

January 2014

# The Grapevine

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



*Christmas 2013*





## Christmas in the Southern Vales (cont'd)

Christmas services in the four churches of the Southern Vales took a variety of forms.

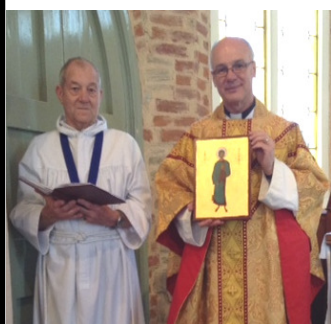
Front page, clockwise from top left: Maria Pulkkinen, Rupert Best and Trish Simon at the Festival of Lessons and Carols at St Ann's on



Sunday 22nd; the Nativity scene at St Stephen's Willunga at the Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve; Louisa Hand and Mitchell make a Christingle at the children's service on Christmas Eve; the children's Nativity Play at St Margaret's with (L-R) Benjamin, Joshua, Christopher & Rebecca Tassie, Jack & Katy Elliott, Patience & Alice Dickinson, Annaliese Tassie and Sophie Elliott; setting up a nativity scene at St Ann's on Christmas Day L-R) Seth, Jacob & Linnea Clampett, Charli & Aimee McPhee; and Fr Paul celebrating the Christmas Eucharist. Centre: a halo over St Ann's on Christmas morning (photo M Clifford). Above, also clockwise from top left: carol-singing at St Philip & St James' before the Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve, Emma and Jack Elliott with their grandmother Maureen Dutton and behind, parents Leanne & Mark, and Rhianna and Sarah Roberts show their Christingles; the choir preparing to sing at the carol service, and Linnea Clampett and Katrina Clifford handing out Christmas prayers to the St Ann's congregation on Christmas Day.

Thank you to Julia Drought, Di Best, Ted Sandercock and Michael Clifford for photos.

## St Stephen's Day, Willunga



St Stephen's Patronal Festival was held on Sunday December 29<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 am and was attended by 38 people. Thanks to the choir for the singing of Psalm 31 and the Communion hymn and to Brian McMillan for the music. An icon written by Betty Croser was blessed and installed in the church. The service was followed by the traditional Ploughman's Lunch under the peppercorn tree; thanks to all who provided the delicious food.

We have begun planting the area around the peppercorn tree. This is an experiment to discover what might grow under this tree.

Thanks to Bevan and Lucy Creed for cleaning St Stephen's during December.

Ted Sandercock & Margaret Cameron



## January

- Wed 1<sup>st</sup>** NAMING & CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST  
Holy Eucharist 11 am St Margaret's
- Sun 5<sup>th</sup>** Family service 9 am St Ann's Aldinga, 10.30 St Margaret's McLaren Vle  
Cold Coin collection for CPS\* workers
- Mon 6<sup>th</sup>** EPIPHANY
- Mon 13<sup>th</sup>** St Ann's Guild 1.30 pm *Enquiries: Trish Frith 8556 2604*
- Tues 14<sup>th</sup>** St Margaret's Guild 2 pm *Enquiries: Fran Pettigrew*
- Thurs 16<sup>th</sup>** Granny Annie's resumes 9-11.30 am (see p. 8)
- Sat 18<sup>th</sup>** St Ann's Jumble Sale *Enquiries: Pat Roper 8386 2470*  
Harvest Festival McLaren Vale Oval, 10.30 am
- Sun 19<sup>th</sup>** COMBINED SERVICE St Margaret's, 10 am. **CONFIRMATION Service**
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup>** St Ann's Family Tea 6.30-8.30 *Enquiries: Pat Roper 8386 2470*
- Sat 25<sup>th</sup>** CONVERSION OF ST PAUL
- Sun 26<sup>th</sup>** AUSTRALIA DAY

## February

- Sun 2<sup>nd</sup>** PRESENTATION OF CHRIST AT THE TEMPLE  
Family service  
Gold Coin collection for CPS\* workers
- Mon 3<sup>rd</sup>** Mothers' Union 9.30 am St Ann's. *Enquiries: Trish Frith 8556 2604*
- Thurs 6<sup>th</sup>** Granny Annie's meeting 9.30 am (see p. 8)
- Fri 7<sup>th</sup>** First Friday Home group 7 pm 14 Anchor Tce, Pt Willunga  
*Enquiries: Peter Chapman 8557 7151*
- Mon 10<sup>th</sup>** St Ann's Guild
- Tues 11<sup>th</sup>** St Margaret's Guild  
Pastoral District Council 6.30 for 7
- Thurs 13<sup>th</sup>** Colton Court Singers 11 am-12 midday  
*Enquiries: Sue MacKirdy 8556 5162*
- Fri 14<sup>th</sup>** Community Club Dinner, 6 pm McLaren Flat *Bookings 8323 9331*
- Sat 15<sup>th</sup>** Saturday Night Out, Willunga 7 pm after the Vigil Mass.  
*Bookings 8556 4535*
- Wed 19<sup>th</sup>** Women's Fellowship St Margaret's, 10 am  
*Enquiries: Margaret Cameron 8556 2343*
- Sun 23<sup>rd</sup>** Wine & Cheese at Pertaringa Winery (see p. 8)
- Mon 24<sup>th</sup>** MATTHIAS
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup>** St Ann's Family Tea

## Confirmation Service

On Sunday 19th January Bishop John Ford, recently installed as Bishop of The Murray, will confirm candidates Sheila McHutcheon, Andrew Simon, Annaliese Tassie and Thomas McNee. Please keep these four candidates in your prayers as they prepare to publicly affirm their faith, and come to support them on the day. Shared lunch to follow

## St Ann's January Jumble Sale



**Sat 18th January  
8.30-1.30**

*Cakes,  
bric-a-brac,  
sausage sizzle...*

## Family Tea St Ann's, Friday 24th Jan, 6 for 6.30-8.30

No charge—open to all—  
bring your friends  
Bring food to share—or  
just come!

## The Rev'd James Frederick Blades, R I P

Fr Jim Blades was ordained priest in 1950, and served in parishes in the SE of SA, the UK and the Diocese of Willochra before he and his wife Elizabeth went to the Solomon Islands (1968-1972) where he was a chaplain at St Mary's



School and later taught at the Bp Patterson Theological College. Returning to Australia he served in the parish of Seacliff from 1974-1989 until retiring to live at Aldinga where he and Elizabeth played an active role in the parish of Southern Vales. As well as assisting by taking services in the parish, Fr Jim was active in the building of the St Ann's Hall, his chief task being the monitoring of the cement mixer. He was always concerned about evangelism, both at home and overseas, and was the SA representative for the South American Missionary Society for some years, learning Spanish in order to understand their work more fully.

The Blades moved to Perth in 2006 to be closer to their children and their families, and were much missed in our parish. Fr Jim died in Perth on 20th December at the age of 89.

## Christmas Luncheon

The Pastoral District Christmas Luncheon was held at the Alma Hotel, Willunga, on Saturday 30th November. Among those enjoying the day were (L-R) Margaret Cameron, Susan Smith, Stephen, Judith and Di Wells, and below, Gillian Clampett & Pat Roper, Oliver McGuinness, Sally Murray & Jac Bishop. A number of people went on afterwards to the Willunga Uniting Church's wonderful annual Christmas Tree display.



Photo: P Chapman



Photo: P Chapman



Photo: S Francis

The Guilds of St Margaret's and St Ann's combined for a Christmas afternoon tea at the Peacock Farm, Willunga, on Monday 9th December, inviting

others who assist in the work of maintaining the churches and fundraising to join them. A magnificent afternoon tea was provided by hosts Julie and David Stuttard (top right, with Trish Frith) who also told the story of the history of the farm. In the foreground are Helen Davies and Cath Davidson on the left and Eileen Cook and Pepper

Boulton on the right. One of the peacocks displayed for the occasion, and the guests enjoyed the beautiful surrounds (L-R Helen Blake, Leonie Pettman, Helen Roberts, Jan McNamara and Sandra Saunders).



Photo: S Francis

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

## *Fr Paul writes...*

*A Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a blessed Christmas and some time from rest and relaxation. It was wonderful to see so many of you along with many other visitors at our services over Christmas. I was encouraged by the number of people who came, particularly at our Children's Service at St Margaret's, at the Midnight Mass at St Philip and St James' and at our services on Christmas Day. All in all, nearly 300 people attended one of our services. I wish to express my thanks to all who contributed towards our Christmas liturgies and for the cards and gifts received at the Rectory and at church. Thank you as well to the St Margaret's congregation for the basket of gifts.*

*It certainly has been a busy month, with the installation of the new Bishop of The Murray at the Cathedral at Murray Bridge on December the 6<sup>th</sup> and his inaugural mass at the Murray Bridge Town Hall the following day. It was great to have such a good representation from the Pastoral District of the Southern Vales at the inaugural mass. Both events were wonderful occasions and a great platform to the start of Bishop John Ford's episcopate as the fourth Bishop of The Murray. At the mass, he issued a challenge to everyone to grow in love with one another in the Diocese in discipleship, without 'the indulgence of suspicion, division and separation.' He urged everyone to re-commit themselves through the renewal of their baptismal vows, to prayer, worship, study and service 'plus our abiding intimate relationship with the Father through Christ'. These are the 'solid foundations from which we develop and grow.' The Bishop acknowledged we have to grow the Church through everyone's missionary task and with the Diocese's committing itself to serve others in the name of Christ. The full text of his sermon will be in the next edition of The Murray Anglican, which is being printed this week.*

*One of the challenges Bishop John gave us all is to pray to God constantly. St. Paul in his letter to the Church in Philippi stated that he constantly prayed with joy to all the saints who are in Philippi (Philippians 1 v.4). These saints that St Paul refers to are ones that are not in stained glass windows but are those who through their faith in Jesus are being made holy. Equally, you and I are the 'saints in Christ' wherever we are (v.1).*

*In view of this, it's not surprising that St. Paul prays for them with joy. His prayer for them is 'constant', which suggests it was at least regular and possibly daily. The Philippians would be good models for any church today! May a New Year's resolution be to be more 'constant' in prayer. You may do this in various ways, by worshipping regularly Sunday by Sunday, in Morning and Evening Prayer, in our Bible Study and/or using a daily reflection.*

*Please also pray for a suitable person to be the next Treasurer of the Pastoral District. Margaret Cale has indicated that after eight years, she does not wish to re-nominate for the position at the Annual Vestry. Margaret Cale has been a fantastic treasurer and would be happy to coach someone into the position. If you would like to take on this valuable ministry, please contact me or speak to Margaret Cale on 8556 5236.*

*May God bless each and every one.*

*Fr Paul*



Anne Lear and others at the ecumenical Christian Community Centre at Aldinga packed hampers of Christmas food from the churches for people in need, and others including Bill Cale sorted donated toys. 32 hampers were distributed this year. Special thanks to those from our Pastoral District who contributed.

**Thank you to all those who contributed photos for this issue!!** If you have news of coming events or noteworthy happenings in the Pastoral District of Southern Vales to share with the rest of the parish, please contact me, 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.



## ***Concert Hall!***

The Concert Hall Night at St Ann's on 13th Dec. was a rollicking success. To a packed hall the



Photo: D Best

programme arranged by Cath Davidson and compered and ably accompanied by Brian McMillan was riotously performed by a cast of about 20 parishioners. Items included brackets from the Barbershop Quartet (Bill Cale, Brian McPhee, Rupert Best and Tony Duncan), songs from "My Fair Lady" (Barbara Walter and Susan Smith), "Follow the Van" (Eileen Binns), "Waiting at the Church" (Pat Roper with bridesmaids Eileen Binns & Julia Drought), the Pearly Kings and Queens (Bob &

Susan Smith, Margaret Cale, Felicity & Jack Warrington,) and the Bolshy Ballet compered by Jane Hayward and starring prima donna Heather Chapman, supported or distracted by Peter Chapman & Bill Cale, Cath



Photo: D Best



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Davidson & Trish Frith. The prizes for best-dressed went to Di Best (L, with Rupert) and Martin Chittleborough. As well as being a barrel of



Photo: D Best

laughs, the evening made a profit of \$800 for parish funds.

Congratulations to Cath and to all the participants, who put in a lot of hard work behind the scenes.

## News from December Pastoral District Council

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, after a shared meal, the Council met at 7.00 pm chaired by Canon Dirk. Matters discussed included the following. Other items appear elsewhere in this edition.

### Solar panels at St Margaret's

Fr Paul read the meter after one month of operation. The panels had produced 403 kwh, 178 kwh had been used and 225 kwh had gone to the grid yielding an \$80 credit. The panels generate up to 3.3 kw. Fr Paul had a meeting with Aldinga Bay Electrical who went through the operation in detail and left a booklet and compliance certificates. The inverter is located near the kitchen door of the Sunday School Room.

### NBN Connection

Fr Paul has been researching costs of Internet Service Providers but was awaiting details from Telstra. He and Ted will draw up a table of comparative costs for the February PDC meeting.

### 2014 Publicity and Media

Lengthy open discussion was held on the high cost of advertising in *The Messenger*, combined advertising with other local churches, alternative publications and media types, especially the website, to cater for a new category of people seeking information electronically, and the creation of a Publicity Committee – to be in place before the February meeting.

### Sale of property south of St Margaret's

Fr Paul advised that the owner of the rear property has signed a contract for sale with a developer who plans to divide it into 4 separate lots. The existing house will remain and he will build 3 units on the remainder with the intention of widening the existing single driveway to allow two vehicles. Services to the existing house and all trees along the boundary, none heritage listed, would be removed. The developer has applied to the council and the Department of Transport for double access to the main road and has until 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014 to receive approvals. The current owner is concerned at the impact of the changes and would welcome our support to oppose the development. It is considered unlikely that our opposition would be considered. [Fr Paul has subsequently sought further details from the council.]

### Financial Report:

November 2013	\$	Overall finances	\$
Nett Monthly Income	6,287	Income	69,009
Monthly expenditure	6,823	Expenditure	80,162
Loss	535	Loss	11,152 (budgeted \$9,406)
Missions	497	Total donations to missions	4,970

Margaret Cale (Treasurer) noted that there is a deficiency in donations to the Home Mission Fund (\$246 received) and the Ordination Candidates' Fund (\$462 received). Each has a target of \$600.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014

*Di Best on behalf of The Editor.*



St Ann's vestry window was finally replaced by Peter and Michael Chapman with help from Bill Cale. (Photo: P Roper)



The container in the corner of St Margaret's land has finally found another resting place. With the aid of a fork lift and low loader it has moved to Sylvan Springs Estate at Blewitt Springs for further storage for the time being. (Photo: P Devenport)



At the Christmas Granny Annie's, "grannies", parents and children watched a DVD of the story of the birth of Christ, before tucking into a Christmas feast, and later making cards showing the Nativity scene.

Granny Annie's will resume on 16th January.

With the withdrawal of four of the Granny Annie's volunteers and "back-ups" for health or other reasons, it has been a challenge to keep this drop-in centre going. On Thursday 6th at 9.30 am there will be a meeting at St Ann's to discuss the future of Granny Annie's. Parishioners and visitors all welcome to come and contribute to the discussion.

If you have ever thought of being one of the volunteers for this outreach programme, please come to the meeting, or contact Anne Chittleborough (8556 5078) or Pat Roper (8386 2470).

An afternoon tea on the deck at  
**Pertaringa Winery**  
**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2-5 pm**  
**Cheese, wine and entertainment**

Chris Finnen will play again with wine tasting at the winery complimented by cheeses from the Alexandrina Cheese Company. **\$10** at the door.

Bookings can be made through Helen or Greg Roberts on 8323 9331 or by email [irisblue@optusnet.com.au](mailto:irisblue@optusnet.com.au)

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*The Parish Office is not regularly attended but messages can be left on the message bank 08 8323 9155*

*Visit our website!*

<http://www.southernvalesparish.org>

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**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

*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 19<sup>th</sup> January the only service will be at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale, when Bishop John Ford will confirm our confirmation candidates*