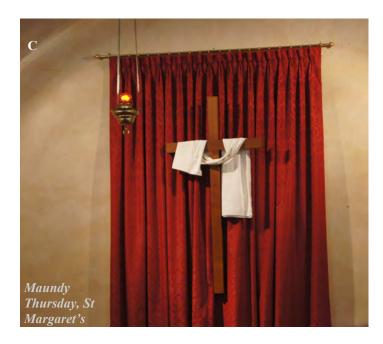
The Grapevine May 2012 Newsletter of the Pastoral District of Southern Vales, Diocese of The Murray, SA



Christ is risen! Alleluia!

The wooden cross, no longer bare but decorated with leaves and flowers by those attending the Eucharist, stands by the Main South Road Aldinga as a statement of the new life we celebrate at Easter.

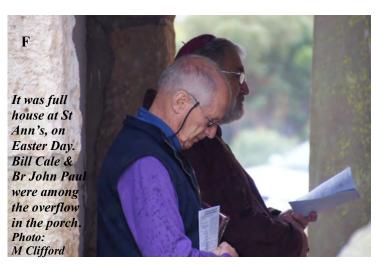








Some Images of Easter 2012





May

Sun 6th Family services St Ann's 9 am, and

St Margaret's 10.30 am

Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers

Mon 7th Mothers' Union 9.30 am St Ann's (see p. 4)

Enquiries: Trish Frith 8556 2604

Tues 8th St Margaret's Guild 2 pm

Enquiries: Fran Pettigrew 8323 9366

Pastoral District Council St Margaret's 6.30 pm

Thurs 10th Colton Court singers 11 am-12

Enquiries: Sue MacKirdy 8556 5162

Sunday 13th Service at St Philip & St James will be at 10 am

Mon 14th St Ann's Guild 1.30 pm

Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100

Wed 16th Women's Fellowship St Margaret's, 10 am

Enquiries: Margaret Cameron 8556 2343

Thurs 17th ASCENSION

Holy Eucharist St Ann's 9 am

Sat 19th Diocesan Synod

Saturday Night Out at Willunga (see next column)

Fri 25th St Ann's Family Tea 6.30—8.30 pm

Enquiries: Pat Roper 8386 2470

Sun 27th PENTECOST

June

Sun 3rd TRINITY SUNDAY

Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers

Service at St Philip & St James will be at 10 am

Mon 4th Mothers' Union 10 am Seaford, with Lunch

Sat 9th St Ann's Jumble Sale

Mon 11th BARNABAS

St Ann's Guild 1.30 pm

Tues 12th St Margaret's Guild 2 pm

Pastoral District Council St Margaret's 6.30 pm

Thurs 14th Colton Court singers 11 am-12 Sat 16th Saturday Night Out at Willunga

Sun 17th Service at St Philip & St James will be at 10 am Wed 20th Women's Fellowship St Margaret's, 10 am

Fri 22nd St Ann's Family Tea 6.30—8.30 pm

Fri 29th PETER & PAUL

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FAMILY SERVICES

1st Sunday of the month starting May St. Ann's Aldinga 9 am

St Margaret's McLaren Vale 10.30 am

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

All families, teenagers and children are welcome.

No prior experience needed!

Further information: Fr Paul Devenport 8323 9744

SATURDAY NIGHT OUT

Saturday May 19, 7.00 pm at Russell's Pizza, Willunga

following St Stephen's 5.30 pm Vigil Mass. Bookings by May 15 essential: ph. 8556 4535 June Saturday Night Out will be on the 16th.



ST ANN'S FAMILY TEA

Friday 25th May St Ann's Hall, 6.30-8.30. All welcome. Bring your friends. Bring food to share, or just come!

CENTENARY WINE

Order forms are available at the back of the churches. The last of the Verdelho is available \$90 doz. Contact Fr Paul 8323 9744



M.U. CHRISTMAS CARDS

Order forms available at each church.
Orders and prepayment to
Barb Jeanes 8556 4440

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 adults!)

Baptisms

Sun 27th May St Margaret's: Ashton Grady Hill Sun 20th May St Margaret's: Lachlan Shepherd

Sat 2nd June St Ann's: Charlotte Lear

Weddings

Fri 16th June SSPJ: Darren Lynn Jones and Nyree Dana Humphreys

Sat 20th June SSPJ: Jade Denton & Andrea Ross

BIBLE STUDIES

Regularly held at St Margaret's on Wednesdays following the 9 am service. All welcome.

The Holy Eucharist

When Our Lord celebrated the Last Supper he "took bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, This is my Body." (Luke 22:19, Revised Standard Version) The word, in the Greek for giving thanks is from when we derive the anglicised word "Eucharist." Jesus never used the term "Holy Communion" to describe what he did or what happened at the Last Supper. The term "Holy Communion" describes the consecrated bread and wine which we receive, by faith, as the Body and Blood of Christ. A Prayer Book for Australia describes the liturgy as The Holy Communion also called the Eucharist and the Lord's Supper.

When we use the term Eucharist (the word used by Jesus himself) we make manifest this great act of thanksgiving of using bread and wine and doing exactly what Jesus did in the fourfold action of the Eucharist: taking, giving thanks, breaking and giving. Indeed the title given to the prayer which is said by the priest over the bread and wine is *The* Great Thanksgiving or Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration.

You will see from now that, in the Grapevine, this liturgy is now referred to as the Holy Eucharist as a way of emphasising what Jesus did at the Last Supper.

Holy Communion is what we receive because of the Eucharist is celebrated.

But the title "Holy Eucharist" is a more complete expression of what this liturgy is as the source and summit of the Christian life.

One other thing. The word Mass comes from the word *missa* meaning sent out. It is from where we get words such as mission, missionary and missiological. The Mass, another acceptable name for this liturgy, emphasises the evangelical nature of the Eucharist. What we receive in Holy Communion, the Body and Blood of Christ, strengthens us for being sent out into the world to make Christ known. Without the Mass or the Eucharist, the Christian work of mission and evangelism falls at the first hurdle.

> The Venerable Richard A. Seabrook *April* 2012





At the April meeting of the Mothers' Union held at the Seaford Ecumenical Mission, Jan Hicks spoke about S.U.R.F.—the Southern Urgency Relief Fund, which Co-ordinates the distribution of food vouchers and/or food parcels to 10 member agencies in the southern area, and is having its resources stretched meeting the needs of our southern communities.

Our Southern Vales members have decided to "Help make a House a Home" for the Anglicare/MU programme, providing Home Maker kits for refugee families living in Anglicare housing—second-hand or new items for everyday living, such as casserole dishes, coffee mugs, placemats, picture frames, vases, tablecloths, cushions... the sort of things that make a house feel like a home, and its family feel loved and cared for.

Please contact Trish Frith 8556 2604 if you would like to contribute to this.

The next MU meeting will be on Monday 7th May, 9.30 am at St Ann's.

If you have any changes to your contact details please notify the Parish Office so that an update can later be made to our Directory

NEXT ISSUE

I am grateful to Ted Sandercock for producing the next issue of The Grapevine 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 him: email sanderwt@bigpond.com (note changed email address), ph 8556 4535, or mail: PO Box 790 Willunga 5172 preferably by 15th May.

With The Grapevine now appearing on the parish website http:// www.southernvalesparish.org and including photos and some contact details, remember to notify us (contact details above) if you don't want to have anything about you included in The Grapevine in this format.



In cheerful mood at St Philip & St James, our Synod representatives Brian McMillan, Fr Paul and Ted Sandercock will be hard at work at the Diocesan Synod on 19th-20th May at Tailem Bend. Our prayers are asked for this occasion. Our Synod 'reserves' are Bill Cale and Julia Drought.

Congratulations to...



Nan & John Carne, friends of 40 years

During the past few weeks Nan and John Carne have both turned 90. This is remarkable but so also is the fact that they met at Kindergarten School at St Columba's, Hawthorn, in 1927 when John used to "dink" Nan home on his tricycle. During WWII John was a sergeant serving in the 2nd CCS (medical corps) in New Guinea and tells many scary stories. Nan was a member of the WANS in Adelaide. They were married on 12th April 1947 which means they have just had their 65th wedding anniversary! In the late 1950s they moved to Glenelg where John served on the church council as a nominee and later as a warden at St Peter's Glenelg until they

moved to Moana in the 1980s. Following this John took up a new career in bottle and can collection on behalf of St Philip & St James and was known as the Marine Manager. He and Nan were most supportive in all the many jobs inside and outside the church. Nan was active in the Women's Fellowship for many years knitting rugs, sorting baby clothes and making palm crosses. They are now in retirement under the loving care of their daughter Jenny and her husband and still take an interest in church activities.

Di Best



Paul and Liza-Marie Kolarik on the birth of Ajay on 23rd April—seen here with Greg Roberts & Fr Paul giving thanks for his birth at the celebration at St Philip & St James on 29th April—tiny Ajay was 6 days old!



Our two new Pastoral Assistants who have completed their training: Wendy Sandercock and Peter Chapman.

A prayer for workers

Lord Jesus, you worked for nearly thirty years at a humdrum sort of job. You helped your mother about the house. You laboured in Joseph's workshop. Sometimes you would have found the work trying, uninteresting, unrewarding. Yet you carried on. Sometimes you would meet people who criticised your work, were ungrateful or mean. Yet you carried on. Help me to put my heart into the work I do every day. Help me to take a pride in the work I do. Help me to carry on, when I'm tired, or bored, or hurt.

Anthony Bullen, *Prayers for Living*. Contributed by Val Martin.



...and Bill & Barb Jeanes celebrated 55 years of marriage. Barb said it was 'only a 55th and not important' but I had just taken this lovely photo... *Ed*

Fr Paul writes...

We are in the season of Easter in celebrating God's only Son, Jesus Christ Risen. The season represents 40 days from Easter Day until Ascension Day. Over the past few weeks in our Bible readings during our services, we have heard accounts of Jesus appearing firstly to Mary Magdalene on the day Jesus rose. On that same day on Easter Day, he appeared to two disciples walking on the road to Emmaus and then he appeared to 10 disciples while they were behind closed doors in the Upper Room. The disciples then told Thomas, another disciple that they had seen Jesus but he did not believe them until he had seen the wounds from the nails. He wanted crystal proof! A week later Jesus did appear to Thomas and the other disciples. Again he greeted them with peace but then invited Thomas to do what he wanted to do before he would believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thomas was touched by the personal forgiving presence of Jesus to him, a presence that demolished all doubt for him.

The account of Thomas is consoling because our path to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is often a slow walk through moments of doubt. Jesus respected Thomas' honesty and met him at the very point of his uncertainty. He understood fully his situation as he does ours in our moments of crisis. Doubt for Thomas proved to be a growing point of a faith made stronger when tested.

The Good News of the life, death and resurrection of Christ made a real impact on the lives of the first believers. Those first believers took it to heart and reached out, and related and encouraged one another in a prayerful spirit. We are encouraged through our faith to overcome those doubts, to have faith, which reveals the risen Christ who lives with us every day of our lives in all sorts of places. The apostle Paul was clear that the Resurrection was the core belief of Christianity: "If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith" (1 Corinthians 15:14). The evangelist Mark who wrote the Gospel of Mark simply records that Mary and the disciples saw Jesus with their own eyes. Either it was true or they were liars who based the rest of their lives on that lie. If you've met with Jesus in your journey of faith, then you know he's alive, whatever anyone may say. I pray dear Lord, on the days we doubt, come to us again as you appeared to Mary and the disciples. Amen.

Easter was a great celebration in The Southern Vales, with good numbers at most services, including children, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus, which is the core of our Christian faith. The new service at St Stephen's, the Sunrise service, was a lovely way to welcome in the special day of Easter.

I give thanks for all those who contributed to making the Holy Week and Easter services so successful. It was wonderful to hear the new virtual pipe organ at St Margaret's for Palm Sunday and Easter Day. The pipe organ has been made and installed by Greg John, the Performing Arts Co-ordinator from Tatachilla Lutheran College. A big thank you to Greg John for completing the organ in time!

I want to thank Sr Beverly Driver for her work as the Parish Secretary over the past months. The effort she put into fulfilling the role is much appreciated. A new Parish Secretary will be appointed this week.

Family Eucharistic Services begin on May 6th at St Ann's, Aldinga at the usual time of 9 am and at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale at 10.30 am. They will be held on the first Sunday of the month. The services aim to be family friendly with children and teenagers and Mums and Dads involved. Please support this initiative and encourage all to come along.

Fr Paul

Around the traps ...

From St Margaret's

Greg John has built and installed a virtual organ at St Margaret's. It takes up a bit of extra room for now, but this will be altered when final installation takes place. The usual organ is still in use until we have our own computer to run the new organ. The older organ will also remain in the church as a backup.

We sincerely thank Greg for his generous contribution to our church music and we also look forward to some lessons in computer music!

Easter was well attended with over 70 people celebrating Christ's resurrection. The church looked very spiffy, as much cleaning and gardening gave the church a refreshed face for Easter joy. Lorna's beautiful flower arrangements added special

Watched by Clive Auricht and Greg Roberts, Greg John installs the new organ at St Margaret's

meaning of renewed life. Jac was kept busy with young Sunday School visitors and a new colourful banner detailing Easter service times may have contributed to few extra visitors.

Julia Drought & Greg Roberts, Wardens

Around the traps ...

From St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga

It was very good to have Morning Prayer again on Good Friday at SSPJ with an attendance of 18, including four visitors, some of whom came from the new housing area north of the town. A letter box drop was held for the new housing area within the town and notices were accepted by the proprietors of the Horseshoe Deli and the local Institute.



Top: Bob Smith, Stephen Wells and Rupert Best at work on the fence.

Centre: Dorothy and Wallace Mausolf

Below: With the theme of the Good Shepherd, Bethany Hearn made and modelled a 'sheep' mask.



We have had several working bees at the church recently. Bob Smith made a great job of the front fence north of the vehicle gate (see photo) and the men-folk attended to some of the loose plaster in the vestry. The blind corner south of the church has been cleared which greatly improves visibility.

We are grateful to Fr Ed Pumphrey for taking services for us in recent weeks.

The combined service at St Philip & St James on 29th April was a happy day. Our thanks to Jac Hocking for providing activities for the children present, to Brian McMillan and the choir for the music, to our folk for their many contributions to the day including a truly splendid brunch, and to all those who attended from elsewhere and contributed to the warm and meaningful service. The presentation and blessing of little Ajay (photo p. 5) was a unique and special part of the

service. We did miss Mary Blagrove's presence with us and wish her well.

Wallace Mausolf & Stephen Wells, Wardens

We always look forward to Wallace's poems on special days at St Philip & St James. This year, the 'poem' was a 'psalm', with the congregation joining the responses.

God is great; God is good.

While passers-by may gaze in admiration At the landmark set before their eyes They fail to grasp the reason for its being And what true meaning lies within its walls Where sacraments and words of praise Do celebrate the wonder of God's love.

God is great; God is good.

Today we gather here—one family Of worshippers from parts of Southern Vales, Acknowledging our need for one another And making others welcome to our band Where they may also build upon the heritage That we so long have cherished as our own.

God is great; God is good.

Thankyou for this time of celebration
Thankyou for the gifts we have to share.
We acknowledge all the wondrous efforts
That you make day by day and week by week
To make this district one of evolution
And meaningful to all who come to seek.

God is great; God is good.

From St Ann's Aldinga

We commend all those who worked so hard and gave up a lot of time to the overall preparations in readiness for the special services of commemoration and celebrations of the Easter season.

Granny Annie's had another mum and child new to the district join us and our regulars a couple of weeks ago with the promise of coming again. These young women value their time with the 'grannies', finding here a place where they can share concerns and good things too. We have also been glad to welcome a dad to a couple of our sessions! We are looking forward to a visit from the McLaren Vale Club, an ACH facility for aged care. Grannie Annie's is for all ages!

Our happy gardeners Trish and Victoria have now put up a lattice screen behind the birdbath in the southern garden for the climbing rose planted there. Their work continues to enhance our church grounds.

The area around the church has been sprayed to deter the multitudes of millipedes which have returned in force since the wetter weather.

Our Easter celebrations included a Tuesday morning Holy Communion service, attended by about eight people, and The Stations of the Cross at mid-day on Good Friday, attended by about thirty people (and described by an old parishioner of ours as the most beautiful service he had ever attended). The joyous service on Sunday had the church overflowing even after many extra seats had been put in place. We had well over the hundred there. People were coming in from pouring rain but the sun was shining brightly as our beautiful flowered cross was carried out at the end of the service and stood in its place of honour by the Main South Road for all to see. Fr Paul is to be congratulated on all the work and preparation that he too put into this his first sole celebration of our Lord's Crucifixion and Rising from the Dead.

A most successful Progressive dinner was held on the 20th April, with *hors d'oeuvres* and soup at St Ann's, the main course at the Lears' and delicious desserts (see below), coffee and rousing sing-along (led by Brian McMillan and Bill Cale) at Val Martin's. *Pat Roper and Peter Chapman, Wardens*

From St Stephen's, Willunga

Peter Chapman has completed cleaning the gutters and has replaced a downpipe. Some of the slate shingles near the guttering needed to be reaffixed as they had slipped over the gutters. On inspection Peter found that the gutters need an internal coating to slow the rusting and the corrugated iron roof over the Sanctuary will need to be replaced within the next 5 years.

Thanks to Margaret and Wendy for the cleaning of brass and setting up the church in preparation for the Easter Day Celebration. Thanks also to Jac Bishop for the beautifully arranged flowers.

The 7.00 am Sunrise Holy Eucharist was attended by 15 people. Thanks to Felicity Warrington for the music; Judy Wells and Wendy Sandercock ably assisted Fr. Paul. A light breakfast was provided after the service. Thank you, Willunga Bakery for the

donation of Easter buns.

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.

The next Saturday Night Out will be held on on May 19 (not 12th) at 7.00 pm at Russell's Pizza. Booking essential - 8556 4535 - by May 14.



Above: Brian McMillan and Bill Cale lead the singing, joined by John Carroll and Fr Tom Drought

Left: Contemplating the magnificent desserts:L-R:
Barbara Edwards (visiting from Sydney), Bill Cale, Brian McMillan, Cath Davidson, Wendy Sandercock, Bob and Susan Smith, Trish Frith, Ted Sandercock, Martin Chittleborough, Margaret Cale, Anne Chittleborough, Fr Paul-Helen Devenport (hidden), Julia Drought, Vera Penny, Jill Waite.





Baby Noah James Patterson (seen here with his parents Jimmy & Karen Margaret, and Fr Paul, was baptised at St Stephen's on 28th April.

Dominic Rees was baptised at St Philip & St James on 7th April.

Our help is urgently needed...

Times are hard and we are all aware of the pressing need for help for those less fortunate than ourselves. On our own doorstep the Christian Care and Support Centre at Aldinga reports their urgent need for food supplies and donations as they try 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...

Take them to your church or contact Anne Lear ph 8556 5520 or 0417 66 779 for pick-up.

St Ann's Guild has undertaken to send cards to children baptised at St Ann's on the anniversary of their baptism until they are five years old. The card reads: "Remembering you on the anniversary of your baptism" and includes parish contact details and service times.

A plea from St Ann's—Sunday is fun day!

At Christmas and Easter we are blessed at St Ann's by numbers of children who come to learn more about the great festivals and the teaching of the church—to give thanks and to have fun; children from the area and those who come on holidays. But there are many Sundays between...Please—bring your children, your grandchildren, your neighbours' children—let's make every Sunday a special day!

And as well as Sunday School, starting in May there will be a Family Service at St Ann's at 9 am and St Margaret's at 10.30 am.

(1)Jack Elliott & (2)Katrina Clifford try the musical instruments; (3) Charlie Moore; (5)Katie Elliott & Hunter McHugh making butterflies, (6) Tim Michael, Sophie & Katy Elliott, Sebastian & Zac Dear make music, (7)Lauren Clifford, and (8) Tim & Ben Cooling colour butterflies.

Thank you to Michael Clifford for these, and many more, lovely photos of children taken at St Ann's at Easter.

















Safer Ministry Training

Three parishioner from St Ann's Aldinga, two of them involved with Granny Annie's, took part in the Safer Ministry training course at Kidman Park on April 28th.

The programme started with prayer by Fr Brenton Daulby, one of the instructors. Fr Brenton and Ann Bloor presented seven sessions with excellent interactive discussion and thought-provoking questions. It was a very rewarding day for the group.

Thanks to Melanie Morris for providing the coffee breaks.

Val Martin

N.B. The Diocese of The Murray is planning Safer Ministry Training for all those holding office in the Diocese; courses to be held in various locations between July and November this year.—Ed

Church of the Covered Dish by Thom Tapo



"And in the future, when you take up the offering I would appreciate it if you didn't say 'stick-um up'"

Children discussing angels..

I only know the names of two angels, Hark and Harold. Gregory, aged 5

All angels are girls because they've got to wear dresses and boys didn't go for it. Antonio, aged 9

My angel is my grandma who died last year. She got a big head start on helping me while she was still down here on earth.- Ashley, aged 9

Angels live in cloud houses made by God and his son, who's a very good carpenter. Jared, aged 8

Angels work for God and watch over kids when God has to go do something else. Mitchell, aged 7

Angels talk all the way while they're flying you up to heaven. The main subject is where you went wrong before you got dead. Daniel, aged 9

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The Parish Office is not regularly attended but messages can be left on the message bank

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Visit our website!

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St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

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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 Eucharist: 5.30 pm

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

Sunday: Holy Eucharist: 8.30 am

But please note: services here will be at 10 am on 13/512, 3/6/12, 17/6/12

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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