

October 2014

# The Grapevine

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



(L-R: Di Best, Bob & Susan Smith, Fr Nick, Bp John Ford, Pat Roper, Greg John, Ted Sandercock.)

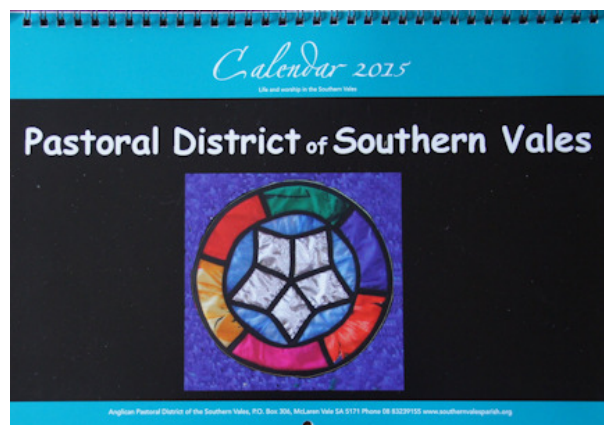
Bishop John formally licensed Fr Nick, who will be a locum tenens in the Pastoral District for the next two months.

## Welcome, Fr Nick!

Fr Nick Shutt arrived from the UK on Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October, and Bishop John brought him to Southern Vales where he was welcomed by representatives of the Pastoral District.



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*In  
eager  
anticipation...*



Pastoral District  
working bee at the  
Rectory, Saturday  
27th September.



### 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.



#### VISIT OF THE BISHOP OF MANDALAY

Bishop John Ford and the Provincial  
Committee of ABM invite us to a  
reception to meet the Bishop of  
Mandalay (Burma) at Christ Church O'Halloran  
Hill on Thursday, the 9<sup>th</sup> of October 2014, at  
5.30 pm. Christ Church is situated at 1708 Main  
South Road, O'Halloran Hill.

Please RSVP today (Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> of October) to  
Anne Chittleborough (8556 5078) or by email to  
[plusdavid@adam.com.au](mailto:plusdavid@adam.com.au)



PERHAPS SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER  
WAS NOT THE BEST WAY TO  
LAUNCH THE CHURCH WEBSITE

## October

- Sun 5<sup>th</sup>** Gold Coin collection for CPS\* workers  
**Thurs 9<sup>th</sup>** Colton Court Singers 10.30-11.30 am  
*Enquiries: Sue MacKirdy 8556 5162*  
 Reception for the Bishop of Mandalay (opp. page)  
**Sat 11<sup>th</sup>** Quarry Market Sausage Sizzle (see next column)  
 Wedding, St Ann's, Marcus Uuranen & Sarah Turner  
**Mon 13<sup>th</sup>** St Ann's Guild 1.30 pm  
*Enquiries: Trish Frith 8556 2604*  
**Tues 14<sup>th</sup>** St Margaret's Guild 1.30 pm  
*Enquiries: Fran Pettigrew 8323 9366*  
**Fri 17<sup>th</sup>** Hits of the Forties concert, St Ann's 7 pm  
 (see next column)  
**Sat 18<sup>th</sup>** Diocesan Safer Ministry Training, Keith  
 Saturday Night Out, Willunga  
*Bookings 8556 4535*  
 Baptism, St Ann's  
**Sun 19<sup>th</sup>** Hymnfest, St Stephen's Willunga (see next column)  
**Tues 21<sup>st</sup>** Pastoral District Council 7 pm  
**Fri 24<sup>th</sup>** Family Tea at St Ann's, 6.30 pm  
*Enquiries: Pat Roper 8386 2470*  
**Tues 28<sup>th</sup>** ST SIMON & ST JUDE

## November

- Sat 1<sup>st</sup>** ALL SAINTS  
**Sun 2<sup>nd</sup>** Gold Coin collection for CPS workers  
**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup>** Mothers' Union Outing to Yankalilla (meet at  
 St Ann's 9.30) *Enquiries: Trish Frith 8556 2604*  
**Sat 8<sup>th</sup>** Quarry Market Sausage Sizzle  
 Wedding, SSPJ, Philip Dinnison & Elissa Norman  
**Mon 10<sup>th</sup>** St Ann's Guild 1.30 pm  
**Tues 11<sup>th</sup>** St Margaret's Guild 1.30 pm  
**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup>** Colton Court Singers 10.30-11.30 am  
**Sat 15<sup>th</sup>** St Ann's Jumble Sale 8.30-12.30  
 [No Service at St Stephen's]  
**Sun 16<sup>th</sup>** ST MARGARET'S DAY  
 COMBINED SERVICE, St Margaret's 10 am  
**Tues 18<sup>th</sup>** Pastoral District Council 7 pm  
**Fri 28<sup>th</sup>** Advent Pageant, Aldinga  
 Family tea, St Ann's, 6.30 pm  
**Sun 30<sup>th</sup>** ADVENT 1  
 Advent Afternoon, St Margaret's, 2 pm

## CELEBRATE ST MARGARET'S PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Combined service, St Margaret's McLaren Vale  
**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November**  
 Holy Eucharist 10 am, and shared luncheon.  
 Guest speaker Vivienne Bleby, Bush Church Aid  
 This will be the only service in the Pastoral District that weekend.

## Granny Annie's 3rd Birthday

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 9-11.30 am**  
 St Ann's, 7 Stonehouse Lane, Aldinga, off South Rd,  
*Bring the kids and join the fun!*

## QUARRY MARKET SAUSAGE SIZZLE

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct., 8<sup>th</sup> Nov,**  
**9 am to 1 pm**

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



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



**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> October**

**7 for a 7.30 start.**

*Tickets available from Pat 8386 2470 or  
 Cath 8556 5661*

**\$15**

Supper provided. BYO drinks.

## SATURDAY NIGHT OUT

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October**  
 at the Old Bush Inn  
 following the 5.30 Vigil Mass  
*Bookings: Ted Sandercock 8556 4535*

## Harvest Festival Hymnfest

A selection of traditional hymns;  
 part of the "Willunga 175"  
 celebrations, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October  
 3 pm at St Stephen's.  
 Wine & cheese to follow.



## FAMILY TEA

Next at St Ann's Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October, 6.30 pm  
 All welcome. Bring a friend  
*Bring food to share, or just come!*  
*Enquiries: Pat Roper 8386 2470*

## Advent Afternoon

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**November**

St Margaret's, 2 pm  
 (A Friends of the  
 Greg Trott Pipe  
 Organ event)







On the 15<sup>th</sup> of September St Ann's welcomed a group of Mothers' Union and friends from St Michael's Henley and Grange. After having morning tea at the Peacock Farm, Willunga, they visited St Ann's church, braved the weather to see the cemetery, and had their lunch in the hall where they heard something of the history of the church and the hall. Fr Dean Rowney, former priest of their parish, and Pam, joined the festivities.

The visitors presented St Ann's with a delightful MU teatowel with an agricultural theme.



St Ann's Family Tea in September was also the occasion for celebrating Trish Frith's birthday. No-one was more impressed by Trish's birthday cake and candles than little James who was visiting with his grandfather Bob Smith.

*(Photo S Smith)*

### With mulch gratitude...

Local compost specialist "The Original Green Company" recently supplied a two cubic metre load of selected mulch for use in the cemetery and church garden areas at St Ann's. Soil consultant Mr Marty Vaher kindly donated this special material, for which we express our sincere thanks.

*Bill Jeanes, St Ann's Cemetery Curator.*

### From St Ann's, Aldinga:

We thank the team of priests whose generosity allows us to continue to have **services each week**. This month we thank Fr Phillip Carter, Fr John Devenport, Fr Ed Pumphrey and Fr Peter Randle. Fr Dennis Eales has also made it possible for a couple who were married at St Ann's 40 years ago to celebrate their anniversary with a service of blessing in the church recently.

We wish **Peter and Heather Chapman** a well earned holiday and look forward to their return to us refreshed & rejuvenated.

At short notice **the Guild catered** for the afternoon tea for a funeral on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September. Thanks to the ladies who worked to achieve this. We have been **asked to cater for a reception at O'Halloran Hill** on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October for the Bishop of Mandalay (see p. 2).

The **Following Jesus** programme continues here on Wednesday evenings. Numbers have been depleted of late because of absences due to illness, family problems and holidays of some of the attendees. We still manage to have 7 to 9 attending. Margaret Cale and Pat Roper share the leadership alternately.

With several of our regular helpers away for our **September Jumble Sale** we were very grateful to all those who stepped in, and to all who assisted, especially in the hard work of setting up and putting away. Thank you too to those who baked for the cake stall and Devonshire teas. We made just under \$1250 - a remarkable effort.

Trish and the **"prickle team"** report that their takings from this year's rose pruning has now topped the \$1400 mark. Well done, team!

We acknowledge with gratitude the work of those who are keeping **our church grounds and cemetery** neat and attractive. Well done the two Bills, Trish Frith and Victoria. The **list of thanks** must be extended to the unseen but very important volunteers who clean the hall, do the flowers and brass cleaning each week, and also to the dedicated work of Gillian Clampett as sacristan.

*Pat Roper, Warden*

## ***The need is so great...***

*Extracts from the AGM report of the Chairman of the Christian Community Centre, Aldinga:*

The demand for support is still on the increase and the resources to deliver are in the decline and harder to access. If it were not for the generous support of our local church congregations and the team of volunteers who are always on hand to work, pick up bread etc. we would not be able to continue. Our costs are relatively low being essentially insurance and room rental. Our main source of income is from the government grant that in 2014 (July to December) has continued at the reduced rate of 2012 and 2013, despite the increase in demand.

The number of people seeking support is increasing all the time and the extent of their need has increased as water and electricity costs in particular rise. As a result of our income remaining essentially the same we have had to reduce the amount of support which causes a degree of frustration from both clients and volunteers who appreciate the dire need some of the families are in.

At this stage we are awaiting the outcome of our application for a new grant. If it comes through then we will be fine but if not we will have to consider other options.

We thank God for his continuing blessings on our group and trust that he will support us in our outreach work in this community.

*Contributed by Anne Lear*



## **ADVENT PAGEANT Fri. 28<sup>th</sup> November**

Volunteers are needed to help with this heart-warming event, when children from the local schools present the story of Christmas to the local community at the Aldinga shopping centre. If you would like to help by baking cup cakes, walking and talking with the children, or setting up/clearing away on Thursday 4 pm or Friday at midday, please contact Anne Chittleborough 8556 5078.

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

It has been a quiet month with several folk away. Most unfortunately Brenda Dew had a fall resulting in a badly broken arm requiring surgery and extended rehabilitation. We miss her and Roger but they hope to be back with us soon and we wish her a full and speedy recovery.

More clearing of dead branches has been done in the cemetery.

The new supply of coloured lime wash arrived and Bob Smith has applied two coats which completes that project in the nave. The pews are now screwed down again. Thank you very much Bob.

Thank you to Fr Peter Randle, Fr Ed, Wallace and Ted for taking our services. The new form of service of Praise, Prayer and Proclamation has been well received. Thank you Sue Smith for assisting the clergy.

We also thank Sue MacKirdy, Felicity Warrington and Julia Drought for playing the organ for us.



*Above: Young James (see photo opposite) was also interested in his grandfather Bob reading in church on Sunday. Photo: D Best*

*Di Best for Stephen Wells and Bob Smith, Wardens*

*Felicity & Jack Warrington advise that they have moved to Unit 73, 9 Emerald Boulevard, Aldinga Beach 5173. They no longer have a P O Box. Telephone number is (08) 8557 6463, and their mobiles are still 0419 820 325 (Felicity), and 0438 848 746 (Jack).*



## **Help!**

In order that there will be people at each of the four churches who have done a First Aid course, a six-hour training was run at St Margaret's on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September. It was attended by the Wardens and some of the Granny Annie volunteers and was both instructive and enjoyable. It was also a chance to check what should be in the First Aid boxes in the churches. We are grateful to Mark



Pinnock for doing this training free of charge as a contribution to the Pastoral District.

*Above: Taking turns to practice CPR on the dummies, and below: Bob Smith thanks Mark Pinnock for the day.*

## **From St Stephen's, Willunga**

Thanks to Joan, Jac and Wendy for their preparation of the church each Sunday. Thank you to Fr Dennis, Fr Ed and Fr Peter Simmons who have conducted the Vigil Masses in August/September.

We are continuing to seek a People's Warden.

Do join us at our Saturday Night Out at the Bush Inn after the 5.30 service. The next will be on October the 18<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a "Willunga 175" event, a Hymnfest, to be held at St Stephen's on Sunday October the 19<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm. Assistance with drinks and nibbles would be appreciated. The choir has selected 19<sup>th</sup> century hymns with a harvest theme.

We were glad to have Margaret Cameron able to return for a service recently, and to read a lesson for us

The Vigil Mass on a Saturday is at 5.30 pm, providing a worship opportunity for anyone unable to attend a Sunday Service. During Autumn and Winter, drinks (choice of sherry) and nibbles (cheese and dips) continue. Soon back with bubbly & nibbles.

*Ted Sandercock, Warden.*

## **From St Margaret's, McLaren Vale**

It has been a quiet month with mostly maintenance activities needing to be done. John Carroll has removed several loads of garden waste and has also removed the old rainwater tank which was next to the church, and reconnected the downpipe to an underground pipe. This ensures any rainwater from the church roof is carried away from the building. Thank you very much, John. Mike Chapman has completed renovation work over the vestry door and repaired guttering on the Sunday School room. Thank you Mike.

Services have continued seamlessly since Fr Paul left and we are grateful to Frs John Devenport, Graham Cooling and Ed Pumphrey for their continuing services.

Bible Study is continuing at 10 am every Wednesday. Anyone welcome to attend. Thanks to Ted Sandercock for continuing to run the study. We appreciate all the work you do so we can continue to learn more about our faith.

The Guild is currently organising quotes for blinds for the Sunday School room, since the neighbouring trees, which provided shade and privacy, have been removed.

*Julia Drought & Greg John, Wardens*

## News from Pastoral District Council

The September meeting of the Pastoral District Council was held on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September, chaired by Ted Sandercock, with Bishop John Ford in attendance for part of the meeting. Matters discussed included the following (other items are covered elsewhere in this issue):

A replacement for the **PD Treasurer** has not yet been found. The Bishop reported that this was a difficulty faced by parishes and PDs in many parts of the diocese and it may be necessary to centralise the work.

The **Mission Action Plan** group had met and lots of ideas shared. Involvement in the Aldinga Advent Pageant (see p. 5) was planned, and possible participation in the Aldinga Christmas Pageant.

**Rectory Maintenance:** Thanks to Ted and Wendy for all they have done. Household supplies were being provided by St Ann's and St Margaret's, with furniture and a TV on loan. The Droughts were lending a car. Bishop John asked if Southern Vales would provide accommodation for visiting bishops in the first 5 months of 2015, as we are not likely to have a priest here before Easter. The visitors would be here on diocesan business but would take Sunday services.

Fr Ed would not be able to continue to take services. **Petrol vouchers** to be given to him and to Fr Graham. They had not asked for payment for services taken.

Bishop John discussed the **process of appointing a new priest** to our Pastoral District, and gave an assurance that he would work with us in an "open government" process. He applauded the parish profile put together by the committee, and talked through some of the factors that would influence a priest's decision to take up the appointment. These



included the PD's website, the parish profile, factors such as the availability of schools (for a young married man), work opportunities in the area (which older children might look for), the kind of involvement we as lay people would like to have, things we would like a priest to help us with, the diocesan move to encourage clergy in the archdeaconries to support each other and share their ministry. A web address could show the attractions of the Fleurieu Peninsula. When the Profile had been finalised the Bishop would send it to all dioceses in Australia and consider other advertising options. When the bishop left, the council thanked him for his attendance and

input, for his inclusion of the observers in the discussion, and his approach in treating us in the same way as a parish.

### Financial Report:

March 2014	\$	Overall finances to August 2014	\$
Nett monthly income	6,157	Income	53,684 (budgeted \$61,940)
Monthly expenditure	11,310	Expenditure	68,099 (budgeted \$69,080)
Operating profit/loss	-5,153	Operating profit/loss	-14,416 (budgeted deficit -\$7140)
Missions	74	Total donations to missions	3,939

Margaret Cale stated that it had been an horrific month – mainly due to the leave entitlements for Fr Paul. Hopefully we would be able to consolidate over the next couple of months when most of the current commitments would be cleared. Attendances had been down, probably due to holidays and sickness, and giving was down by \$1,720 on budget.

**Deputy PD Council member** In Peter Chapman's absence the bishop would be happy to make an appointment.

**Fire extinguishers** have been replaced as they were 5 years old and needed testing, which would have been an expensive exercise. It had been expensive to do all at the one time and it would be better to stagger them.

We have a shortage of licensed **Eucharistic Assistants** to assist the priests and administer the chalice at the Eucharist. Priests' assistance can also be offered by servers, who do not need to be licensed, and do not administer the chalice.

*The next meeting will be on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of October at 7pm at St Margaret's, chaired by Fr Nick Shutt.*

# English Rose Funerals

*Our Family  
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**Ph: 8327 1091**

4 Patapinda Rd, Old Noarlunga

## PAUSE FOR THOUGHT...

I think that maybe  
I will be a little surer  
of being a little nearer.  
That's all. Eternity  
is in the understanding  
that that little is more than enough.

R.S.Thomas

Each day forces us  
To totter on planks we hope  
Will become bridges.

Kevin Hart

(Thank you Philip Carter)

## October is Bush Church Aid Box Month!



Hand boxes to your Wardens  
or contact Anne Lear 8556 5520.  
Vivienne Bleby will speak about BCA  
at the Combined Service on Sunday  
the 16<sup>th</sup> of November at St Margaret's.

## Where one or two are gathered...

A farmer came to Evensong and discovered that he and the  
new priest were the only ones there.

"What shall we do?" asked the new priest.

"Well," replied the farmer, "if I go to feed my sheep and only  
one turns up, I feeds her."

So the priest began the service.

After four hymns, two sung canticles, a sung psalm, two  
readings and prayers for everything under the sun, as well as  
a twenty minute sermon, the service ended.

"So, how did I go?" the young priest asked the farmer.

"Well," was the reply, "if I goes to feed my sheep and only  
one turns up, I feeds her, but I don't give her the whole bag  
full!"

Thank you Tristan Simon

People with news of events past or future to share with the rest of the  
Pastoral District, please contact the Editor, Anne Chittleborough, at 23  
Esplanade, Pt Willunga 5173, ph 8556 5078 or email  
machit5@bigpond.com.au, preferably by the 15<sup>th</sup> October. Please notify  
me if you want to avoid being mentioned in this newsletter—Ed.

## Southern Vales Pastoral District

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Email sanderwt@bigpond.com

*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>

### To contact your church wardens:

**St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga**

Bob Smith 0424 121 954

Stephen Wells 8326 7114

**St Margaret's, McLaren Vale**

Julia Drought 7009 7705

Greg John 8325 0277

**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**

*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 the 16<sup>th</sup> of November the only  
service will be at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale, to  
celebrate St Margaret's Patronal Festival.*

**Visiting speaker Vivienne Bleby from BCA.  
Shared luncheon to follow.**