



February 2014

The Grapevine

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

Because of you, the church will never be the same after today...

With these words Bishop John Ford challenged the four candidates he confirmed on Sunday 19th January, Andrew Simon, Annaliese Tassie, Thomas McNee and Sheila McHutcheon, as part of the church of the future.

Using the acronym TDTE (Truth Dawns Through Experience) he emphasised the fact that we are all growing in our faith, that life is a searching, a longing, and a journeying. The more we move on, the more we experience the truth. This day did not mean that the confirmees had “arrived”; it was more like a dawning of their spiritual understanding.

He concluded with the challenge to us all, to be awake enough, to be alert enough, to recognise the truth.

St Margaret’s church was full, which reflected both our support for the



confirmation candidates, and the Pastoral District’s delight in welcoming our new Bishop and his wife Bridget to our church for the first time.

Following the service there was a delicious shared luncheon in the Sunday School room, organised by the St Margaret’s Guild.

Before he left, tired though he must have been by then, the Bishop was seen in the kitchen with a teatowel!

We are glad to welcome the four confirmees as full members of our congregations (for more about the sacrament of Confirmation see “Fr Paul Writes” on p.5) and we also look forward to future visits by Bp John and Mrs Ford.

(Bishop John will be the guest speaker at the first Lenten Soup Supper on 12th March—see p. 3)



Epiphany!

For the Family Service on 5th January the final hymn at St Ann's, "We three kings", was dramatised by the Elliott family. Led by the star carried by Katy, the kings (Jack, Emma and little Isabella—helped by her mother Lee-anne) brought their gifts to lay before the baby Jesus who appeared asleep in the arms of his mother Mary (Sophie).



God gives a future—our MU theme for 2014

Mothers' Union can be an adventure with God, unleashing the spirit within you. Try looking at life slightly differently... Come along!

The first meeting for 2014 will be at 9.30 am on 3rd February, St Ann's.

The AGM will be on 3rd March at the Seaford Ecumenical Mission at 9.30 am. Dr Ted Newing will admit two new members.

Meanwhile, perhaps there are younger mums who would like to meet informally in the evenings. Phone /email Trish 8556 2601/ folly8@internode.on.net or Helen 0407 056 780/ colin.cook8@bigpond.com

First Friday Home Group

Fellowship meetings will start again on the first Friday of the month at Peter & Heather Chapman's home, 14 Anchor Terrace, Pt Willunga.

The evenings are relaxed and do not go too late. They are a time to share, to pray for one another and read the Word.

Coffee and nibbles are provided by Peter & Heather.

Lenten Soup Suppers

Lenten Soup Suppers at St Ann's are an opportunity to get together (bringing friends if we want to) to dine on a variety of delicious soups, with bread and water, followed by fruit, and enjoy listening to speakers on various themes involving their life, their work and their faith.

A five dollar entrance covers any costs involved. If there is any profit it goes to missions.

Our speakers this year are our new Bishop, John Ford (12th March), Sue Armstrong: Breeding and Training Guide Dogs (19th March) and Basil Moore: My Life under Apartheid (2nd April).

Put these dates in your diary now, and look for more information in the next issue.

Saturday Night in Willunga resumes Saturday 15th February.

Dinner at the Bush Inn, Willunga, following the 5.30 Vigil Mass at St Stephen's.

Bookings Ted 8556 4535

Bible Studies
are held at the Rectory on
Wednesdays at
10.00 am
(after the 9.00 am
Eucharist) Enquiries: Fr Paul.



Baptisms in March

Sat 1st March, St Stephen's:
Grace Bosworth.

Sun 23rd March,
St Margaret's:
Connor Summer

What's on

February

- Sun 2nd** PRESENTATION OF CHRIST AT THE TEMPLE
Family service
Gold Coin collection for CPS* workers
- Mon 3rd** Mothers' Union 9.30 am St Ann's (see p. 2)
Enquiries: Trish Frith 8556 2604
- Thurs 6th** Granny Annie's meeting 9.30 am (see p. 6)
- Fri 7th** First Friday Home group 7 pm 14 Anchor Tce, Pt Willunga
(see p. 2) *Enquiries: Peter Chapman 8557 7151*
- Mon 10th** St Ann's Guild 1.30 pm
Enquiries: Trish Frith 8556 2604
- Tues 11th** St Margaret's Guild 2 pm
Enquiries: Fran Pettigrew 8323 9366
Pastoral District Council 6.30 for 7
- Thurs 13th** Colton Court Singers 11 am-12 midday
Enquiries: Sue MacKirdy 8556 5162
- Fri 14th** Community Club Dinner, 6 pm McLaren Flat
Bookings 8323 9331
- Sat 15th** Saturday Night Out, Willunga 7 pm after the Vigil Mass.
Bookings 8556 4535
- Sun 16th** St Margaret's Church Vestry after the 10.30 service
Historical Commemoration Evensong, Willunga 175 (p.7)
- Wed 19th** Women's Fellowship St Margaret's, 10 am
Enquiries: Margaret Cameron 8556 2343
- Sat 22nd** St Stephen's Church Vestry after the 5.30 pm service
- Sun 23rd** Ss Philip & James Church Vestry after the 8.45 am service
Wine & Cheese at Pertaringa Winery (see next column)
- Mon 24th** MATTHIAS
- Fri 28th** St Ann's Family Tea (see p. 4)

March

- Sun 2nd** TRANSFIGURATION
Family service
Gold Coin collection for CPS* workers
- Sun 2nd** St Ann's Church Vestry meeting 2 pm
- Mon 3rd** Mothers' Union AGM, Seaford Ecumenical Centre
- Tues 4th** Shrove Tuesday Evening Prayer, 6 pm St Margaret's,
followed by Pancake Supper at 6.30 pm.
- Wed 5th** Ash Wednesday. St Margaret's 9 am; St Ann's 7 pm
- Fri 7th** WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (see p. 6)
First Friday Home group
- Mon 10th** St Ann's Guild AGM 1.30
- Tues 11th** St Margaret's Guild AGM 2 pm
Pastoral District Council 6.30 for 7
- Wed 12th** First Lenten Soup Supper, St Ann's: Bp John Ford
- Thurs 13th** Colton Court Singers
- Fri 14th** Community Club Dinner,
- Sat 15th** Saturday Night Out, Willunga
- Sun 16th** Annual Vestry Meeting, St Margaret's 2 pm
- Wed 19th** Women's Fellowship
Second Lenten Soup Supper: Sue Armstrong:
Breeding and Training Guide Dog Puppies
- Tues 25th** ANNUNCIATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
- Fri 28th** St Ann's Family Tea

FAMILY SERVICES



1st Sunday of the month
St Ann's Aldinga 9 am
St Margaret's McLaren
Vale 10.30 am

Further information: Fr Paul Devenport
8323 9744

Lasagne & Chicken Supreme at McLaren Flat Community Club

Friday 14th February, 6.00-8.00pm
\$10 per person (Child \$5.00)

Choice of two Main Courses

Dessert available \$4

Bar Facilities provided

*Bookings Phone: Helen
8323 9331*

A Southern Vales Parish Fundraiser



An afternoon tea on the deck at Peteringa Winery Sunday 23rd 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. Bookings can be made
through Helen or Greg
Roberts on 8323 9331

or by email [iris-
blue@optusnet.com.au](mailto:iris-blue@optusnet.com.au)



\$10 at the door.

*A Pastoral District
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PANCAKES!

Shrove Tuesday, 4th March
at St Margaret's.

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 2nd.

Any surplus ingredients will be donated to
Aldinga Christian Care & Support Centre.

Gold coin donation to ABM

Bring savoury or sweet fillings on the night.

*Bring your last year's Palm Crosses to be burnt
for Ash Wednesday*

Australians all, let us rejoice...



At the Australia Day Granny Annie's on 23rd January the children put on their own mini-Olympics, before making Australia Day symbols.

Left: Hunter's turn: a one-handed hand-stand watched by Milly and Oliver, and below (L-R): Milly, Hunter, Oliver, Ellie-Mae and Kaydnce hold up paintings, Australian badges and Australia-shaped fairy bread they had just made.



The Family Tea night at St Ann's on 24th January saw another Australia Day celebration, with red, white and blue decorations by Cath Davidson. There was a good roll-up with about 30 people from all around the Pastoral District joining in the fun.



Clockwise from bottom L: Felicity Warrington and Trish Frith, Bill Higginson, Pat Roper & Duncan Gordon, Helen Devenport with Joe & Sandra Saunders, young Zac McNea, who appeared to be delighted with the food—and the return of grandparents Bill and Val Higginson from the UK, and Jill Waite. Photos: P Chapman.

The next Family Tea will be on Friday 26th March, 6 pm for 6.30-8.30. Open to all—bring your friends. Bring food and drink to share—or just come.



Fr Paul writes...

The confirmation of four candidates on January 19th was a wonderful occasion. The confirmation by Bishop John Ford was his first in his role as Bishop of The Murray. The candidates, Sheila McHutchon, Andrew Simon, Annaleise Tassie and Thomas McNee began preparation for confirmation in May last year, with classes on most alternate Sundays until November. There were many questions asked during the classes as part of their preparation. Each of the candidates on the day of their confirmation spoke to me afterwards of the experience they had felt in receiving the Holy Spirit.

I am often asked whether you have to be confirmed to receive Holy Communion. It is not essential, but certainly you do have to be baptised, and fully understand the meaning of receiving the body and blood of Jesus Christ in the sacrament. In receiving the consecrated bread and wine, it is important that we properly prepare ourselves to receive it. St Paul in 1 Corinthians 11: 27-29 warns against eating the Lord's Supper without proper preparation. We should take going to each Eucharist seriously, which is one of the reasons why the service begins with the confession of sins and asking for God's forgiveness.

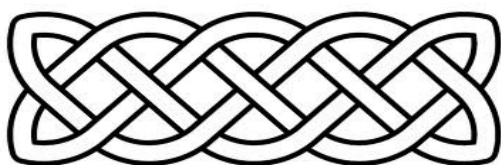
We come together in the Body of Christ. We share Holy Communion and are then sent out to carry on the work of Jesus. As St. Augustine put it: "You are the Body of Christ: you are to be taken, consecrated, broken and distributed, that you may be the means of grace to others."

In Baptism, we are given the Holy Spirit and made an inheritor of the Kingdom of God. For many of us the promises that were made at our baptism would have been made by our godparents. However, confirmation is an opportunity for young people and adults to take on that responsibility for themselves. It involves taking responsibility for our religious faith and declaring publicly that we want to belong to the Church. It is also a time when people receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit in a special way. Confirmation is not just for teenagers. Many adults including several over the past three years in this Pastoral District have been confirmed later in life.

For anyone baptised and not confirmed, I would encourage you to seriously consider being confirmed. The classes I hold look at Jesus' life and ministry, the Bible, the Holy Spirit, the Church, prayer and worship and the sacraments. Please speak to me if you would like to consider being confirmed this year.

The season of Lent is not far away. We are again using a York Courses program which has proved popular over the past three years. Details of the Lenten Studies that will accompany this program will be in the next Grapevine and in the pew sheets.

*With every blessing in Christ,
Fr. Paul*

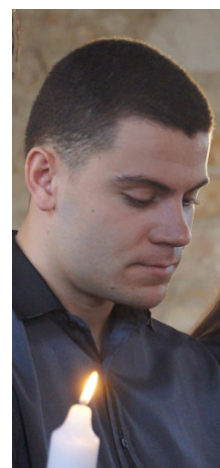


For Sacristans...

Sr Bev advises that she has received a new order of church supplies.
Contact her 8323 9557 if you need anything for your church.

... and on Australia Day itself at St Ann's

Fr Ed Pumphrey conducted a double baptism service, baptising his great-grandson Archie Ironside (seen here with parents Annabelle and David), and also Archie's godfather Adam Alfus.





Congratulations to...

Trish Frith (front row, second to right) who among her many activities has been involved with Trees For Life for many years, and recently was one of those receiving her Twenty Years Award.

Trees For Life is just one of the many community activities Trish is involved in when she's not pruning roses. Well done Trish!

Granny Annie's Reviews its Future

As reported in the last issue Granny Annie's Drop-in Centre at St Ann's is facing some decisions about its future.

Conceived as an outreach programme to offer friendship and support to young families moving into the mushrooming Aldinga area, and named after St Ann, grandmother of Jesus and patron saint of our Aldinga church, Granny Annie's has proved its worth to at least one regular family, but while it has had others come on an occasional basis, it has never grown to include significant numbers.

The withdrawal of some of the volunteers for health or work or other reasons has meant an increased load on those remaining, and been the motivation for a review of future directions. Can we find enough volunteers to continue a weekly programme? Should we be looking to provide support for older people in the community rather than, or as well as, mums and children?

A meeting at St Ann's on 6th February at 9.30 am is open to all interested people, including and perhaps especially mums who have attended Granny Annie's. Anglicare's Peter Burke and Jill Rivers have offered to join us once again.

If you have any thoughts on the subject, or if you would like to think about being involved for up to one Thursday morning a month, please do come, or contact Anne Chittleborough (8556 5078).



World Day of Prayer 2014

"Streams in the Desert"

**Join us on March 7 for the 2014 worship celebration
written by World Day of Prayer Egypt**

We are invited to think about our own lives and where we recognize streams in our own deserts; places and moments where God is actively at work. To reflect on times when we, like the Samaritan woman, have gone to the well looking for one thing and then discovered Christ offering us what we never expected.

In our district the celebrations will be at

Kalyra, McLaren Vale, 2 pm (Address by Pastor Gary Hodgson)

McLaren Vale Lutheran Church, 7.30. (Address by Owen and Rhonda Peek).

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

Pastoral District Council

There was no PDC meeting in January, but the Treasurer provided the following financial statement for December:

Finances: December

Nett monthly income	\$10,063
Monthly expenditure	\$7,577
Operating profit/loss	\$2,486
Missions	\$1,114

Overall Finances to 31 December:

Income	\$81,169 (budgeted \$89,000)
Expenditure	\$89,923 (budgeted \$98,005)
Operating loss	\$10,811 (budgeted \$9,005)
Donations to missions	\$6,038

Speak to Fr Paul or to Margaret Cale (8556 5236) if you would like to make your regular giving to the PD by direct debit or through the envelope system.

Thanksgiving Evensong at St Stephen's

As part of the Willunga 175 Celebrations, a traditional Church of England Service of Evensong from the Book of Common Prayer will be held at St Stephen's Anglican Church, St Andrews Terrace, Willunga on Sunday 16th February 2014 at 6pm. Just as in the 19th Century, traditional words and music will be used. Come to give thanks for the early pioneers who overcame a difficult environment to establish churches and meet the spiritual needs of the early settlers. Refreshments will be offered after the Service.

This Service reflects one of the significant aspects of life in early Willunga: the early settlers of Willunga were of a deeply religious character and built places of worship as soon as was practicable after the founding of the

town in 1839. The Wesleyans were first, in 1843, where the current Uniting Church now stands.

The Anglican Church, or Church of England as it was then, started holding services in 1847. In 1848 Bishop Short, the first Church of England Bishop of Adelaide, who had arrived in the Colony in 1847, laid the foundation stone of the first St Stephen's Church, which he consecrated on 17th April 1849. That Church (L), in Aldinga Road adjacent to where the Anglican Cemetery remains,

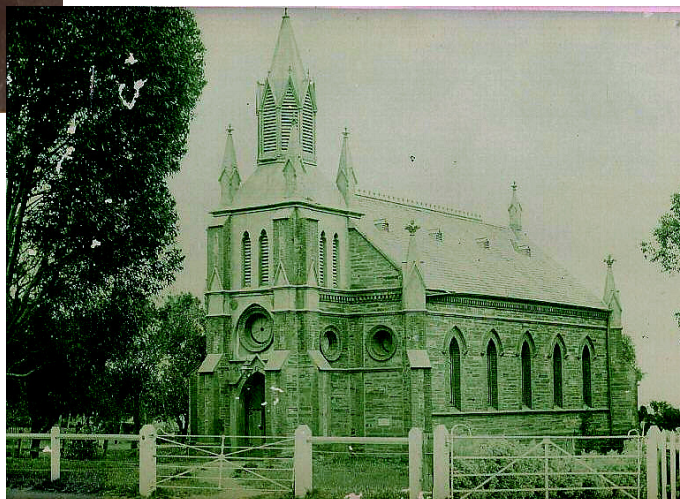


was used as a Mortuary Chapel after 1884, and was demolished in the 1920s. The second St Stephen's Church (seen here in its original state, with a tower) was built in St Andrew's Terrace in 1884 and is still in use today.

Also In 1848, in St Jude's Street, the foundation stone of St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church was laid. The Church, opened on 5th May 1850 by Bishop Murphy, who had said Mass in private homes when visiting Willunga from 1845, is still in use today. The Bible Christians followed in 1853, the Primitive Methodists in 1867 (their church is now the Altar Bistro) and the Church of Christ in 1870.

(Adapted from Willunga 175 publicity)

Further information is to be found in the Willunga National Trust archives at the Courthouse and Slate Museum.



Sausage Sizzle for Schools Ministry

Our Pastoral District looked after the Schools Ministry Sausage Sizzle for October and November at the Willunga Quarry Market. This raised \$522 for support of CPS workers. Again thanks to Rupert & Di Best, Felicity Warrington, Trish Frith, Fr Paul, Jac Bishop, Margaret & Bill Cale, Wendy & Ted Sandercock.

St Ann's January Jumble Sale missed the five-day heatwave and the rain that followed by barely a whisker. A wonderful team of workers helped to set up on Friday and Saturday mornings, and put away in the weary hours of Saturday afternoon. Many thanks to them all! Profits for the day were \$575.

People 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 February. 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.

English Rose Funerals

*Our Family
Supporting Southern Local Communities*

24hr Care

8327 1091



The **Christian Care and Support Centre** at Aldinga continues to have an urgent need for food with which to assist people in need. Your offering of an item of basic foodstuff as part of your weekly collection makes a huge difference.

Alternatively, donations of money enable the Care and Support Centre volunteers to purchase necessities or help meet urgent needs of people with financial difficulties.

Enquiries: Anne Lear 8556 5520

Southern Vales Pastoral District Calendars

Did you miss out? Only *one* 2014 calendar left.
Contact Fr Paul to get the lucky last.

Sister Bev's Chrysanthemums

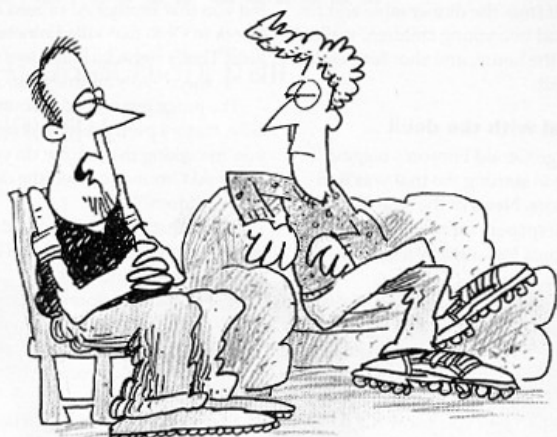
are ready for planting.

Contact her on 8323 9557

Money from sales goes to benefit the Pastoral District.

Paul Zimmerman writes:

Why not join the Churches Face Book Group Page;
another means of communication and Networking. See
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/southernvalesanglican/>



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"Of course I love people, at least in a theological sense"

Southern Vales Pastoral District

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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