

February 2013

The Grapevine

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

Epiphany!

The coming of the Magi to worship the baby Jesus was celebrated at the Family Service at St Ann's on the 6th January with children from St Ann's and St Margaret's bringing "We three kings" to life, and laying their gifts before the baby. Mary (Katy Elliott) and Joseph (Aidan Murphy) with baby Jesus (Izabelle Elliott) were visited by a star (Beau Taylor, behind them), three kings (also behind them—L-R Sophie Elliott, Annaliese Tassie (partly hidden) and Jack Elliott) and two additional "wise men" Ava Taylor (L) and Rebekah Tassie (R) in front. Solo parts in the hymn were sung by choir members Margaret and Bill Cale and Barbara Walter.



Photo: M Murphy



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2013 Friday 1st March

"I was a stranger and you took me in..."

prepared by the WDP Committee of France.

Celebrated at the Galilee School, Aldinga, 10 am led by the Grade 7 Students, with guest speaker Mrs Françoise Creevey.

Also celebrated at Kalyra, McLaren Vale at 2 pm, led by Fr Tom Gleeson.

All welcome! Join your prayers with those of others around the world!

If you have news of coming events 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 February.

To be able to see the photos larger, and in colour, visit the parish website <http://www.southernvalesparish.org/>

With *The Grapevine* now appearing on the parish website and including photos and some contact details, please notify the Editor if you don't want to have anything about you included in *The Grapevine* in this format.

**Wednesday 27th February
Fr David Hand,
Police Chaplain.**

In response to popular request Fr David returns to speak of his work as a Chaplain to officers and support staff of SA Police.



Ordained priest in 1968, his ministry included parishes in all three dioceses of our Province, and he is known to many through his work for Bush Church Aid. He began as a Police Chaplain with the Communications Branch in 1999, began visiting the Call Centre about 2 years later and took on the Transit branch a year after that. He has recently been asked by a staff member to visit the State Crime Prevention Section.

Don't miss this second opportunity to hear about his work.

**Wednesday 6th March
The Rev. Peter Palmer: Fly-In-Fly-Out: a
chaplaincy to miners.**

The Rev. Peter Palmer has been working with mines since 2008 when he and his wife Joy moved to Coober Pedy. He is now a full time Priest flying in and flying out of mine sites in South Australia (FIFO Chaplain). He has had a very interesting life both as a minister and in secular life. He has been self-employed, worked in children's prison in QLD, been an orderly in hospitals, and police chaplain, among other things.



He will be with us to talk about his work in the mining industry and where he prays it will lead in the future.

Wednesday 13th March Lenore de la Perelle: Living with dementia.

Dementia is not a normal part of ageing, but as our population ages and we live longer, more of us are at risk of developing dementia. Understanding normal ageing and the impact of diseases that cause dementia will help us all to keep our brains active to reduce the risk of dementia, and to support and connect with family, friends and members of our communities who live with dementia.

Lenore de la Perelle is a passionate advocate of inclusive services for older people and people living with dementia. She has worked in counselling, policy and management positions in Government, Private Not for Profit and Community Services for over 30 years. and is currently the Manager of the Dementia Learning and Development Unit in ACH Group, providing training for staff and volunteers and service development across ACH Group services in SA and Vic. She will talk about reducing the risk of dementia, identifying the signs of dementia and how to communicate with a person living with dementia. The reflection for the evening will be on finding the spirit within the person and transcending the condition of dementia.



Bible Studies for the season of Lent

Bible studies for Lent follow the York series again. This year's study, *Glimpses of God: Hope for Today's World* tackles subjects like "Where is God when we need him?" "Facing our fears", and "From search to discovery".

Why not join a group? Studies run for five weeks from 17th February.

Booklets containing plenty to meditate on cost \$8: see your wardens.

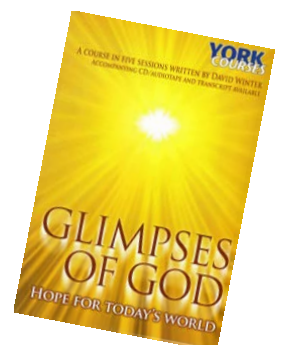
Studies will be held on the following days:

Sundays 11 am St Ann's, Aldinga starting 17th February

Tuesdays 7 pm Wallace and Dorothy Mausolf's residence 24 Water St, Old Noarlunga, starting 19th February

Wednesdays 10 am St Margaret's, McLaren Vale at the Rectory from 20th Feb.

Thursdays 7 pm St Margaret's, McLaren Vale at the Rectory, from 21st February.



What's on

February

- Sat 2nd PRESENTATION of CHRIST in the TEMPLE
 Sun 3rd Family Services (see next column)
 Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers
 Mon 4th Mothers' Union, 9.30 am St Ann's
 Enquiries: Trish Frith 8556 2604
 Sun 10th TRANSFIGURATION
 Mon 11th St Ann's Guild AGM 1.30
 Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100
 Tues 12th SHROVE TUESDAY (see next column)
 Wed 13th ASH WEDNESDAY
 9 am St Margaret's, 7 pm St Ann's
 Thurs 14th Colton Court Singers 12 midday
 Enquiries: Sue MacKirdy 8556 5162
 Sun 17th HOLY INNOCENTS
 Tues 19th St Margaret's Guild 2 pm
 Enquiries: Fran Pettigrew 8323 9366
 Pastoral District Council 7 pm St Margaret's
 Wed 20th Women's Fellowship, 10 am, St Margaret's
 Enquiries: Margaret Cameron 8556 2343
 Fri 22nd St Ann's Family Tea 6.30-8.30 (next column)
 Mon 25th MATTHIAS
 Wed 27th Lenten Soup Supper 1 (see opposite page)
March
 Fri 1st World Day of Prayer (see p. 1)
 Sun 3rd (MOTHERING SUNDAY) Family Services
 Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers
 Mon 4th Mothers' Union AGM, 9.30 am St Ann's
 Wed 6th Lenten Soup Supper 2: (see opposite page)
 Tues 12th St Ann's Guild 1.30 pm (changed date to avoid
 Adelaide Cup holiday)
 St Margaret's Guild AGM 2 pm
 Wed 13th Lenten Soup Supper 3 (see opposite page)
 Thurs 14th Colton Court Singers 12 midday
 Sat 16th St Ann's Jumble Sale
 Tues 19th St Margaret's Guild Fashion Parade
 (see next column)
 PD Council 7 pm
 Wed 20th Women's Fellowship, 10 am St Margaret's,
 Sun 24th PALM SUNDAY
 Combined service, 10 am St Ann's
 Mon 25th Holy Eucharist 6 pm St Philip & St James
 Tues 26th Holy Eucharist 9 am St Ann's
 Wed 27th Holy Eucharist 9 am St Margaret's
 Thurs 28th MAUNDY THURSDAY
 Holy Eucharist and Washing of Feet
 7.30 pm St Margaret's
 Fri 29th GOOD FRIDAY
 9 am Morning Prayer St Philip and St James
 Midday Stations of the Cross, St Ann's, Aldinga
 3 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
 St Margaret's,
 Sat 30th 7 pm Easter Vigil St Philip & St James
 Sun 31st EASTER DAY
 7 am St Stephen's Willunga
 9 am St Ann's Aldinga
 10.30 am St Margaret's McLaren Vale

* Christian Pastoral Support

FAMILY SERVICES

First Sunday of the Month
 Next on 3rd February, 3rd March
 St Ann's 9 am;
 St Margaret's 10.30 am
 A service designed for families, with
 children's involvement in the liturgy
 For further information:
 Fr Paul Devenport 8323 9744

St Ann's Family Teas

are held on the 4th Friday of each month, in
 St Ann's Room, 7 Stonehouse Lane,
 off Main South Rd Aldinga
 All welcome; bring your friends.
 Bring food to share, or just come!
 No charge—just lots of fun.
 Enquiries: Pat Roper 8386 2470

PANCAKES!

Shrove Tuesday, 12th February

6 pm Evening Prayer
 followed by
 6.30 Pancake Supper.



Contributions of
 ingredients (plain flour, milk, eggs) can be given
 to your wardens by Sunday 10th. All surplus
 ingredients will be donated to Aldinga
 Christian Care & Support Centre.
 Gold coin donation to the
 Anglican Board of Mission.
 Bring savoury or sweet fillings on the night.
 Bring your last year's Palm Crosses to be burnt
 for Ash Wednesday

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

St Ann's Aldinga
 6.30 pm Evening Prayers
 followed at 6.50 by a simple but delicious
 meal of soup and bread, and fresh fruit.
 Your \$5 donation covers costs.
 Excellent speakers: see opposite page.
 Bring your friends and neighbours!

FASHION PARADE!

St Margaret's Sunday School room
 Tuesday 19th March, 1pm.

Tickets available in the 2nd
 week of February \$8 each,
 including afternoon tea.
 Door prize and raffle.
 Fashions by "Postie".



Fr Paul writes...

The month of February brings back for many people a return to the school year and the routine of another year with work and other activities. It is a month where some of us are wondering when summer will end, especially given some very hot days over the past month. It is a month when people are paying off the last of their bills from Christmas, but it is also for couples who celebrate their love for each other on St. Valentine's Day. This is well publicised and is the high point of February sales for a variety of businesses: florists, greeting card manufacturers, chocolate makers, restaurants and entertainment venues.

St Valentine's Day is not a good way to start the season of Lent, which is the day before on Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is when we implement the traditional Lenten disciplines of Prayer, Fasting and Giving. The disciplines are meant to be opportunities for remembering who we are in God's eyes, and what God calls us to be and do as "ambassadors for Christ."

Certainly, the tradition is that Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday, was a time when we used up all the "fat" which would be then avoided over the following 40 days. The word "Shrove" comes from the old English word, "shriven" which is associated with confession and repentance. Preparing for Lent and Easter involved putting aside not only the luxuries of life but also setting aside rebellion against God and our resistance to God's place in our lives – to repent, confess and make a fresh start under God's grace.

In recent years, we have marked this preparation for Lent the night before Ash Wednesday with a Pancake Supper. If you are able to, come to St Margaret's at 6 pm on the 13th of February for Evensong and then stay for pancakes, both savoury and sweet.

Certainly Ash Wednesday along with Good Friday are days of abstinence when we should fast and not eat meat. We should also attend one of the services on that day (at 9 am at St Margaret's or at 7 pm at St Ann's). There will be the imposition of ashes from last year's palm crosses.

Taking part in our Lenten Study is another way of making the most of this period leading up to Easter. The study this year, as it has been for the past two years, is from York Courses. The study is well produced, easy to use and well produced. This year, the course draws on the Bible and where we can find strength and encouragement as we live in turbulent times. Under the title *Glimpses of God*, this course brings a message of hope.

The most difficult part of a Lenten study is going to it! There are four venues in our Pastoral District this year, so I would encourage you to seriously consider joining in on one of them. They are a good time of fellowship as well. Please check p. 2 of *The Grapevine* for the dates and times of the Lenten Studies.

If you intend to keep a 'good Lent', at least consider the time to take something on, and don't just celebrate St. Valentine's Day!

With every blessing in Christ, Fr Paul



Could YOU be our next Parish Secretary?

PD Council is calling for expressions of interest in this important ministry role. More information from Fr Paul.

From St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga



Bishop Stanley is taking the Eucharist at St Philip & St James during Fr Paul's holiday and also during Lent at the "sleep in" hour of 9.30 am. We enjoy his sermons delivered in comfort from his chair in the aisle which seems to make them more intimate and very meaningful.



Sue MacKirdy is playing the organ for us and on Sunday 27th was accompanied by Rob and special member of the family Max who received a blessing at the altar rail from Bp Stanley. Thank you very much to Sue for playing so well for us. Di Best

The Aldinga Christian Care & Support centre urgently needs basic food for people in need. Your gift of food as part of your weekly offering is much appreciated. Enquiries: Anne Lear 8556 5520

From St Ann's Aldinga

We have been delighted to welcome Fr Martin back into the church to take our services for the day both in December and early January. Thanks Fr Martin.

On the Sunday after Christmas, while the rest of the parish celebrated St Stephen's Day at Willunga, we trialled providing local holiday makers and those who don't normally go to combined services with the opportunity for worship by having a morning prayer service at St Ann's at our regular time. We were fortunate to have Wallace happy to take this service, with the theme for the day being the family. Eileen volunteered to provide us with music which she played on her accordion while the Jeanes were sidesmen for the day. We did have a couple of groups of visitors who appreciated this service opportunity and had seventeen people attend in all. Morning tea was offered as usual. It can be said that the decision to provide this Morning Prayer service was the good one; there have been favourable comments passed on since then. Our appreciation to Wallace and Eileen for their valued contributions.

Pat Roper

From St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

It wasn't just the cyclists who were on wheels at the tour down under! Lee & Bob Edmeades looked set to give them a run for their money!

The Australia Day /Tour Down Under BBQ was cheerful and welcoming with balloons, bunting and Australian motif decorations. Locals meandered up for a chat and a sit down under the shady trees, while some riders and spectators enjoyed the snags, patties, coleslaw and drinks on offer. It was a happy social day, and sincere thanks to all those St Maggie's stalwarts, who helped to set up and pack up. Thankyou Fran for organising us all!



Photo: J. Drought

Julia Drought

"What's that big wooden thing?"

No-one likes holding part of the jumble sale in the church—it's hard work moving the pews, for one thing, and some consider it inappropriate to use a building consecrated for worship in this way—but the space is useful.



The up-side, though, is that it invites people who wouldn't otherwise enter a church door, to come inside. Several people have said something like "I have lived here for thirty years and always wondered what the church was like inside." There's a simple response to that, but it wouldn't be helpful to give it. Those who spend the time to look around, love what they see.

The last two jumble sales have brought children who asked questions about the church. On both occasions, they pointed at the cross on the wall and asked "What's that big wooden thing?"

"That's a cross", I said. "We have it there because Jesus died on a cross to save us from our sins and we honour it because of that."

The first child, in November, looked thoughtful. "It looks like a big 'plus' sign," she said.

What a big plus sign indeed! Makes you think, doesn't it. Out of the mouths of babes...

The second child, in January, had a different response. "Jesus didn't really exist," she said.

"Yes, he did exist," I said. "People think different things about Jesus, I know, but he certainly existed."

It turned out that the child did in fact know about Baby Jesus—perhaps she thought he was as mythical as Santa Claus.

Neither time was an occasion to develop a deep theological discussion, but perhaps, God willing, we may have sown a seed in the mind of a child?

May God bless these children, and help us to welcome them to our churches.

Anne Chittleborough

From St Stephen's, Willunga

Fr Paul called a group together to discuss the future maintenance of St Stephen's cemetery and support for the Curator. The idea of more formal sharing of concerns and solutions by the 3 Curators was suggested, with the idea that they may meet 1 or 2 times a year with Fr Paul.

18 people enjoyed the Saturday Night Out at Russell's Pizza (R), despite the rather noisy atmosphere. The next Saturday Night Out will be after Easter.

Ted Sandercock



Photo: S Smith



McLaren Vale Harvest Festival 2013

Fr Paul, Cherie Love (Arise Church, McLaren Vale) and Fr Charles Gaucci (Roman Catholic Church) blessed the harvest at the McLaren Vale Harvest Festival on 12th January. A selection of fruits and vegetables was carried in procession around the McLaren Vale oval by children led by a piped band.

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Epiphany (cont'd from p. 1)

This spontaneous act of brotherly adoration was not actually in the script, but was nonetheless appropriate! (Photo: M Murphy)

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: 9.30 am until Easter

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

*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 24th March (Palm Sunday) the only service will
be a combined Eucharist at 10 am at St Ann's Aldinga.*