

June 2014

The Grapevine

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



The Pastoral District gathers to celebrate St Philip & St James' Patronal Festival, 4th May



St Philip & St James' Patronal Festival was a happy occasion shared by a large congregation, and blessed with warm sunshine.

(See also p. 5)

The church looked particularly lovely.

Following the service all present shared a delicious morning tea provided by the SSPJ congregation.

In his sermon Fr Paul mentioned that we have the only church in Australia dedicated to both St Philip *and* St James, but that there



were three in England. Susan Smith found a photo of one she had come across, in Cheltenham (above). Thank you Susan.

Synod 2014

The Third session of the 15th Triennial Synod was held on Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th May, at Woodcroft College, Morphett Vale. A full coverage of the synod can be obtained from Ted Sandercock. Reported on p. 2 are some highlights and impressions from Ted Sandercock and observers.



Synod 2014

On reading the Order of Proceedings, it was clear that this Synod would be different from recent Synods. For a start, the Notice Paper listed only 12 items of Synod business. These were speedily and smoothly conducted after Evening Prayer on Friday. Of interest to Southern Vales colleagues was the passing of a motion to review the number of Synod delegates for Pastoral Districts to allow for greater representation. Our delegates (R) were Brian McMillan, Fr Paul and Ted Sandercock. Several parishioners attended as observers.



Photo: H Devenport

Bishop John then made an opportunity to organise the table groups into a worthwhile discussion of the needs in our areas, and ways parishes and pastoral districts could partner with ac-care and Anglicare. The two organisations work together in The Murray, and Southern Vales can call on Anglicare for professional assistance. In a welcome spirit of openness and participation, observers were invited to join the tables and take part in the discussions.

Observers from Adelaide and Willochra dioceses were welcomed and invited to speak. After dinner Synod was addressed by Archbishop Jeffrey Driver on his experiences in Africa, and speakers on Saturday included Rob Foggo (CEO ac-care) and the Principal of Woodcroft College, Mark Porter.

Saturday commenced at 8.30 am with a Synod Eucharist and the Presidential Address by Bishop John; *inspirational!* Synod resumed with an enlightening and challenging presentation by Fr Damian Feeney, who outlined the *Taking the Plunge* process: audit (data gathering), mission action planning, the *Following Jesus* course, an evangelistic event in late Advent, a devotional Lent (2015) course and leading the church into growth. Our Diocesan priorities to be Mission, Evangelism and Church growth.

Discussion after morning tea was inspired by watching 3 DVDs and then using the scenario of "if a Martian landed in your district what conclusions would he come to from what he saw and hear?" "If a Martian arrived at your church half an hour before church..." etc. , which led to useful discussions about our district and our worship.

Outlining his own mission/action Plan, Bishop John expressed his vision as to walk the way of holiness. His priorities, he explained, are to *pray, worship, study and learn, *to support the mission of Parishes and Pastoral Districts *to organise our common life *to be president of a community which lives eucharistically and *to provide well trained and formed ministers of the Word and Sacrament.

His plan for the diocese is to work through the *Taking the Plunge* process. He plans to develop a "light touch" structure of decentralised decision-making to deliver prayer, worship, service, and witness in every settlement in the Diocese and to hold regular evangelistic events at all levels of Diocesan life.

Synod, as summed up by delegate Ted Sandercock,

- * was a new stage in our Diocesan journey
- * show-cased Bishop John's leadership
- * encouraged Synod representatives to find a vision in their local scene
- * was transformational for many participants
- * was inspiring

June

- Sun 1st** Family Service (*see next column*)
Gold Coin collection for CPS workers (chaplains)
- Mon 2nd** Mothers' Union 10 am St Ann's: Soup and Crusty Bread
 Cape Town Soup Kitchen Awareness (*Enquiries: Lucy Creed 8556 6660*)
- [Fri 6th** First Friday Home Group in abeyance for the duration of the
Following Jesus studies.]
- Sun 8th** PENTECOST
 Baptism, SSPJ, Karen-May Wilson
- Tues 10th** St Ann's Guild 10.30 am (changed due to Monday Public
 Holiday) *Enquiries: Anne Chittleborough 8556 5078*
 St Margaret's Guild 2 pm *Enquiries: Fran Pettigrew 8323 9366*
 PDC Restoration & Maintenance Committee
- Wed 11th** BARNABAS
- Thurs 12th** Colton Court Singers 10.30-11.30 am
Enquiries: Sue MacKirdy 8556 5162
- Fri 13th** Progressive Dinner (*see next column*)
- Tues 17th** Pastoral District Council St Margaret's, 7 pm
- Sat 21st** Saturday Night Out, Willunga (*see next column*)
- Tues 24th** BIRTH of JOHN THE BAPTIST
- Fri 27th** Family Tea at St Ann's *Enquiries: Pat Roper 8386 2470*
- Sat 28th** Baptism St Stephen's: Eden Stell
- Sun 29th** PETER & PAUL
 Wedding Expo

July

- Sat 5th** International Lunch St Margaret's 12.30 pm (*next column*)
- Sun 6th** Family Service
 Gold Coin collection for CPS workers (chaplains)
- Mon 7th** Mothers' Union, St Nicholas, Seaford.
- Tues 8th** St Margaret's Guild 2 pm
- Thurs 10th** Colton Court Singers 10.30-11.30 am
- Fri 11th** Quiz Night, St Ann's (*see next column*)
- Sun 13th** Confirmation COMBINED SERVICE 10 am, St Margaret's
- Mon 14th** St Ann's Guild 1.30 pm
- Tues 15th** Pastoral District Council St Margaret's, 7 pm
- Sat 19th** Saturday Night Out, Willunga
- Sun 20th** St Ann's Patronal Festival; Fr Paul's last service
 COMBINED SERVICE 10 am
- Tues 22nd** MARY MAGDALENE
- Fri 25th** JAMES
 Family Tea at St Ann's
- Sat 26th** ANN
- Sat 26th-Sun 27th** Almond Blossom Festival, Willunga.
- SV's Almond Blossom stalls will be on
 Mon 28th (St Margaret's); Tues 29th
 (St Ann's); Wed 30th (St Philip & St
 James' and St Stephen's).
See more next issue.

"Following Jesus" studies
 begin the week after the long
 weekend: Wednesdays 10 am
 at St Margaret's and 7 pm at
 St Ann's; Mondays 7 pm at
 Bob and Susan Smith's home
 14 Cairns Way, Seaford Rise.
Enquiries: Fr Paul, 8323 9744



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 to be of a quality to expand to A4 size. Contact Anne Chittleborough 8556 5078 or machit5@bigpond.com



Family Services

1st Sunday of the month
 St Ann's Aldinga 9 am
 St Margaret's McLaren Vale
 10.30 am
 Next on Sunday 6th July

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Friday 13th June

Hors d'oeuvres at St Ann's,
 6.30 for 7pm

\$20

2 more courses at mystery locations.
 Shared transport to locations. *Tickets
 from Pat Roper 8386 2470*

Saturday Night Out

21st June at the Old Bush Inn, Willunga,
Bookings: Ted Sandercock 8556 4535

Next Family Tea

St Ann's Fri. 27th June, 6.30 pm
 All welcome. Bring a friend!
Bring food to share, or just come!

INTERNATIONAL LUNCH



Saturday 5th July, 12.30 St Margaret's

Enjoy a 3 course meal with
 recipes from around the world.
 Tickets \$25 from your Wardens or
 Sylvia Francis ph 8323 0007 by 24th June.
Pastoral District Fundraiser

QUIZ NIGHT



Friday 11th July at St Ann's
 6.30 for 7 pm. Book a table of 8,
 or come & join one.

*Enquiries: Anne Chittleborough
 8556 5078*

Confirmation Service

**Sunday 13th July, 10 am, at
 St Margaret's** (*see Fr Paul Writes*)

Sunday 20th July, 10 am
St Ann's
Patronal Festival
& Farewell to Fr Paul and
Helen
Shared meal to follow.

(The only service in the Pastoral District that day)

Fr Paul writes...

Bishop John Ford has been challenging us to think about our mission in being disciples of Jesus Christ as part of the Diocesan program, "Taking the Plunge". The program has firstly involved an audit of each of the Parishes and Pastoral Districts in the Diocese with a view of developing a mission action plan. With this now completed, the Bishop has suggested as part of this plan to consider an evangelistic event in our Pastoral District leading up to Christmas. Various suggestions have been made already and will be considered at the next Pastoral District meeting. One Pastoral District has already suggested a barbecue for the Country Fire Service in their area, as a way of thanking them.

Another part of "Taking the Plunge" is a program called "Following Jesus". The study will begin after Pentecost and will continue over 24 weeks leading up to Advent. The Bishop admits it is a big ask, but he is very keen for all of us to be part of it on a weekly basis. There are three sessions being offered during the week which I would encourage you to consider seriously. It will be a time of fellowship, in shared liturgy and in hearing some Bible readings and for some reflection and prayer. The course is being offered at three different locations at three different times, so that if you can't make your normal session in a week, you can go to another. The Bishop is considering offering a certificate for those who complete 20 of the sessions.

It is seen as a time to grow together, better equipping us to be disciples of God. We are all called through our baptism to be disciples and to be open and to share our faith with others. The course is a gift from the Diocese of Chichester and has been revised to suit our needs for this Diocese. Please put this to your prayers and register to join one of our groups.

There will be a confirmation at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale on July 13th. At this point, seven people have committed to being confirmed by Bishop Ford. If anyone who is baptised wishes to reaffirm their baptism vows for themselves by being confirmed, please contact me as soon as possible. There will be several classes during June. Please support the confirmation candidates by marking the date in your diary now for this joint celebration.

As you may be aware, I have been appointed the Parish Priest of the Riverland, taking in Waikerie, Renmark, Berri, Barmera and Loxton. My final Eucharist in the Southern Vales will be the Patronal Festival at St Ann's, Aldinga at 10 am on Sunday the 20th of July. I hope as many of you as possible can be there. I will then be commissioned as the priest for The Riverland on Saturday, August the 9th at Waikerie. Please pray for me and for Helen as we prepare to make this move.

With every blessing,
Fr Paul



Share our plenty!

Gifts of food and money urgently needed for the Christian Care & Support Centre, to help people in difficulty. Take to your church or contact Anne Lear 8556 5520

Roses! Roses! Roses!



Trish and the team are offering rose pruning as a fund raiser for the Pastoral District, beginning late June. \$20.00 per hour. Contact Trish Frith 8556 2604

Volunteers for "Granny Annie's" drop-in centre

We would be glad to hear from people who would like to take part in this heart-warming outreach programme for young and old at St Ann's once a month on Thursday mornings. Safer Ministry training to be provided.

Enquiries: Anne Chittleborough 8556 5078

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 June. *The Grapevine* now appears on the parish website <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 it.

From St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga:

Our Patronal Festival on 4th May was a well attended happy occasion on a beautiful day. Thank you to all who came and the congregation for helping. We were delighted to have Ray Gorton with us. We commended Wallace Mausolf following his retirement after 32 years as Warden. Mary Blagrove sent an apology and we missed her presence after many years, 38 of them as Warden.



Rupert Best had been collecting quotes for stonemasonry repairs to the seriously cracked walls above the two vestry doorways and for plastering the nave following the chemical damp course treatment three years ago. A date is to be set for lime washing the new porch plaster. [See also News from PDC, p.7.]

A load of gravel has been delivered to the carpark for spreading in the cemetery as soon as the gravedigger is available to use his small bobcat to move it.
Stephen Wells and Bob Smith, Wardens.

Emelia Rose Pow was baptised at St Philip & St James on Sunday 25th May. Fr Paul had baptised her sister Ava at St Philip & St James on 11th November 2012.
Photo: D Best

From St Margaret's, McLaren Vale:

Easter was a joyous celebration of Our Risen Lord with approximately 40 communicants. Many people are away on holidays since then, so it has been a quiet month for St Margaret's.

The Ladies Guild had its monthly meeting and is currently arranging a special parish lunch as a fund raiser [see International Lunch, p. 2].

Bible study has continued sporadically, also due to people being absent.

We thank Joe Saunders for caring for the rectory garden, which looks healthy under his care. Sadly, most of our neighbouring trees have been cut down to make way for three new units, but let's see this as an opportunity for future outreach, rather than a loss. Maybe our new neighbours will plant new trees!

Julia Drought and Greg John, Wardens

From St Stephen's, Willunga:

Ten people enjoyed the Saturday Night out on Saturday 17th May. The Next Saturday Night Out will be on June 21st at 7 pm. Come and enjoy a relaxed social evening.

The wedding of Ken Carey and Elisa De Bruin on 3rd May was a joyous event. Curtains were placed in the entrance way to screen off this area, and the family donated a set of curtains for similar use in the future. It appears that Elisa, who moved to Sydney six years ago, had walked past the church as a little girl and decided then that when she married she wanted it to be in that church!

A Eucharist service is planned for Ascension Day, 29th May, at 6 pm, followed by an ascent up High Street to the Old Bush Inn for dinner.

The Discover Willunga Fair on 4th May was most successful, showing the range of activities in the Willunga area. The stall run by the PD raised \$353. Thank you to Wendy Sandercock, Joan Lunn, Trish Frith and Fran Pettigrew for support on the day, and to the Bests and others who contributed jams and biscuits.

Thank you also to Joan, Jac and Wendy for their preparation of the church each Saturday.

A tour of St Stephen's cemetery was conducted by Julie Taylor and Brain McMillan on 17th May. This and other cemetery tours sparked a lot of interest in the history of the district. The Chairman of the Willunga Branch of the National Trust thanked the Southern Vales parishioners who worked to smarten up the cemetery grounds.

Joan Lunn & Ted Sandercock, Wardens



Photo provided

Around the traps...



A visit to the ABC at Collinswood on a very wet day on 9th May was an eye-opening experience for a group from Southern Vales and SEM, with the complexities of studio production being explained (ABC newsroom above, R) , and a chance to meet well-known ABC identities David Bevan and Ian Henschke as well as behind-the-scenes operators. David Bevan spoke of the ABC's aim to provide not just news and issues, but also "companionship" and fun, being aware that for some people the first voice they will hear in the morning and the last voice they will hear at night, and perhaps for some the *only* voice they will hear all day, will be on the ABC. Some of the group were also privileged to talk to Stephen Watkins as he was preparing his Radio FM Sunday night programme "For a God who sings". (L-R: Tristan & Trish Simon, Helen Cook, Elijah Bell, Andrew Simon, Joanie Rawlings, Cath Davidson and Stephen Watkins).

A Jumble Sale "plus" at St Ann's on 17th May featured a cake stall (below left, with Cath Davidson serving), and Devonshire teas provided by Helen Davies . (Below R, Helen serves Frs Martin Chittleborough and Philip Carter, and Wendy Graham.) Ellie-Mae's treat was a toffee apple. Fine weather and good crowds blessed the day .



From St Ann's, Aldinga:

On 27th April Barbara Jeanes' ashes were privately interred. We still pray for and support Bill & family at this hard time. The monthly shared family teas have been well attended and we enjoy relaxed fellowship and delicious food.

The sudden changeable weather has caused an unwelcome visit into the church of at least one rat. After considering several options Peter used expanding foam to fill the gap between the wall and the floor which has been a point of entry. It seems to have worked. Mice and/or rats have made their presence noticeable in the shed too. Millipedes are making their annual appearance, and our friendly pigeons are an ongoing problem.

However... the May Jumble Sale exceeded all expectations. We were worried about lack of manpower with several good folk, normally our main helpers, away on well earned holidays. We called upon people for help and while still under-powered we nevertheless managed to hold the sale, making an unbelievable for us \$1200+ after expenses! We are grateful for the willingness of many folk who donated time, hard work, home cooking for the cake & produce stall, and goods. A wonderful effort from all involved. THANK YOU!

We are holding a Progressive Dinner on 13th June to which all are invited, and a Quiz night in mid July again open to all (see p. 3). Hoping to see you there! Due to popular demand we are planning another Concert Hall show later in the year. More details later.

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News from Pastoral District Council

On Thursday 22nd May the Pastoral District Council met at St Margaret's at 7 pm, chaired by Fr Paul. Matters discussed included the following. Other items appear elsewhere in this issue.

NBN/Telstra connection, St Margaret's: now completed, with both office and rectory phones running. A new phone with a wireless handset with adequate range is to be purchased so the office phone can be answered in the Rectory.

Request for Parish status: Correspondence from the Registrar had been received outlining the conditions to be met before a Pastoral District could return to Parish status. Financial viability was necessary for this: we have the finances but are working on a deficit, and we must be sure that we can continue to meet the financial requirements. It was believed that people would be encouraged if they believed that we could achieve parish status. This gives more autonomy, a say in the selection of a priest, and extra representation on Synod and Parish Council. Fr Paul, Ted Sandercock and Pat Roper to work on a new submission.

Fr Paul will attend the **Wedding Expo** on 29th June and will be accompanied by David & Kylie Mills, Greg & Helen Roberts and Bob & Susan Smith.

St Philip & St James' Porch & Vestry repairs: Bob Smith stressed that repairs to the tower copings and vestry needed to be addressed urgently for safety reasons. Several coping slates had fallen off the tower, marked the roof and put a big dent in the ground where they fell. Quotes of \$1,475 for the copings and \$1,175 for the Vestry were approved. Thanks to Rupert Best were expressed for all the work he had done.

Di Best was formally appointed as **Minutes Secretary** to the Pastoral District Council and given full and warm support for the work she does. The matter of a Treasurer had not yet been resolved.

Fr Paul and Helen's move to the Riverland: Fr Paul's last Sunday in the PD will be on 20th July, and his commissioning at Waikerie will be on 9th August. *The Combined Service for St Ann's Patronal Festival will be celebrated on 20th July instead of the following week, which it would normally have been and this will be their farewell service, with a shared meal to follow.* No replacement for Fr Paul has yet been found, but we may have a visiting priest from the UK in October and November to work part-time in the PD as well as doing some work for the Bishop.

The Bishop's 4X4 follow-up at O'Halloran Hill on Tuesday 13th May with Fr Damien Feeney had been attended by 6 people from Southern Vales. Our presentation of the "4X4 audit" (see May *Grapevine*), was highly commended.

The **"Following Jesus"** studies would be commencing after the long weekend in June and everyone is encouraged to take part in them. Sessions would be held at St Margaret's on Wednesdays in the normal Bible Study time (10 am), led by Ted Sandercock and Julia Drought, at Bob and Susan Smith's home on Monday evenings at Seaford and at St Ann's on Wednesday evenings. They are not "academic" Bible Studies but a discipleship programme; a time of fellowship, hearing, reflecting. As someone described it, "a rescue mission". Books are provided for participants.

Dee Waechter has been appointed to give **secretarial and administrative support for the Registrar**, Donna Jones, at the Diocesan Office.

Finance Report: In the absence of a Treasurer, the report was presented by the PD Secretary, Ted Sandercock:

April 2014	\$	Overall finances to April 2014	\$
Nett monthly income	6,685	Income	26,554
Monthly expenditure	7,844	Expenditure	32,700
Operating profit/loss	- 1,338	Operating profit/loss	- 6,624
Missions	744	Total donations to missions	1,484

The next meeting of the Pastoral District Council will be held on Tuesday 17th June at St Margaret's at 7 pm.

From St Ann's cont'd Bill Cale led a small team of helpers working in the St Stephen's Cemetery clean-up a couple of weeks ago. Big thanks to Bill, Tony, Trish and Pat for the hours you assisted.

With a number of our staunch and loved parishioners unable now to attend services, a photo of the congregation was printed as a card and sent to them with a reminder that they are still in our thoughts and prayers.

Lastly but by no means least, we have been blessed to have had Fr Martin preach for us on the 11th and then, on the 18th, take the service assisted by Trish, as well as preaching. So wonderful to listen to his thought provoking sermons again. The first on "Why are there crosses on our churches?", and then, "Can suffering be a positive experience; can it help us?" Wonderful to see him back and firing!

Pat Roper & Peter Chapman, Wardens

English Rose Funerals

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4 Patapinda Rd, Old Noarlunga



On Friday 16th Graham and Robyn Grose celebrated the official opening and blessing by Fr Paul of their new Funeral Home at Old Noarlunga, once the Old Noarlunga bakery and now delightfully renovated to suit its new purpose.

Meagan Morrison visits from PNG

Meagan was the guest speaker at St Andrew's Walkerville on 20th May. She spoke of her involvement in PNG and how she co-ordinates its programs with the Anglican churches, 70 schools and 6 health centres in PNG.

She said that while previously there were missionaries in PNG, it was now the local people who worked with their own communities in proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. She highlighted the continued important role that ABM plays in PNG and how she works with its Diocesan Bishops in the delivery of its church partnership programs.

Fr Paul (seen here with Bishop David McCall, Chair of the SA Provincial Council of ABM and Meagan



Morrison) is the Diocese of The Murray's representative on the SA Provincial Council. (Photo provided)

ABM is currently running an appeal for emergency assistance for displaced victims of the South Sudan conflict crisis. They would love to hear from you: info@abm.asn.au, 1300 302 663, or visit their website www.abmission.org/southsudan

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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

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 13th July the only service will be at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale. It will be a Confirmation service conducted by Bishop John Ford. Then on Sunday 20th July there will again be only one service; this time at St Ann's to celebrate their Patronal Festival, and to say goodbye to Fr Paul and Helen Devenport (see p.3&4)