

July 2015



# The Grapevine

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



## ***St Margaret's forms a children's music group!***

With the help of Julia Drought and Elizabeth Abbott, the first meeting of a music group (below, L-R Rebecca, Annaliese & Christopher Tassie, dad Nick Tassie and Benjamin, and at the piano Alice & Timothy Dickinson) put together their accompaniment to "Jesus welcomes all the children". We look forward to hearing more from them!

*Enquiries: Julia 7009 7705*







The **Safer Ministry Course** and the refresher course the following day brought larger than expected numbers to St Margaret's on the weekend of the 13<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup> June, with 30 people for the full session and 44 for the update. Run by Linda Vinal, they provided the certification needed for continuing work with children and adults in our Diocese. With clergy and parishioners attending from a number of different parishes it was a chance to talk through issues from our various centres and also an occasion for catching up with old friends. Many thanks to St Margaret's for providing refreshments.



### ***Willunga Almond Blossom Festival 2015***

The Pastoral District of Southern Vales will run its traditional stall in the Willunga Show Hall from 10 am – 2.30 pm from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> July St Margaret's**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July St Ann's**

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July St Philip & St James' & St Stephen's**

***Please support your church's Almond Blossom stall!***

### ***St Ann's is open on Thursday mornings***

9—11.30 am 7 Stonehouse Lane, Aldinga,  
and "Granny Annie's" offers a friendly cuppa in the hall  
next door. Enquiries: 8556 5078

### ***Granny Annie's to continue***

A meeting of Granny Annie volunteers on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> discussed the fact that numbers had dropped and most visitors now were adults rather than children. Those coming included a few regulars, as well as visitors to the district, a man looking for a church that was open (only St Ann's was, apparently), visitors to the cemetery, people dropping in out of curiosity etc. It was felt that this serendipitous use did have a value, and Granny Annie's should continue to open on Thursday mornings. Children would of course always be welcome, especially in the holidays.

### **WINTER WARMERS**

**St Margaret's  
McLaren Vale  
Sunday July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm**

"Music to warm your heart"

Guest organist David Heah,

The Fleurieu Singers

Clarinetist Peter Majoros

*Program includes:*

*Bach's famous Toccata and Fugue in D minor*

*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  
(see p. 10).*



Friends of the Greg Trott Pipe Organ Assoc. Inc.

**\$10**

## July

Wed 1<sup>st</sup>

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup>

Sun 5<sup>th</sup>

The COMING of the LIGHT (Torres Strait)

THOMAS

Family Service at St Ann's 9 am

Gold Coin Collection for Schools Ministry

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

(see next column)

Mon 6<sup>th</sup>

Tues 7<sup>th</sup>

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup>

Sat 11<sup>th</sup>

Mothers' Union St Ann's at 9.30 am. Coffee and Chat

Friends of St Ann's 7 pm

Colton Court Singers 10.30—11.30 am

Diocesan Ordination: Bruce Hicks, Ian Jansse,

Des Ackland at Tyndale College, Murray Bridge

Sun 12<sup>th</sup>

Tues 14<sup>th</sup>

Fri 17<sup>th</sup>

Sat 18<sup>th</sup>

Tues 21<sup>st</sup>

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>

Fri 24<sup>th</sup>

Sat 25<sup>th</sup>

Sun 26<sup>th</sup>

Ordination: Brenton Dick at Keith

St Margaret's Guild 1.30 pm

Quiz Night, St Ann's (see next column)

Services resume at St Stephen's

Pastoral District Council, St Margaret's, 7 pm

MARY MAGDALENE

Family Tea at St Ann's (next column)

JAMES

Start of Almond Blossom Festival (see opposite page)

"Winter Warmers" organ concert, St Margaret's, 2 pm

Mon 27<sup>th</sup>

Tues 28<sup>th</sup>

Wed 29<sup>th</sup>

St Margaret's Almond Blossom stall

St Ann's Almond Blossom Stall

SSPJ & St Stephen's Almond Blossom Stall

## August

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup>

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup>

Tues 4<sup>th</sup>

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup>

Fri 7<sup>th</sup>

Tues 11<sup>th</sup>

Thurs 13<sup>th</sup>

Sat 15<sup>th</sup>

Sun 16<sup>th</sup>

Mon 24<sup>th</sup>

Fri 28<sup>th</sup>

St Ann's PATRONAL FESTIVAL (see next column)

Gold Coin Collection for Schools Ministry

MU: Making books for the elderly St Nicholas, 9.30 am

Friends of St Ann's 7 pm

TRANSFIGURATION

Diocesan Council

Mary Sumner Day: MU at St Saviour's, Glen Osmond

St Margaret's Guild

Colton Court Singers

MARY, Mother of our Lord

Saturday Night Out

Interment of Elizabeth Blades' ashes, St Ann's after the 9 am Eucharist.

BARTHOLOMEW

Family Tea at St Ann's

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

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

## "Why Reconciliation?"

### What's it to do with me?"

ABM's Mal McCallum

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?

5<sup>th</sup> July, 1.30 pm

Seaford Ecumenical Centre,

followed by afternoon tea.

(A Diocesan event sponsored by the Southern Vales MAP 4<sup>th</sup> Aim Group.)

## Friends of St Ann's

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 7 pm

Port, Pistachios & Planning



## QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

St Ann's 6.30 for 7 pm



## "Warming up winter!"

Prize for the best (warm) dressed! BYO drinks, glasses & nibbles. Tea & coffee provided. Door prize; raffle.

Bring a table of 8

or come & join one.

Bookings: Cath 8556 5661

\$10

## Family Tea at St Ann's

Next on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July, 6.30 pm for 7

Informal—a relaxing night out.

Bring food to share—or just come, and why not bring a friend?

## St Ann's Patronal Festival

A Family Service & Eucharist

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August

10 am

Celebrant: Fr Jeff Oake

Stay for soup & crusty bread afterwards.



## ***News from St Margaret's, McLaren Vale***

Our trees have been trimmed. Thanks to Tom and Michael Drought for removing four very large ute-fulls of prunings.

A group is being formed for implementing changes suggested by Bishop John and his adviser, the Rev'd Scott Moncrieff, and is being led by Greg John.

A new children's music group had its first meeting on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> June, with food and drink to follow. There are 12 interested children!! (See p. 1) Involved are Jac Hocking, Rosemary Nairn, Elizabeth Abbott, Julia Drought and possibly Greg John.

Our thanks to the Rev'ds John Edwards and Ian Young for celebrating the Holy Eucharist at St Margaret's.

Fr Ian Young baptised Sophie Pascoe (R, with parents Bradley and Alyse Pascoe) at St Margaret's on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June, before Sophie flew to Melbourne on the Tuesday for heart surgery. With the baptism requested urgently and at short notice because of the impending surgery, it was all systems "go". The font having been temporarily removed for safety reasons added a frisson of challenge to the mix! Julia's crystal bowl on a flower pedestal did the trick, Michael calligraphied early morning baptismal certificates, Fran dug out the appropriate orders of service, Sr Beverly dashed home to collect a baptismal candle and the hymns chosen matched the events perfectly.....a collaborative effort!!

Good and Godly things are happening! *Julia Drought, Warden*



*(Photo: J Drought)*

## **Rose pruning season is here again!**

Trish and her "Prickle Team" are ready to go!

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

Call Trish: 8556 2604



*Photo:  
H Cook*

## ***Congratulations, Lee!***

Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> 2015 was a memorable day for Lee Edmeades who was presented with her 50+ years Certificate and Badge for Service to the Mothers' Union. Lee was admitted to the Mothers' Union at All Souls St Peter's by the Rev'd Laurie Jupp before moving to Colonel Light Gardens. She was treasurer in both branches. She continued at Southern Vales once she moved to McLaren Vale.

The presentation was made during the service at St Nicholas' Seaford where Fr David Smith was preaching. His wife Eileen is the Diocesan President as well as the SA Provincial President, and she and Southern Vales President Trish Frith made the presentation ably. The congregation was swelled with Mothers' Union members from Southern Vales joining us for the service, after which the congregation enjoyed a shared lunch ending a beautiful morning.

*Helen Cook*

## ***News from St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga***

As the colder weather arrives, some members depart for warmer climes: Bob and Susan Smith are in the UK and will catch up with Fr Nick Shutt; Roger and Brenda Dew begin their nomadic tour to the warmth of Queensland.

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> of June was a special day when Fr Dennis celebrated the marriage of Rachael Ansell and William Holeyman - see photo taken by Bob Smith who reported that one of the flower girls had such a busy morning that she was asleep on arrival at the church and was carried in.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of June, Malcolm Richards called in to the church as he often does to keep an eye on it, and was interested to find three CFS units in the car park, not unusual for training on the cliffs behind the church, but this time for training a group of Tongan fire fighters.

By the way, thank you Malcolm for regularly bringing in the garbage bin on Mondays. We wish work permitted you to join us more often. We are indebted to all those who underpin our church with cleaning, maintenance, openings/closings for visitors.

It was absolutely delightful on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June to welcome Melanie, Derek, Annelies and Lisbette with young Julian, who is to be baptised by Fr John Edwards on the 5<sup>th</sup> of July.

Wallace Mausolf willingly welcomed a visit from the Pastoral Care worker of his previous primary school at Old Noarlunga who gave a report of their outreach activities. (*See CHESS SETS WANTED, below*)

Claire Baker, one of our organ experts, looked at our organ and fixed the pedal problem. There is also a relay problem and she is trying to get a wiring plan so she can fix it. Thank you Claire.

Many who are not able to make it to worship on Sundays are much loved and held in our hearts. We are always appreciative of our devoted priests Fr John Devenport and Fr John Edwards and organists Felicity and Sue who enrich our weekly worship. We especially wish Fr John Devenport much joy as he baptises his great grand daughter in a few weeks.



*Di Best and Stephen Wells (Warden)*



### **CHESS SETS WANTED**

In mid June, Wallace Mausolf had a visit and very pleasant chat with Chris Oxenham who is the Pastoral Care Worker at Old Noarlunga Primary School.

The school is starting up a Chess Club and would be very grateful for donations of chess sets. Contact Di Best on 83862052 or 0439862052 if you can help and she could collect from you.



"Great message on the church needing to change with the times. For a minute there I thought you were talking about *our* church!"

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## News from St Ann's, Aldinga



Our **Family Services** are continuing to be held on the first Sunday of each month using a simplified and user friendly format. The June service, with the theme Jesus' words, "Who is my family?", provided an opportunity to explore, with Brian McMillan, what constitutes a family—our own family, extended family, belonging to a family with its support and responsibilities, and of course the family of Jesus. The Elliott family made a collage of faces to indicate the extent of the membership

of Jesus' family of followers.

Our **May Family Tea** was a jolly occasion. Pat was coerced into an impromptu sharing of her time in the UK. All were very interested in hearing about their own favourite parts of the Old Country with much reminiscing happening. Of course hearing about Nick and Corinne's home turf and what we shared together was high on the agenda also.

Our **Friends of St Ann's group** is continuing to be well attended



with the additional support in keeping things rolling—gratifying for the church as a whole and a welcome relief for the old Guild. Night meetings, and having meetings open to both men and women are bringing in fresh ideas and greater ownership of what and who we are.

One of our sub-teams has been a group who organised the **visits to the church and cemetery of one hundred school children from the Galilee School** on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May. This was an initiative of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St Ann's planning group. It was a highly successful day for all. After meeting in the hall and leading children into the way

*Above; Tony Duncan and Pat Roper introduce the day's event. R: Brian McMillan's organ music was much appreciated. Next page: Trish Frith, staff & students explore the cemetery.*

life was lived 150 years ago, the children were divided into two groups to learn about the old church and who lies in the cemetery. Worksheets were provided to guide this learning. The groups then swapped over venues before having a concluding session and walking back to their school.

We are always very conscious of the amount of work that happens behind the scenes in and  
(con't next page)



## News from St Stephen's, Willunga

In the absence of the Sandercocks there are no services being held at St Stephen's until the 18<sup>th</sup> of July. (Regulars agreed to attend other centres.) From the 18<sup>th</sup>, the Vigil Mass will once again be held on Saturdays at 5.30 pm, with refreshments afterwards (sherry, cheese, dips and biscuits).

Anne Pearce (who is related to the Hill family) has sent two photos of the laying of the foundation stone of the old Parish Hall at the rear of St Stephen's in 1924. The hall was pulled down in 1983 and its removal provided the impetus for acquiring the Sunday School Room at St Margaret's.

Ted accompanied Mr Geoff McKew to visit all the centres on Wednesday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 state of the various properties.

Hudson Mills, Son of David and Kylie, was baptized by Fr Paul Devenport on Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> at the 5.30 pm Service (see photo below).

*Ted Sandercock & Jac Hocking,*

## Jill Waite, R. J. P.



Jill Waite has been a member of our church family for some years since moving from Aberfoyle Park to a house at Sellicks Beach with her friend Barbara Walter.

Jill was an inspiring Senior Maths teacher at Unley High (32 years), Blackwood High and Millicent High before retiring in about 1995 and taking on Kumon one-on-one teaching. Since moving to Sellicks she has been a regular

attendee with Barbara at St Ann's events and Bible Studies, and will be very much missed.



Fr Paul Devenport , Kylie, Hudson and David Mills at Hudson's baptism. (Photo: H Devenport)

## Cont'd...



around our church. It was decided to resurrect an old Martin Chittleborough idea of the **Chocolate Frog award**, and the first one since the building of the hall went to our friend and curator of the cemetery, Bill Jeanes. Bill devotes many hours with his little team of helpers but also on his own in keeping the cemetery in A1 condition. Many thanks, Bill. We all appreciate its pristine appearance.

We are grateful to Darren Scaresbrook for the time and effort he put into improving our sound system, without charge. It is greatly improved. We are investigating upgrading (and legalizing!) our PA system.

We look forward to contemporary paintings by local artist John Freeman being hung in the church during SALA (South Australian Living Artists) month. John has also offered to speak about his work.

We helped Lindsay Monteath lay to rest her mother Beatrice (Betty) alongside her father after a **funeral service** in the church. This was followed by afternoon tea in the hall. We wish her every blessing.

We have had our usual exodus of people travelling both to warmer climes over winter and also for family reasons. We wish all well and safe journeying.

Our thanks to Fr John Edwards for conducting our services; also to Peter Chapman for leading us in Prayer, Praise & Proclamation.

*Pat Roper, Warden*



**Have you taken any photos you could contribute to a 2016 Pastoral District calendar?**

Photos of our parish life or of our beautiful surrounds, (digitised or prints) of a suitable quality to enlarge to A4 size. Please contact Anne Chittleborough (8556 5078 or machit5@bigpond.com) before the 19<sup>th</sup> of July so we can start early and get an early bird discount on the printing.



**Cakeless, bakeless...**

A "cakeless, bakeless cake stall" was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of June to raise money for the Christian Care and Support Centre, which has had its government funding cut just at a time when the demand for its assistance is greater than ever. Donations were collected in huge and colourful "cakes" made by Alice, Timothy and Patience Dickinson. A total of nearly \$400 was raised.

*Photo: Margaret Cameron adds her donation to the "cake".*



*Jean and Colin Griffen will both be 90 this year and will be celebrating their birthdays at the McLaren Vale RSL on Sunday afternoon August 9<sup>th</sup>. Afternoon tea—food and drinks—will be provided. They would love to see old friends. Don't bring anything. No Gifts.*

**Used stamps** (a word from ABM)

*Your used and mint postage stamps are valuable to ABM because we can use them to help fund mission. Please trim used stamps with a 1 cm border around them.*



We have been advised that the Community Passenger Network Vehicle and a fully trained volunteer driver will be available every Thursday from the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 2015 to provide short term transport or shopping support where there is no other option available. To discuss availability or to book a Service, contact City of Onkaparinga Community Transport on 1300 365 729.



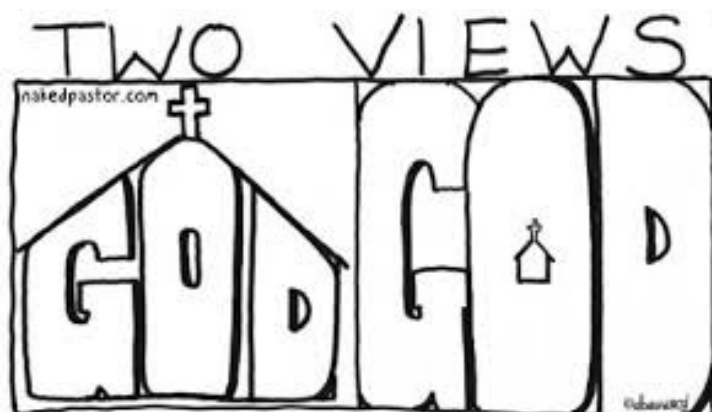
*A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing, occasionally walking around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.*

*The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."*

*The teacher queried, "But no one knows what God looks like."*

*Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute!"*

*...And an image for grown-ups to think about...*





## News from Pastoral District Council

The meeting this month, held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June, was chaired by Ted Sandercock. Matters discussed included the following (other matters appear elsewhere in this issue):

### Mission Action Plan

A meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May had been productive. A report is enclosed in this issue of *The Grapevine*. PDC endorsed the M.A.P. team's request to endorse Pastoral District action on **Clean Up Australia Day 2016**.

**Envelope Recorder:** Jay Dickinson is now working on recording stewardship envelopes. Jay is a busy mother of three and is also studying, so her effort is much appreciated.

**PD Directory:** Still in hand. A pdf version is being considered to accompany the printed version, and the Secretary would like to hear from people interested in having this.

**Pastoral Visiting Team:** Bob Smith does home visits, as do Trish Frith, Ted Sandercock and Greg Roberts who also offer home communions.

**Synod:** Ted Sandercock reported that the whole Synod was a Eucharistic service, with business slotted in at appropriate places. Bp John had announced that Diocesan Council will consider the matter of women deacons.

**St Nicholas', Seaford:** Ted Sandercock, Greg John & Di Best had met with the St Nicholas' Council (Seaford Ecumenical Centre) on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May and had talked about matters relating to the joining of the two pastoral districts.

**Ordination Candidates appeal:** June was OCF month, and the 21<sup>st</sup> of June was decided for Ordination Candidates Sunday. The target this year is \$650. It is encouraging that four deacons and a priest are being ordained this year. A suggestion was made that a Utube video be made to show in church of OCF students talking about their studies.

### Financial Report

April 2015	\$	Overall finances to April 2015	\$
Nett monthly income	6,454	Income	25,416 (Budgeted \$28,880)
Monthly expenditure	3,940 (without stipend)	Expenditure	20,237 (Budgeted \$21,585)
Surplus for month	2,513	Surplus	5,179 (Budgeted \$7,295)
Missions	274	Total donations to missions	1,359

Margaret Cale, retired Treasurer, reported that the income YTD was approx. \$3,500 below the budgeted figure. Our diocesan assessment includes \$1,200 from last year, assessed on our Guild and R&M accounts. Approximately \$2,000 will be recovered from purchase of our projection equipment.

A new **Integrated Accounting System (IAS)** is being set up for the diocese. The new Southern Suburbs Pastoral District (formerly the Pastoral Districts and parishes of Morphett Vale, Happy Valley, O'Halloran Hill & Christies Beach), and the parish of Goolwa/Port Elliot are already using it.

**Absences:** Ted and Wendy would be away from the 19<sup>th</sup> June to the 17<sup>th</sup> July and arrangements had been made for handling any issues arising.

**Home Communion Set:** Anne Chittleborough had donated a set which had belonged to Fr Martin, and before him to his father, Fr Colin Chittleborough.

**Suggested changes to St Margaret's:** Bishop John, together with Fr Scott Moncreiff who is experienced in church decor, had made some suggested improvements including removal of some surplus furniture, and also of the font which was unstable on the floor and a safety issue. The full report is available at the back of the church.

**Interment area at St Margaret's:** John Carroll to be recommended to the Diocese, which appoints curators, as Curator of the St Margaret's interment area.

*Next meeting: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 7 pm St Margaret's*

# English Rose Funerals

inc Southern Memorials for Plaques & Headstones

*Serving the South  
Based in Old Noarlunga*



**8327 1091** 24hr

The **Friends of the Greg Trott Pipe Organ** are working to rebuild the 30 rank, 3 manual Dodd pipe organ from Crafers Church of the Epiphany. The console, crafted from the late winemaker Greg Trott's collection of Karri and Jarrah wine casks, is currently located and being used for worship

in St Margaret's Church, McLaren Vale. The church is too small to accommodate the pipes, but the console has been re-wired, computerised and amplified to operate as a "virtual" pipe organ.



*Friends of the Greg Trott Pipe Organ Assoc. Inc.*

Donations to the Greg Trott Organ Fund are tax-deductable.

For further information contact:

Brian McMillan  
PO Box 511  
Willunga SA 5172 or mail: [bmcmill@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bmcmill@bigpond.net.au)

Hear the Greg Trott Organ at the "Winter Warmers" concert at St Margaret's on Sunday July 26<sup>th</sup> (see p. 3)

## FOR SALE

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## 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*

**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

Jac Hocking 8383 7496

**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**

(but no services 4<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> July)

**St Philip & St James, Church Hill Rd,  
Old Noarlunga**

**Sunday: Holy Eucharist: 8.45 am.**

**St Ann's, 7 Stonehouse Lane, Aldinga**

**Sunday: Holy Eucharist: 9 am**

**with children's lessons and activities.**

**First Sunday of the month:**

**informal family-friendly service, 9 am.**

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> August** the only service will be at St Ann's Aldinga, to celebrate their Patronal Festival (see p. 3). It will be a Family Service and Eucharist.*



## Southern Vales Environment Questionnaire

As part of the district's outreach MAP and self-assessment process, we have been looking at matters that effect our environment. We would be grateful for a moment of your time to consider the following topics.

### 1. Fair Trade

Are you aware of Fair Trade items on Supermarket shelves? Yes/No

Do you use Fair Trade items such as Coffee and Tea Yes/No

If Yes, how regularly do you use them? .....

If No, why not? .....

Do you think they should be used in church gatherings? Yes/No

Any comments on Fair Trade products? .....

.....

### 2. Recycling

Do you consider yourself an effective recycler at home? Yes/No

Do you recycle food scraps? Yes/No

Do you always try to recycle glass, paper and plastic? Yes/No

Would you be willing consider donating your refund bottles and cans to a church bottle bank with funds to be used by the church? Yes/No

Is there anything more the church should do to promote recycling? If so,

what? .....

### 3. Local environment

Can our church community do any more to improve its outlook within the local area? .....

**Please return to your Wardens when completed. Thank You**

## **THE ENVIRONMENTAL CAUSE**

In our Mission Action Plan (MAP) 2015 the 5<sup>th</sup> 'Mark of Mission' is "To strive to safeguard the integrity of Creation and sustain the life of the Earth".

Interestingly its importance has just recently been highlighted by the release of Pope Francis's encyclical on the Environment resulting in some "guardedly positive" comments. Over a decade ago the National Council of Churches in Australia issued a statement titled "Sustaining Creation" in which it urged Commonwealth and State governments and the community at large to respond to the needs of our deteriorating world. Some of the key statements it made were:-

- "The environment is one of the key issues of our time. We believe that Christian faith can and should be a major force for change towards sustainable development, sustainable communities, and a healthy environment."
- "We desperately need a change of spirit and attitude. Sustainable development is one of the most urgent moral tasks of our time."
- "Development is not sustainable if it steals from present and future generations"
- "Poverty and environmental degradation are interwoven, and it is the poor who suffer most from this degradation."
- "Sustainable development cannot be defined in economic terms alone, but must begin in a commitment to care for the poor, the marginalised, and the voiceless. We seek a sustainable community."

The statement then lists requests for government actions on what it sees as urgent matters, perhaps not surprisingly the responses since then have been minimal. Whether the Pope's encyclical will lead to better ones is open to question given governments' (of all persuasions it seems) worship of GDP and the imperative of retaining power by avoiding any farsighted environmental agenda involving temporary "pain".

With regard to the whole community the National Council of Churches encourages us:-

- "To act consistently in ways that affirm the intrinsic worth of the whole Creation, recognising that all its resources are entrusted to human beings to be handed on responsibly and faithfully to future generations"
- "To demonstrate simplicity of lifestyle rather than over-consumption and greed"
- "To be thoughtful about the use of resources in all places where we live, work, and relax, especially in regard to the use of recyclable goods and the disposal of refuse"

These statements support our MAP "strivings" for an environment we can faithfully "pass on".

It would be much appreciated if you could complete the questionnaire overleaf and give to your wardens. They will have available copies of the latest version of Onkaparinga Council's "Household Recycling and Disposal Guide" for you. Some of you already collect 10c deposit items as fund raising and we will over time provide you with a wider list of materials that have cash value and establish a handling system.

Bill Cale

MAP 5 Team



## Pastoral District of Southern Vales Mission Action Report June 2015

Reports from the groups can be summarised as follows (full reports available from Group leaders):

**Aim 1** *To proclaim the good news of the Kingdom* (Pat Roper, Margaret Cale, Barbara Walter, Jac Hocking)

**Goal 1:** a new “brand” logo should incorporate a cross, representation of the area, and focus on people rather than buildings.

The website needed an overhaul

Our Facebook needed to be taken over and modernised - someone young?

Texting and email messaging in addition to traditional means of communication – email addresses and phone numbers needed to be collected.

**Goal 2:** We will have closed the gap in our deficit by 25%

A solid ongoing stewardship approach needed: “Spring Clean your Giving”, with an outside speaker.

An *encouraging* approach.

Giving to the Christian Community Centre should be additional to, not instead of, regular giving.

**Goal 3:** A team trained, resourced & equipped to start delivering a monthly service July 2015 in two of our churches.

Good progress made already. The service must be acceptable to all, not just children & families

Need to look at better ways of marketing/advertising, and consider whether other times would be more suitable for families. A pet service or similar would provide an opportunity for this.

Pat has collected information from baptismal records. Need to work with Aim 2 to stay in touch and encourage those who come for baptism/confirmation.

Seaford should be invited to share a service with us, and may have expertise to offer

**Aim 2** *To teach, baptise and nurture new believers* (Peter Chapman, Ted Sandercock ) The question was raised whether this aim was so basic to the Mission Action Plan that it could in fact be merged with Aims 1 and 3 instead of standing alone.

**Aim 3** *To respond to human need by loving service* (Wendy Sandercock, Trish Frith, Anne Lear (in some cases), Elizabeth Abbott, Wallace Mausolf, Judith Wells, Margaret Hooper)

**1. Supporting the Aldinga Christian Care & Support Centre**

\* Appeal for greater support had resulted in increased giving, with baskets, signage and a revised list of requirements. Donations in kind are blessed with the collection. Anne Lear had been invited to attend the group’s 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. SEM had joined the effort after seeing the paragraph in the *Grapevine*

\* A fund-raiser for the centre was a “no-bake cake stall” on 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> June across all centres which raised nearly \$400. Other fund-raising activities had been discussed.

**2. Support for the Schools Ministry:** In order to get an overview of what was needed, Wendy and Elizabeth Abbott had attended the SMG Annual General Meeting. Considering asking someone from the SMG to speak at services.

**3. Pastoral Care:** A Pastoral Care Group of Trish Frith, Greg Roberts, Bob Smith and Wendy Sandercock had been appointed by PDC for home visiting and home communions, with Ted Sandercock chairing until the appointment of a priest.

**Aim 4** *To seek to transform unjust structures of society* (Anne Chittleborough, Julia Drought, Jo Wilsen, Joan Lunn, Di Rickard)

After an initial brainstorm on the many injustice and unfairness issues that we live with in our society, the following issues were addressed for a start:

**1) Fair Trade.** An issue also relating to the fifth Aim, but injustices perpetrated to many in the tea and coffee trade also raised issues for our group. Goal: to promote interest in and commitment to purchasing Fair Trade products for our church supplies – and beyond. A gift of a packet of Fair Trade Tea was given to each of the centres that offer morning tea, as an encouragement and incentive to

use Fair Trade products. Success will be measured in the extent to which fair trade products are used and spoken of at parish morning teas and events.

Plans to promote fair trade products through Oxfam at Christmas time. If possible a stall held in the pastoral district.

## **2) Raising Consciousness on Australian Indigenous issues**

\* At the request of the group the ABLM Lenten appeal money not otherwise earmarked was sent to ABM's project to address the problem of Indigenous youth and child suicide in Northern Australia.

\* Plans to show the film *Bran Nue Dae* in Reconciliation Week (27<sup>th</sup> May-3<sup>rd</sup> June) raised copyright issues which we were not able to resolve in the time. However, the Reconciliation Co-ordinator of ABM was invited to speak on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30 pm at Seaford Ecumenical Centre: "Why Reconciliation? What's it to do with me?" At Bishop John's suggestion that it be a Diocesan event, invitations were issued to Anglican parishes in the dioceses of The Murray and Adelaide. Other SEM denominations are also invited.

\* Each church in our PD was asked to observe Recognition of Country in the service on the 31<sup>st</sup> May (Reconciliation Week), and to include in the intercessions a prayer written by a student at the Wontulp-bi-Buya theological College, Cairns. A request was also made that these two steps of recognition also be observed at the Synod.

**Aim 5: *To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and to sustain the life of the earth*** (Bill Cale, Gillian Clampett, Tony Duncan, John Carroll)

A very thoughtful report from the group included an audit on attitudes towards and involvement in Fair Trade and recycling, to be circulated as a supplement to *The Grapevine* and returned to the wardens, together with a statement on sustaining creation, by the National Council of Churches in Australia. These are to meet the need for background information on what are extensive and evocative subjects and to ground a response in Christian principles.

**1. Fair Trade:** a number of issues that need to be considered, such as competition between imports and local produce. For tea/coffee, possible taste testing, bulk purchase? A list of Oxfam prices had been obtained

**2. Recycling:** Some possible initial actions were suggested *re* recycling, including raising awareness, listing items that can be used to raise funds e.g. for mission (such as copper) and providing a collection service for them, and taking part in "Clean Up Australia" Day

The matter of a **Pastoral District Retreat** has also been discussed by the Action Team. Not yet resolved.

September to be a suitable time to hold it. Possibly only one night.

A communal kitchen. Not camp-style accommodation (age of those involved), and no stairs.

To be a review time as well.