

June 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



## ***Ascension Day Service at The Peacock Farm***

Ascension Day was celebrated in the PD of Southern Vales with a welcome to the Ministry District of Southern Vales to Fr Peter & Sally Simmons (see p. 2) and the licensing of Fr Peter by Bishop John. The Ascension service was celebrated by Bishop John, assisted by Frs Peter Thomson and Peter Simmons, and Eucharistic Assistant, Wendy Sandercock, at The Peacock Farm, Willunga. Music was provided by Brian McMillan. The service was followed by The Peacock Farm's tasty supper.

Among the 40 attendees were visitors from PD of Southern Suburbs and invited clergy: Coral Cogs Smith (Willunga Uniting Church), David Busby (Almond Grove Family Church, Aldinga), and Judy Jones & Major Grattan Savage (Salvation Army, Aldinga & Noarlunga).

Thank you Brian McMillan and Wendy Sandercock for setting up the venue and special thanks to Julie & David Stuttard for their hospitality and support.

With news of coming events or noteworthy happenings in the Pastoral District of Southern Vales, please contact the Editor, Anne Chittleborough, at 23 The Esplanade, Pt Willunga 5173, or email machit5@bigpond.com.au, preferably by the 15<sup>th</sup> of June.  
*Please notify the Editor if you wish to avoid the chance of being mentioned in this newsletter.*



## Diocesan Thanksgiving Sunday



On Thanksgiving Sunday (21<sup>st</sup> May) members of the congregation in each church wrote on a cloth leaf something they gave thanks for at their church. These leaves were blessed and attached to material to make banners and a frontal for the Synod Eucharist.



### Synod 2017: *there's something stirring in our Diocese!*

Each congregation was asked to bring some good news from their church to share with the Synod, and it was exciting to hear so many stories reflecting a sense of hope, enthusiasm and new energy around the Diocese. In some cases this resulted from having a priest in the parish at last. Ordinations were taking place. Op shops and jumble sales in many were making contact with the communities, providing companionship and meeting needs, while making money to give to good causes or to renovate buildings. Churches were being left open for prayer; parishes were finding ways to work with other denominations with a shared purpose. Some were making connections with other countries. There was in many a sense of mission & ministry, of really “doing something”!

Tempering this, of course, was the fact that giving has been on the decline for the past ten years and the Diocese is facing considerable financial difficulties. The budget deficit for 2017 will require a serious financial response from us all.

The new Diocesan website was launched at Synod. Still a work in progress, it will contain information about each parish as well as diocesan information, and a monthly blog by Bishop John. For photos of Synod, including the altar frontal of leaves, visit The Diocese of The Murray on Facebook.



Right: Fr Peter Simmons and Fr Nathaniel Reuss being licensed by the Bishop to ministry in this Diocese. Fr Nathaniel will be Assistant priest to Onkaparinga Valley. Below: Our Synod representatives (L - R) Fr Max Bowers, Yvonne Scrutton, Lyn King, Anne Gardiner (Yankalilla & Delamere), Ted Sandercock, Fr Peter Simmons, Brian McMillan, Joanie Rawlings, Fr Peter Thomson, Joan Dare. (Absent: Julia Drought)



### Welcome, Fr Peter and Sally

A graduate of St Barnabas' Theological College, Adelaide, Peter Simmons was ordained deacon in 1976 and priest in 1977. He has served in all three dioceses of South Australia, in the parishes of Plympton-Richmond, Campbelltown, Minlaton, Strathalbyn, Warradale and Gawler before coming to Morphett Vale in 2004. He was appointed Army chaplain in 1984, then in 2002, RAAF chaplain, a position he still holds.

His time at Morphett Vale saw the formation of the Pastoral District of the Southern Suburbs, with the joining of Morphett Vale, Aberfoyle Park, O'Halloran Hill and Christies Beach.

Fr Peter looks forward to working half-time in our Ministry District, listening to people and helping them come to the Lord in an exciting way, and bring others into the fold. He also looks forward to working for the Diocese for the other half of his time with Jeff McHugh, whom he has known since his Warradale days, looking at ways to use church property to maximise its use for the congregation and the diocese, in the context of the local community.

A sailor, rower and rugby player, Peter today enjoys fishing for relaxation. He and his wife Sally, a child care worker, have lived in Aldinga Beach since 2010 and have family living nearby.



## June

- Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> St Nicholas' Prayer Group 11.30 am  
 Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Gold Coin Collection for Christian Support Workers  
 Family Service, St Ann's 9 am  
 Shared lunch, SEM  
 Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Mothers' Union St Nicholas', 9.30 am  
 Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Colton Court 10.30-11.30 am  
 Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Christmas in June dinner, Yankalilla (see p. 5)  
 Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Willunga Night Out (next column)  
 Sun 11<sup>th</sup> TRINITY SUNDAY  
 Healing at St Nicholas' at the Eucharist  
 Mon 12<sup>th</sup> BARNABAS  
 Queen's Birthday  
 Fri 16<sup>th</sup> St Nicholas' Prayer Group 11.30 am  
 St Nicholas' Lunch 12.30 (bookings 8392 4508)  
 & Fellowship 1.30 pm  
 Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Family Service, St Margaret's 10 am  
 Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Friends & Guild of St Margaret's 1.30 pm  
 Ministry District Meeting, St Ann's 6.30 for 7 pm  
 Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Family Tea, St Ann's 6.30 pm (next column)  
 Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Youth Led Service, St Nicholas' 10.30 am  
 Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Friends of St Ann's 6.50 for 7 pm (changed date)  
 Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> PETER & PAUL

## July

- Sat 1<sup>st</sup> International "Eat-in", St Margaret's (next column)  
 Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Gold Coin Collection for Christian Support Workers  
 Family Service, St Ann's  
 Shared lunch, SEM  
 Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> THOMAS  
 Mothers' Union St Ann's 9.30 am  
 Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Schools break up  
 St Nicholas' Prayer Group 11.30 am  
 Sat 8<sup>th</sup>-Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Formation weekend (p. 10)  
 Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Healing at St Nicholas'  
 Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Colton Court sing-along 10.30-11.30 am  
 Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Quiz Night, St Ann's (next column)  
 Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Family Service, St Margaret's 10 am  
 Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Guild & Friends of St Margaret's 1.30 pm  
 Pastoral District Council, St Margaret's, 7 pm  
 Fri 21<sup>st</sup> St Nicholas' Prayer Group 11.30 am  
 St Nicholas' Lunch 12.30 (bookings 8392 4508)  
 & Fellowship 1.30 pm  
 Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> MARY MAGDALENE  
 Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> St James' Delamere Patronal Festival (next column)  
 Youth-led service St Nicholas'  
 Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Schools resume  
 Tues 25<sup>th</sup> JAMES  
 Wed 26<sup>th</sup> ANN  
 Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Child Safe Environment Course, St Margaret's (p. 9)  
 Sat 29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> Willunga Almond Blossom Festival Weekend  
 Sun 30<sup>th</sup> Blessing of Pets 10.30 am, Yankalilla  
 St Ann's Patronal Festival COMBINED SERVICE 10 am  
 Child Safe Environment Refresher Course (p. 9)  
 Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Almond Blossom Stall St Margaret's & SSPJ

## Family Services

Informal family services—all welcome!

4<sup>th</sup> June & 2<sup>nd</sup> July., St Ann's, 9 am

18<sup>th</sup> June, St Margaret's, 10 am

## Youth Service

25<sup>th</sup> June, St Nicholas', Seaford, 10.30 am

## Saturday Night Out

10<sup>th</sup> of June at the Willunga Hotel  
 following the 5.30 Vigil Mass at St  
 Stephen's

## Family Tea @ St Ann's

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> of June, 6.30 pm

All welcome. Bring your friends.

Bring food to share—or just come!

## Friends of St Ann's

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June (note changed date)  
 6.50 for 7 pm

\$25

## "International Eat-in"

Saturday 1st July at 12.30 pm  
 St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

Soup, international dishes,  
 sweets, tea & coffee

RSVP: Fran Pettigrew  
 8323 9366 by 24<sup>th</sup> June



QUIZ  
 NIGHT

St Ann's  
 Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July

6.30 for 7 pm.

Book a table of 8  
 or come and join one

\$10

Bookings Pat Roper 0412 155 712



St James' Church  
 Main South Rd

Delamere,

Patronal Festival

Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> June

9 am service followed  
 by morning tea



St Ann's Aldinga

Patronal Festival

Sun 30<sup>th</sup> July

Combined service, 10 am.  
 Stay on for refreshments.



## Walking the Way: Formation Weekend at Keith

Greg John, Tony & Wendy Young, Peter & Heather Chapman, Julie Bennett and Stephen Carthew from Southern Vales attended the formation workshop on the weekend of the 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> April. The emphasis of the weekend was on telling the story—we have all had a faith journey of some kind—we all have a story worth telling.



## Growing God's Church with Boldness



The Formation weekend was followed by evangelism workshops around the Diocese: "Growing God's Church with Boldness". At workshops on the 9<sup>th</sup> May at Seaford Ecumenical Mission and Yankalilla, the Bishop challenged those attending to give proper thought to how we communicate our faith.

Opening with a film clip showing a hilarious misjudgement of appropriate ways to share the good news, he questioned whether our churches are really welcoming, or whether

we just think they are? (A welcoming workshop will be included in the new Diocesan website, under Resources.)

The Bishop emphasised that evangelism, telling the story, is everyone's business, not someone else's. In pairs, people experimented with telling their story to someone else, and the Bishop questioned whether as part of the Sunday worship, someone might be encouraged to tell their story.

He also noted that we need to connect with people outside the church, not just people who "speak the same language" - or how will the word get out?

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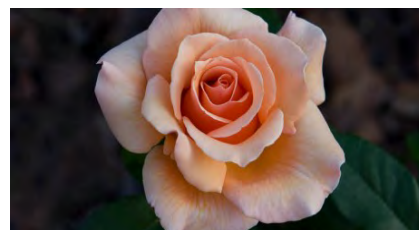
## Winter Rose Pruning

The fundraiser outreach for the Pastoral District will commence soon @ \$25/hr.

Tools are being sharpened for the coming season.

*"In the garden, we learn to take the good with the bad. But sometimes we have to face the fact that it's time to pull-up some weeds. Take pleasure in the improvement you make"*

**Call the Prickle Team: Trish Frith  
8556 2604 or Bill Cale 8556 5236**  
Starting end of June—to early August



## ***A word from Fr Peter...***

Dear People of Southern Vales,

As I write, we are a few days from Ascension Day, and looking forward to Fr Peter Simmons' commissioning.

This time in our Calendar has its own special themes as our Lord concludes his earthly ministry and takes his rightful place in heaven. When we worship, we join the heavenly company, countering the scorn and rejection Jesus faced, with our love and praise. We think of him now as bearing our needs before the Father as our great High Priest in Heaven.

The waiting time between Ascension and Pentecost is significant. It was a hallmark of the first disciples, (see the Missionary Journeys in Acts), that those missions were undertaken after considered prayer and fasting. Discernment of the Spirit's guidance was paramount and sometimes they had to change their plans, when they perceived that the Spirit was directing them to go elsewhere.

All our plans in our Diocese and Ministry District need to be informed by this same waiting on God. This is no time for slackening off in attendance, but for more fervent prayer and building up our common life.

This in-between time also marks the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and also Prayer for Reconciliation. It will be good to have joined with other churches around Aldinga to pray together (on 30<sup>th</sup> May).

Then will come Trinity Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June, when we celebrate the nature of God, revealed as Three Persons in one God, our measuring stick of orthodoxy.

Soon after that we shall put on the green of the long season of Sundays after Pentecost, (sometimes called Sundays in Ordinary Time, ferial as distinct from festal), which can remind us of the green leaves we prepared for Synod, the green of the vine and our call to be people characterized by thanksgiving. That was a great little exercise to prompt us to foster increasingly the habit of thanksgiving, so essential to our spiritual health.

How apt is the green-growth season in this lovely wine growing district and relevant to our own call to grow together in Christ. God's blessings as we journey on together.

*Peter Thomson*



## ***Mothers' Union***



The Diocesan Mothers' Union banner (left) paid a visit to Southern Vales in May.

Each branch of the MU designed a "pocket" for the banner, with a design representing their parish or pastoral district, and placed in the pocket information about their area and history, their favourite hymn etc.

Our MU branch meets monthly, either at St Ann's or St Nicholas' (see "What's on" on p. 3) A world-wide organisation, its aim and purpose is to

demonstrate the Christian faith in action by the transformation of communities through the nurture of family in its many forms. On behalf of the MU, Trish presents a gift of a book to newly baptised infants.

The next MU meeting, Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June, will be at St Nicholas', Seaford Ecumenical Mission: "Faith in Action: Stories Shared". Members continue knitting beanies for their winter warmth project...

*For more information contact Trish Frith 8556 2604.*



**‘Christmas in June—Beat the Rush! Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 6.30 pm, Delamere.**  
**Tickets \$25/head.** Contact Peter Filsell (8598 0223 or 0427 534 095) or Ann Ryan (8598 0227).



## News from St Stephen's, Willunga



T Sandercock

Thank you to Fr Peter for celebrating over recent weeks. Please keep Fr Bob in your prayers during his recovery.

Saturday Night Out on May 13<sup>th</sup> was attended by 14 members of the PD & visitors. The next Saturday Night Out will be on June 10<sup>th</sup> at the Willunga Hotel at 6.45 pm after the 5.30 pm service.

The Willunga churches and Schools Ministry had a stall at the Discover Willunga Fair on Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 4 pm. Thanks to Margaret Cale & Wendy Sandercock for your help. Suggestions for activities were implemented.

Baptisms of Alice Lacey and her mother, Heidi Watts (*left*), were celebrated by Fr Peter on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>. This was a big joyous family occasion with lots of children. Thanks to Jac Hocking for



S Carthew



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working with the children. Trish Frith presented gifts from the Mothers' Union.

Planning is underway for repairing the front wall. Donations for this gratefully received!

*John Strachan & Ted Sandercock, Wardens*

## News from Ss Philip & James, Old Noarlunga

A working bee was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April at SSPJ. More fabric, all valuable objects and those of sentimental significance were moved into the Rectory for safety following a break in. The back gate had been lifted off its hinges. Two boxes of brass and linen were stolen, and a Police Report has been lodged.

A concept meeting *re* forward planning was held at St Margaret's on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April whilst Lucy Drought was in Adelaide.

We welcome Fr Peter Simmons to the Pastoral District and look forward to working with him on a way forward.

Ss Philip & James' Patronal Festival, celebrated at St Margaret's on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April (see May *Grapevine*) went well, and was followed by a delicious morning tea.

We are still waiting for a quote for underpinning the foundations.

*Stephen Wells & Judy Wells, Wardens*

## Confirmation

In the Anglican tradition, baptism (sometimes of infants) is followed by a service involving the candidates confirming the promises made in their baptism, and the laying on of hands by the Bishop with prayers for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Some people have already expressed interest in being confirmed this year. A six-weeks course is planned, using the EfM "Connect" programme.

Would you like to join them?

To find out more, contact  
Ted Sandercock 8556 4535



## News from Pastoral District Council, June 2017

The meeting was chaired by Ted Sandercock, with Fr Peter Thomson in attendance. For Focus Business: Walking the Way, which was discussed at the meeting, see p. 4.

Other matters discussed included the following:

It was considered that the **Holy Week services** had gone well and apart from Maundy Thursday, had been well attended. However, where there were two services in the PD at the same time, the congregation had been split.

**A Ministry District meeting** would be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> June at St Ann's (6.30 for 7 pm). As Fr Max Bowers would be leaving Yankalilla & Delamere at the end of July an opportunity was needed for further building relationships and planning future arrangements. It would be an opportunity for the MAP team to present the new Southern Vales website for endorsement.

**Discover Willunga Fair:** Ted reported that it had been a good exercise in co-operation between the churches. Marie McAllan (Uniting Church) and Ted had made up packages containing materials from the churches, from the Schools Ministry, and Roy's Retreat, and each church had provided input and people to attend the stall.

The **East Africa drought** situation was worse than most people realised. ABM and Anglican Overseas Aid were mounting appeals (See May *Grapevine*, and [anglicanoverseasaid.org.au](http://anglicanoverseasaid.org.au) ; [www.abmission.org/appeals](http://www.abmission.org/appeals))

A group called Ignite Ministries is holding **Spot Fires** worship gatherings at Blanche Point, Port Willunga, 5.30 pm on Saturdays.

**Fr Peter Simmons' installation:** it was appreciated that representatives of the Salvation Army , Willunga Uniting Church, and the Almond Grove Family Church would be attending the Ascension Day service, installation and supper.

**Draining St Ann's flood-affected parking area:** The best quote had been found to be \$3,200. Diocesan Council to be approached for permission to go ahead. The money had already been raised.

**St Margaret's chairs** would be re-upholstered, and the faulty fabric replaced.

Synod representatives ( Joan Dare, Joanie Rawlings, Brian McMillan, Ted Sandercock from Southern Vales ) had been asked to bring **good news stories** from their parishes/pastoral districts to Synod. Our good news stories could include the fact that St Nicholas' lease is being extended, the outreach through St Ann's jumble sales, St Nicholas' youth services, community awards to two parishioners (Wallace Mausolf and Margaret Cale), the Advent Pageant at Aldinga, and the fact that our churches are working as a team.

**Finance Report:** Margaret Cale was away but reported in writing that the year to date income was about on budget. This was due to higher than predicted giving, and lower than budgeted fundraising and donations. Expenses year-to-date are some \$17,000 less than budgeted due to less than predicted stipend expenses so far this year.

PDC endorsed her recommendation that income on all our accounts held by the Diocese be capitalised.

PD Finances, April 2017	\$	Overall finances to April 2017	\$
Nett monthly income	11,287	Income	41,439 ( <i>Budgeted \$41,000</i> )
Monthly expenditure	7,023	Expenditure	34,134 with part stipend ( <i>Budgeted \$51,229</i> )
Operating profit	4,263	Operating profit/loss	7,305 ( <i>Budgeted \$-10,229</i> )
Missions	1,228	Total donations to missions	2,540
Special Purpose Funds Apr. 2017		Overall SPF Funds Jan. – Apr. 2017	
Income	2,952	Income	27,213
Expenditure	2,162	Expenditure	5,397
Net profit	780	Surplus	21,816

*There will be no PDC meeting in June. Instead, there will be a Ministry District Meeting at St Ann's on the 20<sup>th</sup> June.  
The next PDC meeting will be on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> of July at St Margaret's, at 7 pm.*

## ***News from St Margaret's, McLaren Vale***

Over the last month, Sunday services have continued, led by Father Peter and Father John. St Philip and St James successfully celebrated their Patronal Festival in St Margaret's on April 30<sup>th</sup>, and our lay leaders ran an interesting and helpful Prayer, Praise & Proclamation service on the subject of our inheritance as Christians, focusing on "What happens when we die?".

The car boot sale, held on April 29<sup>th</sup>, attracted fewer stalls than usual, but still raised a healthy \$662. Thanks to Helen Roberts and the other helpers.

Thanks also to Jill Ribbons for donating the money to have the hall chairs reupholstered, and to Julia Drought for her spectacular Easter banners which are currently adorning the sanctuary.

Carpet cleaning – carpets for both the church and the Sunday school have been cleaned. Fran spent considerable time removing the candle wax from around the altar and the font.

The Guild and Friends are currently planning an International Lunch, a Film Morning and a Quiz Night to raise funds for the church. It was decided that some of the funds raised so far should be used for maintenance of the Rectory garden.

The concrete apron at the church entrance has 2 levels and is considered a tripping hazard. It was thought that this could be resolved by "shaving" some of the concrete. Repairs are being done on the flagpole and an offer has been made to cover costs.

*Greg Roberts & Greg John, Wardens*

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

**Pastoral Care:** Our group of willing volunteers regularly ferry people to and from services and other activities in the parish, and we have others who visit those unable to attend our services any more offering fellowship and communion as well as a smiling face.

**Services:** Our services this month have been taken by Fr Peter T and Fr Ted Newing with the Youth leading our worship on the 28<sup>th</sup> May. We recognized Mothers' Day with special prayers and small tokens of flowers and beautifully decorated hearts given to those special people in our lives. We look forward to worshipping with Fr Peter S. on 4<sup>th</sup> June

**Fellowship group:** We met on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May, suitably refreshed in Spirit after the prayer meeting, and in body after a very enjoyable lunch in the café. Following suggestions made we have a Quiz Night in the planning for 28<sup>th</sup> October and also a Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Seaford (we just have to wait for them to give us a date!). We are fortunate to have Lyn Hann as a member of the fellowship as, working as a volunteer coordinator at Hackham West Community Centre, she has run many Quiz Nights and Bunnings Sausage Sizzles and we will no doubt be drawing on her expertise in these areas! Our next Meeting will be on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm. but if you want to come to lunch you must book in early at the Café - ph 83924508 or contact Jane or Helen.

**Time of Prayer:** These have been very successful, a great time of prayer, private reflection and fellowship.....So we have decided to make them twice a month. We will hold prayer meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of each month beginning with Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 11.30 am; this will coincide with the Week of Christian Unity (28<sup>th</sup> May to 4<sup>th</sup> June). All welcome to join us and share a cuppa in the café afterwards.

**Birthdays** We were overjoyed that Fred Foord could join us last Sunday as we celebrated both his and Fr Percy's birthday– they are twins, both born on the 15<sup>th</sup> May! And so they had identical cakes, carefully baked by Ann Wilson, each with its own candle - (see photo). The candles were dutifully blown out and after a rousing chorus of Happy Birthday, led by member of the Catholic community – the cake was cut and shared among all.

**SEM:** We are still waiting to hear from Ecumenical Endeavours re future plans for us at SEM. Meanwhile Mission and Ministry is looking into a name change that reflects better the Christian Worshipping communities. SEM turns 21 on the 6<sup>th</sup> August this year and we will be having our usual Ecumenical Worship

Service followed by communion in our own traditions and then a wonderful lunch for everyone. This year the St Nicholas Congregation is responsible for the service and we hope to include our youth in this act of combined worship.

*Wardens Jane Cuthbert and Joan Dare*



*L-R Pat & Fred  
Foord, Betty &  
Fr Percy Leske.  
Photo: J Cuthbert*



## News from St Ann's, Aldinga

Our May **Jumble Sale** was a success in many ways. The weather was perfect. The people attending were relaxed, chatting and happily engaging in conversation both general and personal, both when purchasing, and over a tea and coffee or a sausage. Great outreach for all!

We were also very happy to make net takings of \$1025.70 which as usual will be shared, a third going into the PD fund and two thirds to St Ann's R&M. We thank whole heartedly the twenty-two helpers on the days, setting up, selling and packing up afterwards. Without their efforts it would indeed be very arduous. Of course without the generosity of our donors of goods for sale such a success would not be achieved either. Many thanks to all!



We continue to enjoy the services taken by our clergy this month specifically Fr Peter, Fr Dennis, and Fr Jeff, and also the Family Services brought to us by the dedicated planning team and our PAs. We have been blessed with the skills and talents of these good people.

**Granny Annie's** welcomed back the Graham family during the school holidays, as well as a few regulars, and the choir also value the time to relax and share over a cuppa on Thursdays.

We are planning another **quiz night** on 14<sup>th</sup> July. This is an early reminder to get a group together or consider tickets. The room is usually filled to overflowing!

We are approaching the time of year when a number of our congregation go away on holidays. As a result, our Friends meeting will be held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June instead of the 6<sup>th</sup> June, and will replace the Friends meeting in July. Meanwhile our **Prickle Team**, who offer their time all year around in the church gardens and grounds, are sharpening their weapons for an onslaught on roses. Don't forget to book in if you want your roses pruned! (see p. 10). Several old trees have been removed and are being replaced—thank you Brian McMillan and Trish Frith.

Margaret Cale has now been officially recognised as **Curator of St Ann's Cemetery** following the retirement of Bill Jeanes from the position after many years of dedicated work.

*Pat Roper & Brian McMillan, Wardens*

## Safe Ministry Training

..... Is a requirement for anyone in this Diocese who holds a licence as a Bishop, Priest or Deacon, or is a lay minister holding the Bishop's Licence to Preach, anyone ministering communion while robed, involved in leadership of worship, involved in children's and youth ministry, ministering to the elderly and vulnerable, official hospital or home visitors, choir directors, churchwardens and paid op shop managers.

**A 3-hour refresher course will be held at St Margaret's on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2.00 pm.**

**A full-day Seminar for new participants will be held at St Margaret's on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 9.30 am -4.00 pm** (byo lunch; morning tea provided).

**An extra full-day course, Child Safe Environments – reporting child abuse & neglect in SA, will be held at St Margaret's on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July, 9.30 am—4.00 pm.** (byo lunch; morning tea provided).

This extra course will be mandatory for all clergy, all key leaders in the Diocese and anyone who has contact with children and vulnerable people. This includes Ministry Leaders of Sunday Schools, Youth Groups, Pastoral Carers and visitors and those involved in a crèche, childcare or a playgroup.



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## Our Mob, God's Story

A superb book of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artworks, *Our Mob, God's Story*, researched and edited by Louise Sherman and our part-time resident Christobel Mattingley and launched in March, has already gone into its 3<sup>rd</sup> printing, another 3000, due in mid June. This makes the print run so far 8000!

The book (\$34.95, available from Koorong) is a wonderful expression of faith, illustrated and explained by artists from different Indigenous communities who tell their story and explain the significance to them of the Bible passages and their art.



"The richness of the Christian faith in interaction with the deep creative tradition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures has produced a unique work of great imagination, honesty and beauty."

(Bishop Chris McLeod).

## Diocesan Formation Weekend 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> July

**"Reading the text: getting the most out of the Bible"**

Where do all the scholars find the meanings they speak of in scripture?

Among the basic tools of the informed reader is literary/text analysis. This does not have to be an academic exercise or a skill only a few have. Learn how to find from the text what it meant then and what it means now, to you and to others, so you too can be "Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:15)"

## Southern Vales Pastoral District

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*The McLaren Vale PD Office is not regularly attended but messages can be left on the message bank 08 8323 9155 and we will get back to you as soon as we can.*

### Visit our website!

<http://www.southernvalesparish.org>

### To contact your church wardens:

**St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga**

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Stephen Wells 8326 7114

**St Margaret's, McLaren Vale**

Greg John 8325 0277

Greg Roberts 8323 9331

**St Stephen's, Willunga**

Ted Sandercock 8556 4535

John Strachan 8186 3372

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## 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 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.*

*On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July there will be a combined service at St Ann's Aldinga at 10 am to celebrate St Ann's Patronal Festival*