

May 2013

# The Grapevine

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



## ***St Philip & St James' patronal festival***

On 28th April parishioners from all around the Pastoral District gathered to celebrate St Philip & St James' day in our oldest (1850) church. The service was taken by Bishop Stanley Goldsworthy, who preached on the church as a Eucharistic community. Following the service Stephen Wells thanked all those involved, and Wallace Mausolf paid tribute to three members of the congregation who had been and still were, with their wives, active contributors to the church but now had difficulty in attending: Clarrie Bartlett, John Carne and Ray Gorton. Of the three, only Ray was able to be there to receive a tribute from the church.

It would not be an SSPJ festival without a verse from Wallace, and his poem, "A Tribute to a Terrific Trio", says it all:

Now here's a well-known trio, called Clarrie, Ray and John  
Who served their church in different ways to keep things moving on.  
The skills they have are numerous, but each in his own way  
Gave freely of both limb and mind and looked for no re-pay.

Clarrie has a host of skills, from working on the farm,  
He also is a first-rate cook, and added to this charm  
He is a first-class spinner, a master of the yarn.  
Ray is a computer whiz, and a handy-man to boot,  
Especially good with door-locks, and finding things that suit  
A fund-raiser of some renown; he really is quite cute.  
Our John has given his full share of time and dedication  
To parish functions of all kinds; he's really a sensation;  
An assistant to the Wardens in money calculations.

So, thankyou, fellows one and all, for all your love and care  
You're still a valued part of us; you've truly done your share.



*A: Bishop Stanley with assistants Judith Wells, Greg Roberts and Sr Bev Driver. B: Wardens Wallace Mausolf and Stephen Wells. C: Bishop Stanley presents Ray Gorton with a certificate of appreciation. D: Delicious sandwiches were only the beginning of a sumptuous morning tea.*



### ***101 Casseroles!***

The Casserole Dinner at McLaren Flat Community Club was a very enjoyable occasion and a successful fund-raiser for the Pastoral District. Those enjoying the evening included parishioners and others from the McLaren Flat and McLaren Vale community. Another dinner will be held on Friday 10th May (see opposite page).



B: The Fund-raising Committee/Cooks (L-R) Margaret Cale, Di Best, Wendy Sandercock, Helen Roberts.

C: Jack and Felicity Warrington and Joan Proudman.

D (below): Linda Evans with her mother Lorna McGaffin.



E (below, L-R): Vera Penny, Trish Frith and Cath Davidson.



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 May.

*The Grapevine* now appears on the parish website [www.southernvalesparish.org](http://www.southernvalesparish.org) and includes photos and some contact details. Contact the editor if you don't want to have anything about you included in *The Grapevine* in this format.

## May

- Wed 1<sup>st</sup> PHILIP & JAMES  
 Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Home Group 7 pm (see next column)  
 Sun 5<sup>th</sup> FAMILY SERVICE  
 Gold Coin Collection for CPS workers\*  
 Baptism of Noah Hargrave, St Ann's  
 Mon 6<sup>th</sup> JOHN  
 MU St Margaret's Enquiries: Trish Frith 8556 2604  
 Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> ASCENSION  
 Colton Court Singers 11 am-12 midday  
 Enquiries: Sue MacKirdy 8556 5162  
 Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Family Night Dinner McLaren Flat Community Club  
 (Parish fundraiser—see next column)  
 Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Special Vestry at St Ann's, 10.30  
 Tues 14<sup>th</sup> St Ann's Guild 1.30 pm  
 Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100  
 St Margaret's Guild 2 pm  
 Enquiries: Fran Pettigrew 8323 9366  
 PD Council 7.00 pm  
 Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Women's Fellowship St Margaret's, 10 am  
 Enquiries: Margaret Cameron 8556 2343  
 Sat 18<sup>th</sup> St Ann's Jumble Sale  
 Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100  
 Saturday Night Out at Willunga (See next column)  
 Sun 19<sup>th</sup> PENTECOST  
 Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Granny Annie meeting with Anglicare's Peter  
 Burke & Jill Rivers, St Ann's 4 pm (see p. 8)  
 Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Family tea cancelled – see Progressive Dinner 31<sup>st</sup> May  
 Diocesan Synod, Tailem Bend, Friday-Saturday  
 Sun 26<sup>th</sup> TRINITY SUNDAY  
 Fri 31<sup>st</sup> St Ann's Progressive Dinner (date changed to avoid  
 clash with Synod). Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100

## June

- Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> FAMILY SERVICE  
 Gold Coin collection  
 Wedding Expo  
 Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> MU Seaford: Guest speaker Doreen Richards.  
 Lunch at café.  
 Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Home Group 7 pm  
 Mon 10<sup>th</sup> St Ann's Guild  
 Tues 11<sup>th</sup> BARNABAS  
 St Margaret's Guild  
 PD Council  
 Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Colton Court  
 Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Parish Fundraiser at McLaren Flat Community Club  
 Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Saturday Night Out at Willunga  
 Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Women's Fellowship  
 Fri 28<sup>th</sup> St Ann's Family Tea  
 Sat 29<sup>th</sup> PETER & PAUL

\*Christian Pastoral Support

## Baptisms:

5th May at St Ann's: Noah Hargrave

**Bible Studies** held at St Margaret's Wednesdays 10 am after the  
 9 am Eucharist. All welcome.

## Family Services

are held on the first Sunday of the month  
 at St Ann's Aldinga (9 am) and  
 St Margaret's, McLaren Vale (10.30 am)

## Another Splendid Dinner!

(see opp. page)

Friday 10th May, 6 pm  
 McLaren Flat Community Club  
 Choice of two main courses \$10.  
 Dessert available \$4  
 Bar facilities available.  
 Bookings: Helen 8323 9331



8.30-12 midday

## Saturday Night Out at Willunga

Saturday 18th May  
 at the Bush Inn, High Street, Willunga  
 Following the 5.30 Vigil Mass

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES 2013

begin on 19th May.  
 Contact Fr Paul to join.



*Such fun!*  
 Progressive Dinner

Friday 31st May:

Start 6 pm with hors d'oeuvres at St  
 Ann's  
 then 3 more courses at mystery loca-  
 tions.  
 Shared transport can be arranged.

## Home Group, First Fridays Friday 3rd May, Friday 7th June

Meet at the Chapmans' at 7 pm  
 14 Anchor Terrace Port Willunga,  
 for fellowship, study and song.

## Drop in at Granny Annie's

Thursdays 9-11.30 for a cuppa & chat.  
 Children are welcome too!

## **Fr Paul writes...**

*Encouragement. Who does not need it! You may be struggling with life in general or with a subject at school or University, and to receive encouragement from others is an impetus to keep going. Being assured of what we do, and encouraged and complimented, is important and certainly a way of supporting each other in life. Our friendliness, good cheer, interest in others, a willingness to help others with their burdens and even their lesser needs – all this constitutes a kind of encouragement to others. Much of our ability depends on encouragement and tells us that what we are doing is worthwhile.*

*The Acts of the Apostles and the letters of Paul all attest to concerted efforts to encourage others who had already received the good news of Jesus Christ. Paul in Acts Chapter 14 verses 19-28 shows this act of encouragement. Paul had been left for dead after being stoned but when his disciples surrounded him, he got up and went back into the city. He continued his missionary tour and retraced his steps, visiting those who had already received the good news. Along with the other disciples Paul was able to encourage the young believers to continue in their belief, and to give them realistic advice. They told their own story and encouraged them in the face of hardships with the account of all they had been through.*

*Giving encouragement could well be a matter of recalling the Gospel, the message of Christ, for our friends and those whom we want to help. Otherwise it may be simply encouraging others by affirming them, backing their efforts, with good will and letting our own faith and trust shine through in a good spirit of hopefulness. We do this as Christians as we know that God is a God of peace, who assures us of his love for us. There are some reassuring words in Hymn 546 in the Australian Hymn Book: "Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy, be there at our waking and give us we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day." The hymn assures us that God is there in our labours, a God who is kind and gentle, and is with us throughout every day.*

*The apostle Paul had a large network of colleagues and co-workers who worked alongside him in ministry, in a bid to encourage others in their faith. As a result, the Pastoral District Council has agreed to set up a pastoral care group, where those trained in safe ministry will support me in pastorally caring for church members and those connected with the church in some way. A team of people, led by me, aims to assist those who need fellowship and a helping hand.*

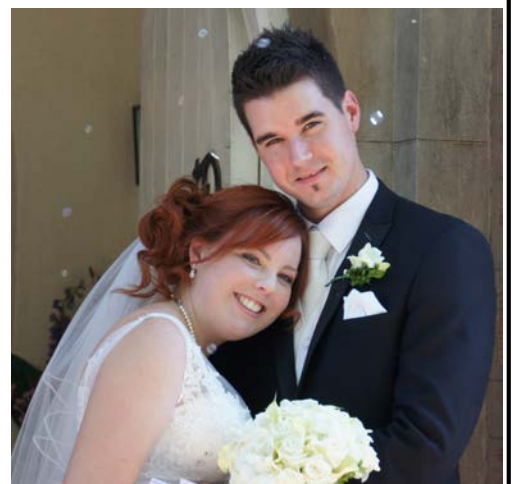
*In other news.....confirmation classes start on Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale. There are a number of adults and children interested and I would encourage you to think about being confirmed if you haven't done so. Confirmation allows you to affirm the vows made at your baptism by your parents and godparents. The confirmation classes are an opportunity for you yourself to say "yes" to Jesus' call to follow him on our journey through life. I am hopeful the confirmation can be held in September.*

*Thank you Bishop Stanley Goldsworthy for presiding at the Patronal Festival at St Philip and St James'. I gather it was an excellent day. Bishop Stanley has continued to assist at SSPJ when I am not there and it is very much appreciated.*

*With every blessing      Fr. Paul*

### **News from St Stephen's, Willunga**

- The Easter Sunrise service (7.00 am) was attended by 14 people and most stayed for buns and coffee/tea. The flowers arranged by Jac Bishop & Margaret Cameron were beautiful. Thanks to Trish and Judy for their participation with Wendy in the sanctuary. A core of St Stephen's people attended the services in Holy Week.
- A highlight for April was the wedding of David and Kylie Mills on Saturday the 6th. This was a joyous occasion. Flowers were provided and arranged by Jac Bishop & Margaret Cameron.
- Thank you Fr Graham Cooling for presiding at the Vigil Mass on April 6.
- The Saturday Night Out for April was held on April 13 at the Old Bush Inn after the 5.30 pm Vigil Mass. The Mills family joined with a number of other parishioners.
- Thanks to Peter Chapman for promptly repairing the damage to the toilet at the rear of the grounds, caused by a very large (huge!) branch falling from a very large old eucalypt. This branch demolished the roof and it is a mystery that the small building was not structurally damaged. The new woodwork will be painted in the chosen heritage colour.
- Suggestions welcome for planting the area around the peppercorn tree.
- You are welcome to attend 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 St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

It was a very active time for us at St. Margaret's with the lead-up to Easter including:

- \* The display of the three crosses with the banner showing service times out the front of the church. A great reminder to the community of the significance of Easter to the Christian Church and a big help with attendances. Thanks to Julia and Michael for their attending to that.
- \* The Lenten Bible studies provoked some interesting discussions from those who attended the various sessions with the lead-up to Easter.
- \* Good attendances at the Easter Services, especially Easter Day which went off with a "bang" from poppers, streamers and balloons. Thursday evening and Friday services created an atmosphere of spiritual togetherness and closeness to the suffering of Christ on the cross. A number of the congregation commented on the services and how they flowed well with feelings of a closeness to Christ and the Easter Story. Many thanks to Father Paul for his organizational skills and creating a spiritual journey for all. We did feel that morning tea would have been very appropriate on Easter morning as it would have been a great chance to get to know some of the more casual members of the Congregation .
- \* A clean-up was conducted by the People's Warden around the church , driveway and Memorial Garden prior to Easter. The roses are blooming well and ongoing attention will be given to keep them looking presentable.
- \* Many thanks to Paul Bell for fitting the organ speakers to the rear wall of the Church.
- \* The garden around the Rectory is now greatly improved, with things looking tidier and more manageable. People's Warden has negotiated with Father Paul and Helen to provide on-going maintenance to keep the Rectory gardens in order. The donation of some small plants for the garden would be greatly appreciated.
- \* The path leading up to the church and the Rose Garden continues to be maintained.
- \* The Parish Council has given approval for the main carpet in the Church to be re-stretched. We are waiting for



the Contractor to carry out the work.

- \* Heaters have now been purchased for use in the church. Paul Bell will be installing them when he returns from holidays. St Margaret's Guild has kindly provided the funds for this and is most appreciated by all .
- \* The Church Wardens meet regularly to discuss ideas, reports and individual roles within the PD.

*Priest's Warden Greg Roberts & People's Warden Joe Saunders*

The St Margaret's Guild reports that the fashion parade on 16th April (see photo above: Helen Blake modeling gear from Postie Fashions) was a great success and good fun. Thank you to Wendy and the team who provided afternoon tea. The event raised over \$700.

Thanks are also due to those who put things together for the jumble sale on 27th April (see photo on the right), those who sold, and those who contributed goods to sell. Proceeds totaled \$548.

*Fran Pettigrew and Lorna McGaffin*

*[Well done, St Margaret's Guild! Your hard work raised over \$1,000 in 2 weeks!! - Ed.]*



## News from St Ann's, Aldinga

- \* During Lent we held three successful evenings with donations on the nights going to the Christian Care Centre at Aldinga, Bush Church Aid, and ACH. Many thanks to our guest speakers and the helpers who organised the food. Lenten Studies were held at St Ann's and at Fr Martin Chittleborough's home.
- \* On Palm Sunday we had a delightful service which started outside with a procession led to the church by Shadow the donkey. Thanks go to Trish Simon who organised the donkey, and also to its owner Jim Lekkas and the float owner Tim Humphrys who made it all possible. Fr Ken led an inspirational service and a shared luncheon was held in the hall.
- \* Services were held at St Ann's on Tuesday, Good Friday and at 9am Easter Sunday. Good Friday had the Stations of the Cross Service at midday. On Sunday the service was again a joyous occasion with many visitors including children who had lots of good activities with Anne and helpers, and again our floral cross adorning the church and later placed by Main South Road as our Easter gift to the community. A special thanks to Val Martin for all the work she undertook to ensure these days ran smoothly. We feel it would be appropriate to have a morning tea after the Easter service next year.
- \* We had a moderately successful Jumble Sale in March, raising monies dedicated to the R&M for repairs to the church windows etc. but our band of workers is finding that age and ill health is catching up with us. With smaller numbers of helpers, the task of running these sales is quite difficult for the rest. We are addressing the issue of the need for more help, and endeavouring to raise awareness of the benefits achieved by these sales.
- \* During the Summer months we had good attendances with quite an influx of visitors to our services.
- \* We are very happy to welcome Fr Ken to our services on the last Sunday of each month while Fr Paul is ministering to the Tatiara PDC. We thank him for his willingness to help out our PD and for his refreshing sermons.
- \* For the March Family tea we decided on a BBQ meal and were happy to welcome several guests including Fr Dirk and friend, and Fr Peter Simmons & his wife Sally.
- \* After a quiet couple of weeks at Granny Annie's it was a delight to welcome four families during the holidays. Activities for the children ranged indoors and outdoors, and the mums/guardians had a quiet moment or two to swap notes. Among those present were (R) Jacob and Oliver (playing Angry Birds) and Wendy helping Alex (hidden) and Ellie-Mae with paper ribbons, while Helen and Elaine looked on. By popular request the ANZAC Day Granny Annie's, which had been cancelled, was "un-cancelled". A good crowd attended, two of the children had made an "Anzac cake" and we had a simple placing of flowers at the War Memorial. We also had a visit from an Italian couple touring the district.



- \* A Special Vestry Meeting has been called for St Ann's by a concerned group of parishioners and approved by Fr Dirk van Dissel following the sudden illness of our People's Warden. We see an acute need for a Substitute Warden so that in such a case the several duties of the Warden can be taken over by the substitute. In this way there is no pressure for someone who has been unwell to return to duties prematurely. The meeting at which a sub will be voted in is to be after the service on the 12th May. We see it as a need for all centres, for the same reasons.

*Pat Roper & Peter Chapman, Wardens*

## News from St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga (see also p. 1)

- \* We thank Bishop Stanley, Judith Wells, Fr Paul, organists Sue McKirdy, Julia Drought and Felicity Warrington and all others who assisted with the lead-up to Easter and the Easter services.
- \* As agreed by the congregation and Parish Vestry meetings, our Sunday service time will be 8:45 am until further notice. We are conscious of the fact that a number of our congregation are not currently able to attend services, but their needs have not been forgotten. *Wallace Mausolf & Stephen Wells, Wardens*

*Note: Onkaparinga Council is offering a lime mortar workshop will be held on 18 May from 8-4 pm at 21 Wearing Street, Port Noarlunga. Bookings are required and can be made by contacting Divya Dogra 83840552 [divbal@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au](mailto:divbal@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au) or Wendy Possingham 83840546 [wenpos@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au](mailto:wenpos@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au)*

**Gifts of food needed for the Christian Care & Support Centre. Take to your church or contact Anne Lear 8556 5520**



The first meeting of the newly appointed PDC on 16th April, chaired by Canon Dirk van Dissel and minuted by Di Best was attended by an interested group of observers. It began with a motion of good wishes and prayers for Pat Roper, who was absent following an operation.

Matters discussed included:

- \* **Pastoral Care Committee:** Those who had expressed interest to meet on 30<sup>th</sup> April to progress the formation of the Committee. Another Safer Ministry training to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> June at Taillem Bend.
- **New Pastoral Assistants:** Fr Paul and PDC
- recommended to Diocesan Council that Louise Webb & David Mills be made Pastoral Assistants.
- \* **Home groups** will go ahead from 1<sup>st</sup> May, to be held on the first Friday of the month at the Chapman's home from 7 pm (see p. 3). Peter Chapman to report on this to PDC. The Chapmans were thanked for their hospitality.
- \* **Review of PDC:** Members of the PDC were asked to write brief responses to the PDC Activity Review 2012 which had been presented to the February meeting. In this was an analysis of activities and discussions held on the themes identified as part of our parish vision by the Future Directions consultation 2010: worship, mission, outreach, pastoral care, stewardship, growth, Anglican presence, and administration. Wardens' responses to be collated by the Secretary and discussed at the next PDC meeting.
- \* **Fund-raising Committee:** The committee, cooks and organisers of the event were congratulated on an excellent result from the dinner at the McLaren Flat Community Club on 12<sup>th</sup> April, feeding 101 people and raising between \$1200-1300 (see p. 2). Another event on 29<sup>th</sup> September (Pertaringa wine and cheese) was being planned.
- \* **ABM Sunday** had been a Provincial event and would be held annually on the first Sunday of Lent. The amount raised in the special collection on that day had not been identified from the total Lent collection, but a cheque for \$1,300 was to be sent to ABM.
- \* **Synod representatives:** Since the elected representative Brian McMillan was unable to attend Synod on 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> May 2013, the first reserve for the PD, Bill Cale, would take his place.
- \* **Organ proposal:** The temporary locating of the Greg Trott organ in St Margaret's, enabling it to be wired up and used as the console for the existing virtual pipe organ, was approved by PDC.
- \* **Fire Extinguisher training:** Following a recent baptism, this training would be offered free of charge on a suitable occasion. The generous offer was appreciated.
- \* **Willunga 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2014:** It was agreed that it would be good to have Southern Vales' participation in this. Ideas included an art exhibition or a musical event as well as a historical exhibition in the church.
- \* **Sponsorship for *The Grapevine*?** Fr Paul had been approached by two businesses offering to sponsor *The Grapevine*. This would cover printing costs (approx \$30 an issue—the Editor and Ted Sandercock provide their time free) and provide an income. Issues discussed included whether advertisements would be an appropriate inclusion in our parish paper, and whether advertisements of, for example, a funeral business or car sales, would be taken as an endorsement of them. To be discussed at the next PDC. ***[It's your paper—what do you think? Talk to your Wardens.]***

#### Financial Report:

##### Finances for March 2013:

Nett monthly income:	\$7,876
Monthly expenditure:	\$13,943
Operating profit:	-\$6,067
Missions:	\$1,098

##### Overall finances (January through March 2013)

Income:	\$17,346
Expenditure:	\$26,822
Operating profit	-\$9,429
Missions	\$1,660

The Treasurer commented that collections were within \$400 of Budget. The monthly expenditure had been high with our whole year's insurance being paid, which was more helpful to the Diocese than our paying in instalments.

It was noted that a letter addressed to the Chairman of PDC expressing concern about Fr Paul's workload and his visits to Tatiara (see last issue) had not been listed under Correspondence. When the matter was pursued Fr Dirk allowed the letter to be circulated, but without discussion.

**Next meeting** Tuesday 14th May. Observers welcome.

## **Women's Fellowship**

The following items have been taken to Anglicare, Morphett Vale from the Southern Vales Pastoral District Women's Fellowship group and other contributors:

- 15 children's Beanies
- 4 prs Bootees
- 5 babies' Bonnets
- 23 toddlers' knitted Jumpers and Tops
- 5 cot-size Patchwork Quilts
- 2 adult crochet Knee Rugs
- 10 crochet Knee Rugs
- 1 woven Rug

Thanks to all in the Pastoral District who contributed. Anglicare is very grateful for this supply. The Women's Fellowship will continue to support Anglicare.

We welcome anyone who would like to join us on the third Wednesday of each month at 10.00 am in St Margaret's Sunday School room. Bring your knitting!

*Margaret Cameron*



## **Granny Annie's meets with Anglicare**

On Wednesday 22nd May at 4 pm Anglicare's Peter Burke and Jill Rivers will be meeting with the volunteers from "Granny Annie's".

Anglicare's Pastoral Care and Parish Development Manager Peter Burke, and Parish Community Engagement Worker Jill Rivers, have run workshops in the Diocese of Adelaide on "Anglican Parishes and Communities of Hope". This meeting will be a chance to discuss issues and opportunities relating to "Granny Annie's" and hear of the experiences of others engaging with their local communities in similar ways.

Anyone interested in hearing and talking to Peter and Jill would be most welcome to attend. A finger food tea will follow.

*Enquiries: 8556 5078*

It's going to take me a little longer to answer my e-mails now....



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**St Stephen's, Willunga**

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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: 8.45 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**

## **WANTED!**

**A Bible Society representative —a person to receive and pass on promotional material from the Bible Society.**

**Is that something you could do for our Pastoral District?**

**Further information from Julia Drought 8323 8724**