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# The Grapevine

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

## ***STOP PRESS!***

*It was announced on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January that Fr Peter Thomson would be locum tenens in Southern Vales from 4<sup>th</sup> February for at least 6 months. He will be in Southern Vales on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. See p. 2*



On a blisteringly hot day on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January the Pastoral District Councils of Southern Vales and of Yankalilla/Delamere got together at Yankalilla to discuss the way forward under the proposed restructuring of the Diocese of The Murray. The proposal, which was discussed at the Special Call of Synod in November 2016, is that our two Pastoral Districts combine as one Ministry District, with two priests.

Under the Chairmanship of Fr Max Bowers, currently *locum tenens* at Yankalilla/Delamere, the emphasis was not on the combining of the organisational structures of the two PDs, but on what opportunities we might have to work constructively together. Some time was spent getting to know how the two PDs operated. It was decided that both PDs would continue with their own monthly councils as at present, but that there would be a quarterly meeting of the priest(s?), treasurers and secretaries of Yankalilla and Southern Vales, with a representative from each of their churches—a chance for each centre to share something they had done that would inspire or encourage others. It was noted that the churches of Southern Vales had already been learning in recent years to work together and assist each other, and during the time without a priest had greatly benefitted from input from visiting clergy. This Ministry District group would meet first at St Ann's on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> of March, at 6.30 for 7 pm, with a shared meal.

As part of the sharing of ideas and resources Fr Max gave Southern Vales a copy of the Yankalilla Visitors' Pack and prayer diary. The meeting concluded as it began, with prayer.

## **New locum tenens, Fr Peter Thomson (cont'd from p. 1)**

Fr Peter served, among other places, at Elizabeth, Modbury, Goodwood and Toorak Gardens before retiring in 2013. We have had a chance to meet Fr Peter and his wife Roslyn as they have visited Southern Vales in recent weeks for Fr Peter to take services here.

We welcome them to Southern Vales and look forward to seeing more of them. There will be a fuller introduction to them in the March issue of *The Grapevine*.

## **Lenten Soup Suppers 2017**

*The Lenten Soup Suppers at St Ann's have for years maintained a tradition of culinary soup delights and interesting speakers during Lent. Beginning with prayers in the church at 6.30 for those who can attend, they then move to the hall where a selection of delicious soups awaits. Soup, bread and fruit are all that are on offer but the "all you can eat" soups are well known for their variety and quality. Then a guest speaker follows, with the evening concluding by 9 pm. A cost of \$5 per head covers costs, and any surplus is donated to charities nominated by the speakers.*

*If you haven't been to the Lenten Suppers yet, this is the time to come and explore the sharing of ideas, the food, and the friendly atmosphere. Booking is not necessary. Bring your friends!*

### **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

#### **Kylie Mines: Motivation!**

Kylie Mines, pictured here with her dog Amber, is founder and CEO of Motivation Australia, having previously worked for 14 years for the Motivation Charitable Trust living and working in Cambodia, Russia, Lithuania, Albania, Romania, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. As a World Health Organisation (WHO) consultant, Kylie contributed to the WHO Wheelchair Guidelines and is co-editor of two Wheelchair Service Training Package modules. Kylie, an Occupational Therapist, has a passion for working alongside local organisations in countries where resources are scarce, to initiate and strengthen locally based assistive technology and/or rehabilitation services. A major focus of her work has been developing solutions for appropriate mobility device provision including addressing the need for improved service delivery systems and training. Kylie lives at the Arts-Eco Village at Aldinga.



### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

#### **Tony Young: A fortunate life**

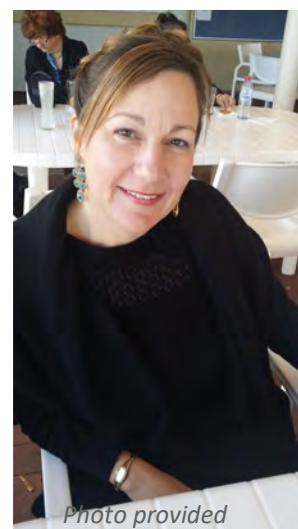
Tony, who lives at Maslin's, has a background in the building industry. He changed to caring work after moving to Australia with his family in the early 1980s and worked for Baptist Care, Adelaide, for 30 years, during which time it grew from Westcare, the West End Baptist Mission of Wright Street, to the large organisation it is today. He describes his work with young unaccompanied minors from countries like Pakistan and Afghanistan who have made their way to Australia, and the challenges that face them. The title of Tony's talk is inspired by the book of the same name by A. B. Facey.



### **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

#### **Janine Anninos; The Willunga Environment Centre**

Janine Anninos is the Manager at the Willunga Environment Centre which is one of seven Natural Resource Centres in South Australian regional areas. Come and learn what happens at the Centre — recycling programs, workshops and other events held there. Janine will talk about their youth group and the fabulous work they are doing in the community as well as their plans for the future!





## What's on

### February

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE  
 Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Gold Coin Collection for CPS\* workers  
 Family Service, St Ann's 9 am  
 Shared lunch, SEM  
 Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Mothers' Union 9.30 am S.E.M. Enquiries: 8556 2604  
 Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Friends of St Ann's 6.45 for 7 pm (pizza) (next column)  
 Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Colton Court singalong 10.30-11.30 am  
 Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Saturday Night Out, Willunga after the 5.30 pm service  
 Sun 12<sup>th</sup> St Nicholas' service (10.30 am) includes healing prayers  
 & laying on of hands Enquiries: Fr Percy 8386 3637  
 Church Vestry meetings at St Margaret's (11.30 am),  
 SSPJ (11.30 am), St Nicholas' (12 noon) (see p. 6)  
 Fri 17<sup>th</sup> St Nicholas' Fellowship 1.30 pm  
 Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Family Service, St Margaret's 10 am  
 Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Guild & Friends of St Margaret's 1.30 pm  
 Enquiries: Fran Pettigrew 8323 9366  
 Pastoral District Council, St Margaret's, 7 pm  
 Fri 24<sup>th</sup> MATTHIAS  
 Family Tea, St Ann's 6.30 for 7 (next column)  
 Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Church Vestry meeting, St Stephen's (6.30 pm) (see p 6)  
 Sun 26<sup>th</sup> TRANSFIGURATION  
 Church Vestry Meeting, St Ann's (10.30 am) (see p. 6)  
 Youth led service, St Nicholas', 10.30 am  
 Tues 28<sup>th</sup> SHROVE TUESDAY 6 pm service & pancake supper,  
 (next column)

### March

\*Christian Pastoral Support

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> ASH WEDNESDAY  
 9 am St Margaret's McLaren Vale  
 7 pm St Ann's Aldinga  
 Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> World Day of Prayer (see p. 7)  
 Services at Kalyra (2 pm) and St Ann's (7 pm)  
 Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Gold Coin Collection for CPS\* workers  
 Family Service, St Ann's 9 am  
 Shared Lunch SEM  
 Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Mothers' Union 9.30 am St Ann's  
 Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Friends of St Ann's 6.50 for 7 pm  
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 PD ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING St Margaret's, 2 pm (p.6)  
 Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Vintage Fashion Parade, St Margaret's, 1.30 pm  
 Lenten Supper, St Ann's 6.30 pm (see page 2)  
 Fri 17<sup>th</sup> St Nicholas' Fellowship 1.30 pm  
 Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Jumble Sale at St Ann's (next column)  
 Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Family Service, St Margaret's 10 am  
 Mon 20<sup>th</sup> JOSEPH  
 Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Friends & Guild of St Margaret's 1.30 pm  
 Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Lenten Supper, St Ann's 6.30 pm (see page 2)  
 Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Family Tea, St Ann's 6.30 pm  
 Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Youth Service, St Nicholas' 10.30 am  
 Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Ministry District meeting, St Ann's 6.30 for 7 pm (see p.1)  
 Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Lenten Supper, St Ann's 6.30 pm (see page 2)

### Family Services

Informal family services next on  
 5<sup>th</sup> Feb., 5<sup>th</sup> March at St Ann's, 9 am  
 12<sup>th</sup> Feb., 19<sup>th</sup> March, St Margaret's, 10 am

### Youth-led Service

26<sup>th</sup> Feb., St Nicholas', Seaford, 10.30 am

### Friends of St Ann's

First meeting for the year  
 Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, 7 pm  
 Be there by 6.45 for pizza!

### Saturday Night Out

11<sup>th</sup> February

at the Willunga Hotel  
 following the 5.30 Vigil Mass at St  
 Stephen's  
 (Bookings: Ted 8556 4535)



### Family Tea @ St Ann's

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February, 6.30 pm

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



### PANCAKES!

Shrove Tues. 28<sup>th</sup> February,  
 at St Margaret's.  
 6 pm Evening Prayer  
 6.30 Pancake Supper.

Gold coin donation to Schools Ministry.  
 Bring savoury or sweet fillings on the night.  
 Bring your last year's Palm Crosses to be burnt  
 for Ash Wednesday

### ASH WEDNESDAY, 1st March

Holy Communion & imposition of ashes  
 St Margaret's 9 am  
 St Ann's 7 pm



### Vintage Fashion Parade and afternoon tea

St Margaret's  
 Wed. 15<sup>th</sup> March,  
 1.30 pm

\$10

### Jumble Sale

St Ann's Sat 18<sup>th</sup> March

8.30-12.30

Quality goods wanted—and volunteers!  
 Enquiries: Pat Roper 8386 2470

## News from St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

Christmas Day mass began with Bp John blessing the crib, new altar frontals and banners and the congregation. Bp John spoke to us about special spiritual surprise moments in which we see God, spending quiet time with Him amid the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparation and celebration. A truly joyful Christmas Eucharist, thankyou Bp John.

Thanks also to the Rev'd John Devenport for conducting the following Sunday service with his loving care. We very much appreciate his travelling all the way from Stirling to be with us. Thankyou Fr John!

Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> January was a laity led service, which was well attended and well received. Sincere thanks to Jac Hocking for the creative cards for the day, and to all who contributed.

Greg John took a well earned break and we are grateful that Dean Abbott took over playing the organ for that time. We have enjoyed his music, thankyou Dean.

To all who continue in faithful service at St Margaret's, we thankyou for your devotion in serving others.

**St Margaret's has 20 kneeling cushions to give away—maroon colour, and approx 30cm x 30cm x 10 cm. Contact Julia 7009 7705.**

*Wardens Greg John & Julia Drought*



*Photos: J Drought*



## News from St Stephen's, Willunga

**Thank you** to Fr Dennis and Fr Bob for celebrating over recent weeks. Fr Bob was with us for a New Year's Eve service.

There was no **Saturday Night Out Dinner** in December. The first for 2017, held at the Willunga Hotel on January 14<sup>th</sup>, was attended by 12 people from across the Pastoral District. The next Saturday Night Out will be on February 11<sup>th</sup> at the Willunga Hotel.

Fr Dennis celebrated the **wedding of Aaron Scott & Ar Jay Ryang** on Friday January 20<sup>th</sup>. Ar Jay's mother flew here from South Korea to give away the bride at the ceremony, and other members of the bride's family were also able to be present. *(Photos: S Smith)*



### **Congratulations to...**

Margaret Cameron (above), who turned 90 on the 1st of February.

Wife of the late Fr George Cameron, Rector of Willunga from 1969 until his death in 1981, Margaret continued on for some 30 years as a mainstay of St Stephen's Church, Willunga.

She now lives at Life Care, Aldinga.

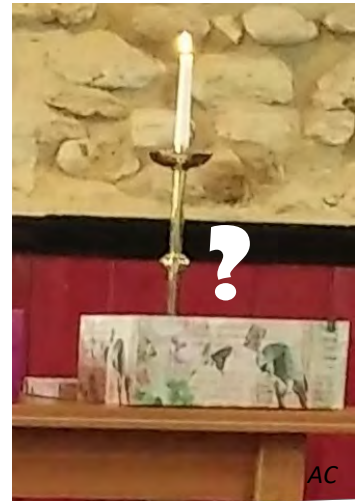




## News from St Ann's, Aldinga



At the **Epiphany Family Service** at St Ann's three young Magi from eastern states (of Australia) brought gifts symbolising gold, frankincense and myrrh and laid them on the altar. There was a fourth box, though, in more contemporary style, and it was empty. Members of the congregation were invited to think prayerfully about what they would offer of themselves to the Christ Child this Epiphany, to write it down and offer it in the fourth box.



**Grannie Annie's** can be quite different from one week to the next! Generally these days it is a low key way to catch up with friends over a cup of coffee, but sometimes when school is out, there is more activity! L: *Oliver Graham and Anne Chittleborough race pingpong balls* (photo W Graham).

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of January Granny Annie's moved to the roadside with a cheerfully coloured umbrella, a large dish of watermelon and cans of soft drinks, to cheer the Tour Down Under cycle race and offer refreshments to the onlookers.



It was an opportunity to chat to a few other race enthusiasts who came to join us, some of whom asked to visit the church.

*Do feel free to drop in on Granny Annie's on a Thursday morning 9—11.30. The church is open at this time too for quiet prayers, or to enjoy listening to the choir practice (from 9.30—10.30 am).*

### A gift from St Thomas', Colonel Light Gardens.

When St Thomas' (Diocese of Adelaide) combined with St Francis of Assisi's, Edwardstown in January, and their church was closed, they gave a beautiful set of vestments to St Ann's, together with two albs, and some silver cruets. The vestments previously in use at St Ann's had included some which had belonged to Fr Tom Drought, and these have been returned to his family. The new chalice serves to replace one in need of costly repair. Our thanks to Fr Tony Tamblyn for arranging this.

The first **Family Tea** of the year attracted a good number, and was an occasion to celebrate John Carroll's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday.

*Anne Chittleborough  
for Pat Roper & Brian McMillan, Wardens*



*John Carroll cuts the birthday cake. L-R: Trish McDonald, Bill Cale, Wendy Young, Pat Roper. Photo: S Smith.*

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 15<sup>th</sup> of February. Please notify the Editor if you wish to avoid the chance of being mentioned in this newsletter.

## ***News from St Nicholas', Seaford***

**Services:** Following our uplifting Christmas Services it was back to normal in the New Year. We have been fortunate enough to have Fr Dennis and Fr Peter along with Fr Ted and Fr Percy assisting us in our worship services in January. Although the Youth Worship was in recess for the school holidays we had a wonderful service of Morning Prayer instead with some great music provided by Helen Cook.

**Funeral service:** Sadly we farewelled another member of our congregation in January. Christine Tarry passed away at home, surrounded by her family, after a long and difficult battle with cancer. Despite all her trials and tribulations, Christine's strong faith was always evident, a real Christian witness and example to us all. Her funeral on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January was attended by her family and friends, with representatives from the 'Red Hat' ladies, Probus and U3A as well as members of her 'church' family at St Nicholas. A full church for her requiem mass was a testament to the number of people she had touched in her life. The fellowship ladies again came to the fore and provided a wonderful afternoon tea.



*Photo provided*

The **Fellowship group** had its first meeting for 2017 on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 1.30pm. Our day has moved to coincide with the weekly 'roast lunch' special in the café so members can come for lunch and stay for the meeting. It was also decided to hold monthly congregation meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month following our healing service. This time will enable all our congregation to have a say in St Nicholas' future plans at SEM, update on the PDC and fellowship social activities. Our first meeting will be on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February which will also be our pre-vestry meeting.

**SEM** Whilst we have heard nothing further about our future at SEM from the Heads of Churches, the Health Department has extended its lease until April 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. The property is to be valued in the coming weeks so a price can be put on the building. What happens next is still, fortunately for us, in the hands of God.

*Jane Cuthbert, Warden*

## **NOTICE OF CHURCH VESTRIES AND ANNUAL PASTORAL DISTRICT VESTRY MEETING**

The Pastoral District Council advises that the respective **Church Vestries** will take place as follows:

**St Margaret - 12<sup>th</sup> February 11.30 am, SSPJ - 12<sup>th</sup> February 11.30 am, St Nicholas - 12<sup>th</sup> February 12 noon,  
St Stephen - 25<sup>th</sup> February 6.30 pm, St Ann - 26<sup>th</sup> February 10.30 am**

**Focus Business:** Election of People's Warden for each Centre and suggestion for major items for Annual Vestry Agenda. Nominations forms will be at each Centre\*

Suggested motions for the Annual Vestry Meeting need to be forwarded to the PD Secretary by Tues. Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **The Annual Vestry Meeting for the Pastoral District of Southern Vales will take place on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

commencing at 2 pm in St Margaret Sunday School room

#### **Agenda items**

- Centre Reports
- Committee Reports
- Financial Reports
- List of Priest's Wardens
- Appointment of People's Wardens
- Business from Church Vestries
- Other Competent Business

\*The person nominated must be a communicant member of the Pastoral District, having received Communion on no less than three occasions in the previous twelve months, one of which must be Easter. The person must also have attained the age of eighteen years.



## News from Ss Philip & James', Old Noarlunga

Everything has been very quiet since Christmas however we are now looking forward with renewed vigour to the new year and all the potential it offers.

Rupert and Di Best have cut down the hollyhocks and John Carroll and friend removed the mound inside the gate. Rupert and Stephen are continuing their anti-weed campaign and Stephen has trimmed the lavender hedge.

Thank you to all our volunteers who continue to keep an eye on the church on the hill.

Judy Wells and Stephen Wells, Wardens      Wardens SSPJ



## Who is welcome in our church?

Thank you Helen Blake and Paul Bell who discovered this wonderful welcome from Coventry Cathedral.

I am sure that all of us here at Southern Vales endorse it and say "hear, hear!" Let's make sure our own welcome is as sincere and comprehensive!



## Growing God's church with BOLDNESS!

**Diocese of The Murray  
Formation Weekend  
Fri 28<sup>th</sup>—Sun 30<sup>th</sup> April**

Presented by Bp John Ford, and open to parishioners throughout the diocese who want to extend their theological knowledge. Held at Cockatoo Downs, Keith from 10 am Friday and concluding on Sunday with Mass and lunch. Cost: \$260, which includes all meals & accommodation. Dorm style rooms

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH

2 pm Kalyra, 19 Aldersey St, McLaren Vale  
7 pm St Ann's Aldinga



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### Visit our website!

<http://www.southernvalesparish.org>

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**St Stephen's, Willunga**

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**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,**

together with St Philip & St James' congregation

Sunday: 10 am with Sunday School

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