

March 2017

*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

## ***More breaking news!***

It was announced on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February that Fr Peter Simmons would be appointed as half-time priest in the Ministry District, starting in June, for 12 months.

He will also be working at a Diocesan level with Jeff McHugh on development of properties, to give people a vision of what is possible, and what we can achieve with them.

With his wife Sally, Fr Peter lives at Aldinga Beach. He is currently Senior Priest of the Pastoral District of Southern Suburbs.



## ***TODAY!***

### ***Clean Up Australia Day!***

Join the team cleaning up Old Coach Rd from 10.30  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Bags etc provided at St Ann's.  
Celebrate with sausage sizzle at 12.30 pm.

### ***Southern Vales Schools Ministry***

Chaplains in our schools:

We support them with our gold coin collection  
on the first Sunday of the month

**Come and support them in person**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

5 pm at the Uniting Church, Aldinga,  
followed by refreshments.

A chance to meet them, to hear their amazing stories,  
and to pray for them as they commence their  
school year.

## **Pastoral District of Southern Vales**

### **ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March St Margaret's, 2 pm**

The Vestry meeting is the Annual  
General Meeting of the parish, when reports are  
presented & elections held.

Your chance to contribute to discussion on  
matters on the Agenda.

Sub-vestry meetings have been held in all centres  
before the Annual Vestry, to elect  
People's Wardens and raise concerns people wish to  
discuss at the Vestry Meeting.

***With our Diocese and Pastoral District facing many  
changes and challenges, come and support our  
Vestry Meeting.***

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

## A word from Fr Peter...

Dear Friends,

I find it pleasing to think that my proposed six month stint as locum (part time) in the Southern Vales, will include the wonderful annual journey we make with our Lord during the forty days of Lent and the fifty days (some were taught forty) of Eastertide. We seek to be renewed during Lent, through penitence. The colour purple is symbolic of repentance.

A personal review (through self-examination of conscience) and an act of repentance make a very helpful Lenten practice. In this way we hope to maintain a state of grace – our baptismal state. A few of us will make the usual pre-Easter trek to the

confessional to be assured of forgiveness. I have always (from childhood) greatly valued this aid to renewal, both as a penitent and confessor.

From the early centuries, the lead-up to Easter was seen as a time for those who had lapsed (perhaps during the crucible of persecution) to be restored and for enquirers to be prepared for baptism. What better time for

baptism than at Easter, when we pass over with Christ from death to life, from bondage to freedom, from sin to righteousness, from darkness into light.

The Church's rites during Holy Week (especially in the great three days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter, i.e. The Triduum), are simply a "must", and are best seen as a continuing act of worship, as we journey with Jesus from the Last Supper and Gethsemane, to his Cross and to his Rising. It all reaches a wonderful culmination in the Easter Vigil, with lighted candles and baptismal water, which will be celebrated this year at St Stephen's, Willunga, on Holy Saturday (Easter Eve).

Because of the historic precedent of preparing candidates during this Season, Lent has been regarded from early times as a season in which to make a special effort to learn more about and to grow in our Christian Faith; so Lenten studies are to be encouraged and eagerly welcomed. We are fortunate this year in being able to use Bishop John's Lenten Study, *Spare a Minute*. I have always found that joining a group for such studies is richly rewarding and am glad to commend to you the groups for Lent now offered in Southern Vales (see p. 8). There should be enough days and times for you to find a time to suit.

Making a Lenten Rule is also a useful thing to do. Don't make it too unattainable, and see it as a time for positive initiatives rather than rigorous denials.

I like this little Lenten reminder card (L).

May God bless you, in your Lenten Pilgrimage.

Peter.



## Lenten Suppers 2017:

**Beginning with prayers in the church at 6.30 pm for those who can attend, we 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:** Those of us living in this lucky country take wheelchairs and such aids for granted, but Kylie and her organisation "Motivation" look at the challenges of countries where resources are scarce.

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March: Tony Young** describes his experiences working with Baptist Care, and in recent years with young unaccompanied minors learning to live in Australia.

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March: Janine Anninos** from the Willunga Environment Centre will fill us in on the wonderful environmental work being done in our local area.

**Passionate people with a passion for bringing about change!**





## March

- Wed 1<sup>st</sup>** ASH WEDNESDAY  
Services 9 am St Margaret's, 7 pm St Ann's
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>** World Day of Prayer. Kalyra (2 pm); St Ann's (7 pm)
- Sun 5<sup>th</sup>** Gold Coin Collection; SVSM service, UC Aldinga 5 pm (p1)  
Family Service, St Ann's 9 am  
Clean Up Australia & sausage sizzle St Ann's after church  
Shared Lunch SEM
- Mon 6<sup>th</sup>** Mothers' Union AGM, 9.30 St Ann's
- Tues 7<sup>th</sup>** Friends of St Ann's AGM 6.50 for 7 pm
- Thurs 9<sup>th</sup>** Colton Court sing-along 10.30-11.30 am
- Sat 11<sup>th</sup>** Saturday Night Out, Willunga (next column)
- Sun 12<sup>th</sup>** St Nicholas' service 10.30 am, healing prayers  
PD ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING 2 pm St Margaret's
- Wed 15<sup>th</sup>** Yesteryear Fashion Parade, St Margaret's, 1.30 pm  
Lenten Supper, St Ann's 6.30 pm.
- 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
- Tues 21<sup>st</sup>** Friends & Guild of St Margaret's 1.30 pm  
Pastoral District Council 7 pm
- Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>** Lenten Supper, St Ann's 6.30 pm
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup>** Family Tea, St Ann's (next column)
- Sat 25<sup>th</sup>** ANNUNCIATION
- Sun 26<sup>th</sup>** MOTHERING SUNDAY. MU prayers at St Ann's service  
Youth Service, St Nicholas' 10.30 am  
SEM Prayer service 5pm followed by shared tea.
- Tues 28<sup>th</sup>** Ministry District Meeting, St Ann's 6.30 for 7pm
- Wed 29<sup>th</sup>** Lenten Supper, St Ann's 6.30 pm
- Fri 31<sup>st</sup>** Palm cross making, S E M 1.30 (see p. 9)

## April

- Sun 2<sup>nd</sup>** *End of daylight saving*  
Gold Coin Collection for CPS workers  
Family Service, St Ann's 9 am  
Shared lunch, SEM
- Mon 3<sup>rd</sup>** MU St Nicholas' 9.30 am : craft day
- Tues 4<sup>th</sup>** Friends of St Ann's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday 6.50 for 7 pm
- Sat 8<sup>th</sup>** Willunga Night Out
- Sun 9<sup>th</sup>** PALM SUNDAY COMBINED SERVICE, St Ann's 10 am  
Ecumenical service at S.E.M.
- Thur 13<sup>th</sup>** *School holidays begin*  
Colton Court sing-along  
MAUNDY THURSDAY
- Fri 14<sup>th</sup>** GOOD FRIDAY
- Sun 16<sup>th</sup>** EASTER DAY
- Tues 18<sup>th</sup>** Friends & Guild of St Margaret's, 1.30 pm  
Pastoral District Council 7 pm
- Thurs 20<sup>th</sup>** St Nicholas' Fellowship 1.30 pm
- Sun 23<sup>rd</sup>** Youth led Service, St Nicholas' 10.30 am
- Tues 25<sup>th</sup>** MARK  
ANZAC Day
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup>** Family Tea, St Ann's 6.30 for 7 pm
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup>-Sun 30<sup>th</sup>** Formation weekend: Bishop John Ford
- Sat 29<sup>th</sup>** Car Boot Sale, St Margaret's (next column)
- Sun 30<sup>th</sup>** St Philip & St James' Patronal Festival  
COMBINED SERVICE at St Margaret's, 10 am  
Ecumenical service, SEM

## What's on ?

For Holy Week & Easter  
services:  
see page 8

## Family Services

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

## Youth-led Service

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

## Saturday Night Out

11<sup>th</sup> March

at the Willunga Hotel

following the 5.30 service at St Stephen's  
(Bookings: Ted 8556 4535)

## The Hills Victorian Ladies

present

## Yesteryear Fashion Parade

St Margaret's

Wed. 15<sup>th</sup> March,  
1.30 pm



\$10 includes afternoon tea



## 1<sup>st</sup> Lenten Soup Supper

St Ann's Wed. 15<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30  
(see opposite page)

## 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



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Lenten Soup Supper

St Ann's Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 6.30  
(see opposite page)

## Family Tea @ St Ann's

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

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



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Lenten Soup Supper

St Ann's Wed. 29<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30  
(see opposite page)



St Margaret's  
McLaren Vale

Sat. 29<sup>th</sup> April  
(more details next issue)

### **Diocesan Prayer 2017**

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love, so that we are wholly yours and may love each other and grow as a community of faith.*

*Fill us and use us to share your healing power with those with whom we work, live and worship.*

*Ignite within us a passion for your Gospel so that we can be beacons of love, justice and mercy using our gifts and talents for your glory.*

*Open our hearts and our minds to your truths given to us in Scripture and to the needs of others. Strengthen us to share these truths with our community, that we may produce a greater harvest for your kingdom.*

*Come Holy Spirit; renew and empower us so that we can face all things with courage knowing that you are with us. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

*Written by Christine Irvine, Murray Bridge*

### **A Diocesan challenge**

In a letter to the Diocese, read in all churches on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February, Bishop John passed on from Diocesan Council a challenge to us all to increase our congregations by 25% by the feast of Christ the King (end of November) 2018.

"I hope and pray," he writes, "that every disciple in the Diocese will do all they can to pray that we can be granted opportunities to share our faith; be given the strength to respond to them; and graced with the vision to inspire others with a knowledge of God's will and purpose."

*If you didn't receive a copy of this letter, it is available from the Secretary, ph 8556 4535.*

### **News from St Stephen's, Willunga**

We are pleased to have Fr Paul Monash, from the Parish of Southern Suburbs, to take services at St Stephen's once a month. We thank him, Fr Dennis, & Fr Peter for celebrating over recent weeks. Please keep Fr Bob Hupfeld in your prayers.

We welcomed the Thomson family (Fr Peter, his wife Roslyn and daughter Joanna) to St Stephen's and were glad to have them join the February Saturday Night Out at the Willunga Hotel, which was attended by 12 people from across the PD. *The next Saturday Night Out will be on March 11<sup>th</sup> at the Willunga Hotel at 6.45 pm after the 5.30 pm service.*

Paul Scott, a parishioner of St Peter's Cathedral, visited St Stephen's on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Paul, in retirement, has taken on a project to photograph rural churches in SA. He spent much of the morning taking interior and exterior photos before moving onto St Joseph's Catholic Church, Willunga and then on to Christ Church, Yankalilla. St Ann's is on his list.

Landon Felix Carey was baptised on Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup> at the 5.30 pm service. This was Fr Peter's first baptism in the Southern Vales. A revised Epiphany service and the AAPB baptism liturgy were integrated for this occasion. Trish Frith presented the new member of God's family with a MU card, while the parents and godparents received "new look" St Matthew's gospels.

The Vigil Eucharist is on a Saturday at 5.30 pm. Do join us, especially if you are unable to attend a Sunday Service. Refreshments afterwards with bubbly or wine & nibbles (cheese, dips and biscuits).

*Ted Sandercock, Jac Hocking, Wardens*



*L-R: Hayley de Bruin, David Carey, Elisa Carey with Landon Felix, Kenneth Carey, Fr Peter Thomson.*

*Photo: T Sandercock*

## ***News from St Ann's, Aldinga***

Things have been winding up again after a relatively quiet start to the year. Our **Friends of St Ann's meeting**, the first for the year, was held on February 7<sup>th</sup> with an attendance of eighteen. It is very encouraging that people are interested in helping to keep the wheels turning here. The meeting covered some forward planning which includes another Quiz Night booked in with our organiser for the 14<sup>th</sup> July. Maintenance matters, including the need to see to the removal of and replanting of some trees on the northern boundary of the church, were reviewed, and details updated. Thanks to Bill, Peter and their helpers in seeing to these tasks as required.

We have had **very regular voluntary help** from a number of individuals who are keeping the cemetery grounds and church gardens in top condition. Many thanks to these people.

We are still enjoying the welcome presence at **our services** of Fr Dennis, Fr Jeff Oake, and Fr Ted Newing, and welcome Fr Peter Thomson as our locum. We are enriched by the diversity of their sermons and their services. Our **Family Services** continue to be presented and received well by the congregation thanks to the continuing team work of those preparing them each month.

*Pat Roper & Brian McMillan, Wardens*



Our Family Tea on the 24<sup>th</sup> February drew a full house, and we were delighted that Peter and Patricia Bissell, back in McLaren Vale these days after Peter's long hospitalisation, were able to join us. It was their first "outing" in 12 months, and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary! With Brian at the keyboard and Jack Warrington, Barbara Walter and Margaret Cale leading the singing, all joined in the "Anniversary Waltz" and other songs. We are delighted that parishioners from the other churches join us for these informal sharing occasions, and bring visitors!

*Above: Peter & Patricia blow out the anniversary candle, watched by Bill Cale and Helen Davies.*

## ***News from St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga***

Hi, Fellow Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Work to recover The Church on the Hill progresses slowly and will continue to do so as we strive to do the best job we can to keep the c(C)hurch\* secure for the next 100 years.

Brian McMillan, Peter Chapman, Rupert Best and Judy Wells met with Will Allen from Heritage Stone Restorations at St Philip and St James on 20/02/17 to discuss what needs to be done, in what order and at what cost.

It was decided that underpinning the eastern wall of the sanctuary and Vestry is the most effective path. To that end we will ask for quotes to design the plan and once we have it, quotes to engineer it. Will suggested digging an air trench around the church to drain water away from the wall and assist with management of the salt damp.

Peter has also reported that he has received offers of help from three sources in Old Noarlunga.

Brian is going to approach the National Trust regarding a National Trust Appeal to be set up for Saint Philip and Saint James as money donated to it will be tax deductible. Having said that, the time is also close when we need to let both the people of Old Noarlunga and the City of Onkaparinga generally know, as they too have ongoing ties to "our c(C)hurch".

As in all things we look to our Bishop and through him the Vicar General for guidance and blessings on our endeavours. We ask all of you for your prayers.

*\*Judith writes c(C)hurch deliberately. Ask her why.*

*Judy Wells and Stephen Wells, Wardens*







Photo T Sandercock

## Walking the Way

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February priests and Councillors of our Ministry District met at St Ann's with representatives of Diocesan Council, to discuss financial matters relating to proposed changes (see *News from PDC*).

## News from St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

We welcome the Rev'd Peter Thomson as our locum for the next six months. We also welcome his wife and daughter, Ros and Joanne into our pastoral district and pray they'll survive our many and varied needs without too many scars! They travel from Westbourne Park to serve us, so we need to be mindful of this extra travelling when asking for help. So far Peter has survived council meetings, a parish dinner and a hippie birthday party. He, Ros and Jo made an impressive groovy trio in their cool outfits!

Greg Roberts is taking on the role of people's warden from Julia Drought after the Vestry meeting. We wish him well in revisiting this role. Julia will still write reports and act as second in Greg Roberts' absence.

Grounds around the church, as always, need constant care, and now the ground has sufficiently dried out our maintenance team has been busy spraying weeds, mowing and trimming. Thank you team, the place looks happier. The back rectory garden clean-up will be next to be tackled.

We are thrilled to see the new baptismal font, skilfully crafted locally, donated in memoriam to Edna and Harry Ribbons by their daughter, Jill Ribbons. Its front now awaits a memorial plaque and it will be blessed on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Thankyou Jill for this beautiful and fitting memorial.

We also have a new white cross to be dedicated.

*Julia Drought & Greg John, Wardens.*



Photo: T Sandercock

Recognise these people?  
See p. 9!

Julia Drought's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday party at St Margaret's, voted the fun event of the year, was an occasion involving the PD, and some strange characters turned up! In lieu of presents Julia asked for donations to her favourite charity, WINS (Women in Need in Syria) and she was thrilled that over \$900 was donated. Photos: J Evans



## News from Pastoral District Council

The meeting was chaired by Ted Sandercock, with Fr Peter Thomson in attendance. Matters discussed included the following:

**Walking the Way:** Clergy and wardens of Southern Vales and Yankalilla/Delamere attended a Walking the Way meeting on Mon. 13<sup>th</sup> February when three members from the Diocesan Finance and Property team, Bruce Stanley, Jeff McHugh and Fr David Price, came to discuss our commitment towards the Diocesan Vision for the future. Bruce Stanley addressed the topic of gifts to the Home Mission Fund to assist with the resourcing of 3.5 additional clergy in the Diocese. (It is proposed that an additional half time position be allocated to the Southern Vales Ministry District.) The goal is to raise \$500,000 to fund this aim for at least the first year, after which the hope is that growth will enable funding to be generated from within the Ministry Districts. It was suggested that 12% of all Special Purpose Funds held with the Diocese might be gifted as a one off contribution to raise this funding. The Pastoral District Council agreed to gift \$50,000 (sourced from various accounts) to this Fund.

The Integrated Accounting System previously promoted is not being continued. An alternative way of operating is a work in progress.

Jeff McHugh raised the matter of Ministry District properties: what would be a suitable location for rectories? What was the situation with Ss Philip & James' land?

We need to make decisions about the way ahead, then consider what finance and property we would need to achieve that.

**Mission Action Plan:** some of the teams need to be re-formed, as things had tended to "run down" at the end of the year with many other matters to be worked on. Leaders will be contacted and encouraged to do this.

**Website:** The Aim 1 action group had met to look at the new temporary website. Pat Roper, its co-ordinator, needed photos and information about the churches to send to Glen Laundry for the update. The site would be based on the one for West Dartmoor. Permission was needed to be obtained from those photographed, and new forms will be made available. Meanwhile any children photographed must still have permission forms filled by parents/guardians.

**Towards a Ministry District:** Considering the formation of a Ministry District consisting of the present PDs of Southern Vales and Yankalilla/Delamere, it is proposed that a Ministry District Council consisting of stipendiary clergy, one warden from each centre, the secretary, the treasurer and a chair appointed from one of the other wardens, meet every two months. This Council would be responsible for governance and strategic direction, and financial oversight of anything costing over \$250.

Each church centre would have a group such as a Guild or Friends. These will be responsible for local matters, and will report to the Ministry District Council. *The Grapevine* will continue to include news from all centres.

### Finance Report:

PD Southern Vales Jan 2017	\$	Special Purpose Funds Jan 2017	\$
Nett monthly income	10,396.47	Income	1,971.00
Monthly expenditure	11,396.41	Expenditure	101.05
Operating profit/loss	-999.94	Operating profit/loss	1,869.95
Missions	268.20		

The Treasurer explained that our year's insurance had been paid in full instead of monthly, helping the diocese. She also pointed out that council rates would soon have to be paid, from the Special Purpose Funds.

It was noted that although we had been prepared under present circumstances to hold only two Eucharistic services a month in each church, we were in fact managing to have three, with relieving clergy. However, the Treasurer pointed out the cost of this. While we are not meeting our budgeted target, can we really afford it?

The **McLaren Vale Harvest Festival** on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February had been a huge event. The churches' role had been led by Fr Ted Newing, Fr Charles Gauci and Pastor Mark Kaesler. We need to ensure greater participation by our church.

Yankalilla/Delamere had proposed an open-air Ministry District event to be held on Sun 30<sup>th</sup> April. However, that would be Ss Philip & James' Patronal Festival at St Margaret's. Yankalilla/Delamere to be invited to this instead.

The importance of **prayer meetings** was emphasised and encouraged.

*The next meeting of PDC will be on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7 pm.*

***"Take up your calling with joy and dedication..."***



On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February Bruce Hicks from our neighbouring church at Mount Compass was ordained priest.

*L-R: Archdeacon Peter Carlson, Brother Richard Burr (PD of Southern Suburbs), Bruce Hicks (kneeling), Bishop John Ford, Fr David Patterson, Bishop David McCall.*

Several parishioners from Southern Vales attended the ordination to support him.

### ***P D Bible Studies for Lent***

*Join a Bible study group this Lent!*

Study groups using the Lenten Study book, *Spare a Minute*

in which Bishop John shares some thoughts for Lent, are available from leaders for \$10.

**Mondays** 6.30 pm Helen Cook's home, Seaford

*Enquiries: Helen Cook ph 8386 3689 or 0427 679 787*

**Tuesdays** 10.30 am St Nicholas'

*Enquiries: Jane Cuthbert ph 0407 651 606*

**Wednesdays** 10 am St Margaret's

*Enquiries: Ted Sandercock ph 8556 4535*

**Thursdays** 7 pm St Ann's

*Enquiries: Peter Chapman ph 8557 7151*

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### ***Holy Week & Easter Services***

Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 10 am Procession and Combined Service at St Ann's 10.45 SEM Blessing of palms with the RC community; then individual services
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	11 am Mt Barker, Blessing of the Oils,
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	5.30 pm Evensong, St Nicholas'
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	9 am Eucharist, St Margaret's
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	9 am Morning prayer, St Ann's <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> service 7 pm St Margaret's 7.30 pm Ecumenical service, Seaford Ecumenical Mission Washing of feet & HC
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 10 am Stations of the Cross, St Ann's 3 pm The Lord's Passion St Stephen's
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> 7 pm Easter Vigil, St Stephen's
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>EASTER DAY</b> 10 am St Margaret's (with St Philip & St James' congregation) 9 am St Ann's 10.30 am St Nicholas'



## News from St Nicholas, Seaford

**Services:** We welcomed Fr Peter and his wife to our service in January and look forward to his regular visits. Fathers Ted and Percy still lead us on the second Sunday of each month with a service that includes anointing and laying on of hands for those in need of physical and spiritual healing. **Our Youth Worship** begins again for 2017 on March 26<sup>th</sup> with what is sure to be a 'new take' on Mothering Sunday! We are looking forward with enthusiasm for their contributions to our services in the coming year.

During the holiday break, we have held **Morning Prayer** in place of the Youth Worship. The congregation has enjoyed this change in our style of worship and it has offered the opportunity for some great songs and music by our pianist Helen Cook. Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup> was our first **combined service** for the year with members of the Anglican, Uniting and Church of Christ congregations joining to celebrate the Ministry of the Word and share in Holy Communion.

Our **Palm Sunday service** will be the Ecumenical Liturgy of the Palms and procession, then the rest of the service in our own traditions.

The **Fellowship group:** Our day has moved to the third Friday of each month to coincide with the weekly 'roast lunch' special in the café; members can come for lunch and stay for the meeting.

**Congregation Meetings:** Our first meeting for the year was held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February and was also our pre-vestry meeting. We had a great meeting with most of the congregation staying. It was an opportunity to advise the congregation of upcoming events at SEM, changes at St Nicholas and activities in the Southern Vales PD.

**Mission and Ministry:** representatives on this committee are to be Joan Dare and Helen Cook with Lyn Hann happy to attend if anyone absent. **SEM Advisory Committee:** our only current representative is Joyce Newing (these are Bp John Appointments) Following discussion in the congregation it was decided to put forward two other names.

**Youth Ministry:** Helen and Joan are currently running this ministry for young people during the services. More volunteers are needed to assist with this outreach. Current police checks, and safer ministry course needs to be undertaken by those wishing to volunteer.

**MAP:** Helen Cook meets with the Map Aim 1 group re setting up the new website etc. More volunteers are needed to join the other MAP groups. **Permission and Privacy:** New forms will be given to all St Nicholas Parishioners regarding updating the Directory and seeking permission for photos etc to go on the website. The wardens are also asking for email details so information can be sent to those who are away or unable to attend services regularly. ie newsletters, pew sheets upcoming events etc.

**Wardens** Helen Cook was happy to be named as People's Warden but as she goes away for a couple of months at a time needed help with the job. Joan Dare's name was put forward as alternative Warden when Helen was away.

*Jane Cuthbert, Warden*

### Making Palm Crosses

Come and join in the fun making palm crosses for Palm Sunday! Seaford Ecumenical Centre, 1.30 pm Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March.



...And why not come for a roast lunch at the SEM café first? Book in for lunch on 8392 4508 between 10 am and 2 pm no later than Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>. \$10 for 2 courses & tea/coffee



BCA box opening has been changed to March and September (to bring us in to line with other states).

Please hand your box to your warden or contact Wendy (8556 4535) for collection.

*Mystery characters (p. 6)*

*A: Julia and Michael Drought, Margaret Waite*

*B: Barry and Julianne Bates*

*C: The Thomsons: Joanne, Ros and Fr Peter*

*D: Paul Bell, Bill Cale, Peter Chapman*



*"These are vegetables, mother. You wouldn't want me to eat something I've given up for Lent, would you?"*

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remember....the Lord will never give you more  
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## **Southern Vales Pastoral District**

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## **Pastoral District Regular Service times**

**St Stephen's, St Andrew's Tce, Willunga**

**Saturday: 5.30 pm**

**St Margaret's, 99 Main Road McLaren Vale**

**Sunday: 10 am with Sunday School**

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

**Wednesday: 9:00 am**

**St Ann's, 7 Stonehouse Lane, Aldinga**

**Sunday: 9 am**

**St Nicholas', Seaford Ecumenical Mission,**

**Sunday 10.30 am**

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

There are 2 such combined services in the next two months:

*On PALM SUNDAY (9<sup>th</sup> April) there will be a procession and combined service at St Ann's at 10 am,*

*&*

*On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April there will be a combined service at St Margaret's at 10 am to celebrate St Philip & James' Patronal Festival*