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*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

Holy Week & Easter Services

Sun. 9th PALM SUNDAY *A celebration with palms of Christ's entry into Jerusalem*

10 am Blessing of Palms, Procession and Holy Communion, St Ann's,
7 Stonehouse Lane, Aldinga (COMBINED SERVICE)

10.45 am Seaford Ecumenical Mission (SEM) Cnr Main Rd & Grand Boulevard,
Blessing of palms, with the Roman Catholic community; then individual
services

Mon. 10th 11 am, Blessing of the Oils, Mt Barker

Tues. 11th 5.30 pm Evensong, St Nicholas' (Seaford Ecumenical Mission)

Wed. 12th 9 am Eucharist, St Margaret's, 99 Main Road, McLaren Vale

Thurs. 13th MAUNDY THURSDAY

9 am Morning prayer, St Ann's (address above)

7 pm Washing of feet, Holy Communion, St Margaret's (address above)

7.30 pm Ecumenical service, Washing of feet, Holy Communion, SEM

The evening service commemorates Christ's institution of the Eucharist on the night before his death. The priest washes the feet of the people, following Christ's example of humility. After the service the altar is stripped and the sanctuary lamp extinguished. A vigil is kept in the church.

Fri. 14th GOOD FRIDAY *Remembering Christ's suffering and death on the cross.*

10 am Stations of the Cross, St Ann's (address above)

3 pm The Lord's Passion, St Stephen's, St Andrew's Tce, Willunga

Sat. 15th HOLY SATURDAY

7 pm Easter Vigil, St Stephen's, Willunga (address above)

A dramatic ancient liturgy using symbolic fire and water, renewal of baptism vows and a celebration of the first Eucharist of Easter

Sun. 16th EASTER DAY

Celebrating Christ's triumph over death, with joy and flowers, at

9 am St Ann's, Aldinga

10 am St Margaret's, McLaren Vale (with St Philip & St James' congregation)

10.30 am St Nicholas', (SEM) Seaford



A Word from Fr Peter



Dear People of the Pastoral District of Southern Vales,

I am writing this just after our Wednesday Lenten study group, when we considered the Samaritan woman at the well and each person was invited to say what stood out for them in this story (John 4.5-42). One of our group perceptively spoke of the statement Jesus makes, *"The hour is coming when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth". ("...no longer on this mountain nor in Jerusalem")*.

I found this very insightful. We do tend to stray into thinking we've got the God-business "sewn up" and regard God as contained in our formulae or dogmas, or even walled up. It is a mistake to think we can control or manipulate God or contain God in a particular place or building, a "god-box". God continues to surprise us by going before us and appearing in unexpected places; as at the Resurrection. The hymn says: *O thou within no walls confined, inhabitest the humble mind. Where'er we seek thee thou art found and every place is hallowed ground.*

Jesus foreshadows the hour when he will be glorified, when the new covenant of grace and forgiveness is ushered in, through his holy dying and rising. The liberty of the Spirit was to replace the tight bound merit-scoring regulation of Pharisaic observance. The law, bound in letters of stone, is replaced by the freedom of the Spirit. It took the first disciples some time to fathom this profound truth and the finely honed theology of St Paul describes this new relationship: *By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. (Ephesians 2.8)*

The other momentous truth of this New Covenant is that the dividing wall between Jew and Gentile would be abolished by the Cross, so the Samaritan place of worship (on this mountain) and the Jewish place (Jerusalem) would be superseded. From then on, the true place of worship would be in spirit and in truth, the realm of the Kingdom of Heaven. This is the wonderful gift of God which we celebrate at Easter, the ushering in of the Age of the Spirit and the New Covenant relationship. It took me years to learn to apply the significance of this. After growing up in an inspiring church in downtown Sydney, where seamless liturgy and peerless music combined with fine art and passionate preaching, I had to learn the true worship of God could be offered in a former army hut (which was the Chapel at St Michael's House) and then in my first cure in Elizabeth NW in a multi purpose drab besser block mission hall.

In the Elizabeth days, three congregations had decided (with Diocesan help) to join as one. Leaving their mission halls behind, they worshipped first in a temporary home at the Elizabeth Mission, before the new Church of the Holy Cross was built. The leaving behind was painful, until their new future opened up. (I hoped I could handle it more graciously if ever placed in a similar position again). Every time a priest is called to leave one parish to go to another, there is a leaving behind of the security of one time and place to embrace a wider vision of where God is at work among God's people. There is a dying and rising with Christ, into which we enter at our baptism.

I hope these thoughts may be useful for this time and place in the PDSV. God bless you as together we pass over with Christ to newness of life in Him, this Easter.

Peter S. Thomson

Wanted!

Secretary for our Ministry District!

Ted Sandercock, who has been our able Secretary for the Pastoral District of Southern Vales for 4 years, did not stand for re-election this year as he has been appointed Ministry District Representative for Southern Vales on Diocesan Council; a role which he believes will keep him well occupied!

The new Secretary does not have to be a Warden.

Ted is happy to continue with some tasks such as the pewsheets and printing *The Grapevine*, and he will continue to do the service roster and see to liturgical matters, which are not part of the secretarial role.

Together with previous secretaries Wendy Sandercock and Sr Bev Driver, he has drawn up a role statement of what is involved. To find out more about this vital role, phone Ted on 8556 4535.

A call for candidates for Confirmation

Bishop John has asked for names of people interested in being confirmed this year. Confirmation is an occasion of confirming the promises made at baptism, when we confirm, strengthen and complete the sacrament of baptism. This gift of grace involves prayer and laying on of hands by the Bishop. Contact Ted Sandercock 8556 4535

Fireproof Safe

Needed for safe storage of PD Registers.
Contact Ted.

What's on

April

- Sun 2nd End of daylight saving
Gold Coin Collection for CPS workers
Family Service, St Ann's 9 am
Shared lunch, SEM
- Mon 3rd Mothers' Union St Nicholas' 9.30 am: craft day
- Tues 4th Friends of St Ann's 6.50 for 7 pm
- Sun 9th PALM SUNDAY COMBINED SERVICE, St Ann's 10 am
Ecumenical service at St Nicholas' 10.30 am
- Mon 10th Blessing of the oils, Mt Barker, 11 am
- Tues 11th Evensong, St Nicholas', 5.30 pm
- Wed 12th Eucharist, St Margaret's 9 am
- Thur 13th MAUNDY THURSDAY
School holidays begin
Colton Court sing-along 10.30-11.30 am

For Easter services see p. 1

- Tues 18th Friends & Guild of St Margaret's, 1.30 pm
- Fri 21st St Nicholas' Prayer Group 11.30 am
St Nicholas' Lunch 12.30 (bookings 8392 4508);
& Fellowship 1.30 pm
- Sun 23rd Youth led Service, St Nicholas'
- Mon 24th Tristan Simon's 30th birthday bash, St Ann's
- Tues 25th MARK
ANZAC Day
- Fri 28th Family Tea, St Ann's 6.30 pm
- Fri 28th-Sun 30th Formation weekend at Keith: Bishop John Ford
- Sat 29th Car Boot Sale, St Margaret's (see next column)
- Sun 30th St Philip & St James' Patronal Festival
COMBINED SERVICE, St Margaret's 10 am
Ecumenical Service at SEM 10.30 am

May

- Mon 1st Schools resume
Mothers' Union St Ann's 9.30 am
- Tues 2nd Friends of St Ann's 6.50 for 7 pm
- Wed 3rd ST PHILIP & ST JAMES
- Sat 6th JOHN
- Sun 7th Gold Coin Collection
Family Service, St Ann's
Shared lunch, SEM
- Mon 8th MU 9.30 am
- Thurs 11th Colton Court 10.30-11.30 am
- Sat 13th Jumble Sale, St Ann's (date changed from the 20th)
Willunga Night Out (next column)
- Sun 14th (Mothers' Day)
Family Service, St Margaret's
St Nicholas' prayers for healing
- Tues 16th Friends & Guild of St Margaret's 1.30 pm
Pastoral District Council 7 pm
- Fri 19th St Nicholas' Prayer Group 11.30 am
St Nicholas' Lunch 12.30 (bookings 8392 4508)
& Fellowship 1.30 pm
- Sun 21st Diocesan Thanksgiving Sunday
- Thurs 25th ASCENSION. Installation of Fr Peter Simmons. (Venue tba)
- Fri 26th Family Tea, St Ann's 6.30 pm
- 26th-27th Diocesan Synod
- Sat 27th Synod Eucharist
- Sun 28th Youth Service, St Nicholas'
- Wed 31st VISITATION of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Family Services

Informal family services next on
2nd Apr. & 7th May, St Ann's, 9 am
14th May, St Margaret's, 10 am

Youth Service

23rd Apr., St Nicholas', Seaford, 10.30 am



St Margaret's
McLaren Vale

Sat. 29th April
10 am– 2 pm

Devonshire tea,
sausage sizzle, cake stall...

Booking enquiries:

Helen 0412555467

Elizabeth 0419858324

Saturday Night Out

13th of May

at the Willunga Hotel

following the 5.30 Vigil Mass at St
Stephen's

(Bookings: Ted 8556 4535)



Family Tea @ St Ann's

Friday 28th of April, 6.30 pm

All welcome. Bring your friends.

Bring food to share—or just come!

Calling all kids!

Seaford Seahawks Youth Group

Combined Ecumenical Youth group, SEM

Fridays from 7-9 pm

Weeks 1-8 of school term.

Involves activities & games,
devotions and supper.

2 groups: 6-13 years old, 13-16 years old

Contact Darryl phone 0417 506 390

lkdahill@bigpond.com



National Trust, Willunga

Saturday 6th May

"Willunga Slate Carvings: solving the
Mysteries" at the Show Hall, 11 am

"Ghosts of Willunga past"

at St Stephen's cemetery, 2 pm
(entry by donation)

With news for *The Grapevine*, please contact the
Editor, Anne Chittleborough, Ph 8556 5078.
Please notify Anne if you want to avoid the
chance of being mentioned in this newsletter.

Vestry 2017

The Annual Vestry meeting of the Pastoral District was held at St Margaret's on Sunday 12th March. Speaking as a newcomer, as he said, Fr Peter Thomson opened the meeting with a "Clayton's" Priest's Report (the report you give when you are not giving a report) and then handed over to the PD Secretary, Ted Sandercock. In his opening remarks, Fr Peter spoke highly of Ted, for his hard work and administrative role which were holding the PD together in the absence of a parish priest. He also praised the degree of co-operation he noticed between the five centres of the PD, and the energy he found here.



We had been given permission by Bishop John to try some new ways of doing things, beyond those set out in the Parochial Administration Ordinances, and were in fact breaking new ground. And having worked out what we should do and be, we can then work out how best to do it, "form following function". His role as requested by the Bishop, was to be primarily a pastoral and sacramental one, leaving us to work out our way of operating.

The Wardens for the coming year were confirmed as follows:

St Ann's	Priest's warden Pat Roper
	People's Warden Brian McMillan
St Margaret's	Priest's Warden Greg John
	People's Warden Greg Roberts
St Nicholas'	Priest's Warden Jane Cuthbert
	People's Warden Helen Cook
Ss Philip & James	Priest's Warden Judith Wells
	People's Warden Stephen Wells
St Stephen's	Priest's Warden Ted Sandercock
	People's Warden John Strachan

While not officially appointed according to the requirements of the Parochial Administration Ordinance, "back-up" Wardens would be as follows:

St Ann's Tony Young,
St Margaret's Julia Drought,
St Nicholas' Joan Dare
Ss Philip & James Rupert Best.

Christine Gunn, Julia Drought, Jac Hocking, Peter Chapman were thanked for their work as Wardens in 2016.

2017 Financial Statement and Budget

PD Southern Vales Jan-Dec 2016	\$
Income	107,000
Expenditure	98,295
Operating profit	8,462
Missions	6,923

In presenting the audited accounts for 2016 the Treasurer noted that most giving had been down on the budgeted amount for 2016; the only area up was that of fundraising. She paid particular tribute to the Almond Blossom Festival on which all the churches worked together, which had raised over \$1500, and also the rose pruning by the little Prickle Team which had raised an amazing \$1,450. We had managed financially because we had only paid 6 months of a clergy stipend. For the 2017 budget she had included a full stipend, which gives us a challenging budget to work to.

Budgeted income for 2017: \$138,790 (deficiency \$13,790) (for details see Annual Report)

St Philip & St James: Brian McMillan, representing the SSPJ Restoration Committee reported on the status of the Old Noarlunga church of St Philip & St James, where the problem had been identified as the east wall moving eastwards and taking the vestry with it. They had been advised that the east wall should be stabilised with a water injection system (as had the other three walls of the church) and the vestry should be underpinned. When the movement of the wall had stopped, the church could be rebuilt. However, advice from Heritage Stone Restoration had been that it would be better to underpin both the east wall and the vestry. The Committee is therefore working on getting a design for underpinning, and getting it costed. When the estimated cost is established—and the desired purpose of the building is determined (should it be a church with the same use as previously or should it have a use more open

to the community?) — fundraising can begin. Judith Wells reported that there are at least three groups from Old Noarlunga who have expressed interest in helping.

Services in Nursing Homes: The work done by Greg Roberts in visiting nursing homes was greatly appreciated. At Kalyra and Colton Court there were services run by the Ministry Group of Southern Vales. Life Care at Aldinga, run by the Church of Christ, did not involve support from the other churches, and we might like to support them.

Ministry District of Southern Vales: The development of the proposed Ministry District was part of our response to “Walking the Way”. Margaret Cale spoke of the need for a vision for our ministry district and the need to think outside the square—should we be thinking of a place in the shopping centres? Should we be thinking of re-fashioning St Philip & St James’ building? Should we be holding events outside the churches, such as pancake day—and talking about why we do it? Should we consider holding our harvest festival in a winery instead of a church? And having decided what we should do, then we can work out what we need, to go about it. We need to make new goals, to prioritise them. “Don’t just think outside the box”, she said, “*think like there is no box!*”

The Grapevine: Anne Chittleborough spoke about the effect of the growth of the Pastoral District, and the development of the PD website, on the future of *The Grapevine*, and her wish to have a support group to help with decisions on the way to go in future, and also assistance in practical matters of preparation and production of the GV. Responding to a query about the funding of the paper, she said that while she believed that it should be free, it was always helpful when people donated towards its cost, especially those who receive it in the mail. Mailing to people outside the PD boundaries amounted to about \$30 a month. Donations could be given to her directly or put in the offering, marked “Grapevine”. We are also assisted by sponsorship by Simplicity Funerals.

Special Votes of thanks were offered by acclamation to Ted Sandercock (PD Secretary), Margarel Cale (PD Treasurer) and Di Best (Minutes Secretary)

God help us to change.
To change ourselves and to
change our world.
To know the need for it.
To deal with the pain of it.
To feel the joy of it.
To undertake the journey without
understanding the destination.
The art of gentle revolution.
Amen

Michael Leunig:
Common Prayers Collection

At work in our schools...

A special service for the Christian Support workers (chaplains) in our local schools was held at the Uniting Church, Aldinga on Sunday 5th March. Chaplains Sue Camac (Willunga Primary School) Karen Prenzler (McLaren Flat), Chris Oxenham (Old Noarlunga) and Jamie Wells (Aldinga R-7) were introduced by John Anderson (Chair of the Schools Ministry Support Group) .

Each had a different story of what moved them most in their work—knowing the children from Reception up, and so being available to help where teachers identified a problem, working with children in a veggie garden, helping a family where the mum had cancer or where there was a family tragedy, working with a child as his mentor and enabling his school’s response to his wish to help poor people... and in all the stories the value of their work, their relationship with the children and with the staff, shone through.

Government support provides 8 or 9 hours a week contact time in the schools, but this doesn't go far, especially in the larger schools. Aldinga R-7 has over 700 children. 60% of South Australian schools have chaplains, and as John Anderson said, while it is sadly true that at this time the churches have a bad name among some people, and deservedly so, everywhere there is praise for the chaplains.

We can support them in prayer, in donations (our gold coin collections monthly and our 2 months at the Quarry market sausage sizzle) and sometimes in providing support activities for the chaplains.

For further information: Ted Sandercock 8556 4535, Secretary of the Schools Ministry Support Group.



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News from St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

There have been several notable events at St Margaret's recently.

Shrove Tuesday was attended by about 14 people, a disappointing turnout, but those who came enjoyed celebrating together with some yummy pancakes topped with delicious fillings. Palm crosses from last year were burnt to form ashes for Ash Wednesday.



We've had two Prayer Praise and Proclamation services which have been received well. We thank Greg John especially for preparing the PowerPoint work, which always looks picturesque and thought provoking.

The new cross fits well in front of the memorial garden and the new font has been beautifully crafted by Par-inga Joinery to match the organ casing. The font has been funded by Jill Ribbons in memoriam to her parents, Harry and Edna Ribbons. Thankyou Jill for this beautiful addition to our church. Both the cross and the font were blessed by Rev'd Peter Thomson on Sunday 12th of March after the service.



Michael Drought repaired the outside vestry doors so they now all open without jamming and we were able to use this entrance for the next fundraiser, the vintage fashion parade.

These beautiful period costumes were worn by volunteers from the Hills Victorian Ladies, based in Mt Barker Uniting Church, crafted by Jessie Ratledge. (Bill Cale was an elegant conscript for the parade.) Those who attended enjoyed the costumes and the yummy afternoon tea to follow. Brian McMillan kept a background of lovely music going throughout, with an impromptu sing-along in the middle.



Thankyou Brian. Special thanks also to those who helped with preparation and catering, especially ladies from the Little Sisters choir who supported the whole event.

The carpets in both buildings have been flattened out and no longer pose a tripping hazard. The Sunday School room furniture was quickly moved out and back in by young men from the backpackers hostel who very kindly and promptly came to our aid to move all the furniture. We were very relieved by their assistance!



We are very grateful to Fr Peter for being with us and participating, where time allows, in many extra events. His wisdom, humility and humour are appreciated. Thanks also to those who continue to maintain both the inside and surrounds of the buildings. Margaret Waite is now employed to clean the Sunday School room, toilet and verandah area.

Wardens Greg Roberts & Greg John

News from St Nicholas', Seaford

Pastoral Care Tragically, this month Helen Bates lost not only her father in law but also her father within a few days of each other. Helen, her husband John and their children Iona and Isis, have been much in our thoughts and prayers as they come to terms with these sudden deaths. Please continue to keep the family in your prayers.

Services: Our services have been taken by Fr Peter and Fr Percy with Morning Prayer offered in between. As the readings for that Sunday were the Transfiguration, Fr Peter kindly agreed to us reading his sermon (which he preached at St Margaret's on the same Sunday) as part of our worship. So, although we were not there to be part of the dedication of the new baptismal font and cross at St Margaret's, by sharing a common sermon on the day we felt part of the celebration and shared their joy. We are grateful, as always, to Fr David and Helen for choosing and playing music during the services for Cathy More who plays for our Youth Worship and to our wonderful PA's who take the Morning Prayer services. During Holy Week St Nicholas' will offer Evening Prayer, another first for us! at 5.30 pm on the Tuesday.



Our Youth Worship The fourth Sunday in Lent was Mothering Sunday and the Youth presented us with a short drama on Mary, the Mother of our Lord, and a supposed conversation with the Angel Gabriel on the roles and responsibilities of motherhood! The job description involved many challenges including but not limited to: sleepless nights, 3 hourly feeding, boundless energy, never-ending support and encouragement, heartaches, sorrows and unconditional love. While somewhat taken aback by the demands motherhood would make upon her, Mary nevertheless decided to give it a go, confident that God would be her strength and her guide! The service also included lighting of candles and prayers for mothers everywhere, a wonderful choice of music and the blessing of the Simnel Cake made by Lyn Hann, a member of the St

Nicholas' Fellowship Group. The cake was enjoyed by all with tea or coffee following the Youth Service.

Fellowship By now all the Palm Crosses will have been made and plans for Easter well in hand, Our next meeting is April 21st at 1.30pm.

Bible Study Mondays at Helen Cook's Home 6.30 pm and Tuesdays at 10.30 am at SEM led by Jane Cuthbert. These studies are both going well with good numbers in both groups. We have been challenged by some of the questions and led astray on tangents by others.

SEM Our best news is that after months of prayer, uncertainty and more prayer, the Catholic Diocese in Adelaide has agreed to buy out the UCA's A class share in SEM and the Lutheran and Catholic Heads of Church have also agreed to repay the balance of the loan owing to the UCA. In their joint statement to the SEM congregations they said, *"We are thankful to the Lord of the Church that the vision of SEM being five churches in Seaford growing together in the love of Jesus and sharing this love with the community remains and will go forward into the future. God has helped us to find a way to continue this ministry and mission. God is good! We look forward to working together with you over the coming months as we do the necessary restructuring, so that the blessing of your Christian presence in Seaford may grow, as you serve your community in word and deed."* (Father Philip Marshall Pastor David Altus). We would also like to thank Fr Charles Gauci, from the Noarlunga Catholic Parish who has worked earnestly on our behalf for the eight months to make this outcome a reality.

Wardens Jane Cuthbert and Helen Cook

News from Ss Philip & James, Old Noarlunga (see also Vestry News)

There has been a break-in at the church—possibly an attempt to remove the breezeway gate for scrap metal. Peter Chapman was called and immediately helped secure the gates with bugle screws to make it harder to lift it off its hinges, and a locksmith was called to attend to a broken key. Rupert Best has adjusted the Vestry door to enable it to close properly. Brian McMillan hopes to arrange with State Heritage for advance access by key entry through the front door, as requested by Warden Stephen Wells. This would enable cleaning, and also removal of valuable items. Pictures, historic items, vestments etc can be stored in the Rectory.

A strange man demanded access to the building while these matters were being attended to. It is thought that police are now keeping an eye on the church.

(From PDC)

News from Pastoral District Council, 21st March

The meeting was chaired by the PD Secretary, Ted Sandercock, with Fr Peter Thomson in attendance. Matters discussed included those briefly reported below. (Various other matters are included elsewhere in the issue.)

Appointments: Newly appointed Wardens Greg Roberts and John Strachan were welcomed. Margaret Cale was appointed PD Treasurer and Di Best appointed Minutes Secretary. Ted, who had been appointed as Ministry District Representative at Diocesan Council announced that he was not standing for re-election as PD Secretary but would hold the reins until a new secretary was appointed. A central task, he said, was to maintain contact with the Diocesan office, and also to answer mail. PD requested time to consider a possible replacement and pray about it.

Representatives of Southern Vales were appointed to take part in the **Ministry District meeting** on Tuesday 28th (However the meeting was later postponed as representatives from Yankalilla/Delamere were unable to attend.)

Cemetery: The Diocese had requested a decision on a new Curator for St Ann's cemetery. PD appointed Margaret Cale.

Annual Vestry Meeting: Numbers attending were disappointing. Suggestion that an interesting discussion could be planned for the Vestry next year. ABM projects had been voted for, the three to be adopted being Child Nutrition at the Al Ahli Arab Hospital, Jerusalem, a Water & Sanitation project in Myanmar and the Guwara education project at St Andrew's school, Sydney. (More on these later.)

The Rectory: A new air conditioner has been installed in the study. Fr Peter, who travels to us from Westbourne Park, uses the Rectory on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Finance Report

February 2017		\$	Overall finances to Feb 2017		\$
Nett monthly income	11,326		Income	21,722	<i>(Budgeted \$18,500)</i>
Monthly expenditure	7,197		Expenditure	18,593	with part stipend <i>(Budgeted \$26,672)</i>
Operating profit	4,129		Operating profit/loss	3,129	<i>(Budgeted \$-8,172)</i>
Missions	89		Total donations to missions	357	
Special Purpose Funds Feb 2017			Overall SPF Funds Jan & Feb 2017		
Income	645		Income	2,616	
Expenditure	948		Expenditure	1,049	
Deficit	-303		Surplus	1,567	

Next meeting Tuesday 16th May (no meeting in April)

News from St Stephen's, Willunga

Thank you to Fr Dennis, Fr Paul & Fr Peter for celebrating over recent weeks. We keep Fr Bob in our prayers.

Saturday Night Out on March 11th 2017 at Willunga Hotel was attended by 10 people from across the PD. The next Saturday Night Out will be on May 13th at the Willunga Hotel at 6.45 pm after the 5.30 pm service.

With John Strachan nominated as the People's warden we thank Jac Hocking for her support as People's warden over the last 2 years.

At the Church vestry it was suggested that the PD hold a stall at the front of St Stephen's on a Saturday morning to take into account the people who walk past or park in the grounds to attend the Willunga Farmers Market. Open to suggestions of the type of stall.

We still need ideas for outreach to the mothers of young children who frequent The Green Room each weekday morning. Maybe a challenge for MU?

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

John Strachan & Ted Sandercock, Wardens

News from St Ann's, Aldinga

This last month has seen an increase in things happening. **We thank our relieving priests** Fr Ted Newing, Fr Jeff Oake and Fr Dennis Eales along with our new locum Fr Peter Thomson for their enriching services with us, as well as the dedication of the **Family Service planning team** for these services which are going from strength to strength.

An evening service on **Ash Wednesday** at St Ann's officially commenced our Lenten Discipline. (R: Anne Lear marked with a cross of ashes by Fr Peter)

Peter Chapman is running the weekly **Lenten Bible Study** of a Thursday evening, and St Ann's is open for prayer at 7 am on Sunday mornings.

Friends of St Ann's AGM saw Trish Frith elected as President for 2017, Anne Chittleborough as Secretary and Margaret Cale as Treasurer. Pleasing attendances are noted at these meetings. The monthly **Shared Family Teas** are enjoying good attendances and great fellowship.

Our weekly services are being attended by an increasing number of newer faces of both locals and visitors.

This year we have been experiencing **an increased use of our Room** by organisations and individuals.

Our **March Jumble Sale** was a great success with big input of help from many dedicated people, without which we just couldn't run them. We made upwards of \$1,270 of which the third will go to Parish Funds.



Jumble Sales are days of hard work, but they're fun as well, and a good opportunity to engage with the community.



L: Trish McDonald and Anne Chittleborough unpack the first boxes of clothes .

R: you never know what you'll find! Tiger and frog "onesies" were tried on by Jack Warrington and Trish Frith, seen discussing the cake stall products with Jane Hayward.



Mothering Sunday (26th March) was marked by input and prayers from members of the Mothers' Union, as well as beautiful simnel cake made by Anne Lear and posies by Trish Frith.

With Lent we have had **three Lenten Suppers**, again with worthy speakers and hard working volunteers donating and organising the soup and crusty bread suppers.



Brian McMillan & Pat Roper, Wardens

Kylie Mines (L, with Margaret Cale) inspired us on the 15th March with her project **Motivation**, assisting people with disabilities in the Asia-Pacific area and wonderfully improving their quality of life.

On the 22nd March **Tony Young** (below L) told of his path from being a scaffolder to working with Baptist Care—the hopes and challenges of his work, expressed with a heartwarming love for all God's people with whom he has been privileged to work.



Janine Anninos spoke on the 29th March about the Willunga Environment Centre and its work, and particularly about the YACCA group (Youth and Community in Conservation Action) of motivated and inspiring young people caring for the environment.

These \$5 events are not fund-raisers, but any money left over after costs is divided between charities nominated by the three speakers.

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Visit our website!

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St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga

Judith Wells 8186 1296
Stephen Wells 8326 7114

St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

Greg Roberts 0412555467 or 83239331
Greg John 8325 0277

St Stephen's, Willunga

Ted Sandercock 8556 4535
John Strachan 0407605152 or 81863372

St Ann's, Aldinga

Pat Roper 8386 2470
Brian McMillan 8557 6984

St Nicholas', Seaford

Jane Cuthbert 0407651606
Helen Cook 0427679787 or 83863689

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

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 only one Sunday service in the PD.*

There are 2 such combined services this month

On PALM SUNDAY (9th April) there will be a procession and combined service at St Ann's at 10 am

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