

May 2014

# The Grapevine

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



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**Christ is risen!**

After the 9 am service at St Ann's the children were the first to follow Fr Paul and the cross-bearers Bill Cale and Michael Chapman as they carried the cross out to stand it beside the Main South Road. The children carried the butterflies they had made, illustrative of new life emerging from the death-like cocoon.



Photo: T Sandercock



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Photo: J Drought

Other Easter Day images: (L) Dawn breaks at the St Stephen's dawn service, (Centre) an Easter Garden at St Ann's, with (L-R) Ethan, Max, Samuel, Zac, Georgia, Thomas, Noah, Tamyka, Jack, Katy with little Izabelle, Emma and Sophie; and (R) Sr Bev helps young assistant Bethany light the Easter candles at St Margaret's.



## PALM SUNDAY



The combined service on Palm Sunday included a procession around the church with palm crosses and palm branches, commemorating Jesus' triumphant

entry into Jerusalem. At the back of the church Jac Hocking helped the children make wreaths with paper leaves and cloaks like the one worn by Patience Dickinson (R). Beside the church, under the trees, crocuses had burst into flower—a symbol of new life?



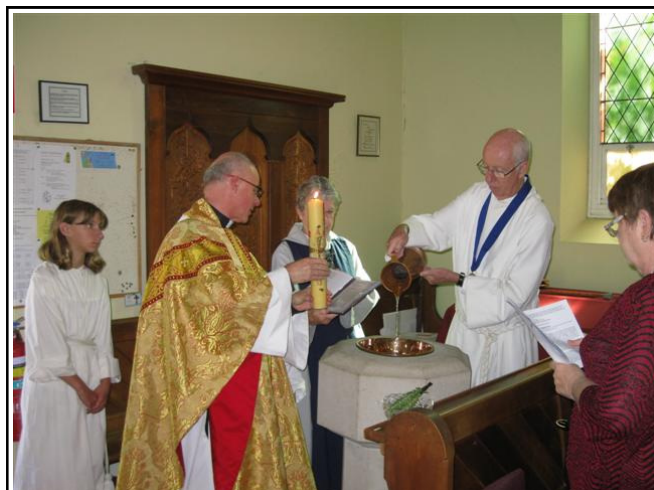
## MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Maundy Thursday service at St Margaret's commemorated Jesus' washing his disciples' feet, and the Last Supper which we celebrate today as the Eucharist. Then the sanctuary was stripped, and the church left in darkness except for the Altar of repose, while people stayed to pray.

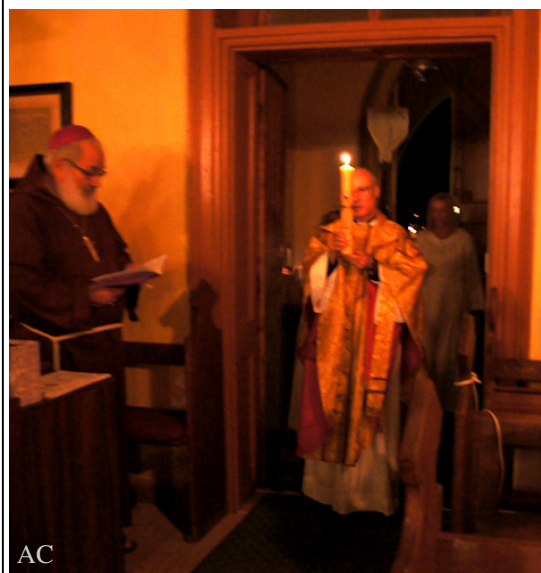


## GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday services were held at 9 am at St Philip & St James', followed by Stations of the Cross at St Ann's. The 3 pm service at St Margaret's was a celebration of the Lord's Passion, at the time of His death on the cross.



The Easter services included renewal of baptismal vows and the blessing of the font, seen here at St Margaret's. (Photo: J Drought)



## HOLY SATURDAY

The beautiful Easter Vigil at St Philip & St James on Easter Eve saw the lighting of the new fire with the service lit by candle light, the renewal of baptismal vows, and at the Gloria, a glad peal of bells and the return of the church lights.



### Photos wanted!

**Have you any photos of the district or our pastoral district church life which could be considered for a calendar for 2015? Photos must be of a quality to expand to A4 size. Contact Anne Chittleborough 8556 5078 or [machit5@bigpond.com](mailto:machit5@bigpond.com)**

## What's on

### May

- Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> PHILIP & JAMES  
 Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> First Friday Home group 7 pm  
 Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Wedding, St Stephen's, 3.30: Ken Carey & Elisa de Bruin  
 Sun 4<sup>th</sup> SSPJ PATRONAL FESTIVAL COMBINED SERVICE 10 am  
 Gold Coin collection for CPS\* workers  
 Willunga 175  
 Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Mothers' Union S.E.M. 9.30 am: "Modern Technology"  
*Enquiries: Trish 8556 2604*  
 Tues 6<sup>th</sup> JOHN  
 Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Colton Court Singers 10.30-11.30 am. *Enquiries: Sue 8556 5162*  
 Fri 9<sup>th</sup> St Ann's Guild Visit to the ABC *Enquiries: Anne 8556 5078*  
 Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Mothers' Day  
 Mon 12<sup>th</sup> St Ann's Guild 1.30 pm *Enquiries: Trish 8556 2604*  
 Tues 13<sup>th</sup> St Margaret's Guild 2 pm *Enquiries: Fran 8323 9366*  
 Bp John's TTPT meeting at O'Halloran Hill 3.15 pm (see p. 4)  
 Sat 17<sup>th</sup> St Ann's Jumble Sale 8.30-1.30 *Enquiries: Pat 8386 2470*  
 Saturday Night Out, Willunga (see next column)  
 Cemetery Tour, St Stephen's, 2 pm (next column)  
 Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Pastoral District Council, St Ann's, 7 pm  
 Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> St Ann's Family Tea 6.30 pm *Enquiries: Pat 8386 2470*  
 Fri 23<sup>rd</sup>-Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Synod, Woodcroft College  
 Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> ASCENSION  
 Service at St Stephen's; dinner at the Bush Inn (next column)  
 VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN MARY TO ELIZABETH  
 Sat 31<sup>st</sup>  
**June**  
 Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Family Service  
 Gold Coin collection for CPS workers (chaplains)  
 Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Mothers' Union 10 am St Ann's: Soup and Crusty Bread –  
 Cape Town Soup Kitchen Awareness  
 Fri 6<sup>th</sup> First Friday Home Group 14 Anchor Tce, Pt Willunga, 7 pm  
*Enquiries: Peter & Heather ph 8557 7151*  
 Sun 8<sup>th</sup> PENTECOST  
 Baptism, SSPJ, Karen-May Wilson  
 Tues 10<sup>th</sup> St Ann's Guild 1.30 pm (changed due to Monday Public Holiday)  
 St Margaret's Guild 2 pm  
 PDC Restoration & Maintenance Committee  
 Wed 11<sup>th</sup> BARNABAS  
 Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Colton Court Singers 10.30-11.30 am  
 Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Progressive Dinner, St Ann's *Enquiries: Trish 8556 2604*  
 Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Pastoral District Council St Margaret's, 7 pm  
 Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Saturday Night Out  
 Tues 24<sup>th</sup> BIRTH of JOHN THE BAPTIST  
 Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Family Tea  
 Sun 29<sup>th</sup> PETER & PAUL \*TTPT: Bishop John's Taking the Plunge Together

**Drop in at Granny Annie's,**  
**Thursdays 9-11.30, for a cuppa & chat.**

St Ann's, 7 Stonehouse Lane, Aldinga,  
 off South Rd. All ages welcome.

**NEXT FAMILY TEA**  
**St Ann's Fri. 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 6.30 pm**  
**All welcome. Bring a friend!**  
*Bring food to share, or just come!*



### Family Services

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month

St Ann's Aldinga 9 am

St Margaret's McLaren Vale 10.30 am

Next on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Further information: Fr Paul 8323 9744

### Bible Studies at the Rectory

Wednesdays 10 am

after the 9 am Eucharist.

All welcome. *Enquiries: Fr Paul*



### Saturday 17th May, 8.30-1.30

#### Jumble Sale "plus"

at St Ann's

	Goods	Cakes
Bric-a-brac		Biscuits
Plants		Produce
Books	Sausage Sizzle	
etc	Devonshire teas	



### St Stephen's Cemetery Tour

17<sup>th</sup> May, 2-4 pm

Conducted by the National Trust as part  
 of history month. Free.

Other tours in the area will be 18<sup>th</sup> May  
 10am - 12pm Uniting Church Cemetery  
 St. Jude's Street; 18<sup>th</sup> May 2pm - 4pm Roman  
 Catholic Church St. Jude's Street followed by  
 afternoon tea at Church Hall (cost \$5).

### SATURDAY NIGHT OUT

17<sup>th</sup> May at the

Old Bush Inn, Willunga,

*Bookings: Ted 8556 4535*

### ASCENSION DAY 29<sup>th</sup> May

Holy Eucharist 6 pm at St Stephen's  
 Willunga ...then ascend with us to the  
 Bush Inn for dinner.

### PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June

6.30-7 pm

Hors d'oeuvres at St Ann's ,  
 and 2 more courses at  
 mystery locations.

Shared transport can be arranged.

**\$20**

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, , if possible, 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. Please contact the Editor if you wish to avoid the possibility of being included in this publication.

Over the past six weeks a committee consisting of Brian McMillan, Pat Roper, Margaret Cale, Ted and Wendy Sandercock, Bob & Susan Smith, Greg & Leonie Pettman and Anne Chittleborough worked to produce a “4x4 audit” of our pastoral district and community to present to the Bishop as part of our involvement in the diocesan “Taking the Plunge Together” programme.

The audit involved mapping the pastoral district, showing where the congregations of our four churches actually live, and pinpointing the locations where people congregate for community activities, including shopping centres, schools and other community and sporting clubs. It included population statistics for our local government area and a breakdown of age groupings. (Copies of the map and audit are available at each church.)



Audits including ours were presented to the Bishop by representatives of the parish and pastoral districts at a service at the Cathedral on Maundy Thursday. Brian McMillan and Pat Roper represented our pastoral district.

The audits will be used to formulate a mission action plan for each of the parishes and pastoral districts.

At the service, the Bishop emphasized in his reflection verses from two Bible passages, one of them being Romans 12: 1-8:

*“ . . . Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect . . . as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.”*

During his reflection, the Bishop also commended the *Following Jesus* program which is to start after Pentecost. The program will involve a series of Bible studies either in 24 weekly sessions or over eight full days in the second half of the year. “As a diocese and as people faithful to the Good News,” he said, “we acknowledge that each of us has an extremely important role in growing God’s Church. Each and every person in the Diocese of the Murray has been blessed with numerous gifts, talents and skills for the building of the Kingdom here on earth. In our **Taking the Plunge Together** diocesan programme we as a people committed to mission and ministry recognise that both laity and clergy working together are vital for the future of our diocese – God’s Church. I take this opportunity to thank you for the work you have completed to date and for your continued support of our **Taking the Plunge Together** mission.

The results of the diocese-wide audits will be collated by the Bishop and a visiting priest, Father Damien Feeney who will meet with each of the Parishes and the pastoral districts during May to help start formulating the mission action plan.

***The meeting for the Southern Vales will be at Christ Church, O’Halloran Hill at 3.15 pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> of May.***

***All are welcome, and everyone is encouraged to attend.***



Thank you to all Bush Church Aid box holders. I banked \$504 from our pastoral district for this past 6 months.

I attended the AGM earlier this month where the topic was past and present needs for the BCA ministry in remote places. The need in these modern times for assistance in this field was made very clear.

If you know of any one who would care to help by having a box please let me know.

*Anne Lear ph 8556 5520*

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

*A Happy Easter to you all. It was wonderful to be able to share with you the celebration of Easter at our four churches. There were many visitors, some from Sydney and Melbourne, who either spoke to me afterwards or contacted me directly or indirectly, saying how much they enjoyed the worship. Thank you to everyone who helped in some way in making Holy Week such a success.*

*We have various gospel readings at this time on the presence of Jesus with his disciples and others after his resurrection. Last Sunday, we heard of the disciple Thomas who was not with the rest of the disciples when Jesus appeared to them on the day of his resurrection. Thomas could not believe that Jesus had risen from the dead and demanded proof. Jesus appeared again to Thomas a week later along with the rest of the disciples, firstly with a greeting of peace. There, Jesus was able to reassure Thomas that he was risen. Having overcome his crisis of doubt, Thomas became one of the greatest missionaries of the early Church. He took the Gospel to Persia, Syria and India.*

*We have other readings over the season of Easter related to the other disciples going out into the world to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. Last Sunday, Peter in his first letter wrote to the people of Asia Minor. The people had not seen Jesus Christ physically but were being encouraged in their faith. Peter was recognised as the leader and founder of the Church who had been given full authority from Jesus through the Holy Spirit to serve him as an apostle. Even though we can't touch Jesus Christ physically, we can draw to him spiritually and in faith too. We see God working through the Holy Spirit in people's lives daily. Jesus invites us as pilgrims on this earth to make the Son of God 'visible' in the world. That was the way for the first disciples: so it should be for us.*

*The Diocesan program "Taking the Plunge Together" is aimed at just this. The audit of the Pastoral District of the Southern Vales has been completed, giving us a good idea of the population statistics of the area and the age categories in the towns in which we live, and of our congregations and where the community centres are. The next stage will be the development of a mission action plan. A meeting will be held with the audit team and any others who wish to attend at Christ Church, O'Halloran Hill on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of May at 3.15 pm, to meet with the Bishop and a visiting priest, Fr Damien Feeney. In the second half of the year, there will be a study program titled "Following Jesus" for all to be involved in. More details on this later. This will help us to equip ourselves to evangelise and spread the good news just as the disciples did. May we deserve to be numbered with those whom Jesus declared blessed, namely, "those who have not seen and yet have believed." John 20:29.*

*Fr Paul*

## **Around the traps...**

### **News from St Margaret's, McLaren Vale:**

At the Lenten Meditations organ recital (below) the church was filled to capacity with about 110 visitors. Special thanks to the organists, visiting choir Singergy, the Ladies' Guild for hosting the afternoon tea, and Greg John for organising this very successful event.

Palm Sunday was celebrated at St Margaret's, with a shared lunch to follow. Holy Week culminating on Easter Day was well attended, with joyous music. Sincere thanks to all the parish musicians who made this celebration so joyous.

*Julia Drought & Greg John, Wardens*



### **Lenten Meditations**

A most enjoyable concert of Lenten Meditations was held by the friends of the Greg Trott Pipe Organ at St Margaret's on 6th April, to raise funds to complete the conversion of the console into a fine virtual pipe organ and pay for safe storage of the pipes etc. Organists Greg John, Rosemary Nairn and Andrew Georg, and the voices of the Southern Vales Anglican Choir and the singing group Singergy, as well as the combined efforts of those present in singing the hymns, did indeed make "Choral and Organ Music to nourish the soul".

## Around the traps...

### From St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga:

Work has been proceeding on the porch. St Philip & St James was built in the mid 19th century using the then current English construction methods which are not suitable for our soils and climate. The building has been moving/cracking ever since. The most recent remedial action using deep soil irrigation and a chemical damp course for the Tower and south wall are showing promise. We are now trialling replastering (using lime not cement) in the porch. This photo shows Matt Campbell of RenTex applying the final of 3 coats of plaster.

Peter Chapman arranged for an adjustment to the external



Photo: D Best

vestry door so it will now latch and lock firmly.

We also thank Fr Paul and Fr Ed for

taking our services and Sue MacKirdy and Felicity Warrington for playing the organ.

*Stephen Wells & Bob Smith, Wardens.*

*SSPJ Lenten Bible Studies were held at the home of Wallace & Dorothy Mausolf. L-R: Wallace, Roger Dew, Judith Wells, Dorothy, Jackie Webb, Rupert Best. (Photo: D Best)*

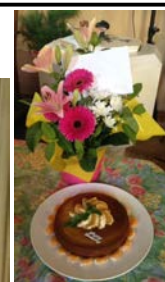


*The Grapevine* comes to parishioners free of charge, but donations to help cover costs are of course welcome! Those who receive *The Grapevine* by mail are asked to make a donation to cover postage. Thank you to all those who have contributed in recent months.

—Ed.

### Congratulations to...

Sheila Ley, who turned 90 on 13th April. The congregation of St Philip & St James presented her with a cake and flowers for her birthday.



Photos:  
D Best

### From St Ann's, Aldinga:

The Guild has approached the Men's Shed at Aldinga for a quote on building an enclosed noticeboard for the porch of the church. Guild ladies have also spent time cleaning out cupboards in the hall. We now have room for Cemetery Records and some archival material from the building of the hall.

Bill Jeanes continues to do a great job with the cemetery, and would appreciate some assistance from anyone who can lend a hand. He has recently been assisted by people doing community service.

Several of our folk continue to be on the long term sick list and others have had health issues which have necessitated special care, hospitalisation and recovery time. We pray that God will sustain them and their loved ones during their times of need. We thank all those who are stepping up to help keep things running smoothly while others are unable to.

Our Easter Day service was well-attended. The church was full and extra chairs had to be brought in.

Granny Annie's has seen several new faces in recent weeks, ranging from the very young and their mums to some older folk. A special Easter event was held with the children hearing the story of the resurrection and making an Easter garden before having an Easter egg hunt and playing Easter games.

Our Family Tea on 25th April was a happy occasion with an ANZAC theme. For Zac McNee, though, the main attraction was Anne Lear's chocolate cake!



Pat Roper & Peter Chapman,  
Wardens

## News from Pastoral District Council

The April meeting was held at St Margaret's on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, chaired by Fr Paul. Among matters raised were those below. Other matters appear elsewhere in this issue.

**NBN connection:** The copper line to the office was cut during installation and there is still no connection to it. The phone & PC in the Rectory are working well on NBN. As only one free optic fibre connection is made to each address, and St Margaret's has an office as well as a rectory, it is planned to use wireless connection to the office, allowing internet access there as well as in the Rectory. The change to iinet is still in process.

**Publicity and media:** A committee has been formed, consisting of Fr Paul, Ted Sandercock, Susan Smith and Paul Zimmerman, and has been looking at how we involve ourselves with others, especially through electronic media. Consideration to be given to updating the website and making it more user-friendly. Fr Paul was thanked for updating it weekly. There is also now a PD facebook. A monthly article is contributed by Ted to the Willunga Gazette.

**Taking the Plunge: The 4x4 audit** (see p. 5). Fr Paul thanked members of the TTPT committee who had worked on the audit for their eager involvement.

**Wedding Expo, 29<sup>th</sup> June, Serafino winery:** Fr Paul reported that our attendance at the expo was free, and that 1,000—1,500 people visit it. A number of wedding celebrants are present: it is important for the church to be represented even though few show interest in a church wedding.

The **Fundraising Committee** reported that Helen Roberts was no longer able to continue as co-ordinator of the monthly Community Club dinners, and it was believed that we did not have the experience, numbers or confidence to continue without her. These dinners had been a source of income and an outreach opportunity. Helen and Greg were thanked for their work over past months. Other fundraising opportunities were being discussed.

The Schools Ministry Group is offering a free course in **recognising abuse and neglect**, for those assisting the Pastoral Care Workers in schools. *For further information contact Ted Sandercock 8556 4535*

### Financial Report:

March 2014		Overall finances to March 2014	
Nett monthly income	\$6,988	Income	\$19,570
Monthly expenditure	\$8,120	Expenditure	\$24,823
Operating profit/loss	-\$1,133	Operating profit/loss	-\$ 5,280 (Budgeted -\$4,823)
Missions	\$425	Total donations to missions	\$734

It was noted that our insurance payments were being made quarterly this year. Margaret Cale was thanked for continuing until the appointment of a new Treasurer. She had received a note from Diocesan Office thanking her.

**Request for parish status** Diocesan Council had noted our request and will be writing to PDC. A review is being undertaken of financial viability of pastoral districts and parishes. Also of diocesan ordinances.

Planning for a **weekend retreat or camp**, as requested by vestry, was deferred to the next PDC meeting

**Incense:** It was requested that prior notice be given when incense is to be used at a parish service, as some people were badly affected on Palm Sunday.

*The next PDC meeting will be at 7 pm on Wednesday 21st May at St Ann's.*

### From St Stephen's, Willunga:

10 people enjoyed the Saturday Night Out held at the Old Bush Inn on Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup>. The next Night Out will be on Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 pm. Come and enjoy a relaxed social evening.

Our prayers for Margaret Cameron who has a fractured hip and was resting up at McLaren Vale Hospital for a while. Margaret is now in respite at Life Care, Aldinga for a few weeks.

We will be participating in the Discover Willunga Fair on Sunday 4th May (also St Philip & James' Patronal Festival), and will be staffing a stall from 12 noon.

Thanks to Bill Cale and his minder, Duncan Gordon! for cutting the fallen large tree trunk, removing the firewood, and tidying up the back of St Stephen's. There remains small pile of kindling for collection.

May is History Month. We suggest that St Stephen's be involved. Still awaiting information from National Trust. Julie Taylor will be conducting a visit to the St Stephen's cemetery on May 17th at 2 pm (see p. 3).

Thanks to Joan, Jac and Wendy for their preparation of the church for Easter. *Joan Lunn & Ted Sandercock, Wardens*

# English Rose Funerals

*Our Family  
Supporting Southern Local Communities*



**Ph: 8327 1091**  
4 Patapinda Rd, Old Noarlunga



At the 2014 Vestry meeting those present were asked to vote on which of the Anglican Board of Mission's programmes they would like to support in 2014. Results were close, indicating that people saw the value of many of the different programmes. The two winners were: Disaster Risk Reduction and Building Local Skills: Assistance to Anglican Schools (PNG).

## ABM's Disaster Risk Reduction Programme.



The Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and New Caledonia lie within the "Ring of Fire" area, where earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanic eruptions are prevalent, and loss of life and loss of homes and livelihoods occur such as were experienced at Tumotu in February 2014. The Anglican Church of Melanesia is creating a Disaster Action Plan to prepare the people of its islands to survive disasters like these.

Rising sea levels due to climate change are causing islands to "sink". ABM is involved in assisting the church's plan for resettlement of sinking atoll islands such as Ontong Java & Sikaiana.

This year ABM will also be supporting disaster risk reduction work in South Sudan.

## Building Local Skills: Assistance to Anglican Schools (PNG)

With 40% of people over 15 in Papua New Guinea being illiterate, ABM supports adult literacy schools in rural areas in the diocese of Aipo Rongo and Dogura. Many of those attending are women. They also receive training in organising social and economic activities in their community. In 2014 they will be encouraged to use their new skills to assist their income generation.

In addition to this work, ABM is supporting the PNG Anglican Church's programme to hold conferences in each diocese to enable school principals, teachers and administrators to meet and work on how they can improve the governance of their schools and improve the education services provided.



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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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## 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