

June 2013

The Grapevine

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

Southern Vales 2013 Synod Representatives



Your Southern Vales Synod Representatives: Mr Bill Cale, Fr Paul Devenport and Dr Ted Sandercock, attended the Second Session of the Fifteenth Triennial Synod held at Tailem Bend Town Hall, Friday May 24th and Saturday May 25th, 2013.

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Granny Annie's meets with Anglicare

On 22nd May a group of volunteers from Granny Annie's drop-in centre had an inspiring meeting with Peter Burke (Pastoral Care & Parish Development Manager) and Jill Rivers (Parish Community Engagement Worker) from Anglicare, talking about "Granny Annie's" and other matters of parish outreach in our rapidly growing region. As Fr Paul pointed out, Aldinga is the fastest growing area in South Australia.

Peter and Jill affirmed the value they saw in Granny Annie's: while numbers attending are not large, smaller numbers allow for deeper quality of interaction, support and discussion. They shared experiences of other outreach activities undertaken by some parishes in the Province, and their ways of "being church", and offered encouragement to reach out to find out the needs of our community, to be open to where the Spirit might move us. What skills are we growing that we could use? What do the children teach us about the needs of the community? Are there older people being supported in independent living who are desperately lonely? We gain as much as we give; are



there others in the community who could be involved? Other activities we might think of might involve craft, or singing. People drive past and see the building—but how do we put a "human face" on the church?

For a fuller account of these discussions contact Anne Chittleborough: 8556 5078 or machit5@bigpond.com
Photo (L-R) Fr Paul, Bill Cale, Gwen Anthony, Cath Davidson, Margaret Cale, Helen Davies, Pat Roper, Peter Burke, Jill Rivers, Sue MacKirdy.



The May Community Club dinner at McLaren Flat was a Family Night. (L) Among those present were Mark and Lisa McCarthy with their children Tilly and Coco and on the right, Julia Brown. (Below) Briony Hoare with her children Henry, James and Josie, with Jack Brown closest to the camera and his sister Hayley further away.

Photos: P Devenport.



Thanks to all who worked hard to ensure another successful dinner. Although numbers were down this time and the amount raised much less than the first (approx \$400 after expenses) it was still an enjoyable evening with support from the local community as well as our own members. Well done team!

Our next dinner will be on Friday 14th June, we'd love to see you there.

Margaret Cale

Curry and Crepes !

Delicious! (see opposite page)

2013 Synod Report

The Second Session of the fifteenth Triennial Synod of the Diocese of The Murray commenced with a Holy Eucharist in the Church of St Luke, Tailem Bend at 4.00 pm on Friday May 24th. The liturgy was *An Order for Holy Communion (2009)*, a revision of *An Alternate Order of Holy Communion*, issued earlier for 'trial use' by the Liturgy Commission. The Great Thanksgiving Prayer was based on the most ancient known full text, attributed to Hippolytus (c.200), from a fresh translation by the Revd Dr Evan Burge. The business of Synod commenced at 5.30 pm in the Tailem Bend Town Hall. The Administrator, Fr Richard Seabrook opened the meeting with prayer and followed with a Presidential Address. In His address Fr Richard expressed his frustration that he has not been able to announce the appointment of a new Bishop of The Murray but explained that such appointments are confidential until an announcement can be made. He recognised that rumours have been circulating; some are spurious but plain wrong. Under Standing Orders the Report of the Diocesan Council was presented by the Registrar and received by Synod. The Notice Paper was called over and several motions including the Budget and Rate of Assessment were passed without discussion. Friday evening covered financial matters and reports of Synod organisations. Synod adjourned at 7.00 pm and members of Synod travelled to Murray Bridge for a Synod Dinner, a Chinese Banquet. This social gathering was much appreciated by members of Synod. Synod recommenced on Saturday morning at 9.00am with voting for The Bishop Election Committee. Brian McMillan was elected a Lay Member and Fr Dirk van Dissel as a Clergy Member. The remainder of the motions were discussed and voted on. A few motions were withdrawn or amended with advice from the President, Fr Richard Seabrook or the new Chancellor, Dr Robert Tong. While it was pointed out that a few motions were the province of a Diocesan Bishop, the discussion that ensued was thought useful by some Synod members. After some of the submitted questions were answered and then various people thanked for their organisation and service, the Synod meeting closed after lunch at about 1.45 pm.

Ted Sandercock

DIOCESAN SAFER MINISTRY TRAINING COURSE

Tailem Bend, Saturday 15th June

Anyone engaging in any kind of parish visiting and or ministry is obliged to have a police check and participate in a Diocesan Safer Ministry course. For those who missed out the first time around, a further session is being held at Tailem Bend on 15th June. If you would like to take part please contact Fr Paul.

June

- Sun 2nd** **FAMILY SERVICE**
Gold Coin collection for CPS workers*
Wedding Expo Mc Laren Vale
- Mon 3rd** **MU** Seaford: Guest speaker Doreen Richards.
See p. 6. Enquiries: Barbara Jeanes 8556 4440
- Fri 7th** **Home Group** (see next column)
Enquiries: Peter Chapman 8557 7151
- Tues 11th** **BARNABAS**
St Ann's Guild Aldinga Airport 2 pm
Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100
St Margaret's Guild 2 pm
Enquiries: Fran Pettigrew 8323 9366
PD Council St Margaret's, 7 pm
- Thurs 13th** **Colton Court singers** 11 am-12 midday
Enquiries: Sue MacKirdy 8556 5162
- Fri 14th** **Curry and Crepes** 6 pm at McLaren Flat
Community Club (see next column)
- Wed 19th** **Women's Fellowship** St Margaret's, 10 am
Enquiries: Margaret Cameron 8556 2343
- Sat 22nd** **Saturday Night Out** at Willunga (see next column)
- Fri 28th** **St Ann's Family Tea** 6.30—8.30 pm
Enquiries: Pat Roper 8386 2470
- Sat 29th** **PETER & PAUL**

July

- Mon 1st** **MU**: Guest speakers Helen & Brian Gitsham
(See p. 6)
- Wed 3rd** **THOMAS**
- Fri 5th** **Home group** (see next column)
- Sun 7th** **FAMILY SERVICE**
Gold Coin collection for CPS workers*
- Mon 8th** **St Ann's Guild**
- Tues 9th** **St Margaret's Guild**
PD Council
- Thurs 11th** **Colton Court**
- Fri 12th** **Quiz Night**, St Ann's
- Sat 15th** **Safer Ministry Training Course** Tailem Bend
- Wed 17th** **Women's Fellowship**
- Sat 20th** **Saturday Night Out?**
- Mon 22nd** **MARY MAGDALENE**
- Thurs 25th** **JAMES**
- Fri 26th** **St Ann's Family tea**
- Sat 27th-Sun 28th** **Almond Blossom Festival**
- Mon 29th** **St Margaret's Almond Blossom Stall**
- Tues 30th** **St Ann's Stall**
- Wed 31st** **St Philip & St James' & St Stephen's Stall**

*Christian Pastoral Support

Baptism in June

Sun 2nd Pipa Austin, at the Family Service at St Ann's

Bible Studies are held at St Margaret's each Wednesday morning following the 9 am service. All welcome.

FAMILY SERVICES

1st Sunday of the month
St Ann's Aldinga 9 am
St Margaret's McLaren Vale 10.30 am
Next on 2nd June, 7th July.
Designed for families, with children's involvement in the liturgy.
Further information: Fr Paul Devenport
8323 9744

Just for a change...

St Ann's Guild is holding its June meeting (11th June) informally over coffee and cake at the Aldinga Airport at 2 pm. You are welcome to come too. Transport can be arranged: contact Val Martin 8556 6100.

Curry and Crepes !

Friday 14th June, 6 pm
at the McLaren Flat Community Club
Choice of two main courses \$10; Desserts \$4
Bar facilities available.
Bookings: Helen 8323 9331
—Parish *fun*d-raiser—



Saturday Night Out at Willunga

Saturday 22nd June
at the Bush Inn, High Street, Willunga
following the 5.30 Vigil Mass
at St Stephen's
Bookings: Ted 8556 4535



QUIZ NIGHT

St Ann's,
Friday 12th July, 6.30 for 7
Book a table of 8—or come and join one.
BYO drinks & nibbles; tea & coffee provided.
Win a prize! - win a raffle!
Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100

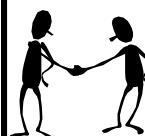
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Home Group, First Fridays

Friday 7th June
Meet at the Chapmans' at 7 pm
14 Anchor Terrace Port Willunga,
for fellowship, study and song.
Enquiries: Peter Chapman 8557 7151

Drop in at Granny Annie's

St Ann's, Thursdays 9-11.30
for a cuppa & chat.
Activities for children (and adults!)
Enquiries: Pat 8386 2470



Fr Paul writes...

Relationships are important, all those we relate to in our families, our Church, our workplace, and our friends. Unfortunately for many people their relationship with God is not so paramount. We see this by the number of activities that people attend to now on Sunday besides going to church. For me, that was in my life before becoming an ordained deacon and priest; going to church Sunday by Sunday was essential in maintaining my relationship with God, in spiritually being refreshed through the consecrated bread and wine, in hearing and reflecting on His word and being with God in prayer and in worship. I actually missed it if I was not able to attend a Sunday service when away.

Besides making the regular commitment to go to church, the gift of the Holy Spirit given to us at our baptism and reaffirmed at our confirmation helps us and is our guide day by day. We have recently celebrated the coming of the Holy Spirit through the festival of Pentecost. This is when, after Jesus had ascended into heaven, the Holy Spirit descended on all the believers in a room in Jerusalem. There people were given various gifts and some started speaking in other languages. You can find the account of this in Acts Chapter 2. The Holy Spirit is not just a force or an influence but is the third person of the Trinity; God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Jesus, before he died on the Cross and rose again, spoke of the helper, the Holy Spirit, that would “teach you everything and make you remember all that I have told you” (John 14.26).

The Holy Spirit is the life giving Spirit and is at work in human beings. It gives us wisdom to see things as God sees them, it gives us understanding of God’s revelation to us, it gives us counsel to help us see what we should do in difficult situations and it gives us inward strength to do God’s will.



MC

(L) Fr Paul explained about baptism to children at the Family Service at St Ann’s on 5th May.

We have just started the season of Pentecost (Trinity). It is a time of growth in all of us as Christians, and as a result, I wear green vestments for the next few months. May God allow the Holy Spirit to grow in us during this time, as we worship and come together as a community of faith in Christ, hopefully Sunday by Sunday!

If you are not baptised and would like receive the Holy Spirit as a gift of God to you, please contact me. Also it’s not too late if you wish to be confirmed. Confirmation classes have started but I would welcome any others who wish to reaffirm for themselves their baptismal vows.

A special thank you also to the fundraising committee for organising the dinners at the McLaren Flat Community Club. The next one will be held on Friday 14th June. I hope you will be able to support this dinner and join in for fellowship with the local community.

With every blessing Fr Paul

Pastoral Care Group Meeting, St Margaret’s 30th April

The meeting began with prayer and a Bible study reflecting on Jesus being the Good Shepherd, based on John Ch. 10. Fr Paul spoke of what pastoral care is, believing it is a vital part of life as a Christian community. He explained that the formation of the pastoral care group in the Pastoral District of the Southern Vales is a recommendation of the Outreach Committee, part of a five year plan.

Fr Paul also explained new protocols for those involved in pastoral care in the name of the church. Not only will those involved have had to undertake the safer ministry program but also now will need to undergo a police check and to fill out a safer ministry questionnaire.

Fr. Paul suggested a number of areas where the pastoral care group could help him. He believed these included keeping in touch with the sick and or those not well enough or unable to attend church any more, and following up those who have not been to church for some time or are new attendees.

Fr Paul thanked Greg Roberts for providing Home Communion to the elderly, and was eager for this to continue as part of the work of this pastoral care group. Trish Frith also was able to perform this ministry. As a part of visitation, there is an opportunity for prayerful support.

A training workshop was suggested. Sandra Saunders offered to run such a course, given her experience with Anglicare and Lifeline. A paper from the Diocese of Tasmania given at a Ministry Conference in Hobart in 2012 was handed out. The paper, “Pastoral Care: The Essentials”, provided “dos and don’ts” of pastoral care.

(From a report prepared for PDC)

Recent Baptisms



It was a double celebration for the Pinnock family on 14th April! Baby Austin Mark McCance Pinnock and his mother Charlene Jane were both baptised at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale.

Below: Mark Pinnock and little Holly look on as Fr Paul makes the sign of the cross on Charlene's forehead. As a "thankyou" Mark who is a fire safety officer later undertook a fire safety training for the Wardens of the PDC (see p. 6) (Photos provided)



Below: Brendan and Alison Hargrave brought baby Noah for baptism at St Ann's at the Family Service on 5th May. Photo: Jenni Hargrave.



Administrative matters

The May Pastoral District Council meeting was cancelled as Fr Dirk was ill. He believed that there were no urgent matters to attend to this month. We are delighted to hear that Fr Dirk is on his feet again and wish him a speedy and total recovery.

Meanwhile, the following financial statement for April was prepared by the Treasurer:

Finances for April 2013:

Nett monthly income:	\$7,182
Monthly expenditure:	\$6,876
Operating profit:	\$396
Missions:	\$620

The year to date deficit is \$6,722 (approx. \$4,200 less than budget forecast) and both income and expenditure were under budget predictions. Thank you Margaret!

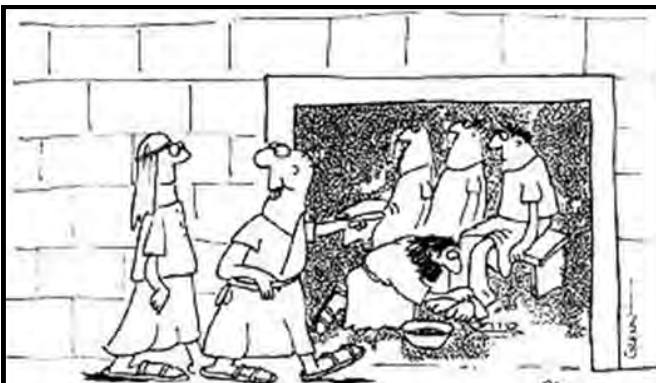
Oliver McGuinness

Oliver, who attended St Margaret's earlier this year is returning to visit his family in November. He would love to keep in contact with parishioners he met. His email address is olivermc@hotmail.co.uk. Contact Wendy Sandercock for his home address.

Christian Care & Support Centre

Thank you to the people of the Southern Vales Pastoral District for your continued support of food donated to the centre.

With winter now with us the big demand is for pasta, pasta sauces, tin meals, soups, breakfast cereal. Blankets & Doonas in good condition would be greatly appreciated. Anne Lear



"...and now I want you to meet the all powerful second person of the Trinity, through which the whole universe was created, who shall sit at the right hand of God..."

With news to share of coming events or noteworthy happenings in the PD of Southern Vales, please contact the Editor, Anne Chittleborough, 23 The Esplanade, Pt Willunga 5173, ph 8556 5078 or email machit5@bigpond.com, preferably by 15th June. With *The Grapevine* now appearing on the parish website, notify me (contact details above) if you don't want to have anything about you included in *The Grapevine* in this format.



For our protection!

There's a lot to learn about fire safety. At St Margaret's McLaren Vale on 2nd May Mark Pinnock took the Wardens through some of the things they need to know, and we hear that Father Paul showed hidden talent and "doused the flames" in the second fastest time!



Mothers' Union

Monday 3rd June

Meeting at Seaford Ecumenical Mission, 10 am.
Guest speaker Doreen Richards.
Lunch At the SEM cafe to follow.

Monday 1st July

At St Ann's Aldinga
Guest speakers Helen & Brian Gitsham: "Behind the scenes at the Tour Down Under".
All welcome. Bring your husband/friend.

News from St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

Installation of the new heaters in the church and the carpet stretching is pending .

Maintenance issues currently requiring attention are: the toilet door needs urgent attention with water leaking under the door because of the ramp design, the Guild shed floor needs concreting, the hall verandah gutter leaks and needs attention, and the seat outside the hall needs restraining .

"Green thumb" activities continue around the church with the vegetation on the pathway from the Main Road being trimmed back and ongoing grounds maintenance weekly.

Concern has been expressed about the lack of children at family services and indeed attending Sunday School. Perhaps we should send out regular cards or letters to parents on our contact lists.

Greg Roberts & Joe Saunders, Wardens

While the congregation of St Ann's was celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the local bird life (no, not white doves but feral pigeons and noisy corellas) were celebrating life on the church roof. Charming as they are, the birds cause considerable mess and damage to the building and to the trees in the cemetery.



Photos: P Chapman, A Chittleborough

News from St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga

We appreciate the support given by the parish to the celebration of our Patronal Festival on 28 April. We are also grateful to Bishop Stanley, our celebrant for the day, and Brian McMillan and the members of the choir for leading the musical element of worship. The recipients of the "Appreciation" acknowledgements were grateful for their involvement in the day's programme.

Rupert and Di Best are taking a well-earned overseas tour during following weeks. We are deeply indebted to them for their full participation in both congregational and parish life.

We are very conscious of our dependence on the pastoral district and members thereof for our regular programme of worship: in the conducting of worship, assistance with musical accompaniment and concern for our members, especially those with particular needs.

We appreciate the fact that, although Fr Paul is not able to be with us more than once a month for reasons well known to us all, we are conscious of his genuine care for our needs.

Wallace Mausolf & Stephen Wells, Wardens



Many hands make light work (well, lighter, anyway!)

There was an excellent response to the Wardens' plea for help to set up and put away after St Ann's May Jumble Sale.

Among the workers unpacking the shed at 9 am on Friday 17th were (L-R) Lucy Creed, Trish Frith, Bill Cale, Victoria McKee, Pat Roper, Judi & Zac McNee, Pepper Boulton, Helen Davies, and Trish and Tristan Simon.

News from St Stephen's, Willunga

Willunga 175: St Stephen's will participate in the Willunga 175 celebration, 2014. Suggestions include:

- * Commemoration Service (early in the year?) - based on 1662 liturgy (Evensong?) with hymns by the Wesleys? Clergy and servers dressed appropriately for the 1850s.
- * Display in the church during History Week/ Month 2014 - open on more than one occasion?
- * Art Show (theme to be decided) over at least one weekend (midyear?)
- * Hymnfest - popular hymns of the late 1800s & early 1900s with historical background (composers and lyricists) of each chosen hymn. September or October? We could also make the church available for other suitable activities if requested by the Willunga 175 committee.

Maintenance: There is a need to carry out some maintenance during the remainder of 2013. To this end a letter has been personally delivered to known Anglican families living in Willunga requesting a financial contribution to work suggested by the Environmental Architect. This has already realised a gift of 1 dozen Doc Adams wines to be raffled (the Jacobs family have a long association with St Stephen's). A first task may be the painting of the doors.

The new woodwork outside the toilet is to be painted in the chosen heritage colour.

The **Saturday Night Out** for May was held on May 18 at the Old Bush Inn after the 5.30 pm Vigil Mass.

Margaret Cameron & Ted Sandercock, Wardens

News from St Ann's, Aldinga

May Family Service. This month the service incorporated the baptism of baby Noah Hargrave, and while we had none of our own regular families present there was a good representation of children from the visiting families. Our guests stayed and shared morning tea with us after the service.

Application for Heritage Grant. This application to the Onkaparinga Council has now been completed and sent in for approval. This follows consultation with the Heritage Architect at St Ann's concerning the repair and repainting of all external timbers, including the windows and doors, of our church building.

A well-attended Special Vestry Meeting was held on Sunday 12th following the service, and chaired by Fr John Devenport, to elect a substitute warden to stand in if the people's warden is absent due to ill health or for other reasons. Brian McMillan was elected substitute Warden.

First Home Fellowship Meeting. This was held at Peter and Heather Chapman's on 3rd May. Five people attended and songs and readings were shared.

Funeral Catering. Our Guild members provided an afternoon tea for a recent funeral conducted at St Ann's.

Granny Annie's proved to be very popular during the last school holidays, with large attendances on both Thursdays. The school age children who came swelled numbers. We do wish it to be known that it is a drop in centre not just for the young however. We welcome people of all ages and have appropriate things available for all. Parishioners drop in, and we have also had visitors calling in as they pass through.

Jumble Sale: Thanks to all who helped so marvellously with our last sale. Takings of \$659.60 will contribute to the cost of repairing St Ann's church windows.

Pat Roper & Peter Chapman, Wardens

A Calendar for 2014?

Last year's calendar proved popular for home use and for Christmas presents.

It is hoped to print a 2014 calendar—and Fr Martin is looking for photos of our parish life and of our region to include in it.

*Photos must be of a quality to expand to A4 size.
Contact Martin Chittleborough 8556 5078.*

Mothers' Union Christmas Cards

Believe it or not, Christmas is on its way!

Christmas Cards (\$5 for 10) and Diaries (approx \$7.00).
Your orders to Trish Frith 8556 2604 by June 17th.



Thank you to all Bush Church Aid box holders. I banked a total of \$655-80 for BCA. \$455.80 was collected from the boxes for the 6 months to April. The remaining \$200 was proceeds from the Lenten Suppers: \$100 from Peter Palmers talk on FIFO, and \$100 from David Hand (police chaplain) who requested his money to be donated to BCA. Thank you to all who assisted with this fund raising.
Anne Lear

Prayer School 2013 August 16-18

Explore the mystical path of Christian Prayer and Meditation with Archbishop Roger Herft and Br Bruce-Paul (SSF)

This Prayer School is offered by the Anglican Parish of Lockleys as part of its mission: To live out the Gospel of the Lord in Word, Sacrament and Action.

The Programme

Friday 16 August 7.00 — 10.00 pm

What is Prayer?

Saturday 17 August 9.00 am — 12.00 midday

What is Christian Prayer?

Saturday 17 August 1.30 pm — 4.30 pm

What is Australian Prayer?

Sunday 18 August 10:00 am — Holy Eucharist

Archbishop Roger Herft will be Guest Preacher

Sunday 18 August 1.00 pm — 4.00 pm

What is Eucharistic Praying?

For costs and more details contact the Parish office

8351 8280 or Fr David Covington-Groth 0401 806 280

(\$35 per session. Early bird payment for full programme by 15 June \$105)



Roses looking tired?

Call Trish 8556 2604 for expert rose pruning.

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Visit our website!

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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 4th August the only service will be at St Ann's, Aldinga, to celebrate the St Ann Patronal Festival