

September 2016

*Proclaiming Christ in
word and action;
growing in care, love and service*

The Grapevine

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

Congratulations to S.E.M: an ecumenical celebration.

On the 7th of August the Seaford Ecumenical Mission celebrated 20 years of worship and service to the Seaford community at a combined service and luncheon. The service was led by representatives of the participating churches (Lutheran Pastor Mark Kaesler, Roman Catholic Fr Tom Gleeson, Anglican Fr Alex Stone, Church of Christ representative Suzanne Weber and Uniting Church minister Rev. David Ingleton) with singing led by a composite choir, and rainbow coloured cloths providing a harmony of colours contributed by the Catholic School (see this in colour on the pD web-site). In the message preached by Lutheran Bishop David Altus, appropriate to the uncertain times, he noted that we were on a journey: in the Acts of the Apostles Christians were referred to as followers of "the way". Whether we have a building or not, we always have a Kingdom. A number of Anglicans from all centres of Southern Vales Pastoral District joined in the day's celebration. (See also *News from St Nicholas*, p. 5)





St Stephen's Patronal Festival

St Stephen's Day, being traditionally the 26th December, is usually celebrated the Sunday after Christmas, but this year that Sunday falls on New Year's Day—not the best day for a church festival perhaps? So for 2016, St Stephen's Patronal Festival was celebrated on its alternate date, in August. It was a joy to welcome guest celebrant Archdeacon Peter Carlsson, the Vicar-General, and guest preacher Deacon Daniel Irvine and his wife Jasmine (Bishop John's Secretary). In his sermon Daniel warned against the danger of valuing our traditions and



institutions more highly than our Lord: sometimes we cling to what is known and familiar, like a protective shell.

After the service a large number went up to Willunga's Bush Inn to a delicious and promptly served dinner together. Many feel this pub, having taken the bold step of removing its pokies, particularly deserves our support.



Almond Blossom Festival

What a team effort! The stall run by the Anglican Church on Monday to Wednesday of the Willunga Festival has become a tradition, and is a way of being part of the Willunga community as well as being a PD fundraiser. St Margaret's and Ss Philip & James' on Monday, St Ann's on Tuesday and St Stephen's & St Nicholas' on Wednesday, between them raised a total of \$1,560.95 for parish funds, and provided a delightful array of country cooking and other delights to the busloads of visitors from the city. *Photos: Sylvia Francis, Helen Roberts & Fran Pettigrew; Barbara Walter, Anne Chittleborough, Pat Roper, Julianne Bates & Margaret Cale.*



People with news of coming events or noteworthy happenings in the Pastoral District of Southern Vales to share with the rest of the parish, please contact the Editor, Anne Chittleborough, at 23 The Esplanade, Pt Willunga 5173, Ph 8556 5078 or email machit5@bigpond.com.au, preferably by the 15th of September. *Please notify the Editor if you wish to avoid the chance of being mentioned in this newsletter.*

September

- Fri 2nd** MARTYRS OF PNG
Sun 4 Fathers' Day
 Family Service, St Ann's 9 am
 Gold coin collection for Schools' Ministry
 Shared lunch at SEM after the service
Mon 5th M.U. Quiet Day, St Ann's 9.30 am
Tues 6th Friends of St Ann's 7 pm
Thurs 8th Colton Court Sing-along 10.30-11.30 am
Come and join us!
Fri 9th Mayor's Prayer Breakfast 6.45-9 am
Sat 10th Saturday Night Out, Willunga after the Vigil service
(next column)
Sun 11th Family Service St Margaret's 9 am
 Prayers for healing at the Eucharist, St Nicholas' 10.30
Thurs 15th St Nicholas' Fellowship 1.30 pm, SEM
Sat 17th Jumble Sale, St Ann's 8.30-12.30 *(next column)*
Sun 18th HOME MISSION SUNDAY
Tues 20th Guild & Friends of St Margaret's 1.30 pm
 Pastoral District Council 7 pm
Wed 21st MATTHEW
Fri 23rd Family Tea at St Ann's 6.30 for 7 pm
Sun 25th Family Service, St Nicholas' 10.30 am
Wed 28th The Murray Progress: Walking the Way meeting with
 Margaret Philpott 7 pm St Ann's (elected
 representatives)
Thurs 29th MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS
Fri 30th School term ends

October

- Sun 2nd** Family Service, St Ann's 9 am
 Gold coin collection
 Shared lunch at SEM after the service
 Daylight Saving begins (clocks forward)
Mon 3rd Labor Day (Public holiday)
Sat 8th Quarry Market Sausage Sizzle *(next column)*
 Saturday Night Out, Willunga after the Vigil service
Sun 9th Family Service, St Margaret's, 9 am
 Prayers for healing at the Eucharist, St Nicholas' 10.30
Thurs 13th Colton Court Sing-along 10.30-11.30 am
14th-16th Formation Weekend, Keith (p. 10)
Mon 17th School term begins
Tues 18th Guild & Friends of St Margaret's 1.30 pm
 Pastoral District Council 7 pm
Tues 18th LUKE
Thurs 20th St Nicholas' Fellowship 1.30 pm, SEM
Fri 21st-Sun 23rd Aldinga on Display
Sat 22nd Refugee Walk, Willunga
Sun 23rd Family Service, St Nicholas' 10.30 am
Tues 25th Fashion Parade, St Margaret's
"Dress for Success" (next column)
Fri 28th SIMON & JUDE
 Family Tea at St Ann's 6.30 for 7 pm



Family Services

Informal, family-friendly services.

Next on

4th Sept & 2nd Oct, St Ann's, 9 am

11th Sept, St Margaret's, McLaren Vale, 9 am

25th Sept, St Nicholas', Seaford, 10.30 am

Saturday Night Out

10th September at the Old Bush Inn
 following the 5.30 pm Vigil Mass at St
 Stephen's

Bookings: Ted 8556 4535



Sat 17th Sept. at St Ann's

*Quality saleable goods wanted
 —and volunteers!*



Family Tea @ St Ann's

Friday 23rd Sept, 6.30 for 7 pm

*All welcome. Bring your friends.
 Bring food to share—or just come!*



**Quarry Market
 Sausage Sizzle
 8th Oct, 12th Nov.**

In support of the schools' ministry. Helpers
 needed—and sausage eaters welcome!

Contact Ted 8556 4535

CYBER SAFETY!

Friday 21st October

Brian Huddleston: The
 effect of the media & IT on young people,
Almond Grove Family Church, Aldinga.
Enquiries: John Anderson 8323 8931



FASHION PARADE!

by "Dressed for Success"

Tues 25th Oct.

St Margaret's 1.30 pm

Afternoon tea. Raffle.

\$10





Gala Dinner at St Margaret's

A gala dinner was hosted by St Margaret's, McLaren Vale on Friday 26th of August.

Congratulations to the team, led by Helen and Greg Roberts, who produced the delicious meal, and thank you to the Little Sisters of Abundance who entertained the diners with song and recorder items. Proceeds for the evening cleared \$595.

A: L-R: Fr Bob Hupfeld, Mary Eales, Gerry Hupfeld, Ted Sandercock, Julia Drought

B: L-R: Fr Dennis Eales, Stephen Carthew, Julie Bennett, Bill Cale, Bob Smith, Mary Eales



C: The team: L-R: Wendy Sandercock, Fran Pettigrew, Helen Roberts, Susan Smith, Brian and Jan MacNamara, Greg Roberts.

Background: Di Best, Judith Wells, Barbara Walter, Mary and Fr Dennis Eales.

D: The Little Sisters of Abundance: L-R: Heather Whyte, Trish Simon, Veronica Mohor, Jan Evans, Leon Lynch, Julia Drought, Julianne Bates, Jenny Perry, Rosemary Nairne.



News from St Nicholas', Seaford

Parishioners from St Nicholas' have been spotted at various churches and meeting places in McLaren Vale, Aldinga, Willunga and Colonel Light Gardens, during the past month. They have enjoyed sharing in St Stephen's Patronal festival, Saturday night services and dinners, midweek services, Mothers Union and Bible Study meetings and Safe Ministry training.

The **Fellowship Group**, after many years' absence from the Willunga Almond Blossom Festival, baked an impressive array of cakes, biscuits and other goodies for the Southern Vales PD cake stall, held in the Willunga Show Hall on Wednesday 3rd of August. By working together in such an event, not only was there a sharing of the workload but also opportunities for socialising with other members from our PD. It was a productive day on all fronts!

Eucharistic Assistants Training: There was a good attendance of Pastoral assistants, servers (and St Nicholas' sacristan) at the session led by Wendy and Ted Sandercock at St Nicholas' on 14th of August. This information session focused on setting up for the Eucharist, and practical ideas and questions for assistants to ask when visiting priests are taking services. Thank you Wendy and Ted for your input!

What a pleasure it was to have **Brad Chapman** from **ABM** as our guest speaker on Sunday 21st of August. What an interesting address he gave on the work of ABM and how much his passion, enthusiasm, dedication and energy for his role in this organisation shone through. At the end of the service the congregation donated more than \$150 towards ABM to support its mission overseas and with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Bible Study: At the conclusion of our study of "the Parables" members were keen to begin a new study topic. "The Lord's Prayer" was chosen and Father Percy agreed to lead the study of this topic, from 10.30-11.30 am each Tuesday. A study guide is available at the cost of \$10.00. All welcome.

SEM:

In spite of the uncertainty of the future of SEM there was much to celebrate at the 20th Birthday of SEM on Sunday 7th of August (p. 1). The Lutheran congregation hosted this year's service, with Bishop David Altus giving an inspiring address. The service was well attended by past and present priests and members from the five SEM congregations, invited notaries and heads of Churches and visitors. Fr Alex Stone represented the Diocese of the Murray and was the Anglican celebrant of the Eucharist.

There have been many wonderful contributors towards our twenty year journey at SEM and it was wonderful that our stalwart priests, Father Ted, Father David and Father Percy were joined by Fr Alex Stone (and Beverly), Father Dennis Eales (and Mary), Father David Smith (and Eileen), and Fr Dirk van Dissell. (A letter of apology and best wishes was also received from Fr Ian Young and Jan, who were unable to attend). We would like to give special thanks too, to the members of the four other Southern Vales congregations who joined us for the service and the celebratory lunch, which followed.

Christine Gunn, Warden



News from St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

It's been a quiet time at St Margaret's for the past month.

[But see recent events: Safe Ministry Training p. 6 and Gala Dinner, opposite!—Ed.]

With celebrations being at other centres, only Wednesday Eucharist and Bible study have been weekly events. Thank you to those who keep these services running smoothly.

Thanks also to those who continue to faithfully serve with cleaning, flowers and maintenance of our buildings, all very much appreciated.

Family Service last Sunday was about the tougher side of Christianity, two sides of the coin with uncompromising standards, and standing firm in our belief in Jesus' teachings. Thanks especially to Greg John and Jac Hocking for their preparations. Although Jac was sick on the Sunday, her work still made the service a blessing for the sixteen who attended.

Julia Drought, Greg John, Wardens



Safe Ministry training

Linda Vinall returned to Southern Vales on the 20th and 21st of August to provide training and accreditation in safe ministry and to refresh training of those already accredited. Clergy and lay people from SV and other parishes reviewed safe practices and how to prevent and handle difficult situations.

Thank you to St Margaret's Guild and Friends for providing refreshments.

News from St Stephen's, Willunga (see also p. 2)

Saturday July 30th was Fr Glenn's final service with us. Some 40 people from across the PD attended and the usual drinks & nibbles after the service were enhanced by regulars bringing extra supplies. This additional attendance indicated the love and friendship shared with Fr Glenn.

Our Patronal Festival was celebrated on Saturday 6th of August. Special thanks to Archdeacon Peter, Deacon Daniel and Jasamine; also thanks to Margaret Cale for the design of PowerPoint and Brian McMillan and the choir. The Saturday Night Out Dinner to follow, at the Old Bush Inn, was attended by 30 people from across the PD. The next Saturday Night Out will be September 10th at the **Old Bush Inn**, High St Willunga after the 5.30 pm service.

Funds for repairing and painting the internal cracks have been donated. Willunga Anglican families have been approached for a donation or a interest free loan. The application to SA govt small grants was unsuccessful as churches are not eligible. Other fundraising suggestions welcome.

Willunga Almond Blossom stalls raised over \$1500 (p. 2). Thanks to all who helped staff the stall. Special thanks to the St Nicholas' people who helped St Stephen's on the Wednesday.

The Vigil Eucharist is held on a Saturday at 5.30 pm. If at any time you are unable to attend a Sunday Service, why not join us? Refreshments and fellowship afterwards with sherry or wine & nibbles (cheese, dips and biscuits).

Jac Hocking & Ted Sandercock, Wardens

Oh, no... !

At a wedding ceremony, the priest asked if anyone had anything to say concerning the union of the bride and groom. This was the time, he said, to stand up and speak, or forever hold their peace.

The moment of stillness was broken by a beautiful young woman carrying a child. She started walking toward the priest slowly.

Everything quickly turned to chaos.

The bride slapped the groom.

The groom's mother fainted.

The groomsmen looked at each other and wondered how best to help save the situation.

The priest asked the woman, "Can you tell us why you came forward? What do you have to say?"

The woman replied, "We can't hear at the back."

News from Pastoral District Council

At the meeting on the 16th of August chaired by Ted Sandercock, matters discussed included the following:

Mission Action Plan: Pat Roper for Group 1 (To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom) reported that Margaret Cale had talked to the Vicar-General about websites and had prepared a letter as a basis for further discussion. Glen Laundry of Tekspec had been contacted re the current cost of a training course for us to use our website.

Worship: Anglicans at Seaford Ecumenical Mission were inviting the Uniting Church and Church of Christ to worship with them when they had no minister available.

St Philip & St James' Church Building: A very positive discussion had been held between Vicar-General Peter Carlsson, Brian McMillan, Stephen Wells and Judith Wells, and the matter is under active consideration by the Vicar-General. It was mentioned that English Rose Funerals had offered support for fund-raising, and Old Noarlunga townfolk might also assist in raising money for repairs.

Almond Blossom stalls: Thanks to those – with all centres working together – who made it so successful; the most money ever raised (*see final figure p. 2*). Ted made special mention of great support from St Nicholas' congregation.

St Stephen's Patronal Festival: (*see p. 2*) A good day. The dinner had worked well and Bush Inn had been re-booked for Saturday Night Out on the 10th of September.

Brad Huddleston would be visiting the area to talk about the **effect of the media and IT** on young people at an open meeting on Friday 21st of October at Almond Grove Church. While not supporting him financially we would promote it.

Painting St Margaret's: It had proved impossible over six months to get a third quote for the job – the building was considered high and difficult to paint. We would need to ask Diocesan Council for permission to go ahead with the two quotes. The painting of the flagpole to be paid for separately by a donation.

St Stephen's repairs: The State Government does not accept applications from churches but an application had been made to the City of Onkaparinga Heritage Dept. \$1500 had been donated so far towards costs.

Stewardship envelopes to go out in September to be used from October. People to be encouraged to use direct debit.

Hall hiring agreements need to be reviewed annually. Forms received from Church Office need further consideration.

Finance Report

PD Southern Vales July 2016	\$		Overall Finances Jan – July 2016	\$
Nett Monthly Income	10,189		Income	64,074 (<i>Budgeted \$73,150</i>)
Monthly Expenditure	9,988		Expenditure	73,037 (<i>Budgeted \$82,020</i>)
Surplus for month	201		Deficit	-8,962 (<i>Budgeted \$-8,870</i>)
Missions	693		Total to Missions	4,175
Special Purpose Funds July 2016	\$		Overall SP Funds Jan-July 2016	\$
Income	2,142		Income	11,846
Expenditure	2,000		Expenditure	11,617
Surplus	142		Surplus	230

The **Prickle Team** was thanked for their generosity in donating \$300 towards the Ministry Training Fund, which is used for training both clergy and lay people. PDC decided to make a further appeal to the churches at the end of August.

Home Communion: Greg Roberts, who was present as an observer, was thanked for his ministry of home communion. A list was needed of who was being visited, to avoid duplication by visitors.

A **meeting with Bishop John** by Greg John, Brian McMillan, Chris Gunn and Ted Sandercock to discuss "Walking the Way", The Murray Progress, had been very helpful. The proposal was to divide the diocese into 8 mission districts with 4 hubs. Yankalilla and Delamere would join with Southern Vales to form one of those districts, with two priests. On September 28th 12 people selected from this area would meet with Margaret Philpott from Diocesan Council to discuss the vision and the practicalities of this. Charts outlining the proposal are available at all churches.

Faculties for St Margaret's: Faculties for the following are being applied for from DC: the installation of a new organ casing, removal of book shelves from the wall, the sale of four pews surplus to requirement and the installation of a moveable font to replace the unsafe one.

As the PDC meeting was held on the birthday of its Chairman, Ted, the meeting ended with birthday cake and coffee!

Next meeting Tuesday 20th September.



"In these troubled times, Lord show us how to care."

St Ann's August Family Service (actually held on the 31st of July) began with hot coffee around a brazier at the church door.

The Gospel message about abundance of possessions was reinforced by a film, "The Miniature Earth Mad World" highlighting the world's inequalities, concluding "If you keep your food in a refrigerator, your clothes in a closet, if you have a bed to sleep in and a roof over your head, you are better off than 75% of the entire world's population. Appreciate what you have, and do your best for a better world".

A time of silence which followed was a chance for people to light a prayer candle for concerns that were troubling them.

News from St Ann's, Aldinga

We have had to say goodbye to our locum Glenn Maytum after his time with us. We have been fortunate to have had his input and slant on Christian worship which helped rouse us from complacency too easily slipped into. His enthusiasm and commitment were welcomed and his services of baptism in his time with us were particularly delightful and relevant to us and the peoples concerned. So we sincerely say, "Thank you Glenn," and wish him well and God's speed in his future endeavours.

Our service times have been changed around this last month. Our latest Family Service was on the last Sunday of the month instead of the first. We have been told by our own that we are getting more "professional" in our preparation and presentation. It is good to be told by former doubters that they like them and get something from coming to them now. We have been having an increased number of people attending all services over the last month or so. Numbers are more into the thirties than the twenties currently. There are several new faces returning.

Our Friends of St Ann's meeting was held on 2nd of August with a good roll-up. The meeting covered such things as feedback from Family Services, and Brian reported on his meeting with the bishop and the Murray Progress's "Walking the Way". It was decided that \$300 of the Prickle Team's money (*see opposite*) would go to the Diocesan Ministry Training Fund and the allocation of the balance to be decided when the final figure is known.

Quiz night raised \$670, to be shared between BCA and Christian Care Centre.

Many thanks to all who made food and donated produce for the Parish fundraiser, the Almond Blossom Festival, and to those who manned the stall in Willunga on the day.

Friends are considering the replacement of pews with chairs and Margaret Cale has prepared an excellent display of possibilities for people to ponder and discuss. However with other large decisions about the future of the church at present it is not considered an appropriate time to proceed currently. A moveable signboard has been approved. Drainage and pot holes around the church are issues being addressed by Bill Cale.



Trish Frith presented us with a Bee Hotel given to us by the Yacca group, a group of Willunga young people who have been looking at developing plans with Trish for our church garden.

The Bible study of Revelation concluded this month. Thank you Julianne for your inspiring leadership. It has been good to see new people coming to join in the group as it progressed.

Brad Chapman (*see photo in News from St Nicholas', p. 5*) came and spoke about the Anglican Board of Mission on the 21st of August, and inspired us all with his message and enthusiasm.

Pat Roper & Brian McMillan, Wardens

L: Brian McMillan was puzzled by a strange object at the Friends meeting. It turned out to be the little bee hotel—a breeding post for native bees.

Congratulations to...



...the "Prickle Team" 2016!

Reviewing their work at a shared meal on the 13th of August, the team recognised that this year, pruning in 39 gardens (56 hours) they had raised \$1,265, and in 14 years of pruning roses they had raised over \$10,000 for the Pastoral District! *What a mammoth effort!* And it wasn't just pruning. Leader of the team, Trish Frith, tells of people they had met and shared with—it has proved to be a real ministry. As well as the funds they had raised they had been given gifts in kind, which included eggs, rhubarb, melon jam—and a woollen hat! St Ann's Warden Brian McMillan congratulated the team over a cup of tea after the service on the 14th of August.

L-R: Pat Roper, Trish Frith, Bill Cale and Tony Young. Not in photo—team member Victoria Young and two kangaroos which, if the tale is to be believed, had assisted them!

Mothers' Union - Mary Sumner Day Service

On the 12th of August, 7 members from Southern Vales joined other members from around the state at All Saints Anglican Church, Colonel Light Gardens. As part of our celebrations of 140 years of Mothers' Union, the day allowed all to focus on Mary Sumner's personal faith, vision and service by being a Union of Mothers. On arrival we enjoyed a welcome 'cuppa' before adjourning into the church for a Eucharist Service lead by Fr Tony Tamblyn.



Quickest Warmth Project

The Message was given by the MU Chaplain for the Diocese of Adelaide, the Rev'd Dr Lesley McLean. After a shared lunch guest speaker the Rev'd Rev Prue O'Donovan assisted by Rev Gail Hardy spoke about the "Quickest Warmth Project". This involves a team of individuals, craft groups, church groups, organisations e.g. CWA SA, who are Quilters, Crocheters, Knitters, Embroiderers and Sew-ers whose task is to create and provide colourful, age-appropriate (0- 14) items for children and young people whose lives meet with adversity. Some people donate money to help supply crafters and craft groups with more expensive items. Others purchase new clothes and items for babies and toddlers. Prue is the contact for this outreach programme that supports families in places such as Gawler, Salisbury and Port Augusta. All items are delivered to Families SA in Gawler for distribution. Any one keen to help can contact our MU Branch members.

Helen Cook

Enquiries: Trish 8556 2604, Helen 0407 056 780



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BCA Spring Lunch

Holy Trinity, Adelaide

16th Sept. 12 noon \$15

Speaker: The Rev'd Alan Lane,
from BCA Regional Office, Victoria.

Bookings: 8221 5444 by 12th Sept.

And an early reminder:

*BCA boxes should be handed in at the
end of September, either to your warden, or by
phoning Wendy Sandercock for collection.*



Another excellent

ABM Provincial Dinner

30th September, 6.30 pm

Christ Church, North Adelaide

Drinks & nibbles followed by a two course dinner \$30
(\$25 concession)

Speaker: Meagan Schwartz, formerly (as Meagan
Morrison) worked in the Diocese of PNG

RSVP Meredith 8825 3171 or Elaine 8165 0313
by 19th of Sept

And a reminder:

*Save your used stamps for ABM—collection points at
your church. These are sorted and sold to raise money
for mission. (Leave ½ inch around them)*

Third Formation Weekend in Keith

Open to all who want to extend their
theological knowledge

14th- 16th October

**Exploring the Pentateuch and Deuteronomistic
History (Fr Martin Bleby)**

10 am Friday, ending Sunday with Mass & lunch
\$240 per person .

(includes meals & accommodation)

Enquiries: Fr Peter Carlsson 0458 002 623
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*The McLaren Vale Parish Office is not
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Visit our website!

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Pastoral District Service times

St Stephen's, St Andrews Tce, Willunga

Saturday: 5.30 pm

St Margaret's, Main Road McLaren Vale

Sunday: 9 am with Sunday School

(St Philip & St James' congregation joining
in this service)

Wednesday: 9:00am

St Ann's, 7 Stonehouse Lane, Aldinga

Sunday: 9 am: bring the children.

St Nicholas', Seaford Ecumenical Mission,

Sunday 10.30 am