

April 2013

The Grapevine

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



Christ is risen! Alleluia!

For more images of Easter in the Southern vales see pp 4 and 5,
or see them in colour on our website www.southernvalesparish.org

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Meet Joe Saunders, Warden

Newly elected Warden at St Margaret's, Joe was raised and educated in Mt. Gambier, and married Sarndra in 1964. He was a Sunday school teacher and a Session member in the Uniting Church for a number of years.

Sarndra and Joe moved to Adelaide with two young daughters for Sarndra to start Social Work training. Joe commenced Teacher Training in Adelaide and finishing his qualifications in the Northern Territory where he taught Lower Primary until moving to New Zealand. He and his family continued to stay connected to the Church, Sarndra as a lay Preacher with the Anglican Church and Joe as a Session Member on various committees.

After returning to Adelaide he drifted away from the church for some years, mainly to find some personal direction with his religious life. Moving to New South Wales for work reasons, Joe managed a Disability Employment Service until he had a second heart attack. Both times Sarndra saved his life with quick action and knowledge of the health system. After his recovery they returned to Adelaide where Joe continued to work in the disability employment area, and continued to trust and believe in God's direction in his life.

In 2011 they started a 'grey nomad' adventure, but this came to an abrupt stop some months later when Joe developed acute left ventricular heart failure. Once again, with Sarndra's help and God providing opportunities and direction, he survived, with reconnection to the church and commitment for service to the Church Community.



Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday, or Refreshment Sunday, half-way through Lent, is celebrated with simnel cake for all and posies for mums (and any other women present). At St Ann's, Sunday School teachers Heather Chapman and Margaret Hooper hold the posies made by Barbara Jeanes, and Fr Paul blesses the posies together with the simnel came made by Anne Lear and some sliced cake held by Kiam Bather & Peter Chapman, while Ethan, Noah & Samuel Flack look on, holding the special cards they had made.

The simnel cake at St Philip & St James was made by Stephen Wells following in the footsteps of Sheila Ley and Frank Cheeseman before Sheila. Thank you Stephen. We had a number of welcome visitors to share it after the service.
Di Best



At St Margaret's on Mothering Sunday, Matthew & Bethany Hearn assisted Fran Pettigrew to distribute posies.

What's on

April

- Mon 1st** MU St Ann's 9.30 am, Hymn Service
Sun 7th Family Service
 Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers
Mon 8th ANNUNCIATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
 St Ann's Guild 1.30
Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100
Tues 9th St Margaret's Guild
Enquiries: Fran Pettigrew 8323 9366
Thurs 11th Colton Court Singers 11 am - 12 midday
Enquiries: Sue MacKirdy 8556 5162
Fri 12th Parish Fundraiser Casserole Night at McLaren Flat
 Community Club
Sat 13th Saturday Night Out at Willunga
Tues 16th St Margaret's Fashion Parade 1.30 pm (next column)
 Pastoral District Council St Margaret's 7 pm
Wed 17th Women's Fellowship St Margaret's, 10 am
Enquiries: Margaret Cameron 8556 2343
Thurs 25th MARK
 ANZAC DAY
Granny Annie's cancelled
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 SSPJ Patronal Festival COMBINED SERVICE

May

- Wed 1st** PHILIP & JAMES
Sun 5th Family Service
 Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers
Mon 6th JOHN
 MU St Margaret's
Thurs 9th ASCENSION
 Colton Court Singers
Fri 10th Casserole Night at McLaren Flat Community Club
Mon 13th St Ann's Guild
Tues 14th St Margaret's Guild
 PD Council
Sat 18th St Ann's Jumble Sale
 Saturday Night Out at Willunga
Sun 19th PENTECOST
Wed 22nd Granny Annie meeting Peter Burke & Jill Rivers (from
 Anglicare) St Ann's Room 4 pm
Fri 24th St Ann's Progressive Dinner
Sun 26th TRINITY SUNDAY

* Christian Pastoral Support (chaplains)

Baptisms:

- 14th April Austin Pinnock at St Margaret's
 5th May Noah Hargrave at St Ann's

Wedding:

- 6th April: Kylie Cheesman & David Mills at St Stephen's

Casserole Night McLaren Flat Community Club Friday 12th April Friday 10th May

5.30 for a 6 pm meal
 \$10 per person,
 Choice of two main courses;
 dessert available \$4
 Bar facilities provided.
Bookings; Helen 8323 9331

SATURDAY NIGHT OUT at Willunga

April 13th at Old Bush Inn
 following the 5.30 Vigil Mass
 at St Stephen's.

*Enquiries: Ted Sandercock
 8556 4535*

FASHION PARADE!

St Margaret's Sunday School room
 Tuesday 16th April

1.30pm.

Tickets (\$8) include
 afternoon tea.
 Door prize and raffle.
 Fashions by "Postie".
 Winter stock available.



St Margaret's Jumble Sale Saturday 27th April

9am—1pm

*Enquiries: Lorna
 McGaffin
 8323 8523*



St Philip & St James Patronal Festival Sunday 28th April

Pastoral District
 Combined Service
 10 am
 followed by morning tea.

Church Hill Road, Old Noarlunga.
 Only one service in the PD on that day.



The Palm Sunday Combined Service at St Ann's was taken by Fr Ken Bechaz while Fr Paul was taking services in the Tatiara Pastoral District (see March issue of *The Grapevine*).

The procession, in remembrance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on a donkey, was joined by Jim Lekkas and his young donkey Shadow. Many thanks to Trish Simon, Jim, Shadow, to Tim Humphrys and Mia Humphreys of the Westwood Park Services riding school, and all those involved in bringing Shadow to play her part.

Palm crosses made by Margaret Cameron were blessed and given out.

***Some images of
Easter 2013
in the
Southern Vales***
(from p. 1)

The cross, the symbol of Christ's death, stood at the gate of St Margaret's, McLaren Vale, decked in a purple robe and a crown of thorns. On either side, the crosses of the two thieves crucified with Jesus.



On Maundy Thursday at St Margaret's, the evening service recalled the actions of Jesus in washing the feet of his disciples as a sign that they were to be as servants to one another. Fr Paul washed the feet of John Carroll and Rupert Best, and others from the congregation. The Eucharist was, as ever, in remembrance of the Last Supper, after which the sanctuary was stripped bare and a vigil was maintained in the church until midnight.



On Easter Eve at St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga, Fr Paul celebrated the Coming of the Light, and with the church lit by candles, those present renewed their baptismal vows. R: Fr Paul, followed by servers Wendy and Ted Sandercock and Judith Wells, brought the candle light into the church, and below, Aurora, Avalon and Astrid Choat and their mother Victoria, who regularly attend this service.



On Easter Day, a Sunrise service was held at St Stephen's, Willunga. Those attending were pleased to celebrate Easter in the early morning, at the time when Mary and the others went to the tomb. A couple of joggers dropped in and stayed for the Service, which was followed by a breakfast of hot cross buns.

R: At St Margaret's, Fr Paul with the Paschal candle at the font, was watched by servers David Mills (hidden) and Sister Bev Driver, and little Matthew Hearn, altar boy, as the congregation renewed their baptismal vows.

At St Ann's the children's activities are popular. After hearing the story of the Resurrection the children made an Easter garden (below L-R: Emma, Kate, Sophie and Jack Elliott, Jacob Murphy, Noah Davies and Thomas McNee, with Emma and Charlie Moore who helped.)

The children made Easter candles and after an Easter egg hunt, distributed coloured boiled eggs to the congregation.

Bottom R: Sophie, Zac McNee and Katy discuss the eggs.

The cross, decorated with flowers by the congregation, was carried out to stand by South Road (see p. 1).



Fr Paul writes...

I hope you had a wonderful Easter. It was great to see the number of people who attended our services during Holy Week. Attendances topped 300 in the three great days of Holy Week from Maundy Thursday to Easter Day at our four churches. The presence of God in our midst was certainly evident for me this Easter.

In preparing for Easter and in our Lenten studies, I was struck by the intimate relationship between Jesus and His Father in Heaven, particularly in the Garden of Gethsemane before he was arrested and faced the cross on Good Friday. Jesus went with his disciples to the garden where he pleaded with his Father not to go through the death he was to suffer. In the prayer, he called God "Abba", an intimate Aramaic name for Father, and said, "For you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet not what I want, but what you want." (Mark 14:36) Faced with betrayal, injustice, abuse and the most appalling and cruel death, he could pray "Not my will, but yours be done." (Luke 22:42). Jesus knew he was not addressing a remote grim God who was looking to punish him or cause him pain, but the one he called *Abba*, Father. He knew he was loved within the unity of God's family. He also knew that the only safe place, the only place of real security, was in the will of the Father. Let us continue to try and do the will of God our Father in Heaven in our lives.

I was also struck by the encounter between Mary Magdalene and Jesus on the day of his resurrection. Mary Magdalene had arrived early at the tomb and found the stone rolled back and Jesus' body gone. She ran back to tell the others. Two of the disciples returned and found the burial wrappings lying on the ground and then returned to tell the other disciples. Mary stayed on but angels appeared and told her not to be upset. She did not understand that they were angels speaking to her, and pleaded where she might find Jesus. He was in fact standing by the tomb but Mary thought she was the gardener. When she questioned where the body had gone, Jesus spoke her name, "Mary", and it was only then that she recognised Him.

Like Mary Magdalene, we can be searching for Jesus Christ in our lives and miss the signs of our Lord's presence in us. Angels were not enough for Mary, and even when Christ himself came she did not immediately recognise him, until he called her by name.

Jesus wants us to have a personal and intimate relationship with him. Sometimes, though, we don't want to, don't have the time to or don't recognise him in our midst. I encourage you to know him more through prayer and be nourished by him through worship, so that we can recognise Jesus more so in our lives.

We renewed our baptismal vows at the Easter Vigil and on Easter Day. If there is anyone who wishes to be baptised, please contact me. We shall be starting confirmation classes shortly. There are a number of people who have expressed interest in being confirmed. Again please contact me if you wish to be confirmed.

With every blessing this Easter season.

Fr Paul

Work on the paint and wood work of St Ann's is underway. Bill Higginson (below) and Bill Cale have spent many hours tackling the huge task of scraping back and preparing the windows for repair and painting.



We are sorry to be saying goodbye to Bill and Val Higginson when they return to England once more.

Mentors needed

Do you have a spare 30mins a week? Like to do something in your community? Aged between 18-108? Then Willunga Primary School needs you, to be a mentor to a young person! It's as simple as playing a board game with a child, teaching them a skill you enjoy or simply spending time listening to a child read. Some migrant children would also love to have a few Aussie 'grandparents' around! All you would need to start is having a Police Clearance Certificate (we can help with this) and to come and see the principal and myself to discuss the possibilities.

Thanks,

Sue Camac
(CPSW Willunga Primary School)
Enquiries: Ted 8556 4535



Photos provided

Annabelle Drought and Michael Roennfeldt were married at St Oswald's, Parkside on 9th March. Their wedding was the occasion for a family reunion, with Miriam and Andrew Hage and baby Abigail (on right), visiting home from Dakota. Also in the photo are (L-R) Lucy Baker, Michael & Julia Drought, with Julia's brother John (in front) and Tom Drought (behind), and Michael Drought's mother Hildegard Walasek, with behind her (& below), the happy couple.

A Wedding Dress in a Suitcase

In about 1993 a wedding dress in a suitcase was left anonymously on the doorstep of St Philip & St James' church. There was an unsigned note inside, saying that the donor hoped it would be of use to someone.

It was a mystery. The parish priest of the time made enquiries in the parish but no one knew where it had come from, and eventually it was given to Anglicare for their Op Shop.

It wasn't until about 2011 that the mystery was solved, when Mary Blagrove mentioned the wedding dress to Susan Smith. Susan knew that the dress had belonged to her niece Tracy, who had left it there when her marriage broke up. Although not a parishioner, Tracy had had a bond with that church since the ashes of her 8 year old sister, Kerry, had been interred there.

(Account by Susan Smith)





World Day of Prayer 2013

The World Day of Prayer service at Aldinga was held in the Galilee Chapel, with students from Galilee School participating. The theme was “I was a stranger and you took me in”. Readers included Barbara Walter and Gillian Clampett from the Anglican Church.

(R) Organiser Trish Frith thanked guest speaker Francoise Creevey, who spoke of her own experiences of being a stranger and caring for asylum seekers, and presented her with a French rose.

Another service was held at Kalyra.

Lenten Soup Suppers 2013

“Being there” was the thrust of Fr David Hand’s talk on Police chaplaincy, or, in a wry twist of police jargon, “loitering with intent”. One of a team of 34 chaplains for SAPOL, Fr David spoke with love and commitment about his task. Spending time with those in the Call Centre, or the Transit Branch, or the Crime Prevention Section; getting to know the teams— often uneventful days— building relationships which enable a real ministry in the times of stress or crisis so often experienced by members of our police force and their civilian support teams.

“Rev”, as Peter Palmer is called at the mines, spoke about the importance of meeting people where they are, not just being the church inside a church building waiting for people to come inside. For him, church is people coming together to fellowship and talk about the word of God, and this can happen anywhere. With a “fly-in-fly-out” role requested by four mining companies, and supported by his wife Joy and the Bush Church Aid Society, he has a tough job in a tough environment, and clearly thrives on it.

Lenore de la Perelle from ACH’s Dementia Learning and Development Unit in the ACH Group outlined different forms of dementia, the symptoms of their onset, and how they affect people. She told of creative programmes run by ACH which affirm and value the spirit of the sufferer and help them, their carers and the staff of the institutions to make their lives happier and more fulfilling.



Maryann Gulin & Michael Paradowski were married at St Stephen’s on 16th March (Photo: T Sandercock)



Lily Hackett was baptised at St Margaret’s on 3rd March. (Photo: J Drought)



Adele Lacy was baptised at St Stephen’s on 9th March (Photo provided by Heidi Watts)

Pastoral District Council Annual Vestry Meeting 2013

The Annual Vestry of the Pastoral District of Southern Vales was held at St Margaret's on 17th March at 2 pm, chaired by the Very Reverend Dirk van Dissell. The agenda included:

Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2012.

The Treasurer, Margaret Cale, reported:

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| Total Income | \$80,739.66 |
| Total Expenditure | \$85,244.00 |
| Deficit | \$4,511.00 |
| Missions | \$5,098.65 |

She made the following observations:

Total income for the year was \$740 better than budget predictions. She had set a challenging budget figure and congratulated the Pastoral District for having met the challenge.

- Giving was almost \$5,000 over budget.
- The only item under budget was fundraising, by approximately \$500.
- Total expenses were approximately \$8,000 under budget predictions but
- The year ended with a deficit of \$4,511 (budgeted \$13,680) with all financial obligations for the year met.

The Balance sheet shows "Net Assets" of \$94,264.65, lower than the previous year by the amount of the deficit.

Adoption of Budget 2013:

Margaret Cale introduced the Budget for 2013.

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| Income | \$89,000.00 |
| Expenses | \$98,000.00 |
| Deficit | \$9,000.00 |

The Income figure has been set at this challenging figure of \$89,000, an increase of \$9,000 from last year, to cover an increase in Expenditure due to an increase in stipends, set by the diocese, of 7% and an expected increase of 25% in insurance

The Expenses figure has therefore been increased to \$98,000 to include the above and other costs increased in line with the 2012 budget actuals.

The deficit of \$9,000 will need to be met from our At Call account if not by other means, eg fundraising.

Wardens for 2013 were confirmed: St Ann's: Pat Roper (People's Warden), Peter Chapman (Priest's Warden); St Margaret's: Joe Saunders (People's Warden), Greg Roberts (Priest's Warden); Ss Philip & James: Stephen Wells (People's Warden), Wallace Mausolf (Priest's Warden); St Stephen's: Margaret Cameron (People's Warden), Ted Sandercock (Priest's Warden).

St Margaret's Land Development: Last year at this time the Anglicare project at St Margaret's was being discussed. It did not continue as, after the GFC, Anglicare found housing projects difficult. After considerable expenditure they also found that the infrastructure in McLaren Vale is overloaded and its provision would have cost \$1 million to provide. It was agreed to cease arrangements.

Parish status has been considered at Diocesan Council but it was decided not to proceed at present. It will come up again at Diocesan Council in June.

The proposal to set up an Op Shop (from PD Council minutes) was put to the meeting as PD Council wished to hear parish opinion. Fr Dirk outlined the operation of the Op Shop at St Francis and the number of people needed to operate it. Discussion covered the number of Op Shops in the south, impact of the large Savers shop at Noarlunga, preference of local people to donate to the McLaren Vale hospital where the whole community benefits, limitation on types of goods we can sell, i.e. no electrical, and the very strict rules required by the diocese for operation of op shops. A suggestion was to have a monthly Jumble Sale at St Margaret's, using the shed, to test the level of support and interest. It was moved that the idea of an Op Shop be referred to the Fundraising Committee.

Following a **Motion from St Ann's**, discussion followed on general administrative matters pertaining to transparency and communication at Pastoral District Council Meetings.

Di Best

The "Easter Special" at Granny Annie's Drop-in Centre included fun and games for young and old. Easter games included egg and spoon races, roll the egg, pin the tail on the bunny, and an Easter egg hunt. Below, Anne Chittleborough supervises Ellie-Mae Graham pinning the tail on the bunny, to the amusement of Zac McNee (L) and Oliver Graham, and Bill Cale challenges the children to an egg and spoon race.

(Photo W Graham)



Help wanted!

Do you like meeting people? Playing with children? Are you aged between 20-85 (male or female)? Would you have a Thursday morning to spare once a month? You might be just the person to join the happy band of helpers colloquially known as "Grannies" at Granny Annie's Drop-in Centre at St Ann's Aldinga.

Enquiries: Pat Roper 8386 2470

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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: 8.45 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**

***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 28th April the only service will be a combined
Eucharist at 10 am at St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga.***