

The Grapevine

January 2013

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



Perfect weather set the scene for a happy celebration of St Stephen's Patronal Festival at Willunga (and the Naming Day for Stephen Wells!) on 30th December, and for those who could stay afterwards, the re-establishment of the former tradition of a relaxed brunch under the peppercorn tree. Fr Dirk and Mary van Dissell joined the celebration after their own service at Christies Beach. For Bethany and Matthew Hearn, St Stephen's Day was an occasion to make and decorate paper angels.



Christmas services in the Southern Vales in 2012 included music, colour, solemnity, and children's participation. A & B: The service of Lessons and Carols at St Margaret's on a 39th day nevertheless "rent the air asunder", accompanied by Annabelle Drought on violin and the glorious thundering of the organ. L-R: Sue MacKirdy, Barbara Walter, Margaret Cale, Sue & Bob Smith (behind), Julia Drought, Bill Cale.

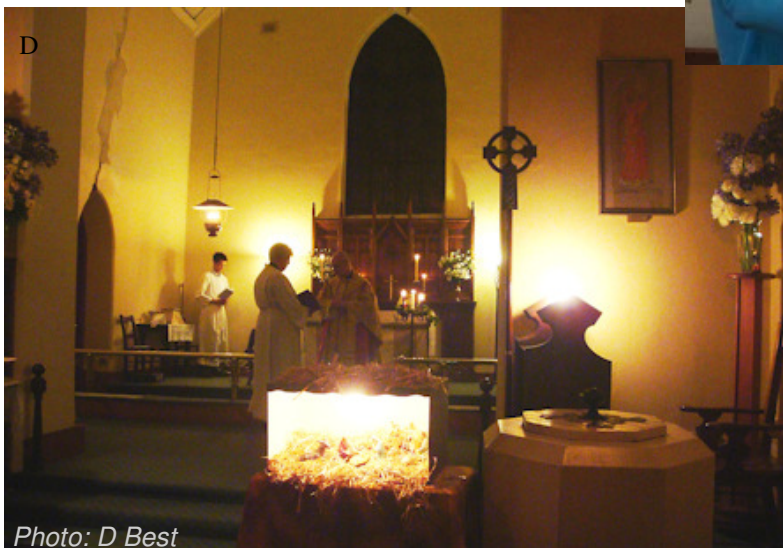
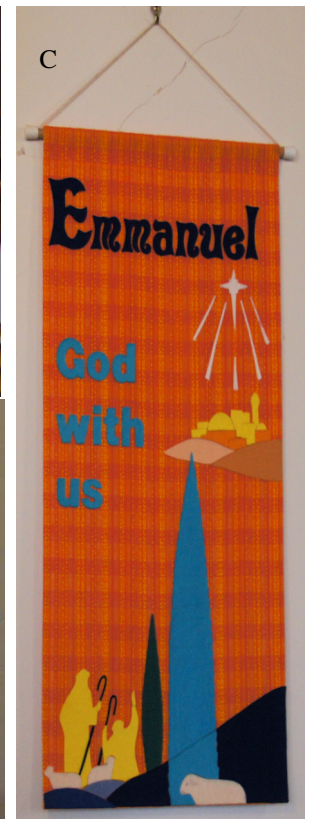


Photo: D Best

C: One of the beautiful Christmas hangings at St Stephen's where the Vigil Mass was held on Christmas Eve.



Photo: B Jeanes



Photo: M Chapman

D: The Crib at St Philip & St James' was blessed at the Midnight Mass.

E and F: the children were very much involved in the special Children's service at St Margaret's on Christmas Eve and the Christmas Day service at St Ann's. L: Grace Roper and Elissa Cale and others make angels with Margaret Hooper and Tim Michael, & with little dog Max looking on. R: The children help set up the nativity scene at St Ann's.

Change of service time at St Philip & St James

Bishop Stanley Goldsworthy will celebrate and preach from January 27th and during Lent at St Philip and St James, Old Noarlunga. As a result, the service times will be altered from that date until March 17th to 9.30 am. Service times at St Ann's, St Margaret's and St Stephen's will remain unaltered during these times.

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 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.—Ed

What's on

January

- Tues 1st **NAMING & CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS**
 Sun 6th **EPIPHANY**
Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers
 Tues 8th **St Margaret's Guild 2 pm**
Enquiries: Fran Pettigrew 8323 9366
 Sat 12th **Harvest Festival McLaren Vale**
 Blessing of the Harvest 10.30 am
 (see next column)
 Sun 13th **BAPTISM of OUR LORD**
 Mon 14th **St Ann's Guild 1.30pm**
Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100
 Sat 19th **St Ann's Jumble Sale** (next column)
Saturday Night Out: Russell's Pizza (next column)
 Sun 27th **Change of service time at SSPJ to 9.30 am**
 until Easter (see previous page)

February

- Sat 2nd **PRESENTATION of CHRIST in the TEMPLE**
 Sun 3rd **Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers**
 Mon 4th **Mothers' Union 9.30 am Aldinga**
Enquiries: Trish Frith 8556 2604
 Sun 10th **TRANSFIGURATION**
 Mon 11th **St Ann's Guild 1.30pm**
Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100
 Tues 12th **SHROVE TUESDAY**
St Margaret's Guild 2 pm
Enquiries: Fran Pettigrew 8323 9366
 Wed 13th **ASH WEDNESDAY**
 9 am St Margaret's, 7 pm St Ann's
 Thurs 14th **Colton Court Singers 11 am-12**
Enquiries: Sue MacKirdy 8556 5162
 Sun 17th **HOLY INNOCENTS**
 Tues 19th **PD Council**
 Wed 20th **Women's Fellowship St Margaret's, 10 am**
Enquiries: Margaret Cameron 8556 2343
 Fri 22nd **St Ann's Family Tea** (see next column)
 Mon 25th **MATTHIAS**
 Wed 27th **Lenten Soup Supper** (see next column)

FAMILY SERVICES

First Sunday of the Month

St Ann's 9 am;
 St Margaret's 10.30 am (except 6th Jan)
*For further information:
 Fr Paul Devenport 8323 9744*

HARVEST FESTIVAL McLAREN VALE

Local food & wine stalls, celebrity cooking demonstrations, free children's activities, parade of children, local bands etc.

Saturday 12th January McLaren Vale Oval

*Blessing of the Harvest by Fr Paul Devenport
 & Fr Charles Gauchi at 10.30 am*

Jumble Sale

at St Ann's

Saturday 19th January

8.30-12 midday

Enquiries: Val Martin ph 8556 6100

SATURDAY NIGHT OUT

at Willunga

January 19th at Russell's Pizza,
 following the 5.30 Vigil Mass
 at St Stephen's.

Book early: places limited.

Ted Sandercock 8556 4535

FAMILY TEA

22nd February

St Ann's 6.30-8.30 pm
*All welcome. Bring your friends.
 Bring food to share—or just come!*

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS 2013

Put these dates in your diary!

Wednesday 27th February; Fr David
 Hand: Police Chaplaincy

Wednesday 6th March Peter Palmer
 of BCA: "FIFO Mining Ministry"

Wednesday 13th March: Lenore de la
 Perelle: Living with Alzheimer's

*Delicious soups & interesting speakers
 6, 6.30-8.30 pm*

Further details in the February Grapevine

World Day of Prayer 2013

Friday 1st March
 Galilee Centre, Aldinga

WANTED

A Parish Secretary for the Pastoral District of the Southern Vales: an important ministry role involving working with Fr Paul in setting the agenda for the council meetings and in writing up the minutes. Other duties may be incorporated in association with Fr Paul and the co-ordinator of the pew sheets and rosters, Ted Sandercock. Training will be provided.

Good communication skills along with some computer skills are essential for the position.
For further information please contact Fr Paul Devenport on 8323 9744

A Happy New Year to all. I hope you all had a great Christmas and a chance to relax. It was wonderful to be able to celebrate Christmas with you all at our services, which began with the Lessons and Carols at St Margaret's on a very warm Sunday night! This was followed on Christmas Eve by the Children's Service at St Margaret's, where more than 40 adults and children attended. There were services at St Stephen's Willunga, and at St Philip and St James' for the midnight mass where more than 75 people gathered under the lanterns. The service at 11.30 pm was re-introduced in 2011 and has certainly proved successful. On Christmas Day, there were good attendances at St Ann's and at St Margaret's. In all, around 270 people came to one of our services on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Thank you to all who helped in organising the services and to our organists, Brian McMillan and Greg John. Thanks also to Jac Hocking and Anne Chittleborough and the Sunday School team for the children's activities.

Besides spending time with family on Christmas Day, I always enjoy watching the Queen's message on ABC TV that night. I was particularly moved with her message this year, as she reflected on the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. In a duty which passed to her 60 years ago she said she was humbled by the number of people who took part in the celebrations; that spirit was also evident in the Olympic and Paralympic Games in London and the achievements of sportsmen and sportswomen. The Queen also praised those who served in the armed forces, emergency services and hospitals over Christmas and their sense of duty which took them away from families, friends and loved ones.

The Queen added, "At Christmas, I am always struck by how the spirit of togetherness lies at the heart of the Christmas story. This is where a young mother and a father were joined by poor shepherds and then the wise men from afar in celebrating the birth of the Christ child, and in giving gifts of frankincense, gold and myrrh. From that day on, he has inspired people to commit themselves to the best interest of others.

"This is a time of year," she went on, "when we remember that God sent his only Son to serve, not to be served. He restored love and service to the centre of our lives in the person of Jesus Christ and gave himself in humble service. It is my prayer this Christmas Day that his example and his teaching will continue to bring people together to give the best of themselves in the service of others."

I pray that we give each other in humble service to God in the coming year. We do this with giving our heart to him and in working together as a community in the fellowship of God in this Pastoral District.

May God be with you in the coming year.

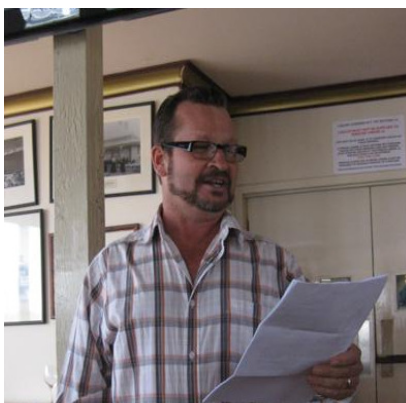
Fr Paul



Parish Christmas Luncheon

The Parish Christmas Luncheon at Carmel's, McLaren Vale on 8th December was greatly enjoyed by all present. Fran Pettigrew and Fr Paul attended to the serious business of drawing the raffle, which was won by Brian McMillan, and Peter Chapman read a new poem he had written.

Bottom L: Elizabeth Richmond & Margaret Cale enjoy a moment together.



The winner of the chocolate frog for the best answer to last month's question, "What was Puppet Pete saying to Fr Paul?" is Trish Simon.

She believes that Puppet Pete was asking Fr Paul "Are you a Grannie too?"

Congratulations Trish!



Thank you from the Christian Care & Support Centre.

Thanks to all the wonderful people in the Southern Vales we handed out 35 very large hampers to families at Aldinga Beach on Friday 14th. We are very fortunate to have Malcolm from the Salvation Army working with us now which enabled us to give parents a gift for all their children. Malcolm supplied most of the toys from the Christmas tree at Noarlunga. It was a very emotional morning with plenty of hugs and many tears. For some it meant the children would receive a lovely gift on Christmas Day. It has been a very busy year with more families looking for help with food as well as electricity etc. The centre opens again on 14th January. Please continue to support us in 2013. God bless you all for your support. Anne Lear



Val Martin, David Mickan and Anne Lear were part of the team distributing gifts and Christmas Hampers at the Aldinga Christian Care Support Centre in December.



Izabelle Elliott, seen here with her mother Leeanne, seemed more than content to be admitted as a Child of God and an Inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven at her baptism at St Ann's on 2nd December.

From St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

Thanks to Greg and Helen Roberts, Julia and Tom Drought and Christie Shanahan for painting the Christmas service times banner, John Carroll whipper-snipped the weeds around the church, Sunday School room and the footpath, Thanks, John, and thank you Greg Roberts for all the behind-the-scenes work. The Guild has paid for a pole hook and handle to be used for opening and closing the windows in the Sunday School room. Thanks to Michael and Julia Drought for purchasing and assembling it. As Felicity Warrington has been unable to play the organ due to ill health, all musicians have done extra times. Thanks to Brian McMillan and Sue MacKirdy for keeping the music going. We pray for Felicity's speedy recovery.

Julia Drought & Greg Roberts, Wardens

From St Ann's, Aldinga

A small group of willing helpers stepped up to cater at short notice for the funeral of a neighbour of Val's when the family were unable to find anyone within their own church to do so. This raised \$200 for R&M and was much appreciated by the family concerned.

St Ann's Guild cut and supplied sandwiches for the CPS lunch for the teachers.

Trish, Victoria and others continue to maintain our church grounds.

Bill Cale seems to be there whenever a helping hand is needed, whatever the need. Thanks Bill!

We thank Fr John again for taking services this month. We wish him a speedy return to good health.

Further enquiries to the designer of our new sign, for additional pieces to advertise other times, has been put on hold until the new year. She has been currently very busy with studies, exams etc.

We wish to thank all our people for all the help we have received throughout this year however great or small, and in whatever area of our church's life and business it has been. Without this ongoing support we couldn't be the vibrant fellowship we are.

Pat Roper & Peter Chapman, Wardens

Change of address

Felicity and Jack Warrington have moved back to their own home in McLaren Vale after 2 years in Willunga.

Their postal address is still P.O.Box 2400 McLaren Vale 5171. Residential address, 20 Perry St, and the new phone number is 8323 9034.



Photo: B Jeanes

St Margaret's and St Ann's Guilds again met for a Christmas celebration at the Information Centre, McLaren Vale, and it was a very happy gathering. L-R: Pat Roper, Trish Frith, Helen Blake, Leonie Pettman, Vera Penny, Helen Cooke, Julia Drought, Di Best, Anne Lear, Margaret Cameron, Lorna McGaffin, Sylvia Francis, Fr Paul, Fran Pettigrew and Wendy Sandercock.



Photo: J Scott

"These candles remind us that Jesus Christ is the light of the world"



The Mothers' Union meeting at Seaford Ecumenical centre in December included a candle liturgy led by Trish Frith and Helen Cooke, and was followed by a guest speaker and Christmas lunch.

From St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga

As we come to the end of this year, we at SSPJ have many reasons to celebrate: The continuity of priests and lay ministers who enable weekly services to be maintained, and the musicians, especially Chrissy Nash, who enhance our worship. And our faithful core of parishioners who attend each week.

The cleaners and those who prepare our church and the willing crew who keep our grounds in good order. The happy celebrations of an increased number of weddings and baptisms this year.

We have had opportunities to reach out to the local community by opening the church for those researching family histories, and an inaugural bus tour of Southern Vales on Sunday 8th December hopes to include SSPJ as a regular stop in the district.

Christmas service times were advertised by the local deli, which also supports SSPJ with catering throughout the year.

We have been blessed in so many ways this past year.

Wallace Mausolf & Stephen Wells Wardens



Christmas morning tea at SSPJ

Photo: C Best

From St Stephen's, Willunga

The stone mason's quote for future restoration activities suggested by Andrew Stephen's is \$5,500. The quotes for the repainting of the front doors of St Stephen's and other needed repainting activities have been difficult to obtain as the painters approached have been very busy.

Thank you to Lucy and Bevan Creed for cleaning the church during Advent, and thanks to Kay Scott (neighbour) for occasionally pruning our adjoining hedge.

The Saturday Night Out evening meal on November 24th was successful with 15 people attending. Due to a booking conflict we ate in the main dining room. The first 2013 evening meal will be on Saturday 19th January at Russell's Pizza.

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

News from November Pastoral District Council Meeting

With the meeting chaired by Fr Dirk van Dissell, the first half hour was, as promised, devoted to discussion of matters raised by the Outreach Committee.

Pastoral Care Group: A great deal of informal pastoral visiting was already being undertaken at all centres, and this was excellent. However, as Fr Paul was not able to do as much visiting as he would like to, there was also a place for a Pastoral Care Group to assist with visiting the sick, visiting new people in the congregation etc. People in such a group would need to have done the Safer Ministry course and would need training. It was noted that the passing on of information about individuals to the priest, or by the priest to a pastoral care visitor, must only be done with permission of the person concerned, and confidentiality must be preserved. This subject to be further explored at a later date.

Home Groups: Several people spoke of their experience of Home Groups at different parishes, ranging from structured home groups meeting weekly, to informal groups meeting monthly, and including interdenominational home groups in Streaky Bay, and activity-based groups such as Men's Shed and the Uniting Church's Craft group. It was agreed that home groups had benefits which included building up bonds of fellowship, providing an informal and friendly environment for people "on the edge" or unfamiliar with church, and being helpful in study of the Bible and in people's prayer life. Fr Dirk gave some guidelines for the establishment of home groups, including the need for commitment and for a trained leader. This matter to be on the agenda again for the next meeting.

Other matters discussed included the following:

The Op Shop proposal: Fr Dirk, with experience of the Op Shop at Christies Beach, said that op shops could be a great asset, but spoke of some of the matters to be considered in relation to setting one up. It required commitment, a decision on location and on how many hours/days it would open, a manager or management team, a team of volunteers and a way to deal with the rubbish that would be dumped there. Some options discussed included: leasing a building in the town, using part of the hall as an op shop, selling by e-bay... It was noted that one of the values of an op shop was the interaction with the community, helping needy people with goods. Wendy Sandercock and Helen Roberts to be asked to make proposals for discussion at the next meeting.

Fundraising Committee: The committee consists of Margaret Cale (convenor), Helen Roberts, Di Best, Wendy Sandercock, Barbara Walter, Patricia Pennington, Jill Waite & Fr Paul (*ex officio*). Margaret reported that the group had looked at options including a film night (further information about cost was needed here), providing a meal at McLaren Flat in April, having a fund-raiser at the Bocce Club, a music & dessert night at a winery at the beginning of next summer, producing a cookbook etc. Next meeting in January.

SV Calendars: Anne Chittleborough reported sale of calendars had raised \$235.

Cemeteries: The grass at the Willunga cemetery had been cut by the City of Onkaparinga but the grass between the fence and the road had not. There was a problem too where grass was growing on the graves. It was suggested that the Curator contact the Curator of the St Ann's cemetery about the possibility of getting a Community Service team to clean the graves and this would make it easier to maintain. There was a problem too where a lease had expired and there was no known way to contact the leaseholder(s). Each cemetery should have a committee consisting of the Curator and two others. A leaseholder who had been particularly concerned about the state of St Stephen's cemetery was willing to join such a committee. It was also noted that the condition of the cemetery was a Heritage issue.

SSPJ stolen cemetery bench: It had been discovered that this kind of damage in cemeteries was not covered by insurance. Wardens to speak to the Council about possible replacement of the bench.

Grapevine: The Editor reported that approximately 200 copies were printed monthly, going to parishioners and some others with a connection or particular interest in our PD. There was no charge but donations to cover costs were always welcome, and people who received copies by mail were encouraged to make donations to cover postage. With Ted's help in printing them on the parish printer they cost approx. 10c a copy and are an inexpensive way of promoting our Pastoral District if they are distributed at all possible opportunities. If left at the back of the church, though, they are a waste of money. A motion of thanks was passed for the work done by the Editor and her dedication in producing *The Grapevine*.

Finance:

Finances for November 2012

Nett monthly income	\$4,986
Monthly expenditure	\$5,801
Operating profit/loss	-\$815
Missions	\$79

Overall Finances (January through November 2012)

Income	\$72,288
Expenditure	\$79,633
Operating profit/loss	-\$7,950
Donations to missions	\$4,469

The Treasurer expressed concern about the possibility of meeting expenses in 2013 with a clergy salary increase of 7%, a policy for providing white goods to rectories, and now, in addition, an anticipated increase in Diocesan insurance rates.

There will be no meeting in January.

Next meeting Tuesday 19th February at 7 pm. Observers welcome.

Aileen Treagus moves to Belair

In recent months the congregation of St Nicholas Seaford said farewell to Aileen Treagus, a much-loved member of our congregation who with her husband Ed came to the parish of Willunga in 1980 from Coromandel Valley, worshipping at St Nicholas', Seaford. A Lay Reader, Eileen assisted the parish priest in providing Sunday and mid-week services for the five churches in the parish.



In 1996 St Nicholas' became part of the Seaford Ecumenical Mission and later was declared an independent Pastoral District. The then Bishop asked Aileen to be "Pastoral Care Co-ordinator" taking Home Communion and Healing ministry to the sick and dying, also hospital visiting. She continued preaching, began a prayer group and prayer chain,

took monthly services at a local retirement village and by request took several memorial services.

For most of her 23 years at St Nicholas', Aileen was a Synod Representative and during some years when we had no regular priest Aileen was the Anglican Representative at SEM Mission & Ministry meetings and the local Ministers Association. She recently completed 50 years as a member of the MU and served three times as President as well as in a number of roles at Branch and Diocesan levels.

Aileen has been a much loved friend and mentor in our congregation and will be greatly missed. We wish her God's blessing in her new life in a retirement village in Belair.

*Pat Foord,
Seaford Ecumenical Mission*

[Aileen is also well-known and much loved by many in our part of the former Parish of Willunga, now known as the Pastoral District of Southern Vales, having led our worship, too, on many occasions in past years.—Ed.]

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THIS YEAR

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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, changing to
9.30 am Jan 27th - Easter Day (see p. 2)**

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