

The Grapevine

August 2015

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



Farewell to Fr Paul & Helen

Fr Paul Devenport celebrated his final Eucharist in the Pastoral District of Southern Vales at the Patronal Festival of St Ann's Aldinga on the 20th of July. On the 9th of August he will be inducted as Parish Priest of the Riverland at a service at Waikerie. Fr Paul's father, John Devenport, concelebrated with him at St Ann's; seen here with Eucharistic assistant Ted Sandercock.

Following the service, Fr Paul and Helen were presented by the Wardens with gifts to remind them of their four years with us, one of which was a composite photo of the four churches in the Pastoral District (below),

presented to Fr Paul and Helen by Warden Bob Smith.

Thanking Fr Paul for his work with us over the past four years, Peter Chapman paid tribute to Fr Paul's hard work in the PD, bringing new faces to join our congregations, and sowing the seeds for us to achieve once more our status of being a Parish instead of a Pastoral District.

Fr Paul assured us that services in the Pastoral District would be continuing as usual after he leaves, thanks to Fr John, Fr Ed Pumphrey, Fr Graham Cooling and others. In October and November we will have a priest from England, the Rev'd Nick Schutt, to help us (see more about Fr Nick Schutt in the next issue). *(Continued p. 4)*





Confirmation!

The Confirmation service was a special occasion for our church and especially for the seven members of our congregation who were confirmed by Bishop John Ford at St Margaret's on Sunday the 11th of July, and re-affirmed their baptismal vows. Because of these seven, the church will never be the same again, Bishop John affirmed. The future of the church was in their hands. Speaking about the parable of the sower, which, as he pointed out, was really the parable of the seed rather than the sower, he reminded us that each of us is, at some time, the seed fallen on stony ground, the seed fallen among thistles, or the seed that fell on good soil—we are all of those things at different times. Being confirmed didn't mean that we were "there yet"; faith was a journey that led us onwards, and he invited the candidates to come on a journey of faith with him.

Above: Fr Paul and the Bishop with confirmands (L-R) Chris Finnen, Greg John, Kian Bather, Katey Elliott, Damien Taylor, Susan and Bob Smith.

Below: the confirmands were invited to cut the special cake made for the occasion.



August

- Sun 3rd** Family Service
Gold Coin collection for CPS workers (Chaplains)
- Mon 4th** Mothers' Union 9.30 am St Ann's: "A Day in India"
 with Trish Frith Enquiries: Trish 8556 2604
- Wed 6th** TRANSFIGURATION
- Fri 8th** Mary Sumner Day, St George's, Magill (see p. 10)
- Sat 9th** Fr Paul's Induction, Waikerie
- Mon 11th** St Ann's Guild 1.30 pm
 Enquiries: Trish Frith 8556 2604
- Tues 12th** St Margaret's Guild 1.30 pm
 Enquiries: Fran Pettigrew 8323 9366
- Thurs 14th** Colton Court Singers 10.30-11.30 am
 Enquiries: Sue MacKirdy 8556 5162
- Sat 16th** Saturday Night Out, Willunga
 Bookings 8556 4535
- Sun 17th** August Concert, 2 pm (see next column)
- Tues 19th** Pastoral District Council 7 pm St Margaret's
- Fri 22nd** Family Tea at St Ann's 6.30
 Enquiries: Pat Roper 8386 2470
- Mon 25th** BARTHOLEMEW

September

- Mon 1st** Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer, 9.30 am
 St Nicholas', Seaford
- Tues 2nd** MARTYRS OF PNG
- Sun 7th** Family Service
 Gold Coin collection for CPS workers
- Mon 8th** St Ann's Guild 1.30 pm
- Tues 9th** St Margaret's Guild 1.30 pm
- Thurs 11th** Colton Court Singers 10.30-11.30 am
- Sun 14th** First Aid Training, St Margaret's, 12.30—6.30 (see
 News from PDC, p 9)
- Sat 20th** Saturday Night Out, Willunga
 Jumble Sale, St Ann's
 Enquiries: Pat Roper 8386 2470
- Sun 21st** MATTHEW
- Fri 26th** Family Tea at St Ann's
- Sat 29th** MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

Baptism and wedding on the 23rd of August

Baptism of Jax Holmesby, SSPJ, Old Noarlunga, 11 am
 and marriage of Gabriele Trobbiani & Pam Carroll, at
 St Stephen's, Willunga.

URGENTLY NEEDED

A Treasurer for our Pastoral District

If you can consider helping with this vital role please contact Ted
 Sandercock 8556 4535 or Margaret Cale 8556 5236
 Please pray for this position to be filled.



Family Services

1st Sunday of the month
 St Ann's Aldinga 9 am
 St Margaret's McLaren Vale 10.30 am
 Next on Sunday 7th September

SATURDAY NIGHT OUT

Saturday 16th August
 at the Old Bush In
 Following the 5.30 Vigil Mass
 Bookings: Ted Sandercock 8556 4535

AUGUST COMMUNITY CONCERT

Sunday 17th August, 2-4 pm
 Lutheran Church, Aldersey St. McLaren Vale
 Tickets \$10
 Proceeds to SV Schools Ministry.
 Tickets available at the door

FAMILY TEA

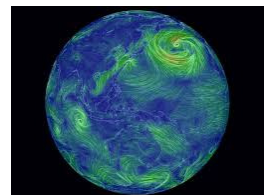
Next at St Ann's Friday 22nd August,
 6.30 pm
 All welcome. Bring a friend
 Bring food to share, or just come!
 Enquiries: Pat Roper 8386 2470

TAKING THE PLUNGE TOGETHER

The weekly *Following Jesus* studies are
 being well attended and
 challenging. Join a group:
 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: Parish Secretary
 Ph 8556 4535

WATCH THIS SPACE!

Something special
 this way comes...



Granny Annie's

Is the place to be on Thursday mornings!

Relax with a cuppa and a friendly chat
 St Ann's, 7 Stonehouse Lane, Aldinga,
 off South Rd
 Thursdays 9—11.30.
 You can bring the children.
 Activities for children (and grown-ups!)



St Ann's Day Farewell (Cont'd)

Celebrating St Ann's Day, Eileen Binns (L), presented a birthday cake made with Elizabeth Blades' ginger cake recipe, which Fr Paul blessed and which was later enjoyed by all. St Ann being the grandmother of Jesus, the children marked the day by making cards to give to their grandmothers.

Gifts presented to the Devenports on behalf of us all included a painting of the district by Harry Francis (above, and see below), a basket of local "goodies" and wine, a copy of Greg Trott's book of McLaren Vale, and a composite picture of photos of the four churches in the PD, taken by Fr Martin on a flight with Bob Smith (see p. 1). At the end of the service a band of children (above) accompanied organist Brian McMillan with percussion instruments in "Guide me O thou great Redeemer" and to conclude, the song known as the "St Ann's Song of Inspiration", "I go to the rock of my salvation". (L-R: Cooper Hargrave, Bethany and Matthew Hearn, Georgia Copeland and Kian Bather. Behind, Stephen Wells, Margaret Hooper, Gillian Clampett. A shared luncheon in the hall followed, with warming soup.

Restoration and Maintenance

A meeting of the Pastoral District's Restoration and Maintenance Committee on the 24th of June was hosted by Fr Paul and Helen, and chaired by Bob Smith. It looked at R & M matters from all four churches, covering a range of matters including a replacement front door bell system for the Rectory, pigeon deterrents for St Ann's, storm damage, drainage problems, and serious structural damage needing urgent repairs to the churches. Many of these matters appear elsewhere in this issue. Thank you R&M Committee for tackling these problems!



The painting given to Fr Paul and Helen (see above) was by artist Harry Francis, seen here with his easel, working on another painting. (Photo: S Francis)

From St Stephen's, Willunga

- A special Vestry was held on Saturday the 16th of July and Lorraine Hailstone was elected to replace Joan Lunn, who had resigned. This needs to be approved by PDC at its next meeting.
- Thanks to Joan, Jac and Wendy for their preparation of the church each Sunday.
- Saturday Night Out – The next Saturday night will be held on August the 16th at Old Bush Inn following the 5.30 Vigil mass. All welcome.
- Thanks to Trish Frith for assisting as Eucharistic Assistant while Ted & Wendy were in Darwin.
- Fr Dennis, Fr Graham & Fr Peter Simmons will be conducting the Vigil Masses in August and September.
- The planting the area around the peppercorn tree has progressed. Some ground cover is doing well and more will be planted. The City of Onkaparinga continues to mow the grounds.
- Still investigating a solar light for the external toilet.
- Do attend the Vigil Mass on a Saturday at 5.30 pm, if at any time you are unable to attend a Sunday Service. During Autumn and Winter, drinks (choice of sherry) and nibbles (cheese and dips) continue.

Ted Sandercock , Warden



From St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga

- The porch replastering and lime washing is now complete and the furniture has been moved back with pleasing results.
- The *Following Jesus* studies continue at Susan and Bob Smith's (thank you) and we are enjoying the challenges and fellowship with Judy Wells leading us so enthusiastically. Thank you Judy.
- Fr Paul's last Sunday service with us was a splendid occasion with 29 attending and a special morning tea to follow, complete with "significant birthday" cake for our organist of the day, Felicity Warrington. We celebrated St Peter and St Paul so the church was decked in red making it even more festive. Mary Blagrove, Rose and Larry, were with us, so it was extra special. After the service Fr Paul presented Louise Webb with her Pastoral Assistant medallion (see next issue). We are already missing him and Helen and wish them the very best in the next stage of their ministry and life together
- On the 3rd of July with the service taken by Fr Paul in conjunction with English Rose Funerals, we had 80 in attendance for the funeral of John Shattell who used to attend church at SSPJ. The family stayed for morning tea in the church, which they provided, and were assisted by Brenda Dew, Susan Smith and Rupert Best. Thank you to the helpers.
- Sunday 6th July was another special service when Fr Martin officiated. It was wonderful to have him with us again with his usual insightful address, Thank you Fr Martin.
- This was followed the next day, Monday the 7th of July, with another funeral taken by Fr Paul in Conjunction with English Rose Funerals, this time for Ali McClure. 150 people came from near and far to fill the church with extra seating and even standing in the sanctuary.



Covered for protection.. Photo: D Best

- And the following morning the plasterer rang early to say he was going to start work on the nave so a hasty visit was made to the church to move and cover as much as possible to minimise the impact of dust. He used the window offered by two consecutive Sundays of combined services elsewhere. Plastering was completed on the 17th of July and on Saturday the 19th of July eight energetic members of the congregation rallied for an intensive working bee to clean and put everything back. A very big thank you to the team work of the hard workers. The lime wash has been ordered and will be applied once the plaster has sufficiently dried out. In the meantime the pews have been moved back, without being screwed down, and services have resumed as usual.

Stephen Wells and Bob Smith, Wardens

Congratulations to...



...Fran Pettigrew (L) and Felicity Warrington, both of whom celebrated "significant birthdays" in the busy month of July.



From St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

- At the monthly family service, the children created interesting images of Jesus in the clouds for Ascensiontide, thanks to Jac's creativity, and Pentecost saw us kitted out in something red - a warm reminder in this chilly weather. Thanks to Greg and Helen Roberts for decorating in red as well as Fran Pettigrew's cheering flower arrangements. We are always grateful to these behind the scenes workers who make sure things look good and run smoothly.
- The *Following Jesus* study is underway and will continue after the 9 am service every Wednesday at 10 am. Anyone is welcome to join us along the way to be inspired and encouraged by one another in our Christian faith.
- Our church was represented at the Wedding Expo at Serafino's Winery in McLaren Vale on the 29th of June. There were several enquiries about our churches for potential weddings. Thanks to Helen and Greg Roberts and Dawn and Andrew Parkes for setting up, staffing and packing up our stall. This is another opportunity for Christian outreach in our community.
- Building Ecosystems will repair the guttering on the hall, and replace the rotted timber on the gable over the vestry door. Greg John offered to paint it, with others, while the scaffolding was still there. Thanks to Greg Roberts and Paul Bell for labelling the powerboard in the vestry - no more hit or miss guesswork!
- Fr. Paul has taken his final services around Tatiara district as he prepares for his new parish. Thanks to Fr Ed Pumphrey and Fr John Devenport for taking services in his absence.
- Greg John has returned from his overseas adventures and has got the computerised organ up and running again. Thanks to Felicity Warrington, Sue MacKirdy and Julia Drought for keeping the music going.
- Joe Saunders is regularly maintaining the grounds at St Margaret's, doing the lawns, edges and weeding.



At Fr Paul's last Wednesday morning service at St Margaret's: servers David Mills & Wendy Sandercock. *Photo: T Sandercock*



What a team!

The St Ann's rose pruning team, Trish Frith, Bill Cale and Victoria McKee, dubbed "the prickle team", have been hard at work in July pruning roses near and far. As well as raising hundreds of dollars for the Pastoral District, they regard this as an outreach from the PD to the community. Well done, team!

STOP PRESS: The Almond Blossom stalls made a total of \$1064.55 over the 3 days: St Margaret's \$316.70, St Ann's \$190.35, SSPJ & St Stephen's 367.50 plus donations of \$190. We also have a significant quantity of leftover goods which should bring in further profits. Great work from a dedicated and small band of cooks and helpers. Thank you. Wendy Sandercock



St Margaret's International Luncheon

on the 5th of July provided a smorgasbord of delicious dishes in a most elegant setting, and

raised over \$700 for parish funds. Above (back L-R) the team who put it together, Jay Dickinson, Heather Whyte, Fran Pettigrew, Leonie Pettman, Lorna McGaffin, Sylvia Francis and Julia Drought and (front L-R) the team of efficient waiters/washers-up, Timothy Dickinson, Liam Moss, Alice & Patience Dickinson. (Missing from photo: Patricia Pennington.) Diners were also treated to bush verse by Peter Chapman.



On Tuesday, the St Ann's team (Pat Roper, Cath Davidson, Jane Hayward) at the Almond Blossom stall were assisted by Pat's grandchildren Grace and Trent, here from Uzbekistan.

Photo: W Sandercock



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I got your point about the tri-unity of the Godhead.
It's your golf illustration I didn't understand.

Around the traps...



Quiz Night! A: Quizmaster Burda Sanders, scorers Duncan Gordon and Pat Roper. B: A table at work: Di & Rupert Best, Felicity Warrington, Bryce & Ruby Boyles, Jack Warrington, Barry & Julianne Bates. C: The winning table: Beverly Atkins, Eileen Binns, Maureen Cameron, Victoria McKee, Trish Frith, Ralph McKee, Timothy and Jay Dickinson, Margaret & Bill Cale.

From St Ann's, Aldinga

- Our weekly *Following Jesus* studies are continuing and those attending are finding the sessions both challenging and stimulating and are readily engaging in discussions related to

the topics. We are fortunate to have the talents of Brian in accompanying us with the hymns/songs of the liturgies.

- Our annual Quiz night (see photos above) was held on a day that threatened much stormy weather. We had fifty plus participants sitting at five tables, as well as the capable Burda Sanders running the evening along with our markers, Duncan and Pat. We thank Burda once again gratefully for her wonderful planning of the sets of questions, the games, and for running these nights. Our tiny hall was bulging with enthusiastic competitors and the end result was an extremely close one. After expenses we are sharing the \$500 proceeds between the Bush Church Aid Society and the Christian Care and Community Centre at Aldinga. A big thank you to all who made this happen, especially the old faithfuls from the Guild without whose help these events just wouldn't get off the ground.



- On Sunday the 13th there was a private baptism held at St Ann's by the Rev. Rob Haynes of Goolwa who has recently gained a PTO with our Diocese. He baptised his grandchildren who live with their parents at Aldinga. The family used the hall for an afternoon tea to follow.

- Repair work has recently been completed after delay caused by the weather. The cross on top of the church was taken down and was found to be in bad condition, needing re-building before re-attaching the halo. The cherry picker was also used to clean the gutters.

Pat Roper & Peter Chapman, Wardens

L: "Gladly my cross I bear": Marcus Reiter brings the cross down for repairs, and R: A view most of us have never seen, from St Ann's roof. Photos: P Chapman.

News from Pastoral District Council

The Pastoral District Council met on Tuesday the 15th of July, chaired by Fr Paul. Matters discussed included the following (other items appear elsewhere in this issue):

- **First Aid training:** Mark Pinnock, who earlier provided fire training for the PD, has offered to provide First Aid training free of charge. It will be a 6-hour course on Sunday the 14th of September from 12.30 to 6.30 pm at St Margaret's, to be attended by Wardens and volunteers for whom it is appropriate, e.g. Granny Annie's.
- We have been advised that the **Following Jesus books** cost \$14 each; i.e. \$28 for the two books. Assistance will be provided for anyone unable to pay.
- **Stewardship:** it will not be possible to arrange a full stewardship programme, but Pat Roper offered to re-design a chart showing what the PD's income was needed for and how it was used.
- **The Confirmation service:** It was pointed out that for a time there had been no confirmation services in the PD, but since Fr Paul had been here, there had been one every year, which demonstrated the life of the church. Bob Smith spoke of what the day had meant to him. "It was more than I expected, I felt very humble", he said. A copy of the Confirmation preparation book would be left at St Margaret's for people to borrow.
- Plans for a **weekend retreat** were being explored. More news later.
- Several suggestions were made for an **event of outreach and thanks in Advent** this year. Groups whom people would like to see acknowledged included carers, children's mentors, volunteers at the Christian Care & Support Centre, and Alcoholics Anonymous. Another suggestion was a Quiz Night for kids! The location should be close to a church. Another meeting of the Mission Action Group was needed. Andrew Parkes of Aussie Loans, Christies Beach had indicated that a marquee could be made available free of charge, and Bishop John was offering a financial contribution from the Home Mission Fund to assist with costs.
- **Services for August and September** in the absence of a parish priest were mostly arranged. Fr Nick Schutt would be here in October and November, and Fr David Thornton-Wakeford would take services in December. The Archdeacon of the Fleurieu, Fr Richard Litjens, would be responsible for organising funerals etc. Fr Dennis Eales and Fr John Devenport were prepared to help out. Furniture was being offered to furnish the house in the interregnum and St Margaret's Guild would arrange to provide linen, cutlery, crockery etc.
- **Almond Blossom:** With the parade starting at 10 am on Sunday the 27th it would not be possible for the PD to take part in that, but the traditional Anglican stalls would be held Monday-Wednesday. (see p. 6—7)
- **Finance**

June 2014	\$	Overall finances to June 2014	\$
Nett monthly income	8,320	Income	40,914
Monthly expenditure	8,116	Expenditure	48,316
Surplus for month	204	Operating profit/loss	-7,347 (<i>Budgeted -\$7,990</i>)
Missions	983	Total donations to missions	3,132

An email from the retired Treasurer noted that there was a surplus for the month of June (perhaps due to there being five Sundays in the month) so for the first time this year our deficit was less than the budgeted figure.

- The Bishop had requested that the Wardens draw up a parish profile and a clergy role statement to serve as the basis on which to advertise the position for a full-time priest. The Bishop would then visit to discuss the matter.
- Peter Chapman advised that he and Heather would be away for 8 weeks in August and September. He requested someone to stand in to help Pat Roper in practical ways at this time.
- A volunteer was needed to update the PD website, which had been Fr Paul's responsibility.
- Sadly, this was Fr Paul's last meeting with the PDC. He thanked the members for their support, through sometimes difficult times, and their friendship, and said he had been very pleased to be able to chair meetings over the past months. He wished the Pastoral District well, and said that he would miss us.

*Next meeting: Tuesday the 19th of August, to be chaired by Ted Sandercock.
September PDC, with Bishop John—date to be announced*

English Rose Funerals

Our Family
Supporting Southern Local Communities



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Southern Vales Pastoral District

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Visit our website!

<http://www.southernvalesparish.org>

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St Stephen's, Willunga

Ted Sandercock 8556 4535

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



Mothers' Union Diocesan AGM at St Margaret's

On the 28th of July the Diocesan AGM of the Mothers' Union was held at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale. With members attending from all around the Diocese, the Rev'd Keith George presented Doreen Rushbrook and Betty Forsyth with 50 year membership certificates. Fran Pettigrew generously provided soup for those attending. Thank you, Fran.

Below: Doreen Rushbrook, Betty Forsyth, Fr Keith George, Diocesan President Eileen Smith. (Photo: T Frith)



Mary Sumner Day, Friday the 8th of August

This year the Mothers' Union's Mary Sumner day service in SA will be held at St George's, Magill, at 10.30 am, with Bishop John Ford as guest speaker, "Sharing Our Hopes".

Enquiries: Trish Frith 8556 2604



GAZA APPEAL

We feel helpless in the face of the Gaza situation, but *we can help!*

ABM's Gaza appeal supports the Al-Ahli Arab hospital run by the Anglican/Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.

Pray for peace in the Holy Land.

Ph 1300 302 663 or visit www.abmission.org



Vale Fr Paul, 23rd July Photo: T Sandercock

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 August. With The Grapevine now appearing on the parish website <http://www.southernvalesparish.org>, and including photos and some contact details, remember to notify me (as above) if you don't want to have anything about you included in The Grapevine in this format. - Ed.