangelism and possible employment of someone to assist and encourage this. Locally, there had been a meeting last August but it needed follow-up. Fr Paul, Peter Chapman and Pat Roper to organise another meeting to take this further, and include Seaford in planning.

Parish Status for Southern Vales: Fr Dirk reported that this was still being considered by Diocesan Council.

Safer Ministry Training: Training days had been organized at seven different venues around the Diocese. Fr Paul, Ted Sandercock, Peter Chapman and Julia Drought were sharing the responsibility for these. The one to be held at St Margaret's on **Saturday 28th July** was already booked out (40 people) but the trainer had agreed to take a few more. Another on the Fleurieu Peninsula was being held at Victor Harbor on Saturday 30th June. Fr Dirk thanked Fr Paul and his team for all the work they had done on this for the Diocese.

Protecting People, Protecting Property: Different people were responsible for this in the four centres, but the Pastoral District needed an Occupational Health and Safety Officer. Stephen Wells volunteered. To be confirmed by Fr Richard.

Patronal Festivals: The date of the **St Ann's Patronal Festival** often co-incided with that of the Almond Blossom Festival at Willunga, meaning a clash between the church's own festival and its outreach involvement with the community. On other occasions St Ann's Day had been celebrated on another Sunday but Fr Richard had decided that this year it would be on the same day, **Sunday 29th July**. The service would be held at 9 am allowing those involved with the Almond Blossom parade to go straight after the service instead of staying for the Patronal Festival morning tea.

Sunday concerts: An old organ had been bought by the late Greg Trott with the idea of holding concerts at Wirra Wirra, but its restoration had not been completed and the current owners of the winery did not wish to continue with the plan. Greg John from Tatachilla College, who had installed the organ at St Margaret's, was looking for ways to raise money to restore the Wirra Wirra organ, and an ultimate location for it in the wine district. It had been suggested that Pleasant Sunday Afternoon concerts at St Margaret's could raise money for the organ – and St Margaret's - and be good publicity for the church. However, more information was needed at this stage.

Financial Report

In the absence of the Treasurer, Ted Sandercock presented the reports she had prepared.

Finances for May:

Nett monthly income	\$6,302
Monthly expenditure	\$6,761
Operating Profit	-\$459
Missions	\$628

Overall Finances (January through May 2012)

Income	\$34,175
Expenditure	\$39,637
Operating profit	-\$5,462
Donations to Missions	\$5,469

Fr Dirk encouraged us to raise funds for the Pastoral District, and commended the Treasurer on her professional presentation of the finances.

News from other reports from the four centres can be found elsewhere in this issue. The tabling of a report on Synod by the Pastoral District's two elected Synod Representatives was disallowed from the Chair.

Next meeting: Tuesday 17th July. Observers welcome.



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 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.

HIGH COURT CHALLENGE TO FUNDING CHAPLAINS

The recent High Court challenge to funding school chaplains has resulted in the calling into question the legality of funding a large range of community organisations such as universities.

Consequently the Government plans to quickly pass legislation to fund these essential organisations and has committed itself to continue funding chaplains.

Our Gold Coin collection on the first Sunday of the month goes to the support of CPS workers (Chaplains) in our local schools.

2013 CALENDAR

Enquiries are being made about costs and options for producing a 2013 Southern Vales Pastoral District Calendar.

If you have photos of church life or of local scenery that you would like to offer for consideration, please copy them to disk and give them to the Chittleboroughs by 30th July.

Photos should be in landscape format and must be of sufficient quality to be enlarged to A4 size.

Enquiries: 8556 5078



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Visit our website!

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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
(but with occasional changes to 10 am—see *What's On*, p. 3)

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

Family services are held at St Ann's & St Margaret's on the first Sunday of the month.

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 29th July the only service will be a combined Eucharist at 9am at Aldinga, to celebrate St Ann's Patronal Festival.