

The Grapevine

September 2014

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

Introducing...

We are very fortunate that during the interregnum following Fr Paul's move to the Riverland, we have people who are willing and available to come to take services for us in the four centres of the Pastoral District of Southern Vales. For the months of October and November we shall have a priest from England with us. We asked him to tell us something about himself...

Let me introduce myself. I am Revd Preb Nick Shutt...

My wife did offer to write this for me but I told her I didn't want it to be that honest! So who am I? That question can be answered in a number of ways.

For example, by my relationships with others: my wife Corinne (just retired as a primary school teacher), my children Chris (30 and married to Sarah) and Helen (28 – you will be meeting her briefly at the end of my time with you as she is flying out with my wife), my grandchildren Alex (6 – with all the questions), Charlotte (3 – with all the answers) Lily (1 year old in September).

Or you can ask what I have done in life to date in my work: 25 years as a Solicitor in private practice specialising in wills and probate, house moving and finance before retiring in 2008. I was ordained in 1994 in Exeter Cathedral and have served as a minister in the group of villages where I live in South West England in Dartmoor National Park for the last 20 years. Throughout this time I have been a self-supporting minister (some would say I am "good for nothing") running my legal career and ministerial vocation in parallel for many years prior to 2008. Since 2008 I have been "in charge" as Rector of an expanding group of parishes, the West Dartmoor Mission Community www.westdartmoormissioncommunity.co.uk. We started with 4 parishes, grew to 7 and then managed to dissolve one. So we are currently 6 parishes working hard at being salt and light where we are and finding ways to work more closely together for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; moving towards becoming one united parish.

Whilst valuing my priestly vocation I am passionate about the vocation of the whole people of God to equip and serve the church. In the UK the shortage of priests and money has been a great opportunity to see the gifts of others flourish in the church. Other than me the team of ministers comprises a stipendiary full time priest, a part time stipendiary priest, a number of retired ministers, a Reader, and two Readers in training. We enjoy working together as a team and have great fun together.

Or you can ask what my interests are in life. As a lawyer I have an interest in Ecclesiastical Law and enjoyed studying an MA at Cardiff University a few years ago. Wales is where I was born and this is important during the international rugby season. One day they will beat Australia... Cricket is another sport I enjoy watching (except a certain Ashes Series a few months ago), particularly county cricket at Taunton where Somerset play. My preferred mode of transport is my BMW K1200GT motorbike, except in winter in the ice and snow. I enjoy singing and playing a guitar. I like wildlife and wildlife holidays.

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Photo provided

Introducing... (cont'd)

When I retired I undertook a degree in photography at the College of Art in Plymouth and I have maintained that interest although ministerial life does tend to become all-consuming and it is photography that gets squeezed out.

Our English Springer Spaniel, Poppy, is relentless in her requests for walks on the Moor but it hasn't helped me keep my weight down!

For those who are wondering what "Preb" stands for, it denotes that I am a Prebendary of Exeter Cathedral, an honorary title bestowed by the Bishop of Exeter and described by a Preb I know as "like receiving the gold watch without getting the retirement that goes with it".

I am looking forward to meeting you all and sharing our pilgrimage as Disciples of Christ, albeit for a relatively short period of time.

For the month of December, we will be glad to have (A) the Rev'd David Thornton-Wakeford (recently retired from St Oswald's Parkside) as our priest. Fr David lives in Adelaide but has a holiday house at Aldinga.



(B) Fr Graham Cooling (Rector of this parish 2000-03 and Priest in Charge of St James' Delamere) has taken responsibility for the Wednesday morning Eucharists at St Margaret's.

(C) Fr Dennis Eales (Priest in Charge of this PD 2005-2009, and of Yankalilla 2013) is managing many of the weddings and funerals.

(D) Fr John Devenport (formerly serving in the Diocese of Willochra and St Paul's Goodwood, and father of Fr Paul Devenport) and (E) Fr Ed Pumphrey (previously Rector of Yankalilla and Millicent) continue to take Sunday worship for us.

For other services we are having (F) Fr Philip Carter (retired Director of the Julian



Spirituality Centre), (G) Fr Peter Randle (retired from Prospect) and (H) Fr Peter Simmons (Rector of Morphett Vale) to celebrate for us.

And then there are our own licensed lay readers (I) Wallace Mausolf, (J) Ted Sandercock and (K) Judith Wells.

We are truly blessed.

***Thank you
from us all!***

*And thanks, too, to our
Pastoral District Secretary
Ted Sandercock for all the
organisation involved in
this.*



What's on

September

- Mon 1st** Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer, Seaford
Tues 2nd MARTYRS OF PNG
Sat 6th Mission Action Plan meeting, St Margaret's, 10 am
Sun 7th Family Service
 Gold Coin collection for CPS workers
Mon 8th St Ann's Guild 1.30 pm
Enquiries: Trish Frith 8556 2604
Tues 9th St Margaret's Guild 1.30 pm
Enquiries: Fran Pettigrew 8323 9366
Thurs 11th Colton Court Singers 10.30—11.30 am
Enquiries: Sue Mackirdy 8556 5162
Sun 14th First Aid Training at St Margaret's, 12.30—6.30 pm
Enquiries: Ted Sandercock 8556 4535
Sat 20th Jumble Sale, St Ann's 8.30-12.30
Enquiries: Pat Roper 8386 2470
 Saturday Night Out, Willunga, 7 pm
Bookings 8556 4535
Sun 21st MATTHEW
Tues 23rd Pastoral District Council meeting (see News From PDC, p. 7)
Fri 26th Family Tea at St Ann's 6.30 pm
Enquiries: Pat Roper 8386 2470
Mon 29th MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

October

- Sun 5th** Family Service (Daylight saving begins)
 Gold Coin collection for CPS workers
 [Mon 6th No MU meeting]
Thurs 9th Colton Court Singers 10.30—11.30 am
Sat 11th Quarry Market Sausage Sizzle (see next column)
Mon 13th St Ann's Guild 1.30 pm
Tues 14th St Margaret's Guild 2 pm
Fri 17th Hits of the Forties Concert (see next column)
Sat 18th Diocesan Safer Ministry Training, Keith
Enquiries: Anne Chittleborough 8556 5078
 Saturday Night Out, Willunga, 7 pm
Fri 24th Family Tea at St Ann's, 6.30 pm
Tues 28th ST SIMON & ST JUDE

Jumble Sale at St Ann's Sat 20th Sept. 8.30-12.30

Cake stall
 Bric-a-brac,
 Devonshire teas
 Sausage sizzle...



SATURDAY NIGHT OUT

Saturday 20th September
 at the Old Bush Inn
 Following the 5.30 Vigil Mass
Bookings: Ted Sandercock 8556 4535

FAMILY TEA

Next at St Ann's Friday 26th September
 6.30 pm
 All welcome. Bring a friend
 Bring food to share, or just come!
Enquiries: Pat Roper 8386 2470

The event you have been waiting for—
 Cath, Brian and the troupe present another
 spectacular concert fun event at St Ann's



Fri 17th October

7 for a 7.30 start.

Tickets available shortly from Pat 8386 2470 or
 Cath 8556 5661

Supper provided. BYO drinks.

\$15

QUARRY MARKET SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Saturday 11th Oct., 8th Nov,
 9 am to 1 pm

Raising funds for schools' ministry.
 Helpers wanted for 1 or 2 hour
 assistance. Phone Ted 8556 4535



Photo: J Drought

At Fr Paul's induction at Waikerie as Rector
 of the Riverland, : (L-R) Archdeacon
 Richard Seabrook, the Rev'd Brenton Dick,
 Fr Bob Hupfeld, Fr Michael Varnish, Fr Paul
 and the Bishop, Fr George Kirreh, Fr Gary
 Prince, Fr James Stacey, Janet Grosse
 (crucifer), John Reed and Honor Lang.

St Ann's, Aldinga

We again are devastated by the death of another of our beloved parishioners - this time our much loved and revered friend and priest **Martin Chittleborough** who greeted his new dawn early on Sunday the 17th of August at home with Anne, daughter Kirsty and a nurse attending. We shall greatly miss this remarkable man and while sharing in the grief of his passing yet can thank God for his cherished time with us. We can thank Martin for being instrumental in the building of our hall, for great wisdom in his ministry and for the strength and cohesiveness of our Christian family here at St Ann's.

It was indeed an honour and a privilege to be able to join his family, his clerical family and each other as his Christian family here at St Ann's on the 23rd of August, to celebrate the man and his life and see him to his eternal rest. Our heartfelt sympathies to Anne and the family at this time. May God continue to bless and support them.

A big thank you to the small team of hard workers lead by Trish Frith who again worked at **Rose Pruning** through the Winter. They have made over \$1300 for parish funds to date, but more importantly have used their energies as valuable outreach to many through this work. Well done Trish, Victoria, Bill and Pat, the "Prickly Team"!

The Almond Blossom Festival stall was a good fundraiser again. Many thanks to those who donated their time cooking goodies and money, and manning the stall.

Without a priest of our own **we wish to thank very sincerely** Fr John, Fr Philip and Ted Sandercock for ensuring that our weekly services continue to go ahead. Fr Dennis is also there in the wings with a range of weddings (three to date) coming up between now and the end of the year, wedding rehearsals, a wedding blessing, and baptisms. We appreciate his time devoted to such.

Family teas both this month and last were relatively small affairs but very much valued by those attending.

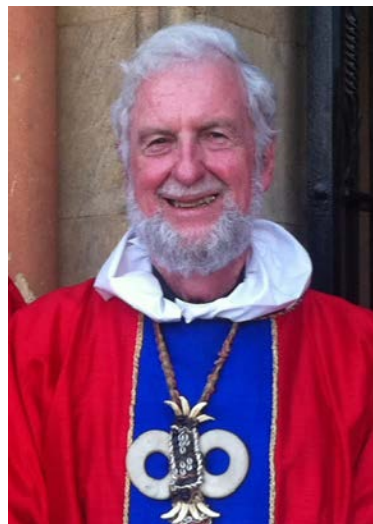
The **Following Jesus** programme continues to attract around the ten mark currently. Ill health and holidays have depleted numbers some what. We enjoyed sharing a session with the St Margaret's group recently. We thank Brian for providing us with music.

Pat Roper & Peter Chapman, Wardens.

Fr Martin Chittleborough, R.J.P.

The son of Fr Colin Chittleborough and his wife Winifred, Martin was curate at Mt Gambier and Priest in Charge of Meningie-Taiem Bend before he and Anne went to PNG in 1966. As Priest in Charge of the parish of Agenehambo and Archdeacon of Northern Papua he was awarded an *otohu* (sacred honour) by the Orokaiva people and was Director of the Christian Training Centre at Jegarata for 3 years.

Back in Australia in 1976 he became Rector of the parish of Waikerie. From 1978 he worked for the Australia Council of Churches' World Christian Action, and during this time was arrested for supporting Aboriginal resistance to government and mining standover tactics at Noonkambah. Returning to South Australia in 1982 with the family, Martin was Rector of the parish of Brighton until in 1991 he resigned to establish STTARS (Survivors of Torture and Trauma Assistance and Rehabilitation Service) and he and Anne



moved to live at Pt Willunga. He retired from STTARS in 1998, taking services and assisting in parish ministry from time to time, and was instrumental in the building of the hall at St Ann's, Aldinga. He was awarded an AM in 2007 for services to church and community. Martin had suffered cancer for some years but faced it with characteristic courage and determination to be a survivor, not a victim, of circumstances.

He died on the 17th of August, 2014.



Photo: J Drought

Some of those who went to Waikerie for Fr Paul's induction: Opposite: (L-R) Margaret Cale, Di Best, Julia Drought, Susan & Bob Smith, Bill Cale, Rupert Best. Above: Brian McMillan and the harmonium.

Thank you to the many members of the Southern Vales congregations who worked to make the burial service and the afternoon tea on the 23rd a very special occasion and tribute to Martin.

—Anne, David & Kirsty.

St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga

Lime washing over the new plaster in the nave is under way. Dead wood in the trees in the car park has been cut down. The *Following Jesus* studies continue at Susan and Bob Smith's. Judy Wells is proving her leadership skills and spiritual knowledge in guiding us so cheerfully and we are enjoying the fellowship. Thank you Susan, Bob and Judy.

Nine of our congregation attended Fr Paul's commissioning service at Waikerie and we wish him and Helen well in their new ministry. Some of us stayed overnight on Friday and enjoyed dinner with Fr Paul and Brian McMillan who was organist on the harmonium for the service. Brian is now in top condition after a workout on the blower foot pedals.

We are all deeply saddened by the loss of Fr Martin Chittleborough and are fortunate to have precious memories of his last service with us as recently as the 6th of July. Our loving thoughts and prayers go out to Anne for her tender care of Martin and for strength now and in the future.

On Saturday the 23rd of August Fr Dennis Eales baptised Jax Holmesby at a private baptism, attended by Judy Wells and Susan Smith. We thank Fr Ed, Fr John and Wallace for taking our services.

Stephen Wells and Bob Smith, Wardens



St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

Father Paul, Helen and their chattels moved to Renmark on the 23rd of July and this went relatively smoothly. Thanks to Wendy and Ted Sandercock for helping with packing and making sure all has been left in order in the rectory.

A group from our church choir joined the Waikerie/ Riverland parishioners at the Waikerie church to add live music to Fr Paul's commissioning service on the 9th of August. Brian McMillan woke up the little harmonium organ there after its 6 year sleep, energetically pumping out some wonderful music to greatly enhance this celebration (*see opposite page*).

The "Following Jesus" study is continuing after the Wednesday morning service. Anyone is welcome to join us at 10 am for this in depth look at our faith.



We continue to appreciate the support of the several retired clergy who continue to enable us to celebrate Holy Communion in almost every centre every week. Frs John Devenport and Ed Pumphrey, and Graham Cooling who has kept the Wednesday Holy Eucharist going. Very sincere thanks to you all for your commitment and devotion. Thanks also to Ted who is keeping tabs on the practical running of our church in the absence of a parish priest. We are really grateful for his efficient and supportive work.

Bishop Stanley has been having radiotherapy, commuting between home and Flinders Hospital. Please keep Bishop Stanley in your prayers and also uphold Sister Beverley as she cares for Bp Stanley.

The Schools Ministry concert went very well and there were a lot of laughs and fun during the performances. Thanks especially to Ted Sandercock, Greg John and all performers for helping this event happen for such a valuable cause.

Mike Chapman has been mending gutters on the Sunday School room and replacing the barge board over the vestry door. He regretted having to remove fine construction work from our old church building, but age and weather had taken its toll, so thank you Mike, for your restoration work. It was heartening to hear his praise and appreciation of the original builder's work.

Thanks also to Joe Saunders for continuing to maintain the rectory gardens and thanks too to the mystery person who sprayed weeds, pruned and tamed the footpath plants - very much appreciated.

Greg John & Julia Drought, Wardens

St Stephen's, Willunga

Saturday Night Out-August the 16th at Old Bush Inn was attended by 18 people including the two Stell children. Fr Peter and Sally, and Fr Ed and Pat attended. Wendy surprised Ted with a birthday cake!!!! Next Saturday Night Out will be on September the 21st.

Fr Dennis, Fr Graham, Fr Ed & Fr Peter Simmons have conducted the **Vigil Masses** in August. **Thanks to Joan, Jac and Wendy** for their preparation of the church each Sunday.

The **Almond Blossom stall** raised over \$1100 and was well organised by Wendy. Thanks to all who supplied items for sale and staffed the stall.

Ted & Wendy attended **Fr Paul's induction** on Saturday the 9th of August as the priest in charge of the PD of the Riverland. This was a long day with an early start and then back for the 5.30 pm Vigil Mass. The service was most creative and the PD Southern Vales choir sang beautifully.

The Wedding of Pamela Carroll and Gabriele Trobbiani was held on Saturday August the 23rd at 3.00 pm. The service began with a trio singing "1000 years" with guitar accompaniment. This group was later accompanied by a trumpet player. Other music was provided by a string quartet. Quite a musical event! The service was conducted by Fr Paul with Fr Peter Sandeman, CEO of Anglicare, giving the homily. (L-R: Edwina Faithful-Farmer, Fr Peter Sandeman, Pamela & Gabriele Trobbiani, Fr Paul.) The rehearsal on the Friday was quite an event!

The **planting of the area around the peppercorn tree** has progressed. Some ground cover is doing well and more will be planted. Two **Willunga 175 roses** have been planted, donated by the Sandercock family. The City of Onkaparinga continues to mow the grounds.

Still investigating a **solar light** for the external toilet. Have had an offer of a battery system that is person sensitive.

You are welcome to the **Vigil Mass** which is held 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



The birthday cake: (L-R) Wendy Sandercock,, Hope Stell, John Stell, Ted Sandercock. Photo: Di Best



Photo: D Brice

The Christian Care and Support Centre, Aldinga, greatly needs and appreciates our churches' weekly gifts of basic foodstuffs and money. These help its volunteers to assist people in need. More news in next issue.



Anglican Board of Mission's GAZA Appeal

Following massive destruction in the Gaza Strip to infrastructure, homes and public buildings, more than 2,101 people have been killed with over 10,000 people injured.

Thousands of homes have been completely destroyed during the bombing, and children have been left traumatized and in need of psychosocial support.

The Al-Ahli Arab hospital, setup and run by the Anglican/Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, a Partner of ABM, was structurally damaged during the airstrikes but maintains around-the-clock service, receiving wounded people and providing them with the critical medical care that they need. For more information visit www.abmission.org.

Donate to Gaza Appeal at Anglican Board of Mission – Australia, Locked Bag Q4005, Queen Victoria Building NSW 1230; Phone 1300 302 663.

News from Pastoral District Council

On Tuesday the 26th of August the Council met at 7.00 pm chaired by Ted Sandercock. The main focus of the meeting was to review the draft Pastoral District Profile and the Clergy Role Statements, documents compiled following the wardens' meeting held on the 29th of July. Other matters discussed included the following:

The proposed Weekend Retreat has been deferred until perhaps February due to the number of other activities before the end of the year.

Rectory maintenance. The ceiling in the kitchen/family room has been repainted for \$150, considered a very good price, by a local man who lives nearby in McLaren Vale. The newly painted ceiling suggests that the walls need repainting! The table and chairs need to be moved out of the shed and cleaned. A donated fridge/freezer has been moved in and items of furniture offered are being organised. The guilds will provide supplies - St Margaret's to supply basics for the pantry and St Ann's to supply cleaning items.

Almond Blossom Festival stall takings have exceeded \$1,100, remainder items still being sold.

Fundraising Committee. There was no report as there has been no activity by the committee. However Ted drew attention to emails between Wendy Sandercock and Di Best after he had been asked by a lady from the McLaren Vale Club if we are going to do more dinners. Wendy and Di had reluctantly agreed that, without the expertise of Helen Roberts, who instigated the dinners and for health reasons is unable to continue, and the shortage of people with sufficient stamina to pre-cook and provide the required labour of 10 people on the night, it is not possible to continue, nor desirable to attempt dinners and not be able to attain our previous standard.

Wendy has submitted an application to Bunnings at Noarlunga to run a Saturday morning Sausage Sizzle but there is usually a long wait for allocation of a date. The Southern Vales Schools Ministry did one recently at which takings were \$1,800 and expenses \$600, giving a profit of \$1,200. Bunnings advise that profit is usually between \$1,200 and \$1,400 so this is a worthwhile effort. It needs to be run from 7 am to 4 pm with 3 shifts of 5 people.

Financial Report as circulated, presented by Ted Sandercock:

July 2014	\$	
Nett Monthly Income	6,491	
Monthly Expenditure	8,472	
Deficit for month	1,981	
Missions	733	
Overall Finances January to July 2014	\$	
Income	47,405	
Expenditure	56,789	
Deficit	-9,384	(Budgeted Deficit -\$6,190)
Total Donations to Missions	3,865	

**Yes! We still
URGENTLY NEED
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.

Comments: Margaret Cale, Retired Treasurer, commented to Ted that the figures are "not too bad". Expenditure includes money for Fr Paul's extended leave in The Riverland. Costs in the short term are for some but not all retired relieving clergy.

PD Profile and Clergy Role Statement:

Lively and enthusiastic discussion highlighted, amongst other points, the following topics:

- the need for more involvement and training for lay people to provide ministry to relieve, and to add to, that of the priest. Hence we need a priest who is happy to delegate and work with laity.
- the content of Family Services in order to attract children and youth
- the need to address the lack of Home Communion for the housebound
- the wish to retain the varying flavours of each congregation whilst encouraging the PD as a whole.

The two revised documents are being circulated to congregations for further input.

Next meeting: Tuesday the 23rd of September 2014 to be chaired by Bp John to review the above documents.

Di Best on behalf of The Editor.

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 September. Please notify the Editor if you don't want to be mentioned in *The Grapevine*.

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Praying

It doesn't have to be
the blue iris, it could be
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few
small stones; just
pay attention, then patch
a few words together and don't try
to make them elaborate, this isn't
a contest but the doorway
into thanks, and a silence in which
another voice may speak.

Mary Oliver

Southern Vales Pastoral District

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*The Parish Office is not regularly
attended but messages can be left on the
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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