

The Grapevine

January 2012

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



Service of Lessons & Carols, St Margaret's

The choir included: (L-R) Felicity Warrington, Maria Pulkkinen, Susan Smith, Julia Drought, Bob Smith, Fr Tom Drought, Bill Cale, Rupert Best, Clive Auricht.



CHRISTMAS 2011 in the Southern Vales



Christmas Eve Christingle, St Margaret's,

R: Aidan Murphy and his father Mark assemble Christingles, and L: the congregation joins in the Nativity Play.



L: **Vigil Mass**
at St Stephen's:
the clay
Nativity scene.

R: **Midnight
Mass** at St Philip
& St James.



Christmas Day.

L: Children at St Ann's display their Nativity pictures (L-R: Sophie, Katy, Jack, Charlie, Emma (at back), Amie, Katrina and Lauren). R: Their music accompanied the organ in the last hymn. (Photos: J Drought, D Best, A Chittleborough)



Fr Paul writes...

A Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and there was some time for relaxation with family and with friends. It was good to see many of you at our services over Christmas. I was encouraged by the number at our Christmas celebrations, especially on Christmas Eve at St Stephen's, Willunga and at midnight mass at St Philip and St James, Old Noarlunga. The service at Old Noarlunga was the first for several years at 11.30 pm. It is my hope that this be a permanent arrangement in coming years and with carols starting at 11 pm.

The hot weather took its toll though in the number of people attending the Christingle service at 6 pm at St Margaret's,



At the Christingle service Fran Pettigrew thanked Jac Hocking for her work with the children at St Margaret's (Photo: J Drought)

McLaren Vale. The adults and children who did attend still certainly had some fun, in joining in the nativity play and making the Christingle candles. My thanks to the Sunday School co-ordinator at St Margaret's, Jac Hocking for her assistance in preparing for this service. The services on Christmas Day at St Margaret's and at St Ann's were slightly down in numbers this year but were still joyous occasions. It was wonderful to have children involved at St Ann's, Aldinga, with the setting up of the crib and playing musical instruments during the final hymn. My thanks to everyone who

worked so hard to prepare for

the Christmas festival in our four churches.

We have now entered the season of Epiphany. The word "Epiphany" is Greek for manifestation. During this season, the church celebrates the gift of Christ for everyone. The gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh were brought by the Wise Men on behalf of all people. They represented the non-Jewish world. They responded to God's gift of his Son by travelling from the east, perhaps Babylon or Persia, and bringing with them gifts, which were worthy of royalty. We rejoice at this time that God comes among us in Jesus, and with the wise men we rejoice that God chooses to act both through history and in our lives today. Let us consider as we begin a new year what we would offer God who gave us his Son as a gift to humanity. We should be offering to him no less than all we have, in our worship every day, in our gratitude and love to him and in our own gifts and talents that he has given to us through the Holy Spirit.

May God bless each and every one of you in 2012. *Fr Paul*

We welcome you! ***Southern Vales Baptisms in December***



Eloisa Rose Maiolo was baptised at St Ann's Aldinga on 4th December. Seen here with parents Shane & Melanie, and Fr Paul. (Photo provided)



Amelia Blackburn was baptised at St Stephen's Willunga on 17th December (Photo: J Drought)



It was a family baptism for Danielle Organ, Thomas Ruzgar and their son William at St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga on 18th December.

Thank you to all contributors of this issue. If you have 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 January.

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.

For your diary...

January

- Sun 1st Celebrating EPIPHANY
Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers
- Sun 8th BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
- Sat 14th Blessing of the Harvest
(see next column)
- Sun 15th Memorial service for Dahlis McKenzie,
St Ann's, 2 pm
- Tues 17th Pastoral District Council 6.30 St Margaret's
- Wed 25th CONVERSION OF PAUL
- Thurs 26th AUSTRALIA DAY
- Friday 27th St Ann's Family Tea (see next column)
Enquiries: Pat Roper 8386 2470
- Saturday 28th St Ann's Jumble Sale (see next column)
Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100

February

- Thurs 2nd PRESENTATION OF CHRIST AT THE TEMPLE
- Sun 5th Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers
- Mon 6th Mothers' Union 9.30 am St Ann's.
Enquiries: Trish Frith 8556 2604
- Thurs 9th Colton Court Singers 11 am-12
Enquiries: Sue MacKirdy 8556 5162
- 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 6.30 St Margaret's
- Wed 15th Women's Fellowship St Margaret's, 10 am
Enquiries: Margaret Cameron 8556 2343
- Tues 21st SHROVE TUESDAY
6 pm Evensong, St Margaret's followed by
pancakes in the Sunday School Room
- Wed 22nd ASH WEDNESDAY
Holy Eucharist 9 am St Margaret's &
7 pm at St Ann's
- Fri 24th St Ann's Family Tea
- Wed 29th Lenten Supper I (see next column)

March

- Fri 2nd WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
7.30 pm St Margaret's
(see February Grapevine)
* Christian Pastoral Support

Baptisms in January:

- Sun 15th January
St Ann's, Aldinga 9 am
Patrick Harding Thomson
- St Margaret's, McLaren Vale 10.30 am
Isobel Kate Baraido
William, Kelly & Baxter Brown

BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesdays 10 am at St Margaret's,
after the 9 am Eucharist. All welcome.

Lenten Bible Studies begin
Sunday 26th February.



ST ANN'S FAMILY TEAS

are held on the 4th Friday of the month, normally in
St Ann's Hall, 6.30-8.30.

*All welcome. Bring your friends.
Bring food to share, or just come!*

Just to be different, the Family Tea this month, on

Friday 27th January

will be held at

17 Maurice Street, Aldinga Beach .

ST ANN'S JUMBLE SALE

**January
28th
8.30-12.30**



(changed date)

Due to an influx of wheels, lycra and spectators
into Aldinga on 21st January
for the Tour Down Under,
**the date of the January Jumble Sale has been
changed to Saturday 28th January.**

*Check your cupboards, recycle any surplus or
unwanted Christmas gifts—buy up for next
Christmas—only 340 days to go!*

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Put these dates in your diary!

Further details in the February Grapevine.

Wednesday 29th February: Clive Auricht:

"Medicine Beyond Kokoda: A Doctor in PNG"

Wednesday 7th March: Fr Alan Dutton:

"Doing a U-Turn: Kairos, An Ecumenical Prison Ministry"

Wednesday 14th March: Brian Mc Millan:

"A Pilgrim's Progress: A Journey Across Spain in 2011"

6; 6.30 pm Concludes at 8.30



THE BLESSING OF THE HARVEST

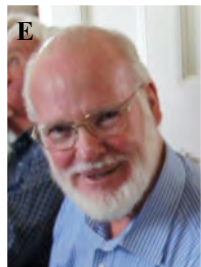
**Saturday 14th January
10.30 am at McLaren Vale Oval.**

Includes a parade of children with produce .
There will be events on the day starting at 10 am with
local wine and food stalls, master classes and free
children's entertainment.

There is free entry to the event with proceeds on the
day going to the McLaren Vale and Districts War
Memorial Hospital.

VESTRY

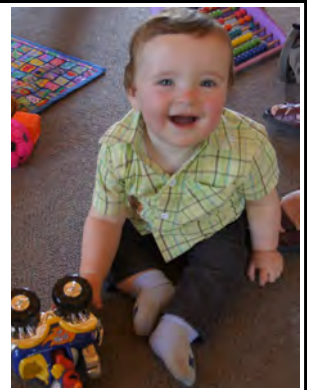
The date of our Annual Vestry is yet to be decided
but Sister Bev has requested that all Vestry Reports
are forwarded to her by the end of January please.



Christmas Luncheon

A marvellous lunch was held at Vasarelli's on Saturday 10th December. Among those enjoying the day were **A:** Leonie Pettman; **B:** (L-R) Ian Pettman (here from London), Di & Rupert Best, Bob Smith; **C:** Duncan Gordon & Bill Cale; **D:** Elizabeth Richmond; **E:** Brian McMillan.

Looking healthy and bonny at Granny Annie's, little Ethan Jones whom we support in prayer has had the good news that he won't have to face further surgery in the immediate future.



Arriving at Granny Annie's with his mother Natalie and grandmother Eve, and having explored the toy box and quite a lot of the hall floor, he was glad to take a nap in his mother's arms—the first of our visitors to fall asleep!



Granny Annie's, at St Ann's Hall (7 Stonehouse Lane, off South Road Aldinga), is open on Thursday mornings 9-11.30. Be assured of a warm welcome, a cuppa and a chat. Droppers-in during January are eligible for the Mystery Draw to be drawn on 2nd February. Do drop in!

Enquiries: Anne 8556 5078 or Pat 8386 2470

Pastoral District Council

There was no Pastoral District Council meeting in December. The next meeting will be Tuesday January 17 at 6.30 pm in the St Margaret's Sunday School room. All welcome.

Finances November

Nett Monthly Income	\$ 3,885
Monthly Expenditure	\$ 6,658
Loss	- \$ 2,773
Missions	\$ 71

Overall Finances (to November 30)

Income	\$66,985 (\$1,035 over budget)
Expenditure	\$77,274 (\$3,038 under budget)
Loss	\$10,290 (\$4,072 under budget)
Donations to Missions	\$ 5,508

Ted Sandercock

Southern Vales/Anglicare Project Update

A December meeting between representatives of the Pastoral District, Diocesan Council and Anglicare resolved to hold an information session for parishioners at the next Easter Vestry meeting (date to be confirmed).

All parties are in the process of signing off on the "Heads of Agreement", and it was felt that an update would help dispel any misinformation and afford an opportunity to express concerns. Please see the next issue of *The Grapevine* for further details.

Wendy Sandercock



Fr Phil Anderson & Carol celebrated 30 years of Fr Phil's ordained ministry on Friday 2nd December at Mt Barker.

A number of people from Southern Vales joined the celebration and the sermon was preached by Fr Paul. (Photo: V Martin)

Betty Porter R.I.P.

Elizabeth Mary Porter, widow of the first Bishop of our Diocese, Bishop Robert Porter, and fondly remembered by many, died in Melbourne on Christmas Eve.

Betty Williams, as she then was, went to PNG in 1951 following a call for teachers after the eruption of Mt Lamington. In 1952 she was posted to Agenehambo. It was here that she met Robert Porter, the Priest In Charge, and in 1954 they were married.

They returned to Australia in 1957, serving in the Diocese of Ballarat and in 1970 Bp Porter established the new Diocese of The Murray.

For many years Betty played a significant role in the Anglican Board of Mission Auxiliary.

Guild Christmas Parties

The two Guilds of St Margaret's and St Ann's got together this year for not one but two Christmas parties! The first, at the Information Centre at McLaren Vale, was also an opportunity to celebrate the birthday of Sylvia Francis, who was retiring from the St Margaret's Guild after many years of involvement and service.



L-R: Fran Pettigrew, Norma McGaffic, Wendy Sandercock and Sylvia Francis (Photo: V Martin)

A second combined Christmas Party was held at the Aldinga Airport. The Guilds were pleased to welcome other parishioners of the Pastoral District, and Fr Paul, to the festivities.

A letter of thanks...

The Christian Care and Support Centre wishes to thank everybody for all their wonderful support throughout the year. Donations of food and gifts received for Christmas Hampers were very much appreciated. They enabled us to pack 39 substantial hampers. Many of these families struggle to pay their weekly bills so find Christmas very difficult especially with small children in the house. The look of delight on a small child's face when you let them choose a special toy makes all our work worth while.

The centre is now closed except for bread being available each Thursday morning. We reopen on Monday 16th January. God Bless you all. Anne Lear



Fr Paul and Helen were also glad to receive a Christmas hamper, delivered on behalf of St Ann's by Val Martin. (Photo: B Jeanes)

A tribute to Peter Carter

The cemetery surrounding our church at Old Noarlunga has a very well cared-for look, but it wasn't always that way. Until quite late in the 1900s it was a rather neglected looking place and it owes its present satisfactory state to a succession of latter day curators. Among them the name of Clarry Bartlett springs to mind. The improvement under Clarry was dramatic.

When I was curator it was not like it is today and it did not even have a plan. Working there one day with my friend the late Peter Carter I mentioned this to him. He said, 'I could do a plan. I just need a theodolite.'

I knew that Peter was an engineer, but did not know that he could do surveying, so I replied, "Can you use a theodolite?"

He said that he had never used one but thought that he could work it all out!

I was able to get an ancient instrument from the local council (they weren't using it any more) and we set about surveying. I would stand where Peter directed me holding a long white stick upright and he would peer somewhat myopically into the theodolite and take his measurements. (Peter had very thick lenses in his glasses). One such measurement had me standing in the aisle of the church, the front door open and Peter half-way to the front gate. He finished up with a mass of figures, angle sizes and symbols on small pieces of paper that looked to me like something Einstein might have produced in order to work out one of his theories.

We completed the surveying in two of our Thursday morning working bees and Peter very soon produced his plan. It has proved very useful and as far as I know, is quite accurate.

Peter and his wife Mavis are both fondly remembered at St Philip & St James' Church. Peter was quite a character with a good brain and a mind of his own. There was never a sermon preached that held his attention for long. He would soon nod off and his head would fall to his chest until a hefty elbow in the ribs from Mavis awakened him—and then it would all happen again! He looked to be quite frail but was surprisingly robust and did good work at our little working bees. When further history is written about our church at Old Noarlunga, Peter's contribution should not be forgotten.

Colin Griffen

From St Stephen's, Willunga

The usual St Stephen's Patronal Festival, held on the Sunday following December 26, was not held this year as Christmass Day was on a Sunday and the next Sunday celebrated the Epiphany, or Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. However, St Stephen's Day service was held on Monday 26th at 9.00 am and 14 members of the Pastoral District attended. The saint's day service was followed by morning tea, Christmas cake and refreshments. The St Stephen's Patronal Festival will be held on a Sunday after Easter.

Ted Sandercock

SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY VALUED

In South Australia the Schools Ministry Group (SMG) continues to facilitate and coordinate Christian ministry in schools, in partnership with local Christian churches.

The National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program offers schools a choice between a Chaplain (called a Christian Pastoral Support Worker in SA) and a Student Welfare Worker. It is exciting that 97 % of our schools have chosen to continue with the Chaplaincy Program, and to date 203 of our current schools have been approved for funding next year. This is an incredible result.

We celebrate over 20 years of providing chaplaincy in our schools. From large R-12 campuses of over 1000 students to small rural schools of 20 to 30, Christian Pastoral Support Workers are bringing purpose, value, and hope to a young generation. They work in partnership with other caring professionals in the wider school community, yet have a unique and distinctive role.

They support students dealing with issues ranging from family breakdown and loneliness to drug abuse, grief and other crisis situations, and help them to access the support they need. They provide a listening ear and a caring presence.

Do you have a free hour once in a while? Your local CPS Worker could do with a bit of assistance with some activities such as a breakfast program, lunch-time activities, camps and other school events. This can be a rewarding way to spend an hour!

Anyone interested in applying for a CPSW position in a Government School is invited to attend an Information Session at the SMG Office, 13 Hampton St, Hawthorn, on Wednesday February 22, 2012 from 7.00 to 9.00 pm. For more information phone 8378 6800 or email mail@smg.asn.au.

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Julia Drought 8323 8724

St Stephen's, Willunga
Margaret Cameron 8556 2343
Ted Sandercock 8556 4535

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, 7 Stonehouse Lane,
off 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

