

January 2017

The Grapevine

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

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



Christ Church, Yankalilla.

Photo M Bowers

Images of Christmas—see pp.4-6 and more pictures on our PD website

St Nicholas' Patronal Festival

The celebration of the **Patronal festival of St Nicholas** on Sunday 4th December was attended by 58 members from the five churches of Southern Vales. Father Bob Hupfeld led us in our worship that day and gave an interesting address about St Nicholas, "the children's friend". . Chris Gunn, whose mother Olive Brewster had just died, was pleased to



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have members of her family attend. The congregation was given a gift of gold (chocolate) coins by Isabel Berry. Lunch followed with many members from the Catholic Community at S.E.M., joining us for this happy occasion.

The Future of The Grapevine

The Grapevine has been published in its current form since 2006. Its purpose as I have seen it has been to form a link between the centres of the PD, to build up a sense of unity and PD identity, keep us up-to-date with news and coming events, and to record recent events.

With the changes to our Pastoral District and its growth to include more centres, and with our plans to revamp the PD website and make it possible to update it regularly from each centre with news, photos and events, serious thought needs to be given to the future and the form of *The Grapevine*.

Many organisations are changing to online publication of their newsletters, and this provides the opportunity for frequent updating, a more colourful presentation and a considerable saving of cost. We could look at this as an option.

On the other hand, it has been pointed out that many people prefer to read a hard copy, and that printed copies have their uses. Not everyone uses the internet. Hard copies are much appreciated by the housebound, it was reported, and they are good PR – can be handed out or left lying around, and people read them.

It is clear that the future of the website and *The Grapevine* need to be considered together. But whatever form our newsletter takes (if it continues, and one could argue that the need is as great, or greater, than before) it has reached a stage where it will take more than one person to make it workable and sustainable—with news from the Centres, photographs, printing—and, please, people with experience and ideas in recent publication developments.

I am looking for assistance. It's an exciting challenge! Can you be part of it?

Let me know by contacting me on machit5@bigpond.com.au, ring 8556 5078 or write to 23 Esplanade, Port Willunga 5173.

The Editor

John Carne, R J P

We were sad to hear of the death of John Carne on the 7th of December. John and his late wife Nan (photographed by Di Best in 2012 when they turned 90) moved to Moana in the 1980s from Glenelg where John had served on the church council as a nominee and later as a warden at St Peter's Glenelg. John took up a new career in bottle and can collection on behalf of St Philip & St James and was known as the "Marine Manager". He and Nan were most supportive in all the many jobs inside and outside the church. Although unable in recent years to attend St Philip & St James, John maintained an interest in the church and was much loved. His funeral was taken by Fr Dennis, and his ashes interred at Ss Philip & James' on the 28th December. We were happy to welcome him home.



Baptism at St Stephen's

When Fr Dennis baptised little Emily Doreen McGregor on Thursday 22nd December, the family was very glad that it could be fitted in while her grandparents were here from England, and afterwards wrote an appreciative letter to Ted and to Fr Dennis.

Photo (T Sandercock): Emily with parents and godparents: (L-R) Manule Harpas, Andrew Smith, Emily, Richard MacGregor, Jemma MacGregor, Kate Peebles & Martina Harpas.

What's on

January

- Sun 1st** EPIPHANY
Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers
Family Service, St Ann's
- Sun 8th** BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
Prayers for Healing at the Eucharist, St Nicholas'
Enquiries: Fr Percy ph 8386 3637
- Sat 14th** Harvest Festival, McLaren Vale Oval (p. 9)
Saturday Night Out, Willunga (next column)
- Tues 17th** St Margaret's Guild & Friends 1.30 pm
Enquiries: Fran Pettigrew 8323 9366
Pastoral District Council, Christ Church, Yankalilla 7 pm
- Thurs 19th** Tour Down Under Glenelg-Victor Harbor.
Morning tea at St Ann's
- Fri 20th** Wedding of Aaron Scott & Ae Jay Ryang,
St Stephen's, 6.30 pm
- Sat 21st** Tour Down Under McLaren Vale-Willunga-Aldinga
- Sun 22nd** S.E.M. Service of Morning Prayer
- Wed 25th** CONVERSION OF PAUL
- Thurs 26th** AUSTRALIA DAY
- Fri 27th** Family Tea at St Ann's (next column)
- Sun 29th** Post Australia Day Mass & Breakfast, Yankalilla

February

- Thurs 2nd** PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE
- Sun 5th** Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers
Family Service, St Ann's
Shared lunch, S.E.M.
- Mon 6th** Mothers' Union, S.E.M. 9.30 am
Enquiries: Trish Frith 8556 2604
- Tues 7th** Friends of St Ann's 6.50 for 7 pm
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- Thurs 9th** Colton Court singalong 10.30-11.30 am
Enquiries: Sue MacKirdy 8556 5162
- Sat 11th** Saturday Night Out, Willunga
- Sun 12th** Prayers for Healing at the Eucharist, St Nicholas'
Family Service, St Margaret's 10 am
- Thurs 16th** St Nicholas' Fellowship 1.30 pm
- Tues 21st** Guild & Friends of St Margaret's 1.30 pm
Pastoral District Council 7 pm
- Fri 24th** MATTHIAS
Family Tea, St Ann's
- Sun 26th** TRANSFIGURATION
Youth led service, St Nicholas'
- Tues 28th** SHROVE TUESDAY
Pancake Day, Yankalilla, 6.30 pm

March

- Wed 1st** ASH WEDNESDAY *Christian Pastoral Support

Lenten Soup Suppers at St Ann's
will be on the 15th, the 22nd and the 29th of March.
Put these dates in your diary now.
Speakers to be announced.

Family Services

Informal family services next on
1st Jan. & 5th Feb., St Ann's, 9 am
12th Feb., St Margaret's, 10 am

Youth Service

26th Feb., St Nicholas', Seaford, 10.30 am

Saturday Night Out

Next on 14th January
at the Willunga Hotel
following the 5.30 Vigil
Mass at St Stephen's
Bookings 8556 4535



Family Tea @ St Ann's
Friday 27th January, 6.30 pm
All welcome. Bring your friends.
Bring food to share—or just come!
Enquiries: Pat Roper 8386 2470

First 2017 meeting of the Friends of St Ann's
Tuesday 7th February
Don't worry about tea—join us for a
PIZZA NIGHT!
6.45 for 7 pm meeting. All welcome.



World Day of Prayer Friday 3rd of March

Kalyra 2 pm,
St Ann's 7 pm
"Am I being unfair to
you?"
Prepared by WDP
Philippines.

Tim Walburg,
with permission.



Celebrating Christmas in the Southern Vales ...



The Yankalilla Christmas Festival

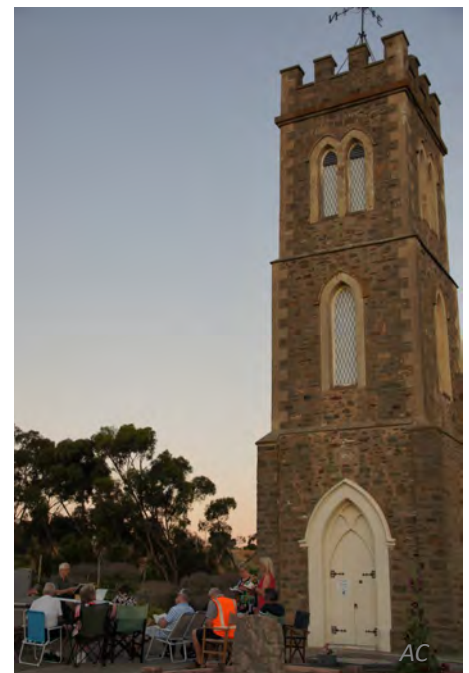
Three evenings of Christmas festivities and beautiful displays at Christ Church, right in the centre of Yankalilla.



Carols

Festival of Lessons & Carols with the choir, St Margaret's (L). Carols included one written by Fr Nick Shutt.

And carols at sunset outside St Philip & St James' church, Old Noarlunga





A children's service and Christingle, St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

was enjoyed by young and old.
And then a Christmas morning Eucharist



Our trusty "Nativitymobile" and chariot



Midnight Mass
followed carols at St
Stephen's, Willunga



A youth worship service

at St Nicholas', Seaford, looking at the significance of traditional Christmas decorations, and how they lead to Jesus.



A Combined Service at Seaford Ecumenical Centre:

Lutheran, Uniting Church, Church of Christ & Anglican Congregations together.



Christmas morning Eucharist with children's workshop, St Ann's, Aldinga.

From St Nicholas: The end of another year – where did it go! Only God knows what is in store for us in the coming year, but we are positive and will continue turning up each week until they lock the doors! Whilst we have heard nothing further about our future at S.E.M. from the Heads of Churches, the Health Department have extended their lease until April next year so we are all just going ahead ‘business as usual’ until we hear to the contrary. Several ideas are being floated but as yet no concrete offers or decisions have been made. Our thanks and best wishes to all who have helped make our Sunday Worship and our outreach missions so special.

We ended the year with two wonderful services to complete our Christmas Activities at St Nicholas.

The Youth Worship looked at the Christmas Story from a different angle. Instead of the usual Nativity Play, their drama was **The 12 Symbols of Christmas**. We are truly blessed to have such a group who are willing to search, rehearse, plan and run the services each month. Then, on **Christmas Day** we had a wonderful combined service of lessons and carols with the Lutheran, Uniting, Church of Christ and Anglican Congregations. Over 110 people attended the morning service all in good voice for the traditional carols. The worship service was followed by the Lords Supper in the Anglican tradition, to which all were invited. An uplifting service, celebrating the birth of Jesus in true Ecumenical style!

Fundraising event: The music afternoon on Friday November 25th hosted by the St Nicholas’ Fellowship group was a successful and enjoyable fundraising event. The entertainment was provided by SCRAPM a Country Jazz and Blues music group. The event raised \$250, \$100 of which was donated to Parish Funds, the balance going to the St Nicholas’ Fellowship.

Prayer services, led by various members of the S.E.M. community are being held on Tuesday evenings from 6.30p.m. until 7.00 p.m. It is hoped that this will become a regular part of S.E.M. worship in the future.

Jane Cuthbert, Warden

From St Stephen's:

The final service on Christmas Eve was held at St Stephen's, Willunga. Fr Dennis celebrated, assisted by Wendy Sandercock and Judy Wells. Thanks to Brian McMillan for the carols and the music for the service, and Margaret Cale and Ted Sandercock for the powerpoint overheads. Thanks to Office & Image and the Willunga Bakery for their support. Repair of the East wall began on the 13th December. Cracks have been repaired and the painting done. Thanks to Lucy and Bevan Creed for cleaning the church during Advent. *Ted Sandercock, Warden*

From St Margaret's: Following the wonderful Children's Service on Christmas Eve we had a joyful service at St Margaret's on Christmas morning, with just over 40 celebrating Christ's birth. Our Bishop, John Ford, celebrated the Eucharist and blessed banners, altar frontals and the crib. He reminded us to pause and remember God's loving gift to us in Jesus. With the newly painted sign standing out and looking welcoming, and the large wooden cross also cleaned up, repainted and reset in front of the memorial garden, all is fresh and renewed ready for the new year! Our flagpole is still being restored and will be erected behind the newly painted sign. *Julia Drought, Warden*

From St Ann's:

We had a lovely Christmas Service on Sunday in very warm conditions, but with all windows opened plenty of welcome air cleared the church. Seventy parishioners shared a cheerful service lead beautifully by Fr Bob Hupfeld and we enjoyed popular Christmas carols capably accompanied by Brian McMillan on the organ. Eight children spent time with the Sunday School team making Christmas banners which decorated the church on their return. A timely sermon was based on the Advertiser's heading "Christmas Evil" in reference to the foiled terrorist plot in Melbourne recently. Fr Bob highlighted for us the changing times in which we now live, and how we as Christians need to prepare ourselves for times ahead. *Pat Roper, Warden*

From Ss Philip & James: A small group got together to sing carols in front of St Philip & St James' church on Christmas Eve. With a cool breeze blowing up the hill and the light fading in the west it was a beautiful evening, and sitting with the cemetery surrounding us we felt we were singing with a great cloud of witnesses. Several cars drove up from the town lights to see us there. We thank Greg John for his wonderful playing. *Judith Wells, Warden*



News from Pastoral District Council

The final meeting of the PD for 2016 was held on Tuesday 13th December at St Margaret's, chaired by Ted Sandercock. Matters discussed included the following:

Strategic Direction & Mission Action Plan: A draft Ministry District structure was tabled following brief discussions with Bishop John and a few Council members. The proposed Ministry District Council would consist of stipendiary clergy, a Warden from each centre, a Secretary and a Treasurer and a lay Chair appointed from among the other Wardens. It would be responsible for the governance and strategic direction of the Ministry District, and financial oversight of major financial matters. Each Centre would have a group such as Friends or Guild to meet monthly and be responsible for local matters, and report to the Ministry District Council. This, and further details, to be discussed at the January PD meeting with Yankalilla & Delamere.

A **Mission Action Plan Refresh** meeting had been held at St Ann's on the 11th of December and attended by all the team leaders, and some others. Greg John & Peter Chapman had spoken on the Diocesan Formation training and the Leading Your Church Into Growth sessions they had attended. It was encouraging to see what had been achieved by the groups. The purpose of the meeting, though, was to look forward rather than look back over the past year. Most groups were planning to review their aims and objectives, and their membership. Greg John advised that training for small group leadership was available.

Pastoral District Website: Glen had not been able to start immediately on our website, but Pat would contact him personally after Christmas. Each centre to offer Pat what they would like to have included about their centre, in informal, friendly language. Most people looked for information about what churches are doing today. A separate section would be included for church histories.

Serious thought needed to be given to the interaction between *The Grapevine* and the website, the more so with the addition of Yankalilla and Delamere to our Mission District and the increased coverage needed. The Editor, Anne Chittleborough, believed she needed to set up an advisory committee to look at the issue. (See also p.2)

St Philip & St James' Building: A quote had been obtained for changing the lock on the front door, but as the church is a State Heritage building, State permission is required to make any changes at all. Brian McMillan and Peter Chapman were working on a programme.

Aldinga Bay Community Carols had been a good evening, and particularly enjoyed by the children. Our Nativity trailer had been there – by request – and stood beside the stage.

Finance Report: A surplus for once, but only because we weren't paying a priest's stipend.

| Nov 2016 | \$ | Overall finances Jan - Nov 2014 | \$ |
|--------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Nett monthly income | 7,818 | Income | 98,155 (<i>Budgeted \$114,350</i>) |
| Monthly expenditure | 4,550 | Expenditure | 93,277 (<i>Budgeted \$127,124</i>) |
| Operating profit | 3,268 | Operating profit | 4,878 |
| Missions | 630 | Total donations to missions | 6,286 |
| Special Purpose Funds Nov 2016 | \$ | Overall SP Funds Jan-Oct 2016 | \$ |
| Income | 2,881 | Income | 22,812 |
| Expenditure | 566 | Expenditure | 18,192 |
| Surplus | 2,315 | Surplus | 4,621 |

Pastoral Care Team: A meeting had been held on the 6th of December to put together information about home visits made during the year. The Parish Secretary noted that this team had been set up to be of assistance to a parish priest, but in the absence of a priest, an amazing amount of work had been done faithfully and without fuss by people in this pastoral district. Greg Roberts had been doing the home communions. There was discussion on possible follow-up to baptisms, and the fact that preparing people for confirmation could be done by lay people. The prayer list in the pew sheet needed review.

Margaret Cale's Community Volunteers' Award: The award was believed by PDC to be fully appropriate. Margaret said that while she didn't feel the need of recognition, she appreciated the fact that the award had been made.

At the close of the meeting the Parish Secretary thanked the Pastoral District Council for their work over the year, and he in turn was thanked with applause for the hard work he himself had put in to make it all hang together.

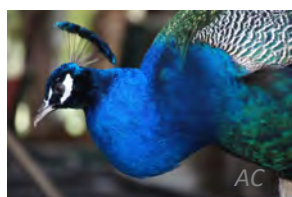
Next meeting will be at Yankalilla on Tuesday 17th January, 7 pm



**Pastoral District
Christmas Lunch
at the Peacock Farm**



Jan McNamara, Joanie Rawlings, Sally Murray



Thank you Julie & David Stuttard, wonderful hosts of the Peacock Farm, for a superb luncheon, and champagne and entrees to welcome us. Thank you too to Jac Hocking and son Will (top R) for organising it and decorating the tables. The weather was perfect and the surrounds were

beautiful. The resident peacocks strutted their stuff, escorting at least one guest from the front gate!



Mothers' Union

Our December meeting followed the Wave of Prayer format. As part of this service, prayer stations were set up, each with a focus theme as it was an Advent Journey. At each station, there were words, an activity and a visual image. Members moved to each table as a group and spent a few minutes in prayer and reflection.

Station 1 – Expectations and hopes – Seeds were planted in soil on a tray.



Station 2 – Recognizing the burdens we are carrying and letting them go - A stone from a basket was chosen by each member, washed in a bowl of water then dried on a towel.

Station 3 – The people sharing our journey – Cardboard cut-out of a tree with bare branches - green post in notes and pens where each wrote special names and stuck onto the branches.

Station 4 - Taking His light with us on our journey and out into the world. Each member lit a small candle.

Station 5 - Time with God – Jesus Poster and a small crib scene

Station 6- Leaving this quiet space and returning to the world with hope. Prayer cards with an Advent prayer were given to each member.

Our next meeting is on the 6th of February at St Nicholas, S.E.M.
Helen Cook



BC : AD

This was the moment when Before
Turned into After, and the future's
Uninvented timekeepers presented arms.

This was the moment when nothing
Happened. Only dull peace
Sprawled boringly over the earth.

This was the moment when even energetic
Romans
Could find nothing better to do
Than counting heads in remote provinces.

And this was the moment
When a few farm workers and three
Members of an obscure Persian sect
Walked haphazard by starlight straight
Into the kingdom of heaven.

U A Fanthorpe (b. 1929)

Harvest Festival McLaren Vale

14th January at the McLaren Vale oval
begins at 11 am with a parade of children and
Blessing of the Harvest by Fr Tom Gauci.

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

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ECO - SPIRITUALITY 2017

Eco-Spirituality is a small group ministry program situated in remote locations. The program is open to people for all ages and denominations.

Located in the Flinders Ranges of northern South Australia, Eco-Spirituality programs are designed to encourage people on their journey as they encounter the God of Creation through specific themes.

Each program includes simple accommodation (with beds, shower facilities, kitchen and dining area), food and a Spiritual Director to provide leadership in reflection, worship and for personal one to one interaction with participants as desired. Many of the programs also include the company of Terry Krieg, retired geology teacher to help understand the geological story of this ancient land.



The programme this year offers:

Mar 16 to 21 at Gum Creek Station "First Life" with
Fr Constantine Osuchukwu

Mar 27 to Apr 1-at Alpina "The Ediacaran Experience"
with Fr Tom Gleeson and Sr Kateri

Aug 14 to 19 at Balcanoona "A mountain, a lake, sand
dunes and a murder" with Fr Jim Monaghan

Sept 18 to 23 at Angepena "In the land of the
Adnyamathanha at Iga Warta" with the Rev'd Ali Wurm

Oct 19 to 24 at Mount Ive Station "God gets explosive"
with the Rev'ds David and Jenni Thompson

The cost for all programmes will be \$645, except for Angepena - \$765, which includes accommodation, food, and facilitators. For further details: visit the Diocese of Willochra's website:
www.diowillochra.org.au or contact Terry Krieg
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Southern Vales Pastoral District

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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>

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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,
Sunday 10.30 am



*Children's service,
St Margaret's,
Christmas Eve*

Yankalilla Christmas Festival



Christmas morning, St Ann's





***Pastoral District
Christmas Luncheon
at the
Peacock Farm***

