

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



At the service of Confirmation, St Margaret's, Sunday 23rd September Confirmees (L) David Mills & Janet McNamara, and (R) Julie Cridland & Peter Kyloh, with Sr Bev Driver, Bishop Stanley Goldsworthy & Fr Paul Devenport. Seated: Catherine Viney and Matthew Hearn.

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 October.

CONFIRMATION (see also p. 1)

Sunday 23rd September was a special day for four parishioners who were confirmed into full membership of the Church by Bishop Stanley Goldsworthy. The singing was excellently led by the choir and cantors and the new virtual pipe organ, played by Felicity Warrington, indeed made a joyful noise unto the Lord.

Following the service there was a shared luncheon in the Sunday School room, and the confirmees shared the cutting of a spectacular cake. It was an opportunity also to celebrate the fact that it was Fr Paul's birthday!

Fr Dirk van Dissel, the Dean of The Murray and recently appointed Administrator of our Pastoral District (see p 6) was able to be present and was welcomed at the luncheon.





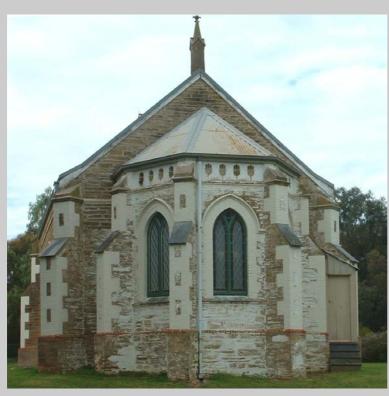
MOTHERS UNION OUTING

Monday 5th November 10 am Willunga Court House. Lunch at the Bush Inn Enquiries: Trish Frith 8556 2604

BIBLE STUDIES

are held at St Margaret's each Wednesday morning following the 9 am service.

All welcome.



Celebrate St Stephen's, Willunga's Special Day, Sunday 14th October!

As was mentioned in the August issue of *The Grapevine*, instead of celebrating the Patronal Festival of St Stephen which falls on Boxing Day, this year the church will hold a Dedication Festival instead, on Sunday 14th October.

An earlier church was situated in the Willunga Cemetery on Aldinga Road. It was consecrated in 1849 but demolished in 1929 as unsafe. The foundation stone of the present church (seen here from the back view) was laid by Bishop Kennion on 6th July 1884, and the church was consecrated on 3rd July 1902 by Bishop Harmer.

There will be only one service in the Pastoral District on 14th October, at 10 am at St Stephen's.

Instead of the summer tradition of a shared brunch under the peppercorn tree, join the St Stephen's congregation at a parish luncheon at the Alma Hotel at 12 midday. The hotel is offering a two course meal for approx. \$20 or the daily special single course lunch for \$12.

To book for the lunch please fill in a form from your church today or phone 8556 4535 by 8th October.

October

Mon 1st **Mothers' Union** 9.30 am Aldinga. Guest speaker:

Susan Jeanes

Fri 5th St Ann's Quiz Night

Sun 7th Family Service St Ann's 9am, St Margaret's 10.30 am

Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers

Mon 8th St Ann's Guild 1.30 pm

Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100

Tues 9th St Margaret's Guild 2 pm

Enquiries: Fran Pettigrew 8323 9366

Pastoral District Council St Margaret's 7 pm

Thurs 11th Colton Court singers 11 am-12

Enquiries: Sue MacKirdy 8556 5162

Sat 13th Quarry Market Sausage Sizzle for CPS* workers

No Vigil Mass at St Stephen's

Sun 14th COMBINED SERVICE St Stephen's Dedication Festival

10 am (see opposite page)

Wed 17th Women's Fellowship St Margaret's, 10 am

Enquiries: Margaret Cameron 8556 2343

Thurs 18th LUKE

Eucharist, at St Margaret's, 10.30 am (see p. 4)

Fri 19th Mayor's Prayer Breakfast South Adelaide Football Club

7.15 — 9 am (see next column)

Sun 21st Sunday School picnic, St Margaret's, from 12.30 pm

Tues 23rd R&M Committee 6.30 pm at the Rectory Fri 26th St Ann's Family Tea 6.30—8.30 pm Enquiries: Pat Roper 8386 2470

Sat 27th St Margaret's Jumble Sale

Sun 28th SIMON & JUDE

10th Safe Ministry Seminar, St Margaret's from 1.30 pm

November

Thurs 1st ALL SAINTS Fri 2nd ALL SOULS

Sun 4th Family Service St Ann's 9 am, St Margaret's 10.30 am

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Mon 12th St Ann's Guild 1.30 pm

Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100

Tues 13th St Margaret's Guild 2 pm

Enquiries: Fran Pettigrew 8323 9366

Fri 16th MARGARET OF SCOTLAND

Sat 17th Saturday Night Out dinner at Willunga 7 pm

Bookings 8556 4535

Sun 18th COMBINED SERVICE St Margaret's PATRONAL festival

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Fri 23rd St Ann's Family Tea 6.30—8.30 pm

Enquiries: Pat Roper 8386 2470

Sun 25th CHRIST THE KING Fri 30th Aldinga Advent Pageant

*Christian Pastoral Support

FAMILY SERVICES

First Sunday of the month
7th October, 4th November
St Ann's 9 am; St Margaret's 10.30 am
Further information:
Fr Paul Devenport 8323 9744

Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

19th October 7.15-9 am

South Adelaide Football Club

The Mayor's Prayer Breakfast is designed to encourage our political, civic and business leaders as well as the community generally to recognise their privileges and responsibilities before God.

Guest speaker: Mr Hieu Van Le, Lieutenant Governor of SA

Fr Paul is hoping to have people from our Pastoral District accompanying him to this event. Please let him know a.s.a.p.

Synday school Picnic

Sunday 21st October

at The Rectory from 12.30 pm..... Meat will be supplied; bring your own salads and drinks.



St Margaret's Jumble Sale & Sausage Sizzle

> Saturday 27th October

The planned **Melbourne Cup Lunch** at St Ann's on **Tuesday 6th November has had to be cancelled.** Apologies to anyone to whom this causes any inconvenience.

St Margaret's Patronal Festival

Parish Combined service 10 am Followed by shared lunch

Weddings

Sat 20thOct St. Margaret's Luke William Bayly & Lucinda Kate Warbout

Sat 3rd Nov SSPJ Thomas Jan Ruzgar &

Danielle Louise Organ

Sat 10th Nov SSPJ Mathew Graeme Walker & Kelly Marie Cochinos

Fr Paul writes...

It was a delight to have Bishop Stanley Goldsworthy confirm four candidates at our confirmation service on Sunday September the 23rd. Bishop Stanley in laying his hands on them prayed that they would be given the gifts of the Holy Spirit. It was reaffirming the Holy Spirit in them, which was given to them at their baptism. The laying on of hands reflects the custom of the apostles who laid hands on Christians when they prayed for them to receive special gifts. This is scripturally based and is found in Acts Chapter 13 verses 1-3.

St Paul speaks of nine spiritual gifts in Chapter 12 of his 1st letter to the Corinthians. They are wisdom, knowledge, prophecy, faith, healings, miracles, spiritual discernment, speaking in tongues and interpretation of tongues. In Chapter 13, he discusses the greatest gift of all; without it all the others are of only relative importance. The gift is love. This passage from Chapter 13 is by far the favourite Bible reading at weddings. Paul in describing the various gifts was trying to prove a point to the Corinth Church, that the greatest of gifts is love, whereas the least of them is speaking in tongues. He was concerned that the Corinth Church was placing too much emphasis on the gift of tongues, that is, that gift was required if you were to be a Christian. St. Paul believed this was not correct.

Instead St Paul speaks of the various gifts that are shared among us which are for the benefit of the church. Just as our physical body is composed of different members; which depend on each other for us to function, so the members of the church are related to one another through the gift of the Holy Spirit. We all share varying gifts and they enable us to develop these gifts in unity with each other. We all have a gift to bring to the Church. We might be the Church's eyes to see opportunity. We might be the Church's ears to listen to those who need our help. We might be enabling ways to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to others. We never know which of us God will use to bring people who are spiritually dead back to life and return to church.

God looks favourably on all his people today if they follow Him and live a life that He desires of us. In turn, he gives his followers spiritual gifts to help further the Church in this world. We all have a role to play. We are all related to one another in Christ with a mutual responsibility to perform the mission of the Church in the world.

Over the past few weeks, another passage from St Paul has been an issue in the media, particularly over the debate related to gay marriage. There has also been concern about the words of scripture found in Ephesians Chapter 5. It expresses unpopular ideas like the submission of the wife to the husband. It begins, "wives, be subject to your husbands as you are to the Lord". Those who criticise that passage from Ephesians 5 for advocating such submission, tend to overlook the balancing statements about the husband's duty to give himself for his wife as Christ gave himself. Jesus in his relationship with his Father was humble and submissive, even to the point of death. Paul says that he is using the ideal relationship of a husband and a wife as a picture of the relationship of Christ and his Church. The whole passage from Ephesians ends with these words, "This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to Christ and his Church". The use of word "submitting" is not found in The Prayer Book of Australia for weddings.

I welcome Fr Dirk van Dissel who will be taking oversight of the Pastoral District and of myself as Priest Assistant, until the new Bishop is appointed.

I invite you to the annual Sunday School picnic which will be held at the Rectory at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale on Sunday, October 21st at 12.30 pm. All families associated with the Pastoral District are welcome. Meat will be supplied but contributions of salads and drinks would be appreciated. *Fr Paul*

At a Eucharist on Thursday18th October at 10.30 am at St Margaret's, Fr Paul will celebrate the 3rd anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, & Bp Stanley the anniversary of his consecration as a bishop. All welcome.



A large congregation of family and friends attended the marriage of **Sheralee Evans and Kym Fenton** at St Philip & St James' Old Noarlunga on Saturday 15th September.

(*Photo provided*)

2013

Parish Calendars
sold out &
re-ordering
(limited numbers)



\$15
The unique Christmas gift for the person who has everything!

Enquiries: Fr Martin Chittleborough 8556

From St Ann's Aldinga

Our thanks to Fr John and Fr Ed for taking services for us. Our congregation varies, but on the 16th our numbers were swelled by visitors from Holy Trinity here for a Home Group weekend at Port Willunga, as well as by the welcome pitter-patter of small feet with two young families attending.

Another successful **Jumble Sale** was held on 15th September with good cheer and good community contacts made.

We have greatly missed our two **Wardens**, with Pat having a knee replacement and Peter Chapman away attending Safe Ministry training sessions on behalf of the Diocese.

An **R&M** meeting was held to look at the many maintenance jobs needing to be done and prioritise them. A working bee is to be held on 7th October following the Family Service.

Signboard: Agreement was reached by the congregation on a replacement for the shabby church signboard facing South Road. Needing to be read by travellers moving at 80kph past a hazardous T-junction, the sign will have few words, large lettering and striking colours. Our thanks to Lisa Symonds for advice and assistance in planning this. Fit-on boards will be added to have details of any changes to service times and places.

Advent Pageant plans are beginning to take shape for the pageant to be held on Friday 30th November. The three schools in the area are planning the play and carol-singing and the police and St John attendance are lined up. Anne Chittleborough (8556 5078) would be glad to hear from anyone who would like to take part in this heart-warming ecumenical event, where children from the three schools march to the shopping centre to sing carols and re-enact the Christmas story. Helpers are needed to walk and talk with the children, to bake cup cakes, and to set up and pack away the stage at the shopping centre.

From St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

Thank you to Paul Bell for his time and expertise in fitting a new 400 watt globe to the **outside light**. We spent 2 days in finding the correct parts and refitting them at the top of a ladder in cold and windy conditions.

Fr Paul & Helen, Ted Sandercock and Greg Roberts attended the **installation of Fr David Patterson** at O'Halloran Hill.

We are looking forward to our **Jumble Sale &** sausage sizzle on 27th October. Enquiries to Fran (ph 8323 9366) or Lorna (ph 8323 8523)

Greg Roberts & Julia Drought, Wardens

From St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga

It was wonderful to have the descendants of the **Mudge family** on 19th August and to discover their links with many other families in the cemetery at SSPJ.

We thank **Fr Ed** for taking on extra duties to enable us



to have a service
each week and
Wallace for filling in
gaps in the
parish centres. For
Ted Sandercock
for taking on Judy
Wells' lay reader
duties while she
was away, and
Louise Webb as
our new server and
crucifer.

Thank you John Carroll for the donation of the new altar Prayer Book which was blessed by Fr Paul on 26th August.

Recent storms brought down a tree in the car park and we are grateful to local resident Clive Furler for its quick removal.

Sadly, it has come to our notice that the **park bench** donated by Ruth Ranger Brown, although bolted down, has been removed from the cemetery. It was a memorial to her first husband, Charlie Brown, a well known and respected citizen of old Noarlunga.

We congratulate all involved in the valuable work of **Schools Ministry** and it is pleasing to note that Old Noarlunga Primary, although it is not in our Southern Vales zone, also has a Christian Pastoral Support Worker (Chaplain),

Wallace Mausolf & Stephen Wells, Wardens

From St Stephen's, Willunga

Saturday Night Out on September 15th was enjoyed by all the 18 participants. There will be no evening meal in October as there will be a lunch on the Sunday.

We are looking forward to our **Dedication Festival** on 14th October and the lunch to follow at the Alma Hotel (see p. 2). To help the hotel, the menu choices for the day are being circulated at the churches on 30th September and 7th October for people to pre-order their meal. There will be no Vigil Mass on the 13th.

Suggestions for planting the area around the peppercorn tree would be welcomed.

Margaret Cameron & Ted Sandercock, Wardens

News from September Pastoral District Council

Fr Dirk van Dissel, who had chaired several PDC meetings lately, opened the meeting with the news that, owing to the



heavy work load falling on Fr Richard Seabrook as Administrator of the Diocese and Parish Priest of Mt Barker, as well as any number of related responsibilities, Fr Richard had appointed him, Fr Dirk, a senior priest in the diocese, and Dean of The Murray, with "pastoral oversight of the Pastoral District of Southern Vales and of Father Paul Devenport until the end of the vacancy-in-see when the new Bishop can make a determination on the future of the Pastoral District of Southern Vales." A motion of thanks to be sent to Fr Richard for his "conscientious and capable oversight" of our PD over the past months.

Other business included the following:

The report of the **Outreach Committee** meeting held 13th Sept was tabled, and 30 minutes of the next PDC meeting shall be set aside to discuss it. Fr Dirk complimented the Committee, and also Bill Cale, the author of the report, for their work.

The **Pastoral District Luncheon** had raised approximately \$460, which had been split equally between the Ordination Candidates Fund (taking us over our target), & the Pastoral District. Thank you to all who organised and attended it.

St Margaret's Jumble Sale 27th **October:** It would be good to combine this with a Car Boot Sale as this would bring extra customers. However it needed to be looked into whether this would attract extra insurance rates and if so, whether it would pay to do so.



Sausage Sizzle October 13th and November 10th: Volunteers to *sell* sausages and supporters to *eat* sausages would be welcomed on these two days at the Quarry Markets. Ted Sandercock reported that recent sausage sales had gone very well, and were for a good cause – the support of Christian Pastoral Support workers in the local schools. They were "fun" days and an opportunity to meet lots of interesting people.

Fund-raising Committee: Margaret Cale reported that people had expressed interest in being on this committee, with representatives from each of the four centres.

The additional **Safe Ministry** session would be held on Sunday 28th October, with 12 people registered already.

Schools Ministry Week: Ted Sandercock reported that this had fallen at a difficult time, with lots of other things on. Leaflets had been distributed, and one chaplain had visited St Margaret's the week before.

Wedding Expo 2012: Fr Paul thanked Bob & Sue Smith, Greg & Helen Roberts and Helen Devenport, for being there and for setting up Southern Vales was invited to take part next year as well. We would be included in "Inspire Adelaide" and on Facebook. He reported that it had been a quiet afternoon, and that most people were interested in outdoor weddings and civil ceremonies.

Calendars: The Chittleboroughs were thanked for the production of parish calendars, which had been popular and were sold out. About 20 more had been requested. Another 50 to be printed, and underwritten with the profit made on the first run. It was suggested that a photography competition be held to encourage more people to contribute quality photos for a 2014 calendar.

St Margaret's Driveway had been upgraded 18 months ago, but needed further working the interests of proper access and safety. The Heritage Architect had not recommended tarmac as this would cause run-off to the church. Wardens to investigate the best and most economical way to deal with the situation.

Rectory Whitegoods: Diocesan Council had directed that certain whitegoods were to be purchased for rectories, and there was some discussion on the impact this would have on pastoral districts and parishes which were struggling to raise even enough money for clergy stipends, and whether in fact clergy families normally had their own white goods, of their own choice. Fr Dirk pointed out that clergy in our diocese are paid less than those in many other dioceses.

Finance:

Finances for August: Overall Finances (January through August 2012) Nett monthly income \$7,360 Income \$53,495 Monthly expenditure \$6,435 Expenditure \$58,582 Operating profit/loss Operating profit/loss \$925 -\$5,691 \$272 Donations to missions Missions \$3,410

Appreciation was expressed for Fr Dirk's chairing of the meeting.

Next meeting St Margaret's, 9th October at 7 pm. Observers welcome.

Postscript: Some matters requested for discussion at PDC and two letters written to the PDC were not included in the evening's business. Fr Dirk requested that people who had concerns about any matters speak to him about them rather than circulating them through the parish.

Planned Giving

The envelope system

The Pastoral District Council would like to thank all those who have used the envelope system over the past year for their generosity. It has made our budgeting possible. We are at the beginning of a new year and we invite you to re-commit to regular giving for the next 12 months.

Have you ever wondered how our parish envelope system works?

Regular giving enables us to exist as a parish or pastoral district. It helps the Treasurer predict our annual income, on which she bases our budget. In the first envelope you use in the set, please put the amount you plan to give weekly. As one person allocates the numbers to the name, those counting the money do not know whose envelope they are



opening, and your privacy is protected. Helen Blake (pictured), as the Recorder, keeps a tally of the amount that comes in. She does not know the names of the contributors.

Helen asks that only the relevant date's envelope be used each week. "Should there be any unused envelopes," she says, "they can be

placed within the current envelope being used on the relevant date, or returned to me through the Church Wardens. This will assist me greatly in my data input and for calculating the correct totals and percentages each week, month and year. It is not uncommon for envelopes up to two years old to be used and as I only total the envelopes at the end of each month, I have no idea on what date they were actually given."

Direct debit

The Treasurer reminds us that another way of regular giving is by direct debit, which can be arranged through your bank. Other parishes report that this is a method which is proving popular.



I SPEND 10% OF MY EARNINGS ON COOL STUFF AND THEN DONATE IT TO THE CHURCH AT A LATER POINT ... IT'S A BIT OF A TITHING LOOPHOLE

Congratulations to...



Annabelle Drought & Michael Roennfeldt, who have announced their engagement.



Lee and Bob Edmeades, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on 20th September



Sylvia and Harry Francis, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on 4th October

Granny Annie's 1st Birthday! Thursday 8th November 9-11.30

Opened in November 2011, Granny Annie's (named for St Ann, the grandmother of Jesus) offers free hospitality, good cheer, toys for the children, a cuppa, and a chat and board games for the grown-ups. Raisin toast a specialty.

8th November will be party day! Why not drop in!



Welcome ashore!

In 1835 Church of England minister the Rev'd John Ashley began working with sailors awaiting departure from the ports in England. The work continued and during the 19th century it became known as the Mission to Seafarers. It now supports mariners in need in 254 ports around the world. Mis-

sion to Seafarers was established in Australia and there are now 26 centres around our coast, the latest being located at Edithburgh in S.A. It will service Port Giles.

Dampier in the north west began operations in 1969. Its work is supported by BCA. The Rev'd Ian Mc Gilvray and his wife Sue along with many volunteers are there to help the Seafarers. The three main problems facing these people are loneliness, danger and separation from loved ones.

Last month the Dampier mission extended hospitality to 957 seafarers from 121 vessels. Ian also visited 43 vessels. 78 Bibles and 42 Christian DVDs were also handed out to seafarers from various nationalities. The volunteers pick up and deliver sailors back to their ships each night. Inside the building they have a Chapel library, table tennis etc. as well as internet, and information is provided for tourists. Ian is supported by Archdeacon Les and his wife Jenny from Karratha.

Last week I attended a luncheon with three others from our Pastoral District to listen to the Rev'd Michael Stuart speak of the work carried out in the isolated area of the North West. Michael is the BCA regional representative for the area.

\$150 was raised from Yummy Nuts for BCA. Thanks to all who supported this fund raiser. *Anne Lear*

October is BCA Box month. Hand in to your Warden or contact Anne Lear 8556 5520

FRESH EXPRESSIONS of EVANGELISM:

an introduction by

The Rev'ds Tracey Gracey & Stephen Daughtry

Sunday 4th November,

2 pm,

Tailem Bend Town Hall

Thinking outside the square:

what does "church" mean in our changing culture?

Fresh Expressions was set up by General Synod in response to falling numbers in churches. Bishop Andrew Curnow was appointed the first Chairman of Fresh Expressions Australia.

Sponsored by the Voice of the Laity.

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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: Vigil Mass: 5.30 pm

St Philip & St James, Church Hill Rd,

Old Noarlunga

Sunday: Holy Eucharist: 8.30 am

St Ann's, South Rd, Aldinga

Sunday: Holy Eucharist: 9 am

with children's lessons and activities

St Margaret's, Main Road McLaren Vale

Sunday: Holy Eucharist: 10.30 am with

Sunday School

Wednesday: Holy Eucharist: 9:00am

The first Sunday of the month is a Family Service at St Ann's (9 am) and St Margaret's (10.30 am)

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 14th October</u> the only service will be at St Stephen's, Willunga, to celebrate their Dedication Festival (see p. 2) and there will be no service on 13th. On <u>Sunday 18th November</u> the only service will be at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale, to celebrate their Patronal Festival.