

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

August 2017

# The Grapevine

Newsletter of the Mission Partnership of Southern Vales, Diocese of The Murray,



## ***Christ Church Yankalilla turns 160 !***

Celebrating 160 years of worship, Christ Church Yankalilla had a special service on the 9<sup>th</sup> of July, led by Fr Max Bowers. An address was given by Fr Ed Pumphrey, who was parish priest at Yankalilla and Delamere from 1987-1994. After the service many of the congregation adjourned to the hall for a celebratory morning tea and birthday cake.

It took pairs of balloons to mark the anniversary—100<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup>. It seems that balloon manufacturers don't have much call for 160<sup>th</sup> birthday balloons!

Some representatives from the northern end of the mission partnership travelled south to be with Yankalilla and Delamere for the special occasion.



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



## **STOP PRESS!**

***Bishop John announced on St Ann's Day that Fr Simon Waters had accepted his offer to be Priest in Charge of the Southern Vales Mission Partnership from Saturday September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017. He will license Fr Simon on Saturday September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11 am at St Nicholas', Seaford, followed by lunch in the SEM cafe.***

***Fr Simon and Susie have three teenage daughters, Amelia, Hannah and Jessica.***

***We will be delighted to welcome Fr Simon and his family to be with us.***

***More about them next month!***

*(Photo provided)*

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

Dear Friends,

I appreciate the chance to write you this pastoral letter for August.

In the last 6 months I have learned that things move quickly in this Diocese. Not only at Diocesan Council level, but at local level, imaginative ideas abound. No sooner does one get used to one set of terminology, than a new one is suggested. This keeps us on our toes! In the short time I have been with you, we have changed from thinking of ourselves as a Pastoral District, to a Ministry District. Now we are encouraged to regard ourselves as a missionary partnership. I quite like this recent change because "mission" is a reminder that we are sent and that Jesus gives us a task to do (as our diocesan hymn also reminds us); and partnership is about people working together in relationship, rather than our simply being a geographical area on a map as "district" suggests.

Jesus gave his disciples new names to live up to. In some Christian traditions people are given a baptismal name (often of a saint) to inspire them, so perhaps it's not such a bad idea for us to be given a new name to grow into and help to form our awareness of our calling.

The Mission Partnership of Southern Vales has been in the process of growing to include seven congregations. August will see a few changes in personnel too. Fr Max Bowers, (at Yankalilla/Delamere), will have concluded his locum there at the end of July. I too will have completed my term (part-time for six months). It has been special to have been able to accompany you through Lent and Eastertide, to Pentecost, and revisit the wonderful themes of those Seasons. I am glad to have been able to survive this long! It has been a real blast, but these ancient bones are starting to protest. I've invented a new medical condition, *R.S.I. of the Accelerator Foot*, caused by many hours on the Southern Freeway!

Consequently I have advised Bishop John that I would like to revert to being a relieving priest, with a Permission to Officiate (P.T.O.). I hope to continue to be of use in that capacity, as and when the Priest in Charge requires and with the Bishop's consent. I might be able to help, with the other P.T.O.s, to bridge the gap until reinforcements arrive.

Thank you for your friendship and prayerful support for your clergy and all ministries here.

Sincerely, *Peter S. Thomson.*



### ***Yankalilla and Delamere farewell Fr Max Bowers***

Fr Max joined us in December 2015 and he came with a lot of enthusiasm and new ideas. He has encouraged us to be more welcoming with our worship and to try different forms of services to be able to invite both former and potential new people to come along. Unfortunately we have not seen growth in our numbers but there have been foundation stones laid which we can build upon.

We wish Fr Max and Ros all the best for the future and thank them both for all that they have done with us and for us during the past 18 months that they have been with us at Yankalilla and Delamere.

Fr Max joined with us when the two Pastoral Districts were coming back together after a period of separation and this has proceeded quite well. We now face another period of unity as we begin to work together with the Southern Vales Pastoral District under the guidance of Fr Peter Simmons along with Fr Simon Waters who will be installed in September.

*Peter Filsell*

## August

- Tues 1<sup>st</sup>** Almond Blossom Stall (St Ann's)  
Friends of St Ann's 6.50 for 7 pm
- Wed 2<sup>nd</sup>** Almond Blossom Stall (St Stephen's  
& St Nicholas')
- Fri 4<sup>th</sup>** St Nicholas' Prayer Group  
(Enquiries: Jane Cuthbert 0407651606)
- Sun 6<sup>th</sup>** Gold Coin collection for chaplains  
Shared lunch, SEM, after the service.  
Family Service, St Ann's 9 am  
SEM's 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday: Ecumenical service  
10.30 am. Light lunch in the cafe .
- Mon 7<sup>th</sup>** Mothers' Union, S.E.M. 9.30 am  
(Enquiries: Trish Frith 8556 2604)  
SEM Open Meeting 7-9 pm (see p. 6)
- Wed 9<sup>th</sup>** Mary Sumner Day (see p. 9)
- Thurs 10<sup>th</sup>** Colton Court Sing-along 10.30-11.30 am  
(Enquiries: Sue MacKirdy 8556 5162)
- Sat 12<sup>th</sup>** Willunga Saturday Night Out (see below)  
Diocesan Quiet Day, Strathabyn (p. 12)
- Sun 13<sup>th</sup>** Healing at St Nicholas' Eucharist  
(Enquiries: Fr Percy ph 8386 3637)  
Mission Action Plan meeting St Ann's 2 pm  
(see p. 8)
- Tues 15<sup>th</sup>** MARY  
Friends & Guild of St Margaret's 1.30 pm
- Fri 18<sup>th</sup>** St Nicholas' Prayer Group 11.30  
St Nicholas' Lunch 12.30 (bookings  
8392 4508) & Fellowship 1.30
- Sat 19<sup>th</sup>** Film morning, Pasadena, 9.30 am  
(Next column)  
St Stephen's Congregation Meeting after  
the 5.30 pm Vigil Mass
- Sun 20<sup>th</sup>** Family Service, St Margaret's
- Thurs 24<sup>th</sup>** BARTHOLOMEW  
Mission Partnership Council, Yankalilla 7pm
- Fri 25<sup>th</sup>** Family Tea, St Ann's (below)
- Sun 27<sup>th</sup>** Youth-led service, St Nicholas'  
Meals on Wheels Mass, 11 am Yankalilla

## September

- Fri 1<sup>st</sup>** St Nicholas' Prayer Group 11.30 am
- Sat 2<sup>nd</sup>** MARTYRS' DAY  
Licensing of Fr Simon Waters at  
St Nicholas', 11 am (opposite page)  
with lunch to follow
- Sun 3<sup>rd</sup>** (Father's Day)  
Gold Coin collection for chaplains  
Shared lunch, SEM, after the service.  
Family Service, St Ann's 9 am
- Mon 4<sup>th</sup>** Mothers' Union, St Nicholas', 9.30 am
- Tues 5<sup>th</sup>** Friends of St Ann's 6.50 for 7 pm
- Fri 8<sup>th</sup>** Mayor's Prayer Breakfast 6.45 to 9 am  
(Enquiries: Ted Sandercock 8556 4535)
- Sat 9<sup>th</sup>** Willunga Night Out
- Sun 10<sup>th</sup>** Healing at St Nicholas' Eucharist
- Thurs 14<sup>th</sup>** Colton Court Sing-along 10.30-11.30 am
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup>** St Nicholas' Prayer Group 11.30  
St Nicholas' Lunch 12.30 (bookings  
8392 4508) & Fellowship 1.30
- Sat 16<sup>th</sup>** Jumble Sale, St Ann's (see p. 11)
- Sun 17<sup>th</sup>** Family service St Margaret's
- Tues 19<sup>th</sup>** Friends & Guild of St Margaret's 1.30 pm  
Pastoral District Council 7 pm
- Thurs 21<sup>st</sup>** MATTHEW
- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup>** Family tea, St Ann's 6.30 pm
- Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>** Confirmation, St Stephen's, 5.30 pm
- Sun 24<sup>th</sup>** Youth-led service, St Nicholas'
- Fri 29<sup>th</sup>** Schools break up  
MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS
- Sat 30<sup>th</sup>** Daylight Saving starts  
Quiz Night, St Margaret's

## Family Services

Informal family services next on  
6<sup>th</sup> August & 3<sup>rd</sup> September, St Ann's, 9 am  
20<sup>th</sup> August, St Margaret's, 10 am

## Youth Service

27<sup>th</sup> August, St Nicholas', Seaford, 10.30 am

## Saturday Night Out

12<sup>th</sup> August  
at the Willunga Hotel  
following the 5.30 pm Vigil Mass at  
St Stephen's  
(Bookings: Ted 8556 4535)



## Family Tea @ St Ann's

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of August, 6.30 pm

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



## FILM MORNING

### Saturday August 19<sup>th</sup>

St Margaret's Guild of Friends invites  
everyone to their film morning at the  
Ingle Theatre, Pasadena, 9.30 am for a  
9.45 start, concluding at 12.30.

**\$15**

Includes a documentary, an historical newsreel,  
a cartoon and a feature film, together with a light  
morning tea.

Please contact Jill Ribbons: jribbons99@gmail.com  
or phone 0417 887 792 for further details

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

It has been a busy month. **Di Rickard's** life was celebrated through her funeral at our church and afterwards in the Room by a large crowd of family and friends on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017. We personally thank Di for the unselfish and valued contributions she made to us and our people in her time with us. She was always ready to lend a helping hand wherever it was needed. May she rest in peace.

Trish Simon celebrated her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday with a party in St Ann's Room on the 7<sup>th</sup> July. It was a happy family occasion.

The **drainage work** around the church and in the car park area has been completed very satisfactorily. Bill Cale is to be commended for his work over and above the call of duty in spreading out a couple of truck loads of gravel to help raise the level of the ground in areas where water lies! Thanks too to his helpers.

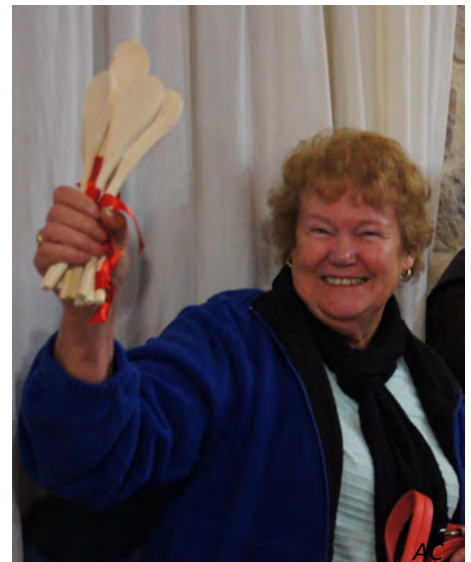
**The Prickle Team** has also been extremely busy with the annual rose pruning throughout the district and beyond. This fundraiser and outreach activity seems to grow each season. Well done Trish and team.

Many thanks again to our clergy, pastoral assistants and all who help keep the wheels of service at Aldinga turning.

We sadly say farewell for the time being to our American friends who have been with us for about six months. We wish **Morgan and Jon** God's speed and safe journeying as they head further north, and look forward to their return when it happens. They have enriched us immensely in their time with us.

Last Friday we held a very happy and fun filled **Quiz Night** with over fifty people attending. It was a packed house! After expenses we raised \$817.70 which will be shared between the diocesan Ministry Training Fund and the two ABM projects Southern Vales supports. Many thanks to the helpers, the donors of prizes and to Fr Peter T for the use of his amplifier unit.

*Pat Roper & Brian McMillan, Wardens*



*Winners or losers—it didn't matter. The Quiz Night was an occasion that was much enjoyed by all, tightly packed as we were in St Ann's Room. Table 2 (L-R: John Hayward, Dot Marshall, Andrew Hayward, Jane Hayward, Mel and Barry Smith and Mandy Lumsden and (not shown) John Lumsden) was the winner, while Jill Clark at Table 1 was happy to receive the wooden spoons on behalf of her table. The younger participants (L—R) Shayden, Andy and Andrew, found they had a lot in common.*

*Excellent quizmaster Burda Sanders was thanked by Barbara Walter.*



## News from St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

We are very grateful to Fr Thomson and Fr Simmons for taking services at St Margaret's.

On June 15<sup>th</sup> a presentation was made to Sister Bev (R) as she wished to retire as Sacristan at St Margaret's. We thank her for all her work over the past years.

The front and back gardens of the rectory have been cut back and trimmed and lawns cut by an outside contractor, and look much better. The rectory, church and Sunday school have all had termite inspection carried out, with nothing serious to report. The septic system for the church and rectory has been cleaned out and will be good for the next 4 years.

There is a plan to repaint the exterior of the church - quotes so far \$9,500 & \$7,000. One painter did not give a quote.

The International Lunch on the 1<sup>st</sup> July raised \$671 and was a happy occasion. The Little Sisters entertained us with recorders and a spirited Spanish song, "Yo vivo cantando". Thanks to all who helped on the day.

Greg Roberts & Greg John, Wardens

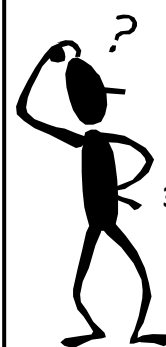


*The decorations for the International Lunch were beautiful, in blue and gold, and a rich variety of dishes represented cuisine from other countries. Diners included (top) Bob Edmeades, Bill Cale and Harry Francis; (below left) Felicity Warrington, Margaret Cale, Rupert & Di Best.*

*It's the work behind the scenes that makes an event a success. (Below right) Catherine Cooling buys a ticket from Sylvia Francis, and behind, in the kitchen, Jay Dickinson and Alice, Lorna McGaffin and Fran Pettigrew.*

*The Little Sisters choir brought additional colour, music and fun to the occasion. L-R Margaret Wait, Jan Evans, Piquet Copeland, Julia Drought and Jenny Perry with maracas.*

*Photos: AC*



**Quiz Night**  
St Margaret's

**Saturday**  
**30<sup>th</sup> September**

Put this date  
in your diary!

## News from St Nicholas', Seaford



**Youth Worship:** With Baptisms of both Christine Gunn's and Cathy More's grandchildren, Isabelle Anne and Liv Lavinia, this month's Youth Worship was slightly longer than usual! Isis, Iona and Isaiah put together a great service, Cathy chose and played the hymns, and we had Joanie Rawlings' grandkids also assisting on the day. The drama was based on Matthew 19: v 13-15, retelling in a different way the response of Jesus to his disciples turning away young children from his presence: *"Jesus was cross with the disciples and He took each child in his arms, or on his knee, and gave them a cuddle and said a little blessing prayer - and He said that children sometimes understand more about God's Kingdom than grownups do!"* Everyone joined in singing the hymns, and the "Butterfly Song", along with suitable actions, was enjoyed by everyone. Trish Frith on behalf of Mothers' Union gifted the newly baptized and spoke about the importance of family life for young people and how the Mothers' Union aided and supported this.

**Services:** This month Fr Peter Thomson has taken our services, with Fr Ted Newing officiating at the Baptism Service. Planning is well in hand for our 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday at SEM on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August. It will be an Ecumenical Service with all five denominations joining in praise and thanksgiving before communion in our own traditions. Sadly we are still not one at Our Lord's Table.

**Fellowship group:** Donations to the RSPCA in lieu of gifts for Father David's 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday raised \$110 which was duly given to the local RSPCA group. Gifts for the newly baptized grandchildren and lovely cards were done by Ann Wilson. Joy Inkster (R) a member of St Nicholas', had her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in July and she was presented with some flowers and chocolates as well as a lovely cake in celebration of this momentous birthday. Our next meeting will be on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August at 1.30 pm. but if you want to come to lunch you must book in early at the Café - ph 8392 4508 or contact Jane or Helen.

**Time of Prayer:** This month we met on the 7<sup>th</sup> July and again on the 21<sup>st</sup> July. A time of quiet reflection and prayer for the church and the wider community. There is also an opportunity for more specific and private prayer.

**SEM:** Rev. Steen, part of the Task Force appointed, is hoping to arrange an initial meeting between the Task Force and the SEM communities for 7.00 – 9.00 pm on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at SEM. This is to be an open meeting of the SEM communities where the task force can hear the hopes, dreams and concerns of members of SEM and they can share how they understand their task and the key issues we will all need to discuss. Please keep us in your prayers as we begin to move forward in Seaford.

*Wardens Jane Cuthbert and Joan Dare*



*Photos: Jane Cuthbert*

## News from Pastoral District Council Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July

The meeting of the Pastoral District Council on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July was chaired by Ted Sandercock, with Frs Peter Simmons and Peter Thomson present.

Matters discussed included the following:

**Small group leadership and facilitation:** Greg John showed a DVD on Care Force Life Keys\*, run by Greg Meyer providing leadership training for small group ministry. Greg would undergo training to lead a group of 6-8 interested people. There may be others from other churches who would be interested. An important feature would be a support network for those involved.

**Mission Partnership news** (the name changed from Ministry District): A combined service for the whole Mission Partnership will be held on the fifth Sunday in October (29<sup>th</sup> Oct) at Peter Filsell's property at Delamere – a Blessing of the Fleece.

Ted Sandercock reported from **Diocesan Council** that Mission Partnerships could be flexible in their organisation. For example, Southern Suburbs, instead of organising themselves regionally in churches, planned organisation by task groups, each with representatives from the five churches.

**Permission To Officiate:** On the 31<sup>st</sup> August all current Diocesan PTO licences will lapse, with new applications to be endorsed by the parish. PDC to endorse the applications of Fr Dennis Eales, Fr Bob Hupfeld, Fr Percy Leske, Fr Ted Newing, Fr Jeff Oake, Fr Peter Randall and Fr Peter Thomson.

Plans for the **upgrade to the Main South Road and Aldinga Streetscape** raise serious issues for St Ann's. The more the road is widened the more St Ann's becomes divorced from Aldinga, and hard to get to. Access to St Ann's is already a safety issue, with around 21,000 cars going past each day. Plans to meet with the Mayor to emphasize the fact that there was a need to address the problem.

### Finance Report:

PD Finances, June 2017	\$	Overall finances to June 2017	\$
Nett monthly income	8,470	Income	59,147 ( <i>Budgeted \$61,250</i> )
Monthly expenditure	10,546	Expenditure	52,152 ( <i>Budgeted \$71,950</i> )
Operating profit/loss	-2,076	Surplus (not paying full stipends)	6,995 ( <i>Budgeted \$-10,700</i> )
Missions	1,082	Total donations to missions	3,776
Special Purpose Funds June 2017		Overall SPF Funds Jan. – Apr. 2017	
Income	1,692	Income	30,788
Expenditure	3,017	Expenditure	8,603
Deficit	-1.326	Surplus	22,185

Our **Ministry Training Fund** target set by the Diocese was \$850. Agreed that a contribution to this be taken from the Southern Vales Almond Blossom takings.

**Week of Christian Unity:** Ted reported that a small group had met at Galilee, and following that, sessions were being organised by Peter Laffan to discuss the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the [Ninety-five Theses](#) posted by Martin Luther on the door of the Schlosskirche (Castle Church), Wittenberg, on October 31, 1517, an event which came to be considered the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. First session on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

**Grapevine sponsorship:** Simplicity Funerals had decided not to continue advertisements in *The Grapevine*.

**Worship:** Fr Max would be leaving Yankalilla/Delamere on the 29<sup>th</sup> July. With 7 centres needing weekly services, Yankalilla & Delamere would need to have occasional non-Eucharistic services. Discussing this it was noted that Willunga's service is on Saturday evenings, relieving the pressure on Sundays. An idea had been floated at the Friends and Guild of St Margaret's that their weekly service could perhaps be a weekday one. Perhaps we should have a "seeker's" service on a day other than Sunday. Meditation is another form of worship.

*Next meeting: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September*

\*Further information available at <http://www.careforcelifeykeys.org/pages.asp?id=55>

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

Thank you to the Frs Peter & to Fr Dennis for celebrating over recent weeks. Please keep Fr Bob in your prayers during his recovery from his second knee replacement.

Saturday Night Out on July 8<sup>th</sup> was attended by 10 members of Southern Vales. The next Saturday Night Out will be on August 12<sup>th</sup> at the Willunga Hotel at 6.45 pm after the 5.30 pm service.

Fr Paul Devenport celebrated on Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> for the baptism of Wren Honor Stell. Parents Bel & John had been married by Fr Paul at St Stephen's in November 2010, and Wren's two older sisters, Hope and Eden, were also baptised by Fr Paul at St Stephen's. Thanks to Brian for music and Trish for representing Mothers' Union. Some 40 people attended, including 16 young people. The celebration was continued at the Old Bush Inn.

Three adults have begun a "Connect?" programme at Willunga following baptisms at St Stephen's. There is a guest presenter at each session. A Confirmation service will be held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

Next Congregation Meeting to be held on Saturday August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6.30 pm.

Ted represented Willunga churches at a meeting to plan a celebration for Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup> for the completion of the beautification of the High Street. The High Street will be closed for the celebration and the Farmers' Market extended for that day. Maybe a combined churches' stall?

At the Church vestry it was suggested that Southern Vales 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.

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 now sherry (choice) or wine & nibbles (cheese, dips and biscuits).

*John Strachan & Ted Sandercock, Wardens*



*Photo: H Devenport*

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

**Repair of the church building:** as soon as a quote for repairs is finalised, a tax-deductable fund can be established and fund-raising begun. There are a lot of people interested in the building.

Meanwhile, rose pruning was underway, and Rupert was spraying weeds and managing the bin.

### ***Mission Action!***

There will be a Mission Action Planning meeting on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2.00 pm at St Ann's.

It has been two years since we put our initial MAP together and much has changed over that time. With the Ignite Growth program being launched later this year it is time we took a new look at our goals and how we might move forward.

This meeting will be open to all, so team leaders please encourage your members to attend and to invite any others who might be interested in being part of our future planning. Bring all your fresh ideas and enthusiasm!

*Margaret Cale, Convener*



Linda Vinall had full house and had to plan a second session for the **"Child Safe Environments: reporting child abuse & neglect in SA"** training course at St Margaret's on the 29<sup>th</sup> July.

This certificate is required for all clergy, all key leaders in the Diocese and anyone who has contact with children and vulnerable people including Ministry Leaders of Sunday Schools, Youth Groups, Pastoral Carers and visitors and those involved in a crèche, childcare or a play group.

Another training day for those who could not attend one in July, will be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> October in Mt Barker.

A full day course for those who have not yet participated in a Safe Ministry Training, will be held at St Margaret's on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.



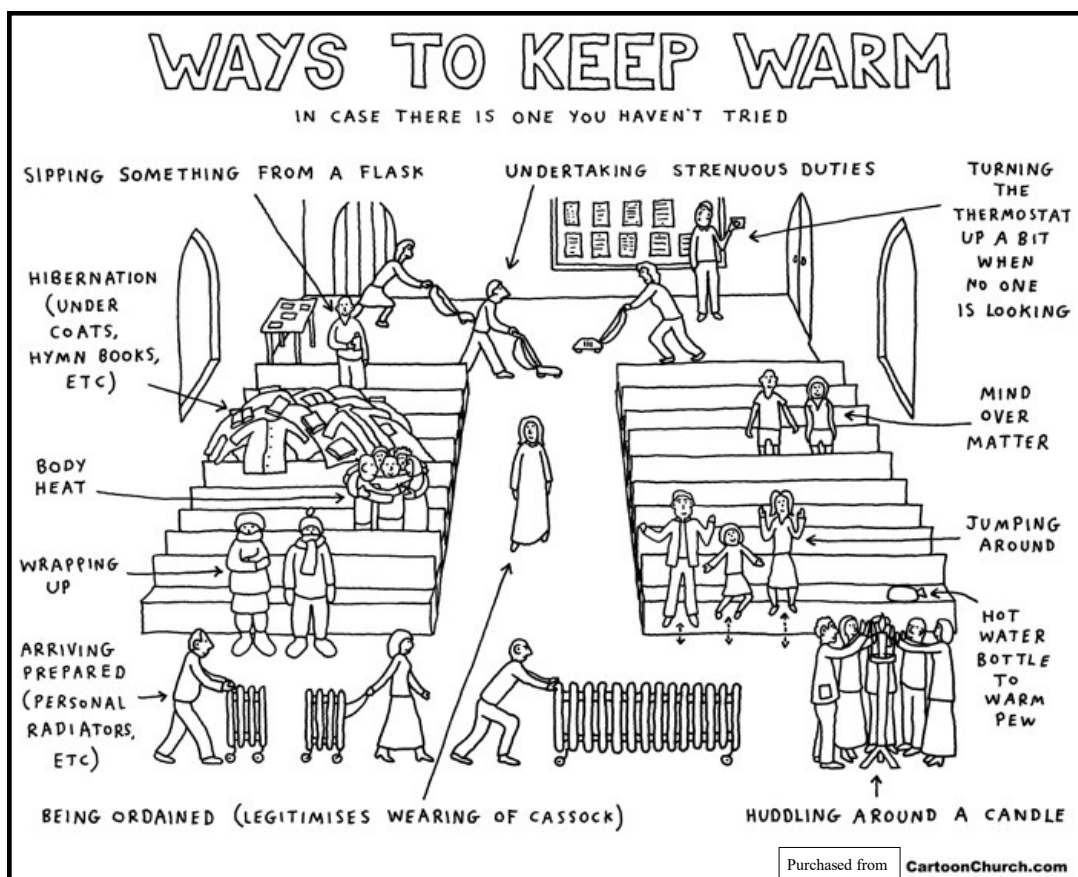
### *"Make a house a home"*

Southern Vales' Mothers' Union, responding to Jill Rivers' appeal through Anglicare for assistance in putting together Homemaker kits, to "make a house a home" for newly arrived refugees, will be putting kits together on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August at 9.30 am at SEM. There has been a marvellous response to the appeal, from all around the mission partnership.

**ANGLICARE**  
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The U K founder of the Mothers' Union, Mary Sumner, will be remembered at the Mary Sumner Day celebrations which will be held this year at St Michaels', Mitcham, on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August. With the birth of her first grandson, Mary Sumner gathered together a group of women with the aim of having women of all social classes supporting each other, and this has grown into an influential world-wide organisation.

Our local branch of the MU (Southern Vales and Seaford) is greatly in need of support. If you would like to find out more about it, contact Trish Frith (8556 2604) or Helen Cook (ph 0407 056 780).





## ***It's almond blossom time!***

This year's Almond Blossom Festival was blessed on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July by Fr Peter Simmons and Roman Catholic priest Fr Peter Zwsaans. With the Willunga wind blowing, the screen of photos, "Let Us Give Thanks", had to be held by Trish Frith and Event Manager Heather Williams. Tools of the trade, blossom and produce accompanied the photos.

2019 will see the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Almond Blossom Festival. It is to be hoped that a Blessing might be accepted as a major feature of the Festival by then.

The Almond Blossom stall, run by the Anglican Church in the Recreation Hall, is a popular annual feature of the Festival, offering cakes, biscuits, jams and other produce to visitors.

As is often the case, Monday was a quiet day, but crowds built up on Tuesday and Wednesday, with takings from the three days of the stall totalling \$1,183.70.

It is expected that some of the unsold produce will still find a home, and increase the final figure.

*L: Fran Pettigrew, Di Best, Julia Drought and Leonie Pettman on the Monday stall (St Margaret's, St Philip & St James')*



## ***Roger Bennett R. J. P.***

It would have gladdened the heart of Roger Bennett to see the newly restored flagpole at the entrance to St Margaret's, McLaren Vale. The flagpole, which until 1908 had stood at the Government Printing Office in Adelaide and had since belonged to the Bennett family (see *GV Dec. 2016*), was erected at St Margaret's on the 1<sup>st</sup> August, the day he died.

After bringing up their family of three sons and a daughter at South Plympton, where Roger was an active member of the Church of the Good Shepherd, he and his wife Mary retired to the house Roger built at Willunga. They later moved to McLaren Vale when Mary needed to be closer to medical assistance. Roger was a regular worshipper at St Margaret's and St Stephen's for some time but had suffered from Parkinson's disease in recent years.



## **JUMBLE SALE**

**Sat 16<sup>th</sup> September**

**St Ann's 8.30-12.30**

*Quality saleable goods wanted  
—and volunteers!*

*Enquiries:*

*Pat*

**0412 155 712**



## ***St Ann's Patronal Festival***



Bishop John led the celebration of St Ann's Patronal Festival at a combined service on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July. Connecting the themes of the day in his sermon on the day's Collect, he spoke of the important role of grandparents, particularly in today's society where so often both parents are working. He himself was rejoicing anew at being made a grandparent with the birth of a grand-daughter, Lacey Ann, in England the night before.



The combined service was a good occasion to thank Fr Peter Thomson who was completing his term as locum in our Mission Partnership (see p. 2), although we will be glad to have him continue to be with us for a while yet. On behalf of St Ann's, Brian McMillan presented Fr Peter with a copy of the Greg Trott book on McLaren Vale.

The patronal service concluded, as ever, with a rousing chorus of "I go to the Rock of my salvation", a chorus which St Ann's congregation considers their theme song.

The service was followed by a shared lunch in The Room.

*Photos: AC*



### ***Prickle Team and friends!***

(L—R Bill Cale, Victoria McKee, Trish Frith and Tony Young) have so far raised over \$1,150 this year. They have worked in 31 gardens, and at the same time somehow managed to keep up maintenance of the grounds at St Ann's. The team sees this as outreach as well as work—an opportunity to make contact and visit parishioners and others.

Well done, prickly ones!

*Photo: L Taylor, owner of the geese!*

**Diocese of The Murray  
DIOCESAN QUIET DAY**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August**

**10 am—4 pm**

**House of Hospitality,  
7 East Terrace,  
Strathalbyn**



We celebrate St Clare's Day in August and this Quiet Day will offer reflection on the life and faith of Clare to inspire and encourage us on our journey.

Fr Peter Carlsson will be available from 1 pm for a chat—or for the sacrament of Reconciliation  
Tea and coffee provided.

Please bring your own lunch

Please contact Deacon Margo Holt for more  
Information, and if you wish to attend.

Ph 8536 2030 or 0466 539 749

**"Granny Annie's"**

(named for St Ann, the grandmother of Jesus)  
welcomes all comers on Thursday mornings,  
9—11.30 am to a cuppa and good company in St Ann's  
Room, or share a moment with God in the peace of the  
open church.

Children are very welcome.

Note: Choir practice is normally held in the church from 9.30-  
10.30 am

**WANTED! photos for consideration for a  
Southern Vales 2018 Pastoral District  
Calendar**

Photos (digitised or prints) of our parish life or of our  
beautiful district Must be able to be enlarged to  
A4 size.

*Please contact Anne  
Chittleborough (8556 5078 or  
machit5@bigpond.com)  
by the 20<sup>th</sup> August.*



**Diocesan Formation**

The final Diocesan Formation Weekend for 2017 will be  
held at Keith from Friday 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

**Scripture: Canon and Authority**

Presenter: Fr Martin Bleby

Enquiries: Jasamine Irvine: [jasamine@murray.anglican.org](mailto:jasamine@murray.anglican.org)

**Southern Vales Pastoral District**

**Contact information:**

Parish Secretary: Ted Sandercock  
Ph 8556 4535; email [sanderwt@bigpond.com](mailto:sanderwt@bigpond.com)

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

**Visit our website!**

<http://www.southernvalesparish.org>

**To contact your church wardens:**

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

Judith Wells 8186 1296

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

**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

(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