

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

November 2016

The Grapevine

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

**Celebrate
St Margaret's
Patronal Festival
Sunday 13th of November
Eucharist 10 am
followed by a shared brunch.**

St Margaret's was built of local stone in 1911,
and dedicated to St Margaret of Scotland.

**This will be a combined service; the only service
in our Pastoral District on that day.**

**And on
Sunday 4th of December
celebrate
St Nicholas', Seaford's
Patronal Festival
Seaford Ecumenical Centre
Eucharist 10.30 am
Followed by shared lunch**

**This will also be a combined service. The only other
service that day will be a Family Service at St Ann's
at 9 am, after which people can get to SEM by 10.30.**

Walking The Way - Future Vision

Representatives of the seven Congregations making up the future Southern Vales Ministry District met at St Ann's Hall on the 11th of October 2016 with Bishop John, and Margaret Philpott and Des Warner representing the present Diocesan Council.

Key Points made by Margaret Philpott were:

Our Aim is to grow – in faithfulness, vision and outreach—and we should be doing only what is essential to achieve that Aim.

The Diocese is a family – of Pilgrims sharing our journey with Bishop John.

The three Focus elements under our Vision and Mission are:

Identity – how we relate to Jesus

Community – how we relate to others in the life of the Spirit

Place – where we love, serve and worship God.

The Diocese will comprise eight Ministry Districts, each having one Clerical and one Lay Member on Diocesan Council, as well as six further Lay Members on Synod. Our ministry district will include Yankalilla and Delamere as well as our present five Southern Vales congregations.

Diocesan Council will take responsibility for such matters as finance,



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It's Pageant time at last!



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The Aldinga Advent Pageant will be delighting the crowds at the Aldinga Central shopping centre on Friday 25th of November from about 10.20 am, with children from the three local schools arriving to sing carols and enact a nativity play.

One of the joys of the event is that it is supported by a team of volunteers from all the local churches. If you'd like to join the team, contact Anne Chittleborough 8556 5078. Or just come and join the crowd.

It's a special day!

Aldinga Bay Community Carols

Sunday 11th of December

Choir rehearsing Wednesdays 7-9 pm at Southern Vales Christian College from 2nd November

Have you bought your 2017 Calendar yet?

A good Christmas present for friends and family, with a photo from each church (you'll be in it!) and local scenes.



Available from your Wardens

\$15

Southern Vales Schools Ministry Inc.

November Concert



A community concert at the Lutheran Church (Aldersey St, McLaren Vale)

Sunday November 6th, 2.00 pm

Tickets \$10.00 per person or \$20 a family



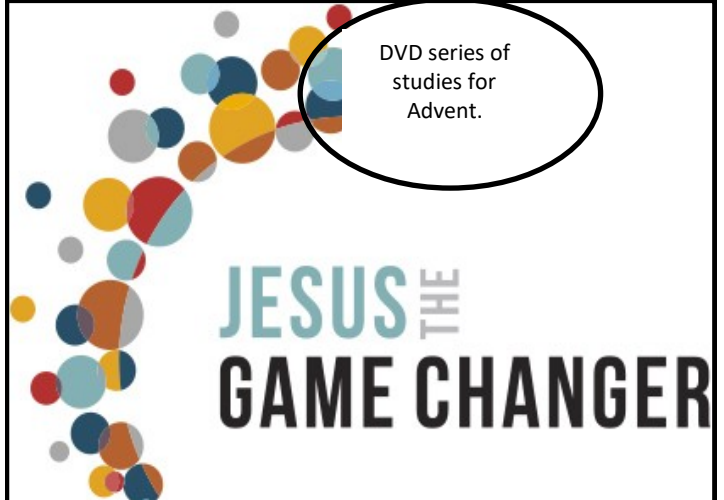
A FESTIVAL OF READINGS & CAROLS

for Advent & Christmas

Sunday 18th of December

St Margaret's, McLaren Vale, 7 pm

DVD series of studies for Advent.



How the life and teaching of Jesus changed the world—and why it matters.

Studies starting at St Ann's on Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm from 28th of October (Enquiries Julianne Bates 8556 3627) and later at St Margaret's and St Nicholas' (dates to be advised).

Christmas services 2016

Christmas Eve:

6 pm Children's service at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale,

8 pm Lantern procession from the Institute Hall, Old Noarlunga up the hill to St Philip & St James' church for carols outside the church

10.30 pm Carols at St Stephen's, Willunga, with Vigil Mass commencing 11 pm

Christmas Day:

9 am St Nicholas, Seaford

10 am St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

9.30 am St Ann's Aldinga



November

- Tues 1st** ALL SAINTS
Friends of St Ann's 7 pm
- Wed 2nd** ALL SOULS
- Sat 5th** Special Call of Synod, Woodcroft College, 10 for 10.30am
- Sun 6th** Family Service, St Ann's 9 am
Prayers for healing, St Nicholas' at 10.30 am service
Gold coin collection for CPS* workers
Shared lunch at SEM
SV Schools Ministry Concert (*opposite page*)
- Mon 7th** Mothers' Union BBQ (*see p 4*)
- Thurs 10th** Colton Court Sing-along 10.30-11.30 am
- Fri 11th** Remembrance Day
- Sat 12th** Quarry Market Sausage Sizzle (*next column*)
Saturday Night Out, Willunga NB no Vigil Mass
- Sun 13th** St Margaret's Patronal Festival (*p. 1*)
COMBINED SERVICE 10 am & shared brunch
- Tues 15th** Guild & Friends of St Margaret's 1.30 pm
Pastoral District Council 7 pm
- Wed 16th** Combined Guild/Friends afternoon tea (*next column*)
- Sat 19th** Jumble Sale, St Ann's (*see p. 8*)
- Sun 20th** CHRIST THE KING
Pleasant Sunday Afternoon, St Margaret's (*see p. 7*)
- Fri 25th** White Ribbon Day
Advent Pageant, Aldinga (*opposite page*)
Family Tea at St Ann's (*next column*)
St Nicholas' Fellowship Concert at SEM
- Sat 26th - Sun 27th** Christmas Tree Festival, Uniting Church, Willunga
- Sun 27th** ADVENT SUNDAY
Youth Led Service, St Nicholas' (Harvest Festival) 10.30 am
- Wed 30th** ANDREW

December

- Sun 4th** Family Service, St Ann's, 9 am
St Nicholas' Patronal Festival 10.30 am & lunch to follow
Gold coin collection for CPS* workers
- Mon 5th** Mothers' Union wave of prayer candle service, St Ann's
- Tues 6th** Friends of St Ann's 7 pm
- Thurs 8th** Colton Court Sing-along 10.30-11.30 am
- Sun 11th** Family Service, St Margaret's 10 am
Prayers for healing at the Eucharist, St Nicholas' 10.30
- Thurs 15th** St Nicholas' Fellowship Lunch 12.30 pm followed by meeting
- Fri 16th** School term ends
- Sat 17th** PD Christmas Lunch at the Peacock Farm (*next column*)
- Sun 18th** Youth Led Worship at St Nicholas' (Nativity) 10.30 am
Lessons & Carols, St Margaret's 7 pm
- Tues 20th** Guild & Friends of St Margaret's 1.30 pm
Pastoral District Council 7 pm
- Wed 21st** THOMAS
- Sat 24th** CHRISTMAS EVE
- Sun 25th** CHRISTMAS
- Mon 26th** STEPHEN
- Tues 27th** JOHN
Proclamation Day . Public Holiday.

* CPS
Christian Pastoral
Support workers in
schools

Family & Youth led Services

Informal family services next on
6th Nov. & 4th Dec., St Ann's, 9 am

11th Dec., St Margaret's, 10 am

Youth led service on

27th Nov., St Nicholas', Seaford, 10.30 am

Saturday Night Out

12th of November at the Willunga Hotel
(There will be no Vigil Mass at
St Stephen's)

(Bookings: Ted 8556 4535)

Schools' Ministry Sausage Sizzle Quarry Market 12th of November



Helpers
needed
—and
sausage
eaters
welcome!
Contact Ted
8556 4535

Guild & Friends' afternoon tea

Wednesday 16th of Nov.

2 pm, Oxenberry,
26 Kangarilla Rd
McLaren Vale

All welcome but bookings
required —speak to your
Wardens



\$10

Family Tea @ St Ann's

Friday 25th of Nov., 6.30 pm

All welcome. Bring your friends.

Bring food to share—or just come!

Another wonderful Southern Vales Christmas Luncheon at the Peacock Farm

Norman Road, Willunga

Saturday 17th of December



12 for 12.30 pm
Mains and Desserts \$25.
Tickets from your
Wardens



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With three members of the Mothers' Union now resident in Life Care Aldinga, the October MU meeting was held at a gathering there on the October public holiday Monday 3rd. L-R Meg Carey, Margaret Cameron, Doreen Richards, Joanie Rawlins, Trish Frith, Betty Leske, Lucy Creed, Kath Squire.

The November meeting (Monday 7th November) will be a BBQ at the home of Helen Cook, 65 Endeavour Drive, Seaford Rise. Bring your husband/friend.

"Come wind come weather..."



Photo: R McLean

It took more than mist, rain and a howling wind on Sunday 9th of October to deter a group of people from several churches who gathered on Willunga Hill to pray together for the churches and people of the south. Called together for this by Colin McLean, and huddled together to break the cold wind and keep each other warm (warmer), all joined in prayers for God's spirit moving in our district and the churches serving Him, then a "car boot communion" service was led by Pastor Andrew Downes of the Aldinga Bay Baptist church (L). It was an opportunity to remind us of our common calling as churches to

serve the people among whom we are privileged to live.

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Diocesan Quiet Day, House of Hospitality, Strathalbyn

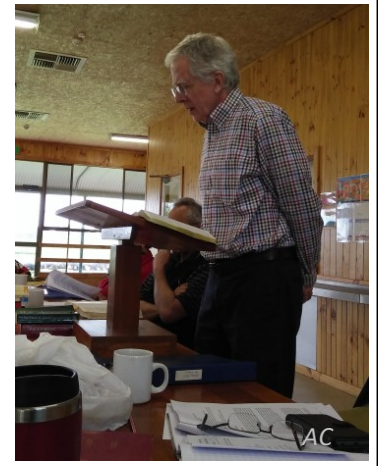
The day was led by Margo Holt and Carol Cornwall on the 8th of October. Bishop John attended as well. It was a day to turn off technology, step aside from the demands of life and take time to meditate on our Lord. Eight people from St Ann's took advantage of the opportunity.

Bishop John was available so those who felt the need could talk through things they felt blocking their relationship with God. He talked about the ability to confess one to another as a way forward in our journey with Christ.

We started with readings and prayerful reflection then each of us went to a place we found peaceful to continue in meditation and prayer. Some went into the house gardens or to the church, while others walked along the river. After lunch we did the same.

The day was spiritually refreshing, and very uplifting as we prayed together and in our own private places. To conclude we shared communion together which was a significant seal of the unity we have in Christ.

Peter Chapman



The Formation weekend at Keith, led by Fr Martin Bleby, was attended by four parishioners from Southern Vales. Working through the first sixteen books of the Bible, Martin opened the eyes of those attending to the importance of the Old Testament in understanding God's purpose, later fulfilled in the person of Christ. The weekend was also an opportunity to meet and fellowship, and worship, with others from around the diocese. (Bishop John, working overtime, proved himself to be an excellent cook!)

AC

News from St Stephen's, Willunga

We thank Fr Dennis and Fr Bob for celebrating over recent weeks.

The Saturday Night Out Dinner on October 10th at the Old Bush Inn was attended by 8 people from across the PD. The next Saturday Night Out will be November 12th at the **Willunga Hotel**, High St, Willunga. No Saturday Night Dinner in December - come to the PD Christmas Lunch instead!

There are sufficient donations that would cover repair of the Eastern walls and thus the major cracks. The Diocese has given approval for this work and Marcus Rieter has agreed to undertake this work in November. It is hoped it will be done by Christmas. The City of Onkaparinga Heritage Group has been approached and a visit from the Environment Architect is being arranged. Other fundraising suggestions welcome.

Jac Bishop returned home from hospital; please continue to keep her in your prayers.

The Uniting Church Christmas Tree Festival is on 26-27th of November with the theme being "A Bush Christmas". Ted has volunteered to arrange an entry for our church. The opening of the Festival will be on Saturday 26th of November at 11 am.

Join us at the Vigil Eucharist on a Saturday at 5.30 pm, if at any time you are unable to attend a Sunday Service. Refreshments afterwards with sherry or wine & nibbles (cheese, dips and biscuits).



Jac Hocking & Ted Sandercock, Wardens

Walking the Way - Future Vision cont'd

... buildings, pastoral organisation, staffing, aspects of maintenance, Risk, and Work Health and Safety. However each community will continue to work out the best way forward, following their own priorities and making their own decisions.

The Finance and Audit Committee has worked out that if we establish a common family fund (or family purse) it will be possible to pay 19 stipends which would cover the Bishop, the Vicar-General and seventeen priests. Thus no area would be worse off than at present, so far as Stipendiary Ministry is concerned.

Key Points made by Bishop John were:

Ministry Districts will be invited to commence operating in November on an "as if" basis – that is, as if the new arrangements were approved and in place – sharing resources.

Ministry Districts will be invited to donate 12% of their Special Purposes Funds to the common family fund (or family purse). This would mean that money presently idle would be made to work.

Progress, not procrastination, is required. The ultimate Message is: "To do nothing is to wither and fade away".

Brian McMillan

News from St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

Being without a parish priest has its challenges, but we are so thankful we have very capable laity who continue to work tirelessly on our behalf.

Our monthly Family service was smoothly run on the theme of giving thanks to God, based on the story of the healing of the lepers. Jac made another lovely token to take home and Greg Johns created a thought provoking slide show as well as a good homily for thought.

After discussions with PDC, Friends of St Margaret and the congregation, it was decided to change our service time to 10 am.

Michael Drought removed an over-grown elm tree limb and freed up blocked drainage pipes extending from the church. Thankyou Michael. Work will continue soon on the overgrown paddock now that it is beginning to dry out.

Greg Roberts is faithfully continuing home communions which are very much appreciated by the recipients. Thankyou Greg.

St Margaret representatives attended discussions regarding diocesan changes in boundaries and possible adjustments to maintain our churches' viability. It was a positive and encouraging discussion.

Once again, we'd like to express our gratitude to all who help make our church tick over smoothly.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to our Patronal Festival at 10 am on Sunday 13th of November, with our service taken by Fr Jeff Oake. There will be a shared lunch to follow.

Greg John & Julia Drought, Wardens

A note from PDC: The carpenter who is building the organ timber work is also making the moveable wooden font. The cost of the font is covered by a generous donation.

And it has been reported that St Margaret's sign has had a new and colourful coat of paint!

News from St Philip & St James', Old Noarlunga

While the church on the hill stands safe and proud, unfortunately the recent wild weather has severely affected some residents of Old Noarlunga, especially Malcolm and Sue Richards, who are waiting on news of repairs, in their temporary accommodation at Aldinga.

A working bee was held on Saturday 8th of October to replace the gate posts of the main walkway. A decision was made to incorporate the agapanthus and roses as the border. Thanks to John Carroll, Bob Smith, Bill Cale and Stephen Wells for their efforts. Stephen and Rupert Best continue to keep the grounds looking good.



Photo: D Best 2010

Happily the falcons (L) have returned to the tower and are enjoying their sole occupancy of the building.



Photo: D Best

We are grateful that Onkaparinga District Council has graded and resurfaced Church Hill Road verges.

We continue to enjoy our time and fellowship at St Margaret's each Sunday morning.

Judy Wells and Stephen Wells, Wardens SSPJ

And an update, from PDC:

A procession will be held on Christmas Eve from the Institute Hall, Old Noarlunga, up the hill to St Philip & St James' for carols outside the church (unless the repairs are completed), thus maintaining the church's presence in the town. Greg John confirmed that it would be possible to have a portable keyboard connected to external power in the meter box.



Haute couture!

A fashion parade held at St Margaret's on the 24th of October, with fashions from "Dressed for Success", was a delightful occasion, with clothes paraded by Helen Roberts and Susan Smith (above) - and some by Sylvia Francis and Fran Pettigrew. The afternoon tea which followed was a gourmet's delight in itself, and probably didn't help anyone fit their new clothes! Total proceeds \$380.50. Well done! AC

Below: Jan McNamara and Patricia Pennington, and Helen Roberts and Elizabeth Abbott were among those enjoying the day.



Photo: J Drought



Photo: J Drought

Friends of the Greg Trott Pipe Organ present

A Pleasant Sunday Afternoon

at St Margaret's

Sunday November 20th 2016, 2pm.

Organist: Ray Booth (St David's Burnside)

Choirs: Fleurieu Singers & Sisters Ensemble

Violinist: Charlotte Baker-Simpson

Vocalists: Jonathon Waetford & Greg John

Program includes:

Organ works by Bach, Franck & June Dixon

Famous opera duets for Tenor & Baritone

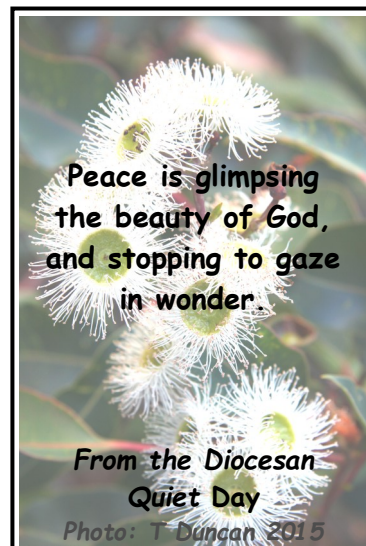
Meditation from Thais by Massenet

Community hymn singing



Friends of the Greg Trott Pipe Organ Assoc. Inc.

\$10 at the door.



Peace is glimpsing
the beauty of God,
and stopping to gaze
in wonder.

**From the Diocesan
Quiet Day**

Photo: T Duncan 2015



Presenting **"SCRAPM"**

(Sump, Colin, Ray & Phil, Mal)

An afternoon of country jazz and blues music

Friday 25th of November 1-3 pm

Seaford Ecumenical Mission

Ticket \$5 includes afternoon tea.

Bookings Phone 83269399 or 0400296904, or
tickets available at the door.

News from St Nicholas', Seaford

Services: During the past month our services have again had the support of Fr Ted Newing, Fr David and Fr Percy and Cathy More. We are very fortunate to have these wonderful people assisting in our services. Both Helen Cook and Christine Gunn are back with us, or will be shortly, which will be another boon to our weekly worship. This month the Youth Led Worship will be replaced by Morning Prayer on the 4th Sunday.

Outreach This month saw the opening of the BCA boxes from the supporters at St Nicholas and the filling of shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. We were also approached by the Pastoral Support Worker at Old Noarlunga School, Christine Oxenham, for support after the recent flooding in the area.

Several families have had to leave their homes whilst repairs take place, so much was lost which was especially distressing for the children. We held a closing collection and were able to donate \$200 to Christine to help those in most need. As Christine is not attached to a local church (she worships in Aberfoyle Park) it is hoped that in the future St Nicholas and St Philip and St James' congregation can take up that role.

Bible Study: Our study on the Lord's Prayer has finished but we are looking forward to perhaps a new Advent Study.

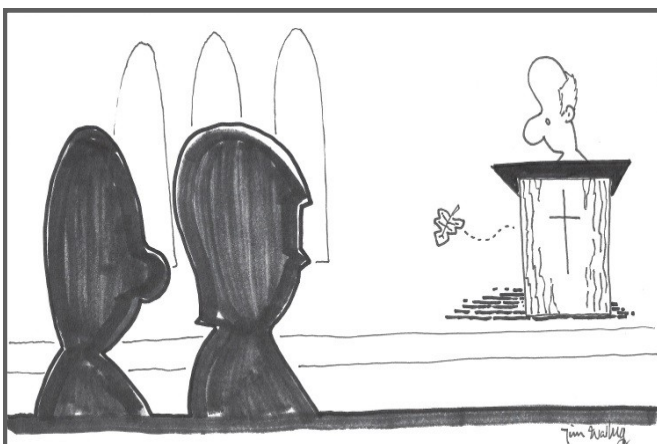
Youth Led Worship: We are fortunate in having such an inspiring and active group of young people who enjoy planning and running these worship sessions once a month. Although there will not be a Youth Worship in October, they are in the process of planning a Thanksgiving/Harvest theme for the November worship and an updated Nativity for the December service. NB: The December Youth Led Service will be on the 3rd Sunday in December instead of the fourth, which is of course, Christmas Day.

Fellowship: The group has met for lunch in the SEM Café followed by our monthly chat sessions. This month we planned for our next concert on Friday 25th of November (see above). Proceeds of the concert will be split between Fellowship funds and Southern Vales PD funds.

Walking the Way: I was privileged to represent St Nicholas' at a meeting with members of Diocesan Council and Bp John at St Ann's. It was an informative and interactive meeting about the 5 year vision for the Diocese. There will be changes in the future and adjustments to make, but Southern Vales is one of the 'Hubs' that will benefit from these proposals.

STOP PRESS: *At a meeting held at SEM on Monday 31st October, called by the heads of the Heads of the Lutheran, Uniting and Catholic Churches, (those who initially funded SEM) the SEM community was informed that all three parties had come to the decision that the SEM building was to be sold. As you can imagine the meeting, which went for 3 hours, was very impassioned and all were upset and in some cases angry at this decision. Follow up meetings to discuss ways forward for the 5 denominations are to be held in the near future. Please keep all of our brothers and sisters at SEM in your prayers during what is going to be a difficult time for us all.*

Jane Cuthbert Warden



THE CREATION STORY SERMON JUST GOT VERY AWKWARD.

Jumble Sale

Sat. 19th of November

8.30-12.30 am

at St Ann's

*Quality saleable goods
wanted*

—and volunteers!



News from Pastoral District Council

The October meeting was chaired by Ted Sandercock. It was not possible for representatives from Yankalilla or Delamere (now to be considered part of Southern Vales Mission District) to attend on this occasion. Matters discussed included the following, and other matters are covered elsewhere.

Mission Action Plan : Group I (Proclaim the good news of the Kingdom) reported on discussions on the **planned revision of the PD website**. It will now include Yankalilla and Delamere as well as our other current centres and will be modelled on that of West Dartmoor (UK) which has 7 centres, and where Nick Shutt is the rector. The main page will have a Google map of the District and a menu with many topics for information and interest for visitors to the site; e.g. under Our Churches, each centre will provide information and photos for its own page. The site will be user friendly for non-church people. We envisage one person will be in charge and a member from each centre responsible for keeping information up to date either personally or through the person in charge. *The Grapevine* linked to it could be updated weekly. \$1,500 has been approved to be withdrawn from the Shirley Garfitt Bequest to cover costs of setting up and the training of those who will work on the site.

St Margaret's church : Plans to move the cross which was originally on the inside wall of the church to the outside have not been able to go ahead because of its weight and a crack in the wall. It would be obscured by the bottle-brush bushes if it were placed on the ground in front of the church. It was suggested that the flagpole could be moved to the St Margaret's sign and the cross be placed in front of the Memorial Garden where the flagpole is now.

Aldinga Bay Community Carols, 11th of December: Southern Vales has been offered the chance to have a stall at the carols, with, for example, brochures about our Pastoral District. The choir will be asked to sing. Our Nativity float could once again be taken to the event.

Discussion was held on the subject of the possibility that our Pastoral District might revive the custom of holding a **Harvest Festival** and what form it might take.

Bishop John will be preaching in the Cathedral at Murray Bridge on Sundays through November.

Finance Report

PD Southern Vales Sept 2016	\$		Overall Finances Jan – Sept.2016	\$
Nett Monthly Income	6,530		Income	78,834 (<i>Budgeted \$95,150</i>)
Monthly Expenditure	6,124		Expenditure	83,307 (<i>Budgeted \$106,066</i>) (<i>without stipend</i>)
Surplus for month	405		Operating profit	-4,473 (<i>Budgeted \$-10,916</i>)
Missions	386		Total to Missions	5,520
Special Purpose Funds Sept. 2016	\$		Overall SP Funds Jan-Sept. 2016	\$
Income	3,682		Income	17,593
Expenditure	4,187		Expenditure	17,335
Surplus	-505		Surplus	258

Incorporation of Yankalilla and Delamere into Southern Vales: to indicate their inclusion, suggestions were

- people could travel to attend a service at Yankalilla
- a less formal gathering of Wardens, perhaps over lunch, could be held
- copies of *The Grapevine* to be sent.

Use of premises form: Pat Roper and Brian McMillan had worked out a revised form, with approval from Donna Jones, Registrar. It is to be used and renewed each year for groups using the rooms on a regular basis, and a copy sent to Donna in case of an insurance claim. Payment for use of the rooms can only be by donation to cover costs, as we are not commercial premises but religious.

Next meeting Tuesday 20th of December

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

News from St Ann's, Aldinga

This month has been a time of people going on well-deserved holidays and returning. We welcome back Brian from his break, finding himself in the thick of it all again very quickly. Also good to see Victoria back from spending time with her mother and family in England. Trish Frith has been away on and off. And we have been without Margaret & Bill Cale, and others for a time.

We are back into the routine of two Communion services a month and two lay-led services, the Family Service which is now very well received and a Prayer, Praise & Proclamation service. We thank our retired clergy, Fr Ted and Fr Jeff, as well as our Pastoral Assistants Trish Frith, Peter Chapman and now Julie Bennett, along with our dedicated Family Service planning team. Sincere thanks to all these people. Even with some on holidays we have had reasonable numbers including a number of local visitors and more recent attendees.

We had a couple recently renew their wedding vows in a service with Fr Dennis which was followed by a celebratory gathering in our room afterwards.

Brian and I reported to the congregation re the recent "Walking the Way" meeting this Sunday. We had a good receptive gathering. People were happy to be kept informed.

The monthly Family Shared Tea continues to be enjoyed by a group of parishioners from St Ann's and the other centres. Worthwhile fellowship for those who attend. Other friends are also included in these dinners.

The winter rains have made the upkeep of the cemetery grounds and church garden an onerous task. Bill Cale has been very busy controlling weeds on a frequent basis as has Trish and her friend Brenda who have been trying to eradicate a virulent bulbous weed of late. Others also help and our mainstays would be grateful for any offers of help forthcoming. The group is to be commended for the appearance of the grounds.

Other R & M work which needs attention once the worst of the winter rains go and can therefore be attended to, are the drainage around the church and room which is in need of major work, and the resealing to water-proof the western wall of the room. Water is finding its way into the interior in several places.

Gardening assistance
needed at St Ann's
please. Speak to
Trish Frith or Bill
Cale.



Pat Roper, Warden

As part of Aldinga On Display on the 23rd of November we advertised ourselves as welcoming people to our Church for a service and/or to join us for morning tea while being entertained by delightful background music provided by Greg John. We wished morning tea could always be like that! We were very pleased to have two more paintings by John Freeman in the church. After morning tea we had a fascinating cemetery tour led by Brian McMillan, which some visitors as well as members of the congregation attended, discovering the first grave, the graves of settlers from the first ship, the *Buffalo*, looking at old slate graves with Masonic symbols and the engraver's name, and noticing the different styles of graves since those early times.





With the schools on holiday, Granny Annie's was delighted to welcome the Graham family and their friends as well as the choir to morning tea. There's room for all on Thursday mornings!
L: Lauren and Ellie Mae and R: Oliver and Ruben.
Photos: AC



On Sunday 30th we were blessed not only by Fr Jeff Oake taking our service and giving among other things an unforgettable account of his "gibbon flight" in Thailand, but also, after the service, a talk by the Rev'd Ginnie Geraerts from the Church of St Wilfrid in Cheshire, U.K., who was visiting her mother and sisters, members of the St Ann's congregation. Morning tea stopped and you could have heard a pin drop as Ginnie recounted her seven years' path to ordination, and her experience as a hospital chaplain, "taking the Gospel to where people are". She urged us to recognise and affirm the gifts of the people in our congregations, that whatever God is calling us to do and be, a word from someone else may help us to recognise it. And when God has a plan for us it will come clear—perhaps over time. As Fr Jeff said, like the small but vital needles in a sewing machine, each of us has an important role to play in God's plan, however insignificant we may think we are.



"Weeds over the fence" are a constant problem at this time of the year—particularly when the seeds dry out and fly into the gardens. The next-door neighbour at St Ann's made a preliminary onslaught on them by driving his tractor and cutter along the top of the levee on his side of the fence. He scaled the heights successfully but couldn't (and didn't) manage the weeds on St Ann's side of the levee. Oh well...

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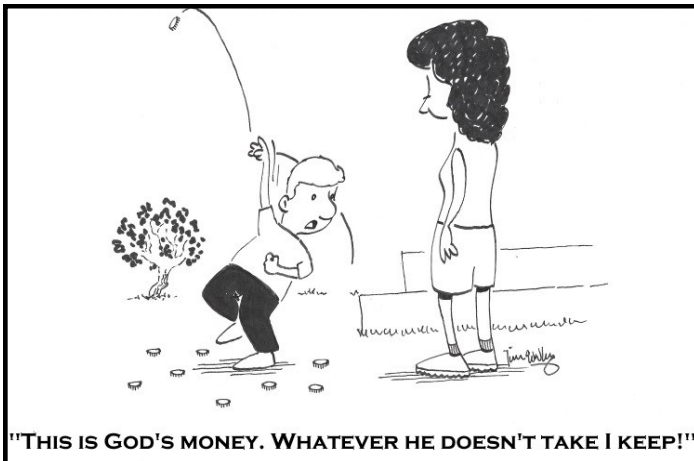
simplicityfunerals.com.au

WORK WANTED, PLEASE

Alice (15) and Timothy (14) Dickinson are looking for part-time work.

They have full resumés available and are willing to give anything a try.

Please contact them via Jay Dickinson on 0468 805693 or jjdickinson2001@gmail.com



Southern Vales Pastoral District

Contact information:

Parish Secretary: Ted Sandercock
Ph 8556 4535; email sanderwt@bigpond.com

The McLaren Vale 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>

To contact your church wardens:

St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga

Judith Wells 8186 1296

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

Pat Roper 8386 2470

Brian McMillan 8557 6984

St Nicholas', Seaford

Jane Cuthbert 0407651606

Christine Gunn 8386 2983

Pastoral District Service times

St Stephen's, St Andrews Tce, Willunga
Saturday: 5.30 pm

St Margaret's, Main Road McLaren Vale
Sunday: 10 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,
Grand Boulevard, Seaford
Sunday 10.30 am

But please note: From time to time the five centres of the Pastoral District combine in worship to celebrate special events. On those days there is normally only one Sunday service in the Pastoral District.

On Sunday 13th of November there will be a combined service at St Margaret's at 10 am to celebrate their Patronal Festival

And on Sunday 4th of December there will be a combined service at St Nicholas', Seaford, at 10.30 for their Patronal Festival. The only other service that day will be a Family Service at St Ann's, Aldinga at 9 am, after which people would have time to go on to Seaford for St Nicholas' big day.