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

The Grapevine

Newsletter of the Western Fleurieu Anglicans, Diocese of The Murray, SA

The Blessing of the Fleece

The first combined service of the Western Fleurieu Anglicans, Delamere, 29th October 2017



Following the decision of Diocesan Council to combine the churches of Christ Church, Yankalilla and St James, Delamere with the five churches of Southern Vales, and the decision of the combined council of those churches to adopt the name "Western Fleurieu Anglicans", a special combined service of the Blessing of the Fleece was conducted by Fr Peter Simmons in a shearing shed on the property of Peter Filsell of Delamere. God, the giver of life in the soil, in the flocks and in the shepherd, was thanked for the blessings received at His hands. A sheep was shorn and its fleece placed with the Eucharistic elements on the altar, to be blessed.

A crowd of nearly 100 attended, with people travelling from all parts of the district, including a busload from Aldinga. After the service all shared in a splendid barbecue lunch.

A visitor from overseas remarked afterwards, "I came for the sheep, but I realised that what I needed was the church." Perhaps that was so for many. Certainly for all present it was a very special and memorable occasion. (See also p. 8)

2018 Parish Calendars



\$15

Available at your church or from Anne Chittleborough 8556 5078.

Get one for yourself and one for your friends!



Aldinga Advent Pageant

Friday 24th November

"Is there room in your inn?"



Joseph and Mary (Owen d'Hotman de Villiers and Rebekah Hammond, from Southern Vales Christian College) are practising their roles for the Advent Pageant at the Aldinga Central shopping centre. Children from the three schools converge on the shops at approx. 10.20 am on Friday 24th November.

Be there to be part of this ecumenical outreach event.

To volunteer to assist, ph Anne 8556 5078.

Jumble Sale St Ann's Aldinga

Saturday 18th November 8.30-12.30

Quality goods wanted - and helpers!



Books
Plants
Clothes
Cake stall
Bric-a-brac
Devonshire teas
Sausage sizzle.....

\$35

Christmas Lunch 9th December

at the Peacock Farm

65 Norman Road, Willunga. 12 for 12.30 pm

Choice of two main courses and two sweets, and drinks & nibbles free on arrival; other drinks from the Bar. Book with your Wardens, and let them know any dietary requirements, by the last Sunday in November (26th).



Strawberry Fête

Christ Church, Yankalilla
Saturday 18th November
from 9.30 am



Strawberries, cream, ice cream & everything strawberry!

Guild & Friends' combined Christmas Afternoon Tea

Wednesday 29th November



2 pm, Oxenberry,
26 Kangarilla Rd, McLaren Vale
All welcome, but bookings required
—speak to your Wardens.

Family tea at St Ann's

24th November 6.30 for 7 pm

Final for the year. Sing-along and carols.

Come and have fun!

Aldinga Bay Community Carols

Sunday 10th December

Symonds Reserve



A free community event with an afternoon of fun filled carnival activities followed by a carols program.

Choir members wanted! No experience needed!

Rehearsals start weekly from Wednesday 8th November

@ 7-9pm, Southern Vales Christian College
PRACTICE DATES: 8, 15, 22, 29 November & 1, 6, 8 December. Please ring Jacqui Downes or email for further details Ph: 0416 566 288



A FESTIVAL OF READINGS & CAROLS

for Advent & Christmas
Sunday 17th of December
St Ann's, Aldinga, 7 pm

November

- Wed 1st ALL SAINTS**
Eucharist St Margaret's 9 am
- Thurs 2nd ALL SOULS**
- Fri 3rd St Nicholas' Prayer Group** 11.30 am
(Enquiries: Jane Cuthbert 0407 651 606)
Yankalilla Combined Churches Dinner 6.30
Yankalilla Bowling Club
- Sat 4th Safe Ministry Training** (full day session)
St Margaret's
- Sun 5th Gold Coin collection for chaplains**
Shared lunch, SEM, after the service.
Family Service, St Ann's 9 am
- Mon 6th MU Diocesan Council meeting at St Ann's,**
10.30 for 11 am (see p. 6)
- Tues 7th Friends of St Ann's** 6.30 for 7 pm
Enquiries: Trish Frith 8556 2604
- Thurs 9th Colton Court Sing-along** 10.30-11.30 am
Enquiries: Sue MacKirdy 8556 5162
- Sat 11th Remembrance Day**
Schools Ministry Sausage Sizzle,
Willunga Quarry Markets (see p. 9)
Saturday Night Out Old Bush Inn, Willunga
after the Vigil Mass. Bookings 8556 4535
- Sun 12th Service of Memories:**
9 am Yankalilla, 11 am Delamere
Prayers for healing at St Nicholas' Eucharist
Family Service, St Margaret's
- Thurs 16th MARGARET**
- Fri 17th St Nicholas' Prayer Group** 11.30
St Nicholas' Lunch 12.30 (bookings
8392 4508) & **Fellowship** 1.30
- Sat 18th Jumble Sale, St Ann's** Enquiries: Pat 8386 2470
Strawberry Fete, Yankalilla (opposite page)
- Sun 19th St Margaret's Patronal Festival** (next column)
Pleasant Sunday Afternoon, St Margaret's
(see p. 4)
- Tues 21st St Margaret's Guild of Friends** 1.30 pm
Enquiries: Fran Pettigrew 8323 9366
Pastoral District Council 7 pm
- Fri 24th Advent Pageant, Aldinga** (see opposite page)
Family Tea at St Ann's 6.30 for 7 pm
Enquiries: Pat Roper 8386 2470
- Sat 25th Spring in Willunga** (see p.9)
Advent Wreath Workshop 1 pm, Bethany Hall,
Willunga (bookings essential: 8556 2758)
- Sun 26th CHRIST THE KING**
Family Service St Nicholas'
Christ Church, Yankalilla's Patronal Festival
(see p. 8)
- Tues 28th Prayer for Peace, St Ann's** 2 pm (see p. 8)
Enquiries: 8556 5078
- Wed 29th Friends/Guild afternoon tea** Oxenberry Farm,
2 pm (opposite page)
- Thurs 30th ANDREW**

December

- Fri 1st St Nicholas' Prayer Group** 11.30 am
- Sun 3rd ADVENT SUNDAY**
St Nicholas' Patronal Festival 10 am and
Shared lunch to follow
Gold Coin Collection
Family Service St Ann's
- Mon 4th Mothers' Union SEM** 9.30; Christmas
lunch to follow.
- Tues 5th Western Fleurieu Anglicans planning meeting**
- Wed 6th ST NICHOLAS**
- Sat 9th Christmas Lunch at the Peacock Farm** (opp.)
- Sun 10th Prayers for healing at**
St Nicholas' Eucharist 10.30 am
Family Service, St Margaret's
Aldinga Bay Community Carols (opposite)
- Thurs 14th Colton Court Singers** 10.30-11.30 am
- Fri 15th Schools break up**
St Nicholas' Prayer Group
St Nicholas' Lunch and Fellowship
- Sun 17th Readings & Carols, St Ann's** 7 pm (opposite)
- Thurs 21st THOMAS**
- Sun 24th CHRISTMAS EVE**
9.00 am Family Service - St Ann's, Aldinga
10.30 am Holy Eucharist - St Nicholas,
Seaford
11.00 am Holy Eucharist - Christ Church,
Yankalilla
6.00 pm Christmas Vigil - St James, Delamere
6.30 pm Christingle - St Margaret, McLaren V.
9.00 pm Procession up the hill to Ss Philip &
James, Old Noarlunga & Carols
10.30 for 11 at St Stephen's, Willunga
- Mon 25th CHRISTMAS DAY**
9.00 am Christmas Eucharist - St Ann, Aldinga
9.00 am Christmas Eucharist - Christ Church,
Yankalilla
9.00 am Christmas Eucharist - St Margaret &
& SSPJ, McLaren Vale
9.00 am Christmas Eucharist - St Nicholas
, Seaford
- Tues 26th STEPHEN**
- Thurs 28th HOLY INNOCENTS**
- Sat 30th St Stephen Patronal Celebration** 5.30 pm
Vigil Eucharist & barbecue

St Margaret's Patronal Festival will be celebrated on Sunday 19th November. While other services will not be cancelled (see p. 6) the St Margaret's congregation would be very pleased to welcome others from other churches to their celebration and a shared lunch to follow.

A word from Fr Peter Simmons

Hi all

The year is fast coming to an end and we are about to enter the season that we as Christians see as the beginning of a new way of doing things. But life seems to be moving faster and faster each year and as I write this letter to you we are less than 70 days away from the birth of Jesus. Even then everyone was busy and there was no room for him, but as we know, he was born, and became our Saviour.



So in the coming weeks I would like you to ponder the following article that I came across a number of years ago. For some unknown reason I opened a folder and there it was, glaring at me. When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember this story. Think about it, and in the weeks to come see if you can share it with others in our community.

The Mayonnaise Jar & 2 Cups of Coffee

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class came to order he picked up a large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They all agreed that it was.

Then the professor picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar while shaking the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open area between the golf balls. Then he asked the students if the jar was full. They all agreed it was.

Now the professor picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up every space remaining. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous YES.

Then the professor produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured in the entire contents, filling the empty space between the grains of sand.

The students laughed.

"Now," said the professor, "I want you to recognize that the jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things - your family, your children, grand children, your health, your friends and favourite passions, and if everything else in life was lost and only they remained your life would still be full.

"The pebbles are the other things that matter, like your job, your house and your car.

"The sand is everything else—the small stuff. If you put the sand into the jar first, there is no room for the pebbles and the golf ball.

"The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children and grandchildren, take time to look after yourself, take your wife/friend out to dinner, play another 18 holes. There will always be time to clean the house and fix things. Take care of the golf balls first and things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One student raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented.

The professor smiled. "I am glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend."

Please enjoy the forthcoming season, and please take care and remember those who are less fortunate.

People with news of coming events or noteworthy happenings to share with the rest of the Western Fleurieu Anglicans, please contact the Editor, Anne Chittleborough, at 23 Esplanade, Pt Willunga 5173, Ph 8556 5078 or email machit5@bigpond.com.au, preferably by the 15th of November. Please notify the Editor if you wish to avoid the chance of being mentioned in this newsletter.

A Pleasant Sunday Afternoon

**at St Margaret's
Sunday 19th November, 2 pm**

Organ and Choral Music
Vocal and Instrumental Solos
Favourite Hymns

Presented by the Friends of the
Greg Trott Pipe Organ

\$10



Friends of the Greg Trott Pipe Organ Assoc. Inc.

News from St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

Hopefully we have seen the last of our cold weather, and with warmer mornings an increase in attendance.

There are a number of repair and upkeep jobs which have been done at St Margaret's including weed control and pruning. Thankyou to all those involved in doing this necessary work, it is very much appreciated. With the grounds drying out we have been able to get a contractor in to cut the grass around the church, thanks to John Carroll.

We had a lighting problem in the church and it was found to be a short circuit in one of the fluorescent light fittings. It has been fixed.



A knowledgeable SEM group won the prize at the Quiz Night!

L-R: Colin Cook, Lyn Hann, Allison Hann, Cathy More, Joanie Rawlings, Helen Cook. Below, giving serious thought to the matter: Bob and Susan Smith, Fran Pettigrew, Jan and Leigh Duffield.



We have been enjoying Fran Pettigrew and Lorna McGaffin's beautiful Spring flower arrangements. When you realise their many years of faithful service caring and arranging these bouquets, we give thanks for these women and their quiet service for giving us an inspiring vision of God's creation to enjoy.

We ran a successful quiz night with about 35 people attending. It was a great night and was enjoyed by all. Jill Ribbons did a great job putting the questions together with PowerPoint and Ted Sandercock became quizmaster for the evening. Lots of laughs and keen competition during the games. Thankyou to the participants and all those who helped make the evening a success. The evening raised \$320.00.

Although Fr Simon has settled in to the rectory next door, we've only shared one Eucharist service on a Sunday so far. There has been some discussion of changing service times to enable priests to run more Holy Eucharist services here but nothing definite has been decided yet. In the meantime, we are grateful to those who put together the Prayer and Praise services. These services mean that we are able to

worship meaningfully together every Sunday, with or without a priest.

The Guild of Friends of St Margaret's has diminished in numbers and we would love to see some new faces, or some dear familiar faces return to the group. Everyone most welcome.

We look forward to our Patronal Festival celebration on Sunday 19th November and invite everyone to our service and a shared lunch to follow.

Greg Roberts & Greg John, Wardens; Julia Drought.



Will Aidan Doonan was brought by his parents Sonja and Craig for baptism by Fr Peter Simmons at the Sunday service on the 22nd October at St Margaret's. Welcome, little Aidan!

(Photo: G John)

Laurel Putland R.J.P.

Laurel and her late husband Hedley were much loved parishioners of both St Margaret's and St Ann's after they moved to McLaren Vale in 1986 from their dairy farm at Mount Compass. They moved to Kalyra in 2013 and Hedley died the same year.

Staff at Kalyra remember Laurel as a special person who was able to make new residents there feel welcome, and help them settle in.



Some news from the Mission Partnership Meeting

Held at St Ann's, Thursday 20th October

(Ss Philip & James, Old Noarlunga; St Nicholas' Seaford; St Margaret's, McLaren Vale; St Stephen's, Willunga; St Ann's, Aldinga; Christ Church, Yankalilla and St James', Delamere)

The big news is that we're not going to be called the **Mission Partnership of the Southern Vales** any more. It's too long and clumsy a title – so we are now simply the **Western Fleurieu Anglicans!**

Now we'll have to learn to pronounce it properly – not Flurio but Fleurieu (the eu sound as in the name Fleur)!

Other news:

Mission Action Plan groups: Yankalilla and Delamere have their own MAP groups, including their prayer and care group relating to their own area, and there was felt to be little value in joining with those of Southern Vales.

Patronal Festivals—a change: As we now have seven Western Fleurieu Anglican churches it is too disruptive to church life to cancel services in other churches each time one of us has a patronal festival. Not many people travel – and a number simply can't travel distances. At St Ann's and St Nicholas', where numbers are growing, it is not helpful to have to explain to newcomers why the church is shut on some Sundays. To celebrate special events, a time other than

Sundays could sometimes be chosen – e.g. for a patronal festival it could be on the saint's day itself instead of the nearest Sunday – and it should be an occasion with an outreach factor, not just an in-house celebration. Perhaps each church could ask representatives to represent them at special services at other churches, instead of trying to involve the whole congregation. A meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th December to plan the next year's schedule to avoid overlapping events.

A **Stewardship programme** is proposed for July 2018, with a month's lead-in and a month's follow-up. It is not only about money – it's about gifts and talents and in total—what we have to offer.

Fr Peter and Jeff McHugh are going to meet with Leon Bignall to discuss the potential problems at St Ann's with **development of South Road**. They will suggest a re-routing of Main South Road to run behind St Ann's, and in this way re-uniting St Ann's and the cemetery with the rest of Aldinga, as it originally was.

Children's Christmas books to be given out as gifts to children at Christmas services, baptisms etc. Also available for sale (\$2)

Mothers' Union

On October 2nd a small group of members met at St Margaret's to celebrate, albeit a day early, Lee Edmeades 90th birthday. We began with a time of prayer and a reading of Psalm 121, chosen by Doreen Richards. We then surprised Lee with a special birthday sponge cake, made by Helen Cook, depicting 90 with candles. The Birthday Lady was given a small bouquet of flowers from President Trish's garden and a lovely card. All members enjoyed their morning tea and time spent together. This was an impromptu meeting arranged especially to get together for this occasion. As it was a long weekend not all members could attend.



L-R: Trish Frith, the birthday girl, Doreen Richards, Betty Leske and Helen Cook

Our next meeting is on the Diocesan Council Meeting Day which is being held at St Ann's on November 6th, 10.30 am for 11am Holy Eucharist followed by BYO lunch and a talk by the Rev'ds Prue O'Donovan and Gail Hardy from **The Quickest Warmth Project**—an important work being done for families. All are welcome to attend. *Helen Cook*

*The MU UK has produced a list of resources to help meet the problem of gender based violence against women. To find it, Google **Mothers Union UK** and go to their home page, select the icon showing **#16 Days of Activism** and scroll down to MU 16 Days of Activism Resources.*

MU Australia
Part of the World Wide Mothers' Union



News from St Nicholas', Seaford

It is hard to believe that only a year ago we thought our future at SEM was going to be short-lived. Now here we still are, 12 months later, and what a change there has been. Not only are we planning towards a future at SEM, we are also working together as Western Fleurieu Anglicans to further God's work in our Mission Partnership. Truly God is Good!

Ministry: During October our services have been led by Fr Simon, Fr Peter S and Fr Ted. Fr Percy Leske has decided to hand over the monthly healing services and these will still continue under the offices of whichever priest is rostered for our second Sunday each month. As we had no Youth Worship this month, Fr Ted led us in our worship on the 22nd October, Holy Communion in the Third Order, with the congregation in a wide circle around the altar table. A great service, a bit different with the odd challenge, but still a wonderful time of praise and worship. Several of our congregation went to the Blessing of the Fleece at Delamere on the 29th October, whilst others joined in the Ecumenical Service at SEM.

Outreach This month saw the opening of the BCA boxes from the supporters at St Nicholas (\$153) and the filling of shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. At our service with the Uniting Church and Church of Christ on the 29th October our combined boxes were blessed and sent on their way, filled to overflowing with gifts and our love and prayers. Not sure how many we filled, nobody counted, but there were lots!!



SEM: The task group and members from each of the congregations will meet again at SEM on the 14th November at 7pm. Ongoing talks are still deciding the best way forward and how best to utilize the SEM building and the talents of its members. SEM's AGM is on Tuesday 21st November at 7pm when hopefully we will have a clearer picture of where we are at.

Fellowship group! Following another great Roast Lunch in the café, our meeting in September saw us making final preparations for the Quiz Night held on October 28th. Lots of great prizes and Lyn, who was our quiz master, had all the questions and quizzes ready to go. Our next Meeting Friday 17th November with prayers for all at 11.30am, lunch in the café, if a booking is made, and fellowship at 1.30pm. We celebrated the 60th Birthday of Margaret Ray, with a beautiful cake at morning tea following the service on October 15th.



STOP PRESS: The Quiz Night was a great success! With nearly 60 people battling their wits against Lyn's questions and some challenging quizzes, the table that won seemed to be full of teachers! - either current or retired! And the dollars were rolling as many tried to win a bottle of Bailey's! – everyone had a great time of fun and fellowship. \$424 raised from the event, part proceeds will be donated to Southern Vales General Fund, with this being decided at our next meeting. Thank you to everyone who attended, or helped out in any way, to make the event such a great successful night.

Wardens Jane Cuthbert and Helen Cook

*Above: The concentration ...
...and R: the triumph! Winning team
Carole Brett, Sue Lange, Christine and Ian
Tonkin, Cathy More, Bev Opie, Margaret
Ray and Christine Gunn*



The St Nicholas congregation will celebrate their Patronal Festival on Sunday 3rd December. All welcome to the 10.30 am service and shared lunch to follow.



Coming Events in Yankalilla and Delamere

SERVICE OF MEMORIES - SUNDAY 12TH November 9 am Yankalilla; 11 am Delamere

The Service of Memories is a very special opportunity to remember loved ones.

At the service there will be a number of ways to remember loved ones. Maybe you have a photo that could be added to the special board. Additionally you may have something that reminds you of your loved one. Again these could be placed in the special area.

Strawberry Fête, Christ Church Yankalilla Saturday 18th November from 9.30 am

Strawberries, cream, ice cream & everything strawberry as well as trading tables (produce, cakes and plants), trash and treasure stall, book stalls, BBQ. Enquiries to Margaret Morgan – 8558 3353.

Christmas Service Times

Sunday, Dec 24th, 11am at Christ Church, 6pm at St James.

Monday, Dec 25th, 9am at Christ Church, No service at St James

A Fleurieu Refugee Interest Group, SUPPORTING REFUGEES, is a small group of concerned residents who meet regularly to discuss refugee issues that we might address as a community. For more information, contact refugeefleurieu@gmail.com

Peter Filsell (Warden, St James', Delamere)



Blessing the fleece: a combined celebration.

L: "Click go the shears..." Ben Ryan at work on the fleece, while Lance Prosser and grandson Hugo watch on. R: The shearing shed/worship space was quickly transformed into dining space for the barbecue.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDIES

An Advent study from Anglican Overseas Aid, *Always Present*, is available for study groups or individuals during Advent 2017.

Copies from WFA office (call Ted 8556 4535) or at back of churches later in November.

Watch the pewsheet for news of study groups in your area.



A word of advice: "Forgive your enemies—it messes with their heads."
(Did Jesus really say that?)



The Patronal Festival of Christ Church Yankalilla will be celebrated on Sunday 26th November.

The Christ Church congregation would be pleased to welcome others to their 9 am celebration, and morning tea to follow.



A sausage sizzle with a purpose! Margaret Cale, Fr Simon, Bill Cale and Wendy & Ted Sandercock at the Quarry Market on the 14th of October raised funds for the support of school chaplains—and had fun interacting with the shopping community. Our church does the sizzle in October and November. If you'd like to help with the next one (11th of November) please contact Ted ph 8556 4535.

News from St Stephen's, Willunga

Saturday Night Out on October 14th was attended by 12 members of the Western Fleurieu Anglicans.

Painting Front archway: Marcus Rieter to provide another quote as this was not done earlier in the year. Also to repair the wall on North side at the front.

On the November 25th **Spring in Willunga** event, St Stephen's will have a table in front of the Hairdresser in High St from 10.30 am to 3 pm. Strawberries & Cream for a donation; proceeds to St Stephen's R & M fund. We need help from local parishioners on Friday 24th to hull the strawberries.

Christmas Services:

*Saturday December 23rd - no service

*Sunday December 24th - 10.30 pm Carols and 11.00pm Midnight Eucharist

Christmas Day - no service (9.00 am in other 4 churches)

St Stephen's Day - Patronal Festival will be on Saturday, December 30th. Celebration to be the 5.30 pm Vigil Eucharist followed by a barbecue under the peppercorn tree. BYO salads & drinks.

We continue to think about an activity on Saturday mornings to take into account the people who walk past or park in the grounds to attend the Willunga Farmers Market. It was agreed to try opening the church on one or two Saturday mornings a month. Anne Chittleborough & Wendy Sandercock to explore this.

The Vigil Eucharist is on a Saturday at 5.30 pm. All welcome, 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

Saturday Night Out At Willunga

November 11th at the Old Bush Inn, Cascade Room, at 6.45 pm after the 5.30 pm service. This will be the final for the year.

Bookings 8556 4535



In a world which seems at time to have gone crazy and out of control, there is one thing at least that we can do: offer our world—and ourselves—to God in prayer. "When two or three are gathered together in my name I am there in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20).

Join in **Prayer for Peace** at St Ann's on **Tuesday 28th of November, 2-3 pm.**



Elizabeth and Aaron Sharpe with Felix and grandfather Fr Philip Carter



Freya Louise Twelvetree with her parents Michelle and Chad.

News from St Ann's, Aldinga

The month has been one with special services. We have had two private baptisms. One on the 1st October celebrated **the baptism of baby Felix Sharpe**, grandson of Fr Philip Carter. His proud grandfather baptised young Felix making him a member of God's family in front of a family gathering. Anne and Helen attended on behalf of the St Ann's people.

On the 14th October **Fr Peter Simmons baptised Freya Louise** at St Ann's. Another happy occasion. Peter had officiated at Freya's parents' wedding in the past and they wished him to take this special service for them. We are pleased to welcome these new members into God's family.

We sadly farewelled **Laurel Putland** in a simple and tasteful private graveside funeral in our cemetery on the 10th October, also the anniversary of her birthday. The day was perfect with the sun shining in balmy conditions. Laurel and her husband Hedley were much valued members of our little church family in their time with us. Our thoughts go out to their family.

The team of gardeners at St Ann's continues to work regularly of a Tuesday morning and the grounds of both church and cemetery look great. We have been glad to welcome Brit and Barbara to the gardening team. Well done. Unfortunately Trish has had to slow down for a bit, having broken her collar-bone. Wishing you a speedy recovery, Trish.

Bill and Margaret have enjoyed a welcome and well earned break in Cairns. They were able to catch up with Jon and Morgan (our American backpackers) who hope to be back again in January.

Granny Annie's is still open of a Thursday morning. The choir enjoy the cuppa and chat after practice and we get others calling in also.

Preparations for **the Advent Pageant** in Aldinga are well under way. If you would like to help in any way contact Anne Chittleborough. (see p. 2)

Pat Roper & Brian McMillan, Wardens

An invitation to Susan Manchip (project leader of the Aldinga Township Streetscape Upgrade) to attend the October meeting of the Friends of St Ann's, provided an occasion

to learn more about the **redevelopment of Aldinga**, and to voice concerns about St Ann's being even further cut off from the rest of the town by projected developments of South Road. Fr Peter Simmons and several parishioners attended a public meeting with Leon Bignell, Stephen Mulligan (Minister for Transport and Public Infrastructure) and others at the Community Centre on the 11th October, believing that possible **duplication of the carriageway south of Port Rd** could have huge impact on St Ann's, the Uniting Church and the War Memorial.

STOP PRESS: We were sad to learn of the death of one-time parishioner Tony Duncan at Mary Potter on the 30th October.



Above: Some of those at the Friends meeting with Susan Manchip were (L-R) Gillian Clampett, Brian McMillan, Trish Frith, Trish McDonald, Susan Manchip, Barbara Walter, Peter Chapman and Margaret Cale.

Overall finances to September 2017 (not including Yankalilla & Delamere)

Income	\$89,201 (budgeted \$93,250)
Expenditure	\$82,408 (budgeted \$105,758)
Operating profit/loss	\$5,729 (budgeted -\$12,508)
Total donations to missions	\$5,723

Overall Special Purposes Funds January through September 2017

Income	\$36,225
Expenditure	\$15,351
Net profit/loss	\$20,874



Inasmuch...

Anne Lear, speaking for the Christian Care & Support Centre at the Aldinga Community Centre, sends heartfelt thanks to the churches and to all those who contribute to the working of the Centre. With its entire government funding cancelled at the beginning of the year, it seemed impossible that the precious work the volunteers do there to support those who are down on their luck, would be able to continue. They find they are still able to assist with food to those in need, with the help of Food Bank, Ozharvest and generous food donations offered at the churches.

However, they are struggling financially just to keep going. With only \$2,000 remaining in the bank, they face a bill of \$1,500 in January to pay for their insurance, and a charge of \$160 per month for the space they occupy in the Community Centre.

Supporters have started asking what they can do to help, given the extra demands of the Christmas season. The answer, Anne says, in addition to the everyday foodstuffs we are already contributing, is firstly, money to help them stay open and keep going (this year they won't even be able to afford the \$200 it takes to give chicken to each family), and also Christmassy things – mince pies, custards, bonbons, decorations – things that might cheer a struggling family. A list of suggested items is available at St Ann's, St Stephen's and St Margaret's. They would need to be in by the 10th of December. Please continue the wonderful support for this work. *Enquiries: Anne Lear ph 8556 5520*



News from St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga

Sadly, this month has seen the funerals of loved parishioners Sheila Ley and Colin Griffen, and the interment of Wallace Mausolf's ashes in the cemetery.

The cemetery sees a lot of coming and going of people visiting the graves of their loved ones. Other activity at the "church on the hill" has included the inevitable spraying of weeds (more than 47 litres of spray needed for the purpose) and the removal of ants' nests.

We look forward to Christmas Eve when once again we will have a lantern-lit procession up the hill from the town, and will sing carols in front of the church. Bring a lamp to light your path up the hill.

Stephen Wells, Warden

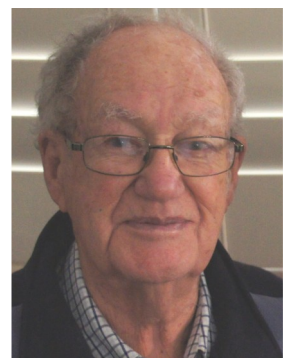
Sheila Ley R.J.P.

A quiet, gentle lady with a nice sense of humour, Sheila made many contributions to the life of St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga. The table in the porch, always known as Sheila's table, was given by her, as was a wardrobe for the vestry. She was talented with her hands and embroidered the church kneelers. She read the lessons in the church until just before it was closed in 2016, and for years she made the Mothering Sunday simnel cake. She enjoyed her small garden and was never without her much loved dog.



Colin Griffen R.J.P.

Born in the little mallee town of Geranium, Colin joined the Air Force, and as a WW II conscientious objector served as a cook. He worked for the Commonwealth Bank, and after retiring following a heart attack, served as a Local Councillor.



Colin was involved in SSPJ's Church Restoration Committee and wrote a book about it in 2001. He also published the two-volume *Mallee Memories and War Heroes*, sharing with his children and grand-children stories of his childhood, and of his father and uncles and his father-in-law in WWI.

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What religion was it before?'**

St Margaret's, Main Road McLaren Vale

Sunday: 10 am with Sunday School

Wednesday: 9:00am

Wardens:

Greg John ph 8325 0277

Greg Roberts 8323 9331

St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga

Currently worshipping with St Margaret's

Wardens:

Judith Wells 8186 1296

Stephen Wells 8326 7114

St Stephen's, St Andrews Tce, Willunga

Saturday: 5.30 pm

Wardens:

Ted Sandercock 8556 4535

John Strachan 8186 3372

St Ann's, 7 Stonehouse Lane, Aldinga

Sunday: 9 am

Wardens:

Pat Roper 8386 2470

Brian McMillan 8557 6984

St Nicholas', Seaford

Seaford Ecumenical Mission

Sunday 10.30 am

Wardens:

Jane Cuthbert 0407651606

Helen Cook 0427 679 787 or 8386 3689

Christ Church, Yankalilla

1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays - 9.00am

4th Sunday - 11.00am

5th Sunday - Combined Service

Wardens -

Ann Gardiner - 0419 035 290

Belinda Rosser - 0411 591 628

St James, Delamere

2nd Sunday - 11.00am

4th Sunday - 9.000am

5th Sunday - Combined Service

Wardens

Peter Filsell 8598 0223/0427 534 095

Ann Ryan - 85980227

Family Services

Informal family services next on 5th November, 7th December @ St Ann's, 9 am ; 12th November @St Margaret's, 10 am

Youth Service

26th November, St Nicholas', Seaford, 10.30 am