

June 2015

The Grapevine

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

*Proclaiming Christ
In word and action*

***I am the vine;
you are the
branches***

(John 16:5)

*A spectacular vine was
provided by Michael
Drought for the May
Family Service at St
Ann's (see p. 6)*

Synod, May 29-30th, 2015

Woodcroft College, for the second year in succession, proved an excellent venue in facilities (apart from the Friday pm parking!) and sustenance and musical welcome from some from their students. Proceedings were basically interspersed between sections of an extended Eucharist presided over by Bp John. This Eucharist began 4 pm Friday afternoon and concluded just after midday on Saturday. Business motions were dealt with on Friday and raised a few questions but no contentious ones. On Saturday morning standing orders were suspended enabling Bishop John to invite observers to join in the small group contemplation and discussion sessions.

This led to the key motion which was put and passed without dissent, it reads "That this synod encourages the Diocesan Council and every Parish and Pastoral District to work with the bishop in all areas of his Mission Action Plan **To Walk the Way of Holiness**. And requests the Diocesan Council to bring back to Synod next year proposals for a restructuring of our common life which reflect our desire to grow the Church".

Southern Vales was represented by Brian McMillan, Ted Sandercock, and Bill Cale, who substituted for Julia Drought. (And informally represented by Greg John as organist and "dinner time" pianist).

Bill Cale



Our Synod representatives this year, (L-R) Bill Cale, Brian McMillan and Ted Sandercock. Bill presented a powerpoint display on our Advent outreach programme. Photo: M Cale

Safer ministry - a reminder !

Training for anyone who holds a licence as a bishop, priest and deacon or has a pastoral assistant's permission, also those ministering to children, the elderly and the vulnerable, official hospital and home visitors, all choir directors, adult servers, churchwardens and paid op shop managers.

Full Day Seminar for NEW participants

St Margaret's , Saturday 13th June 9.00am –4 pm

Morning and afternoon tea provided. BYO lunch.

Three Hour Refresher Courses

for those who attended the safer ministry seminars 3 years ago,

St Margaret's , Sunday 14th June at 1.00pm

Willunga Almond Blossom Festival 2014

The Pastoral District of Southern Vales will run its traditional stall in the Willunga Show Hall from 10 am – 2.30 pm Monday 27th to Wednesday 29th July. This is a shared Pastoral District fundraiser.

Your contributions of saleable items would be welcomed. Best sellers include: biscuits, cakes, slices, jams, chutneys, sauces and fresh produce. Please seal biscuits in either snap lock plastic bags or cello bags. All cakes and slices to be well sealed in bags or plastic wrap and, preferably, priced, and all items labelled with ingredients listed. Handcrafted and knitted items welcome, but no plants please.

Monday the 27th of July St Margaret's

Tuesday the 28th of July St Ann's

Wednesday the 29th of July St Philip & St James' & St Stephen's



June

- Mon 1st** MU DVD Day, St Nicholas 10 am – Lunch
Yacca landcare group visit to St Ann's 4-5 pm
- Tues 2nd** Friends of St Ann's 7 pm (note changed day)
Enquiries: Trish Frith 8556 2604
- Sat 6th** Pastoral District Council
- Sun 7th** Family Service at St Ann's
Theme: "Who is my family?"
Gold Coin Collection for schools ministry
Cakeless & Bakeless Cake Stall, all churches
(see next column)
- Tues 9th** St Margaret's Guild 1.30 pm
Enquiries: Trish 8556 2604
- Thurs 11th** BARNABAS
Colton Court Singers 10.30-11.30 am
Enquiries: Sue MacKirdy 8556 5162
Diocesan Council
- Sat 13th** Full day Safer Ministry seminar, St Margaret's,
9 am- 4 pm (see opposite page)
- Sun 14th** Safer Ministry refresher course St Margaret's, 1-4 pm
Cakeless & Bakeless Cake Stall, all churches
- Mon 15th** Galilee School history visit to St Ann's
- Wed 24th** BIRTH OF JOHN the BAPTIST
- Fri 26th** Family Tea at St Ann's (see next column)
- Mon 29th** PETER & PAUL

July

- Wed 1st** The COMING of the LIGHT (Torres Strait)
- Fri 3rd** THOMAS
- Sun 5th** Family Service at St Ann's
Gold Coin Collection for schools ministry
Mal MacCallum (ABM): "Why reconciliation?
What's it to do with me?" (see p. 8)
- Mon 6th** Mothers' Union St Ann's 9.30 am. Coffee & chat
Enquiries: Trish 8556 2604
- Tues 7th** Friends of St Ann's 7 pm
- Thurs 9th** Colton Court Singers
- Sat 11th-12th** Diocesan Ordinations (see p. 4)
- Sun 12th** ac.care Sunday
- Tues 14th** St Margaret's Guild 1.30 pm
- Fri 17th** Quiz Night, St Ann's
- Wed 22nd** MARY MAGDALENE
- Fri 24th** Family Tea at St Ann's
- Sat 25th** JAMES
- Sun 26th** Start of Almond Blossom Festival
"Winter Warmers" Organ concert (next column)
- Mon 27th** St Margaret's Almond Blossom stall (opposite page)
- Tues 28th** St Ann's Almond Blossom Stall
- Wed 29th** SSPJ & St Stephen's Almond Blossom Stall

MAP's 5th Aim of Mission team, concerned with *safeguarding the integrity of creation and sustaining the life of the earth*, advises that they will soon be making available a survey form and some relevant recycling information in keeping with MAP5's Aim.

FAMILY SERVICE AT ST ANN'S,

Next on the 7th of June and 5th of July
An informal, family-friendly service.
Bring your friends– and their families!

CAKELESS, BAKELESS CAKE STALL



7th and 14th of June

in support of the
Aldinga Christian Care Centre
which has had its

government funding stopped.

To save you the hassle of baking, buying and
consuming all those calories we suggest you
place the equivalent cash in the "cake"
we provide. Please give generously.

Judith Wells and Wendy Sandercock (for the
M.A.P. Loving Service group)

"WHY RECONCILIATION?"

What's it to do with me?" (See p. 8)

NEXT FAMILY TEA

St Ann's Fri. 26th June, 6.30 pm

All welcome. Bring a friend!

Bring food to share, or just come!



\$10

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 17th July, St Ann's

6.30 for 7 pm.

Book a table of 8,
or come & join one.

*Enquiries: Pat Roper
8386 2470*

WINTER WARMERS

St Margaret's McLaren Vale
Sunday July 26th 2pm

"Music to warm your heart"

Guest organist David Heah,
The Fleurieu Singers
Clarinetist Peter Majoros

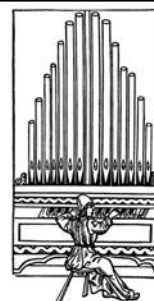
Program includes:

Bach's famous Toccata and Fugue in Dm
Excerpts from Mozart's Requiem

Adagio from Mozart's Clarinet Concerto
Four Favourite Hymns

and more.. including the famous Pearl Fishers'
Duet.

A Friends of the Greg Trott
Pipe Organ fundraiser.



\$10

From St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga



Thank you to Bob Smith for repairing the car park fence after its encounter with a runaway car and Rupert Best for removing a large shrub which was obscuring a grave and multiple olive trees in the south eastern part of the cemetery.

Sunday the 17th of May was Fr John Edwards' birthday which was celebrated at morning tea after our service with cup cakes made by Anne Chittleborough's granddaughter for St Ann's Jumble Sale. Fr John was accompanied by his wife Elaine which made it extra special.

Recently we have had two young girls, Sophie and Kirsten, join us on two Sundays. One comes from Sheidow Park and one from Reynella. Their

parents did not want to take them to church and now that they are old enough to drive, they decided to come to St Philip and St James'. We are truly delighted to have them with us.

As always, we thank Felicity and Sue for playing the organ, and Fr John Devenport and Fr John Edwards for regularly celebrating the Eucharist for us.

Di Best for Stephen Wells & Bob Smith, Wardens

Position Vacant Willunga High School

Schools Ministry Group and the Southern Vales Schools Ministry Support Group are seeking applications for this 9-12 hour per week position commencing Term 3, 2015. The role of Pastoral Care Worker at Willunga High School exists to provide a Chaplaincy service to students, staff and the school community, with a specific focus on delivering student well-being programs.

Details available from SMG on 8378 6800 or mail@smg.asn.au.

We dared to dream!

We rejoice in the coming ordinations to the ministry in our Diocese:

On the 11th of July Bruce Hicks (Victor Harbor), Daniel Irvine (Murraylands), Ian Jansse (Murraylands) and Des Ackland (Mount Gambier) will be ordained Deacon.

On the 12th of July Brenton Dick will be ordained to the priesthood, as will Andrew Forder on the 18th of October.

Bishop John's challenge to us to dream big dreams, including that of equipping the people of God— both lay and ordained— with skills, training and formation for ministry, is bearing fruit in many ways, including these ordinations.

June is designated as the month for support of the Ordination Candidates' Fund. Please give it your support.

THE BISHOP ARRIVES FOR PENTECOST...



If you have 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 Esplanade, Pt Willunga 5173, Ph 8556 5078 or email machit5@bigpond.com.au, preferably by 15th June.

Please notify the Editor if you wish to avoid the chance of being mentioned in this newsletter.

From St Stephen's, Willunga

Wendy and Ted represented the Pastoral District with a stall (R) at the **Discover Willunga Fair** on Sunday May the 3rd from 11.00 am. Packed up at 2.00 pm so we could attend the Conference Feedback session at St Margaret's. Thank you to Greg John & Peter Chapman for most ably representing the Pastoral District.

The **Ascension Evening service** was celebrated by Fr Dennis Eales and attended by 15 members of the Pastoral District. After the service 10 people ascended to the Willunga Hotel for a quite noisy dinner - much conversation from all parts of the table.



Photo: T Sandercock

The **Saturday Night Out** on May the 16th was a small event with 5 people. Several people were unable to come at the last minute due to family events or illness. However the conversation was most interesting. No Saturday Nights Out in June or July. The next event will be August the 15th.

There will be **no services at St Stephen's from June the 19th to July the 17th** while Ted & Wendy are holidaying in Darwin . Regulars have agreed to attend other Centres.

Ted accompanied Mr Geoff McKew to visit all the Centres on Wednesday May 13th, on behalf of the Diocesan Council, to view the buildings and grounds. This is being done so the Diocese has a better knowledge of what it owns and the state of the various properties.

The Vigil Mass is on a Saturday at 5.30 pm, if at any time you are unable to attend a Sunday Service. Refreshments afterwards with sherry & nibbles (cheese, dips and biscuits).

Jac Hocking & Ted Sandercock , Wardens



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After attending the "Leading Your Church into Growth" conference as representatives of our Pastoral District, Peter Chapman and Greg John shared some of their experiences with other parishioners on the 3rd of May. Their enthusiasm for the experience they had shared with representatives from around the diocese, under the leadership of Bishop John Ford and Fr Damien Feeney, was infectious. The conference had been holistic, affirming and encouraging, with an emphasis on growing the church.

Notebooks from the conference are available at each centre.

AC

From St Ann's, Aldinga

Warden Peter had to apply first aid when St Ann's shed roof blew off in a storm on the 9th of May. His son Michael later came and did the necessary repairs. Fortunately the items stored in the shed for the approaching jumble sale, although they suffered some dampness, were not damaged.



The **jumble sale**, held on a day of blessed sunshine, was a great success, making over \$1000. Some of our key organisers were away, so more than ever we were grateful to all those who contributed time and effort to the sale, from Thursday through to Saturday, including Di and Rupert Best from SSPJ and Helen and Greg Roberts from St Margaret's, whose helping hands were very much appreciated. As well as the traditional goods for sale, and the ever-popular sausage sizzle, the cake stall did a roaring trade, and Helen Davies' Devonshire teas, with elegantly set tables, provided rest and refreshment from the activity. We appreciate the fact that jumble sales are a chance for us to meet some of the local community and those passing through on their way south, and many of them are interested to see inside the church and ask about it. Several showed interest in our 150th anniversary in October.

The **Friends of St Ann's** meetings (successor to our former Guild) on Tuesday the 12th of May and the 2nd of June were again successful get-togethers to look at current issues and plan ahead. Pizzas provided by Darryl Martin in May and hot soup by Cath Davidson in June added a special touch. Thank you both. Meetings will be held in future on the **first Tuesday of the month**, 7 pm. All welcome.

(Photo: Tony Young helps serve the pizza.)

The team working on the **150th celebrations** is hard at work. More on this later, but it is planned that the main celebration will be a special service on the 4th of October, celebrated by Bishop John, followed by a lunch and a "Pleasant Sunday Afternoon" of music and readings. The final event for the month will be a Commemorative High Tea in the hall on the 25th of October.

Galilee School, the first to accept our invitation to a tour and history of St Ann's, will visit us on the 15th of June. The young Yacca landcare group has made a preliminary visit to look at possible landscape development of our grounds. More on this, too, later!



Our **Family Service** on the 3rd of May had as its theme "I am the vine; you are the branches." Michael Drought contributed a magnificent vine for the service (*see p. 1*). A number of people reflected on the various aspects of the vine and its growth, and Michael Drought demonstrated pruning the vine as a way to produce better fruit (*John 15:2*). Symbolising our connectedness to Christ, the congregation joined hands, all connecting, like branches, to the vine.

Our thanks to Julia for playing the organ and guitar.

Family services are held at St Ann's on the first Sunday of each month.

Anne Chittleborough for Peter Chapman & Pat Roper, Wardens



L-R: Michael Drought demonstrates pruning the vine, Eileen Binns reflects on roots; Victoria McKee and Heather Chapman with a cutting and soil; Anne Chittleborough, Zac McNee, Bethany and Matthew Hearn look at the "fruits" of the vine. (Background: Bill Cale, Heather Chapman.)

Photos: J Drought



From St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

Weeds have happily invaded all over St Margaret's property, and we are hopefully recruiting some younger parishioners to use some muscle and skill to tackle this seasonal problem. The decisions regarding trees and pruning have been finalised and work will be completed under supervision in the near future.

Bishop John and Fr Scott Moncrieff from St George's, Goodwood came and inspected St Margaret's. This was done to offer suggestions to modernise and tidy up our church to make the inside spaces more flexible, and Fr Scott has some expertise in this area. It was interesting to see our church through fresh eyes and encourage us to see what a newcomer would see. A copy of their report is on the pinboard near the entrance to church, for anyone wishing to read it.

Sincere thanks to those faithful priests who are keeping Holy Eucharist services going smoothly - Fr John Devenport and Fr John Edwards.

Thankyou to those who are helping to stock the Aldinga Care Centre with groceries. It is very much appreciated, so please continue this important support, as government funding to this service has been cut. Keep up your wonderful support!

Julia Drought and Greg John, Wardens.

Lurline Coombe, R J P



Lurline and her husband Fred were faithful worshippers at St Ann's for many years before failing health meant their move away. A member of the Mothers' Union, and selfdesignated "tea-lady of the Guild", Lurline was quietly and gently supportive of us all, and a much loved member of the congregation. She finally lost her fourteen years' battle with cancer on the 20th of May and her funeral was held on the 27th May, followed by refreshments in the hall.



Granny Annie's has fluctuating attendance these days, with the Graham family all involved with school, Ali and Erin back in Ireland and

Margaret Cameron unable to attend with her arm in plaster after a fall, but there is always a warm welcome, a cuppa and raisin toast for anyone who comes, young or old. These young ladies had a wonderful morning blowing bubbles! *Granny Annie's is open on Thursday mornings, 9-11.30 am. Everyone welcome. Do drop in!*

Rose pruning season is almost upon us, and the "Prickle Team" (Trish, Victoria and Bill) are preparing tools.

Ready to go from the last weekend in June.

\$20 an hour; proceeds to support Southern Vales Pastoral District activities.

Just call Trish: 8556 2604



"Think on these things..."

10 reasons why I never wash

1. I was forced to as a child.
2. People who wash are hypocrites -- they think they are cleaner than everybody else.
3. There are so many different kinds of soap, I can't decide which one is best.
4. I used to wash, but I got bored and stopped.
5. I wash only on special occasions, like Christmas and Easter.
6. None of my friends wash.
7. I'll start washing when I get older and dirtier.
8. I can't spare the time.
9. The bathroom is never warm enough in winter or cool enough in summer.
10. People who make soap are only after your money.

As there was no Pastoral District Council meeting in May, look for "News from Pastoral District Council" in the July issue of The Grapevine.

English Rose Funerals

inc Southern Memorials for Plaques & Headstones

*Serving the South
Based in Old Noarlunga*



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"Why reconciliation? What's it to do with me?"

Sunday 5th of July, 1.30 pm
Seaford Ecumenical Mission
followed by afternoon tea

Relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians have led in many cases over the years to tragic consequences.

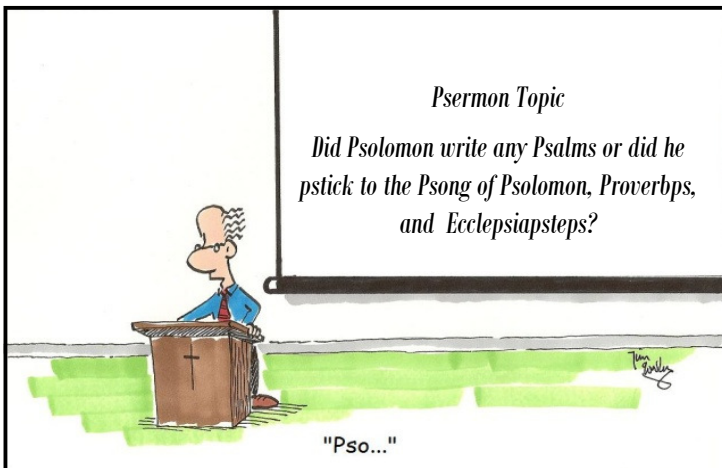
What is the situation today?
Where to now?

Meet Malcolm McCallum

Mal's role with ABM has a national focus across the Anglican Church of Australia. He spends much of his time travelling to where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are in ministry roles in both urban and isolated locations, to encourage and support them. In addition he assists the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council.



A Diocesan awareness event offered by the M.A.P. Group:
"Seeking to Transform Unjust Structures"



Tim Walburg cartoon (used with permission)

Southern Vales Pastoral District

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The Parish Office is not regularly attended but messages can be left on the message bank 08 8323 9155 and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Visit our website!

<http://www.southernvalesparish.org>

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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

(no services until July 17th)

**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

offering 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 5th August the only service in the Pastoral District will be at St Ann's, Aldinga, to celebrate their Patronal Festival