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The Grapevine

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

*Proclaiming Christ
In word and action*

**Celebrate with the congregation of St Ann's :
150 years of worship at Aldinga.**

Built in 1865 (this photo is a mock-up, as we have discovered no photos of the church before the tower was added in 1906) the church has been a centre of worship ever since, barring a spell in the 1950s when it was closed for lack of repair and congregation.

In 2000 the congregation collected rocks from the ranges and working together built a hall for Sunday School and social activities.

Cut off from the rest of Aldinga by the realignment of South Road, St Ann's church nevertheless is alive and well, and in Jesus' name welcomes all comers.

The 10 am service on Sunday 4th October and the unveiling of the memorial plaque will be followed by a shared luncheon, and at 2 pm "A Pleasant Sunday Afternoon".

Tours of the church and cemetery will be offered on Sunday 18th October at 2, 3.15 and 4.30, and the month of celebration will conclude with a High Tea, with a musical accompaniment, on Sunday 25th October. (Tickets to this \$12.50; Bookings essential.)

We thank artist John Freeman for once again lending his wonderful paintings to St Ann's.



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



“Welcome to Your Church” Training Day

Following on from the “Leading Your Church Into Growth” conference
 A Southern Suburbs Pastoral District resource
St Aidan's, Homestead Drive, Aberfoyle Park
Saturday 17th October, 9.30-3 pm
\$10 includes manual, morning & afternoon tea (BYO lunch)
To book phone Carole Hawkins 0459 720 949 asap

The 2016 Pastoral District Contacts Booklet

(addresses, phone numbers and email addresses)
 will be available in mid October.

If you would like a pdf Digital version via email, please
 contact the PD Secretary 8556 4535.



Whose voices do we choose to “mute”?

We have a “mute” button on our TVs: in real life, whose voices do we choose to “mute” and not hear? The marginalised? Those who are different from us? The handicapped? Prisoners? The list could go on.
 The theme of the Family Service in September was listening—listening to the voices of all God’s people. Silent prayers written on “ears”, were blessed and offered symbolically to God’s listening ear.

The MAP 3 group is planning a Kyton's Christmas fundraiser in November.

Proceeds will go to Southern Vales Schools Ministry.
 Give yourselves a holiday from cooking cakes, puddings and mince pies this year and support a worthy cause!
Watch this space!

BCA Boxes are due in October!

Please hand to your wardens or phone Wendy (8556 4535) for collection.
 Donations support BCA’s ministry to remote places, including some in SA.

Four members of Southern Vales Pastoral District went to the Bush Church Aid Luncheon on the 25th of September and heard Bishop Anderson talk about ministry in the Northern Territory.



Your 2016 parish calendar is now available

\$15

*Order from your wardens or
 contact Anne Chittleborough
 8556 5078*

Photos of our parish life and the beautiful
 Fleurieu Peninsula
 A practical present for overseas mailing.

A Southern Vales Pastoral District fundraiser.

Are you in this photo?

October

- Sun 4th** **COMBINED SERVICE for St Ann's 150th**
(Family friendly service)
"A Pleasant Sunday Afternoon" concert, St Ann's 2 pm
Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers
Daylight saving begins
- Tues 6th** **Friends of St Ann's** 7 pm *Enquiries: Trish Frith 8556 2604*
- Thurs 8th** **Colton Court singers** 10.30-11.30 am
Enquiries: Sue MacKirdy 8556 5162
- Sat 10th** **Sausage Sizzle Quarry Market** 9 am – 1 pm
Enquiries: Ted Sandercock 8556 4535
- Mon 12th** **Mothers' Union** trip to Victor Harbor Christian Bookshop
Enquiries: Trish Frith 8556 2604
- Tues 13th** **St Margaret's Guild** 1.30 pm
Enquiries: Fran Pettigrew 8323 9366
- Sat 17th** **'Welcome to Your Church' Diocesan Training Day**
Aberfoyle Park 9.30 am -3 pm (*opposite page*)
Saturday Night Out, Willunga 7 pm (*next column*)
- Sun 18th** **LUKE**
Church and cemetery tours St Ann's, 2, 3.15, 4.30 pm
Ordination to the priesthood: Andrew Forder
- Tues 20th** **Pastoral District Council** 7 pm St Margaret's
- Wed 21st** **Pastoral Assistants' Meeting**, St Margaret's after 9 am HC
- Fri 23rd** **Family Tea at St Ann's** 6.30pm
Enquiries: Pat Roper 8386 2470
- Sun 25th** **Anniversary High Tea**, St Ann's 3-5 pm (*next column*)
- Wed 28th** **SIMON & JUDE**

November

- Sun 1st** **ALL SAINTS**
Family Service (*next column*)
Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers
- Mon 2nd** **ALL SOULS**
Mothers' Union Outing to SSPJ, Old Noarlunga 10 am
- Tues 3rd** **Friends of St Ann's** 7 pm
- Tues 10th** **St Margaret's Guild** 1.30 pm
- Wed 11th** **Remembrance Day**
- Thurs 12th** **Colton Court singers**
- Sat 14th** **Sausage Sizzle, Quarry Market**
- Sun 15th** **St Margaret's Patronal Festival COMBINED SERVICE** 10am
- Tues 17th** **Pastoral District Council meeting** 7 pm
- Sat 21st** **Jumble Sale**, St Ann's
Saturday Night Out, Willunga
- Sun 22nd** **CHRIST the KING**
- Fri 27th** **Advent Pageant, Aldinga** (*see p. 6*)
Family Tea at St Ann's
- Sun 29th** **ADVENT begins**
- Mon 30th** **ANDREW** *CPS: Christian Pastoral Support



Family Service

First Sunday of the month
An informal, family-friendly service.

Next on 1st November
at St Ann's 9 am and at
St Margaret's 10.30 am

Friends of St Ann's

Tuesday 6th October, 7 pm
Celebrate!



QUARRY MARKET SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Sat. 10th Oct, 14th Nov. 9 am to 1 pm

Help raise funds for schools' ministry.
Helpers wanted for 1 or 2 hours' assistance. Phone Ted 8556 4535

Saturday Night Out

Dinner at the Willunga Hotel
Saturday 17th October 7 pm
after St Stephen's 5.30 pm Vigil Mass.
Bookings 8556 4535

St Ann Tours of Church & Cemetery

Sunday 18th October
2, 3.15 & 4.40 pm
Enquiries: Anne Chittleborough
8556 5078

Family Tea at St Ann's

Next on **Friday 23rd Oct.**, 6.30 pm
Bring food to share—or just come!

High Tea

3—5 pm St Ann's
Sunday 25th October
with musical
accompaniment.
Concluding our 150th
celebrations.



Tickets \$12.50 from
Barbara Walter 8556 3550
Limited places: book early!



Assist the Anglican Board of Mission's Emergency Relief Programme for
flood victims in Myanmar: phone 1300 302 663 or email info@abm.asn.au

News from St Ann's, Aldinga

We have been privileged to have the generous help of both **Fr Jeff Oake** and **Fr John Edwards** enabling us to have regular Holy Communion services this month. Their time and enriching input through their homilies has been greatly valued.

We continue to receive encouraging feedback about our **family service**, the latest one being no exception. We were very pleased to have Jac Hocking join our planning session this time and have her input as well. The next planning session will be for the first Sunday in November and will include planning for St Margaret's first one as well. We look forward to having more interested folk from that centre join us as well, and to help planning with them on a date that suits us all.

This month's **Jumble Sale** was held in perfect weather and was a great success raising just over \$1300 after costs. We thank very sincerely all the folk who volunteered their time, goods, talents and energies making the preparation, running, and packing up at the end of the day such a smooth operation. It is not easy work but this time it seemed so much more manageable. There were too many helpers to name individuals, and to forget someone would be awful. However we can especially thank two couples from SSPJ who volunteered for the Saturday - Sue and Bob, and Di and Rupert. So true that many hands make light work! We are in it all together. What we raise helps meet St Ann's needs and also our Pastoral District's needs as well. Great work, all!

There is evolving a changing face to **Granny Annie's**. We have been happy to welcome a varying selection of adults. We enjoy our cuppas and raisin bread, chatting and also a range of different board games when the mood takes us. The open church has been welcomed also. It is good that we are meeting a need for some in this way.

On the 11th September we were pleased to meet a group of Year 9 students from Southern Vales Christian College who came for a church and cemetery tour (see p. 8).

150 years celebration preparations have been consuming a lot of time and energy. Invitations, plaque, catering planning, service planning with Bp John, general and special cleaning up of the church, hall, cemetery and gardens... The 4th October will be a busy day. There is no charge for anything on this day, and while we will be providing food for the luncheon we will still appreciate any finger food people bring to share as we have no idea how many will be attending. Afternoon tea will be provided after "A Pleasant Sunday Afternoon" of music in the church in the afternoon.

We are still holding our shared **Family Tea** in the hall on the 4th Friday each month and wish to remind people that this is a whole Pastoral District time for fellowship and relaxation, and all are welcome.

Pat Roper & Peter Chapman, Wardens

News from St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

The International Lunch (see opposite page) was very happy and successful. The decorations set the tone for sampling exotic fare from many different cultures. Sincere thanks to the guild for arranging this event and special thanks also to three representatives from the Little Sisters who helped set up, cooked, served and cleaned up. Jenny Perry, Lorraine Bishop and Margaret Waite. Thank you! Over \$879 was raised from this event.

Greg John has sprayed weeds around the Sunday school and church and Tom Drought will be supervising the Simon boys to assist with other gardening tasks.

Church attendance has averaged between 12 to 18 regulars.

Sincere thanks to cleaners, flower arrangers, collection counters, candlemaker and organists who so faithfully keep things ticking over smoothly. Thanks also to Fr John Edwards for continuing to take our services.

Greg John, Julia Drought, Wardens



We're always pleased to welcome visitors at Southern Vales, and visitors to St Ann's Family Service included travellers from Orange, and (top photo), Philip Bennett and Jane Ward talking to Margaret Hooper and Pat Roper. (Above) Wendy Young (centre) talking to Stephen Carthew and Julie Bennett.

International Luncheon at St Margaret's

At the International Luncheon at St Margaret's on Saturday 12th September the Sunday School room was decorated with exquisite Japanese hangings and decorations from countries including Indonesia and Papua New Guinea. Between courses Linda Sanders entertained the diners with a sing-along of popular songs from earlier days which were so catchy that Jack Warrington couldn't resist joining her. A spectacular variety of dishes from around the world was served by a hard-working kitchen team and served by Timothy and Patience Dickinson. Wine was provided by Pertaringa and DocAdams. A: *Fran Pettigrew & Wendy Sandercock*, B: *Paul Bell & Helen Blake*, C: *Some of the excellent "kitchen hands" Patience & Jay Dickinson, Margaret Waite and Jenny Perry*, D: *Judy Stirzaker & Gordon Prey*, E: *Bill & Kate Dollman with Ted Sandercock*, F: *Entertainer Linda Sanders, with Jack Warrington*, G: *Bill Cale, Lee Edmeades, Harry Francis, Bob Edmeades*.



Photos: AC

News from St Stephen's Willunga

The September Saturday Night Out was enjoyed by 11 people including a visitor, Jason, an Adelaide University post-grad student, visiting the Sandercocks.

The next Saturday Night Out will be October 17th at the Willunga Hotel after the 5.30 pm service. All are welcome to join the St Stephen's core group.

Warden Ted addressed Margaret Cale's Stewardship presentation to a congregation of 14!

The need to lop 2 or 3 branches of a gum tree that overhangs the Scott property next door is still to be addressed. It will involve some tree climbing or a vehicle.

Thanks to City of Onkaparinga for tidying up the fallen branches, timber and weeds around the toilet. Still a large tree trunk to be removed.

The driveway weeds need to be poisoned.

Do join us at the Vigil Mass on a Saturday at 5.30 pm. Refreshments afterwards with sherry & nibbles (cheese, dips and biscuits).

Jac Hocking & Ted Sandercock, Wardens

Chit-Chat: Speaking for Myself

A few people asked me last year if they could buy Martin Chittleborough's autobiography, *Chit-Chat: Speaking for Myself*. I didn't make a note of their names at the time. It has taken me until now to get around to printing more copies, but if anyone would still like one, do please let me know. \$30. *Anne Chittleborough*

ADVENT PAGEANT 2015

Calling for volunteers!

The schools' Pageant will be on the morning of Friday 27th November at Aldinga. Come to a meeting at St Ann's at 4 pm Wednesday 14th October and meet the team!

Enquiries: Anne Chittleborough

News from St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga

On the 6th of September Fr Dennis baptised Ava-Christina Tomazou. It was a delightful service with amused sounds from the congregation while the beautiful little baptismal candidate in traditional robe shared her feelings by lying on the floor with appropriate noises just before the big event. Fr Dennis accommodated the variation with ease and Ava-Christina regained her composure after removal of the gown and restoration of normal comforts. The family stayed to share morning tea and renewed their friendship with Fr Dennis and Mary who had previously baptised their children at Aberfoyle Park, hence their request for a repeat at St Philip and St James. We will have fond memories of the occasion.



Photo: D Best

We were delighted to welcome Malcolm Richards back on Sunday 13th September following his surgery to insert a defibrillator which, Malcolm tells us, sends messages back to the manufacturer in Europe in case adjustments are required. He is looking much stronger and we are proud of him.

A couple from Darwin called in after this service. They were passing, saw the church on the hill and came to see it, staying for morning tea. We do enjoy such an opportunity to welcome visitors.

Stephen Wells has removed dead branches and cuttings from the car park and Stephen and Rupert Best have sprayed weeds in the grounds and surrounds. Thank you.

Susan Smith is very capably filling the role of Judy Wells while Judy is enjoying the sights of the UK. Thank you Susan for keeping things running so smoothly.

Our usual thanks go to Felicity and Sue MacKirdy, for playing the organ, and Fr John Devenport and Fr John Edwards for celebrating the Eucharist for us.

Di Best for Stephen Wells and Bob Smith, Wardens

August 2015		Overall finances to August 2015	
	\$		\$
Nett monthly income	8,336	Income	52,933 (Budgeted \$61,190)
Monthly expenditure	4,461 (without stipend)	Expenditure	33,805 (Budgeted \$54,478)
Operating profit/loss	3,876	Operating profit/loss	19,127 (Budgeted \$6,712)
Missions	931	Total donations to missions	4,579

News from Pastoral District Council

Aim 1: To proclaim the good news of the kingdom

PD Website: Pat reported on the visit of the MAP Aim 1 group and two others to meet webmaster Glen Laundry. Agreeing that the current PD website needed upgrading, it is planned that the new site would have updated features including being “mobile friendly” and having a blog page for “posts”. It should be set up professionally (at a cost of approximately \$1000) but we would have the ability to update it for ourselves. Glen Laundry would train us to do this (at additional cost). Shirley Garfitt’s Bequest, which was for education and extension, could cover this cost. The next step is for us to work out what we want to include on the site.

Aim 3: To respond to human need by loving service

The Loving Service Group reported that the cake-less cake stall had raised over \$400, and that food and cash gifts for the **Christian Care Centre** were being generously continued. For the **Pastoral Support workers** in the schools, 2 chess sets had been donated to Chris Oxenham for Old Noarlunga Primary School, and some wool and knitting needles for Louise Fechner for Willunga High School. Both Chris and Louise were willing to speak at a service later in the year. The Group planned to arrange a morning tea for Willunga Primary teachers. Their **Pastoral Visiting** system had not yet advanced far but Greg Roberts had taken over Fr Paul’s work with Kalyra and Colton Court.

They reported that their aim of **exploring authorised ministry** in the church had not developed as yet as we had no priest. However, in response to this, Peter Chapman noted that although we have no priest and there has been no formal programme, people are stepping up and helping with the visiting and the lay reading. Diocesan training is also available, supporting lay ministry.

With a lot happening in other areas there had been no further advance in plans for a weekend retreat.

Seaford Ecumenical Mission: Bishop John advises that in anticipation of S.E.M. uniting with Southern Vales Pastoral District, we should involve them in our parish life, including inviting them to our PDC meetings and our events, and having Southern Vales representatives attend the SEM meetings to understand better their ecumenical concerns. Southern Vales congregations should join St Nicholas’ for their Patronal Festival on 6th December. Those attending a Family Service at St Ann’s on that day could go on to Seaford afterwards. From the next issue of *The Grapevine*, “News from SEM” should be included with that from the other centres.

Suggested changes to St Margaret’s: Following the visit of Bishop John & Fr Scott Moncrieff to St Margaret’s, a brainstorming session had been held to look at what should be done in the sanctuary and outside the building. This included improvements to the signage, work on the concrete and drainage around the church, and painting the gutters. Archdeacon Richard Litjens would visit to discuss this. Margaret Cale reported that St Margaret’s Restoration and Maintenance Fund was depleted.

Gifts in memoriam: It was noted that if items no longer serve their purpose, family members of the donors can be contacted, and with their agreement the items can be removed and a plaque put in their place.

The **Rectory hall and study** had been painted and a crack in the hall ceiling repaired. The study carpet needed replacing. St Margaret’s Guild and the Friends of St Ann’s were asked if they would share the cost. Painting the outside of the Rectory would be done in October.

Stewardship presentations were underway and the new set of envelopes would be available in October.

On Wednesday the 21st of October there would be a meeting with the Bishop of **Pastoral Assistants** in this deanery, to talk about new arrangements. For those unable to attend there would be another meeting on the 24th of October at St Jude’s, Pt Elliot. Following the meeting on the 21st the Bishop will meet over lunch with representatives of **Southern Vales and Seaford Ecumenical Mission** to look at ways to attract a parish priest to Southern Vales.

Simplicity Funerals had approached the Editor of *The Grapevine* to ask about placing an **advertisement**. This was approved by PDC at the rate of \$75 for an ad approximately 9 X 6 cm. The Editor would notify Simplicity.

Finance Report: (see table on opposite page) Margaret Cale reported that August had been a good month, partly due to funds from the Almond Blossom stall and rose pruning. Our budgeted \$1000 for schools ministry had been paid in full. However, at our present rate of income we would not be able to pay a stipend without using money from our “At Call” fund. We have paid \$8,744 from our budgeted stipend to date for relief priests.

Two matters were raised which could not be resolved at this meeting:

- * The fact that the Rectory, which in this long inter-regnum could be a source of income, was not being rented. Earlier in the year it was used at times by visiting bishops. At present Fr John stays there on Saturday nights.
- * The services at SSPJ being at 8.45 are not easy for the elderly members of the congregation or for families.

Next meeting: Tuesday 20th October, 7 pm, St Margaret’s



School's History Tour of St Ann's

St Ann's was pleased to welcome teacher Bev Blackett and a group of Southern Vales Christian College students on the 11th of September to learn about the history of the church and cemetery. An added delight was to have student Alex play Scott Joplin's "The Entertainer" on the organ!

God forbid!



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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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

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

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 15th November the only service will be at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale, to celebrate their Patronal Festival. On Saturday 14th there will be a service of Prayer, Praise & Proclamation at St Stephen's Willunga at 5.30 pm