

March 2010

The Grapevine

Newsletter of the Pastoral District of Southern Vales, Diocese of The Murray, SA

EASTER SERVICES IN THE SOUTHERN VALES

MAUNDY THURSDAY 1st April
7 pm St Margaret's McLaren Vale
*Commemorating the Last
Supper Jesus shared with
his disciples*

GOOD FRIDAY Friday 2nd April
10 am St Stephen's Willunga
*Jesus dies on the cross for
the sin of the world*
3 pm Stations of the Cross,
St Ann's Aldinga
*Meditative reflections on
Jesus' path to the cross*

HOLY SATURDAY 3rd April
7 pm St Philip & St James
Old Noarlunga
Easter Vigil
*The lighting of the new fire,
heralding the resurrection*

EASTER DAY Sunday 4th April
9.30 am St Margaret's
McLaren Vale
—with Sunday School
9.30 am St Ann's Aldinga
—with special
activities for children
*Celebrating the resurrection
of Jesus*

Paul Devenport to come to Southern Vales!

The Bishop has announced his intention of appointing the Rev'd Paul Devenport to the Pastoral District of The Southern Vales. His appointment is subject to the successful completion of examinations. It is expected that Br. Paul will be ordained to the Priesthood in the Southern Vales Parish on St Luke's Day October 18th, and will then commence duty as assistant Priest in the PD of Southern Vales under the supervision of the Vicar-General, the Ven. Richard Seabrook. This is a welcome first step on our way to returning to full parish status. Until that time, whilst continuing his employment at the A.B.C. Br. Paul will be involved in our Pastoral District during this year as time and other commitments allow.

Paul, pictured here with his wife Helen on their wedding day in January, writes:

"The appointment as Assistant Priest, God willing to the Pastoral District of Southern Vales in October is one that I am very much looking forward too. I thank the Parish for having the confidence to appoint me for three years.



"I am presently the Honorary Deacon at St Luke's Anglican Church at Mosman in the Diocese of Sydney. I have over the past four years been undertaking theological studies at St Mark's Theological College in Canberra attached to Charles Sturt University and have been actively involved at the Parish of Mosman for five years as part of my formation to full time ministry. At the same time, I have been working full time as the News Editor of the ABC in Wollongong.

"I was ordained a Deacon by the Bishop of The Murray at Christ Church, Mt Barker in November 2008. This has enabled me to assist in the Diocese at various churches including Mt Barker, Mt Pleasant, Mt Torrens, Mannum, Morphett Vale and more recently in the Pastoral District of the Southern Vales. I have also assisted at various other parishes before my ordination including the Parish of Onkaparinga Valley whilst Fr Phil Anderson was the Locum."

"Helen and I are very much looking forward to coming to South Australia and being part of the Pastoral District of the Southern Vales. "

News from Parish Council

Fr Phil and Carol generously hosted the February meeting in the rectory, and the brief break for afternoon tea was most welcome.

General business discussed included:

- **Anglicare project.** As reported in the last *Grapevine*, the architect is currently drawing up plans to present to the pastoral district and the diocese.
- **Rectory.** Archdeacon Richard Seabrook recently visited the rectory and has requested that the bay window in the main bedroom be converted to French doors to allow an exit from that end of the house in the case of fire. He also said that an air conditioner is required in that bedroom. Quotes will be sought promptly for the work.
- A **Special Vestry Meeting** has been set for Wednesday 14th April at 6.30 pm to discuss the **Pastoral District Vision** which will then go to Diocesan Council.
- A donation of \$625 has been made towards the cost of **new vestments**. 2 red and 2 purple will be purchased plain over the internet and will be embroidered afterwards – a great saving.
- **Shirley Garfit Memorial.** As Shirley was a practical person it was thought that a practical item would be appropriate. A good quality seat requiring little maintenance was suggested, to be placed beside the pathway up from the road at St Margaret's.
- **Christmas Eve services.** It was agreed that the earlier time of 9 pm was a success and encouraged families with young children and babies.
- The current **Lenten Studies** have been well received with a good number following them.
- 2nd May at 10 am was set for **St Philip & St James Patronal Festival** followed by morning tea.
- 23rd May at 10 am at **St Stephens** would be a **combined service for Pentecost** at which Barrie Bowden would play the organ which he recently cleaned and tested.
- **Archiving** of old documents should recommence after Easter.

Financial Report for January 2010

Total Income: \$5,740
Total Expenses \$3,934
Operating surplus \$1,806

The insurance account for \$5,439.70 has been received and was passed for payment.

Results for the year 2009 show a surplus of \$30,667. In addition to this \$5,500 was donated to Missions. Fr Phil congratulated the Pastoral District on an excellent result.

Di Best

Fr Phil writes...

On the first Easter Day, life changed. On that morning long ago, when the women went to the tomb of Jesus and found that he was not there, our ideas about life, and death, and time and eternity changed. And the world has never been the same.

For most us, Easter is a celebration of what we already believe to be true, that Jesus Christ "was crucified, dead and buried; but that on the third day, he rose from the dead."

How do you prove it? You can't. It's not the story from Scripture that proves Christ is risen, and it's not me or anyone else making verbal claims about its truth. The best proof of the resurrection is the difference Jesus Christ continues to make in human lives.

Gerald Kennedy told a story in one of his sermons about a man who was an alcoholic, but who then had a truly dramatic conversion to Christian faith. In his old days, before his conversion, he had taken his family's belongings and would sell them, in order to buy drink. He had even taken a lot of the family's furniture to the pawn shop so he could get drinking money. But after his conversion, all that changed. He became a good husband and father. He stayed sober, and was a good employee.

One day, the men who worked with him decided to have a little fun with him about this church stuff and so one of them said, "Now you don't really believe all this religion stuff, do you? I mean, do you really believe that part about Jesus turning water into wine?"

The man said, "Well, I'm ignorant about a lot of the Bible and I really don't know much about those things, but I'll tell you one thing he did --he turned whisky into furniture for me!"

Does that sort of thing really happen?

It does. It can. It will.

Wishing you the joy of the Risen Christ.

Phil



What's on in March and April

March

Monday 1st	Mothers' Union St Margaret's 9.30 am <i>Enquiries: Barb Jeanes 8556 4440</i>
Wednesday 3rd	2nd Soup Supper & Speaker , St Ann's 6; 6.30 Peter Burke
Friday 5th	World Day of Prayer Aldinga Uniting Church, 7.30 pm
Sunday 7th	Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers Parish Luncheon at the Gortons' Schools' Ministry Celebration Service , St Joseph's (R C) church, Willunga, 6.30 pm
Monday 8th	St Ann's Guild 1.30 pm <i>Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100</i>
Tuesday 9th	St Margaret's Guild 2 pm <i>Enquiries: Fran Pettigrew 8323 9366</i>
Wednesday 10th	3rd Soup Supper & Speaker , St Ann's, 6; 6.30 pm Paul Zimmerman
Thursday 11th	Colton Court singers 11 am-12 <i>Enquiries: Sylvia Francis 8323 0007</i>
Sunday 14th	Parish Picnic in the grounds of the National Trust Willunga (see next column) Paul Devanport preaching at St Ann's
Wednesday 17th	Women's Fellowship St Margaret's , 10 am <i>Enquiries: Margaret Cameron 8556 2343</i> 4th Soup Supper & Speaker , St Ann's, 6; 6.30 pm Fr Phil Anderson
Saturday 20th	St Ann's Jumble Sale <i>Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100</i>
Sunday 21st	Festival Northern Lights visit
Wednesday 24th	Parish Prayer Group St Margaret's 10 am <i>Enquiries: Gillian Clappett 8556 5998</i>
Thursday 25th	ANNUNCIATION to the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MU Lady Day service , St Margaret's 11 am
Friday 26th	St Ann's Family Tea 6.30—8.30 pm <i>Enquiries: Bill Cale 8556 5236</i>
Sunday 28th	PALM SUNDAY COMBINED SERVICE , St Ann's 10 am

April

Thursday 1st	MAUNDY THURSDAY St Margaret's 7 pm
Friday 2nd	GOOD FRIDAY St Stephen's 10 am St Ann's 3 pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday 3rd	HOLY SATURDAY Easter Vigil St Philip & St James 7 pm
Sunday 4th	EASTER DAY St Margaret's 9.30 St Ann's 9.30 Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers St Ann's Guild 1.30 pm St Margaret's Guild 2 pm Special Vestry Meeting (see news from PC, p.2) Colton Court singers 11 am-12 Women's Fellowship St Margaret's , 10 am
Monday 12th	GEORGE
Tuesday 13th	St Ann's Family Tea 6.30—8.30 pm
Wednesday 14th	ANZAC DAY
Thursday 15th	MARK
Wednesday 21st	Parish Prayer Group St Margaret's 10 am
Friday 23rd	
Sunday 25th	
Monday 26th	
Wednesday 28th	

*Christian Pastoral Support

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Aldinga Uniting Church
Friday 5th March, 7.30 pm

SCHOOLS MINISTRY CELEBRATION SERVICE

Sunday 7 March, 6.30 p.m.
at Willunga Catholic Parish (St Joseph's)
A chance to meet the schools' Christian Pastoral
Support Workers, hear their stories and
pray together for the important work they do.

SOUP SUPPERS AND SPEAKERS

continue on Wednesday evenings at St Ann's

3rd March Peter Burke

10th March Paul Zimmerman

17th March Fr Phil Anderson

(see further details in February *Grapevine*)

6 pm prayers in the church; 6.30 soup and speaker.
Bring your friends!

Donation \$4 : Proceeds to missions



PARISH PICNIC

Sunday 14th March
(Mothering Sunday)

in the grounds of the
National Trust
Willunga.

The National Trust picnic area in Willunga is a
very pleasant venue with plenty of shady spots,
tables and seating and toilet facilities for all.
There will be "fun activities" for the children.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP

During Lent, for the months of February and March,
the Parish Prayer Group will combine with the
Wednesday Lenten Study group.

SOCK IT TO YOU!

After a hot summer there's a nip in the air at last—time
to think of ordering your top quality warm woollen socks
for winter—and perhaps they are the answer to that
hard-to-find birthday present?

The Community Centre exercise class at Aldinga
is going mad over Trish's striped ankle socks!
Join the rush! Ring Trish Frith on 8556 5078 and
order your "Sock it to you" fund-raiser socks.

From our Social Committee

The Parish Breakfast held on Saturday 6th February, although down on attendees, was a successful and happy occasion. The menu seemed to work well and we made a modest profit, which will help to fund our Parish Picnic on Sunday 14th March.

Over the next few months members of the committee and their partners will investigate alternative venues for our end of year Christmas Lunch.

Wendy Sandercock



Photo: D. Best

Parish Breakfast 2010

Enjoying the Parish Breakfast are (above) cooks Rupert Best and Ted Sandercock (Ted doing a quality check); (Left) Greg Judd and Bishop Stanley — fully satisfied—and (below) “kitchen hands” Heather Whyte, Fran Pettigrew, Leonie Pettman, Di Best and Wendy Sandercock. Singer Sandra Lyne (below left), accompanied by Felicity, made it an even more special occasion with a delightful bracket of songs.



NORTHERN LIGHTS AT THE ADELAIDE FESTIVAL Sunday 21st March

This spectacular light show is being offered again this year and the Social Committee suggests the following group outing:

Meet at the Noarlunga railway station at 7 pm (train leaves at 7.12 pm) on Sunday 21st March and travel to Adelaide arriving at approx 8 pm. The light show begins at Parliament House and involves walking to just past Pulteney Street. To walk the distance and return to the Adelaide Railway Station comfortably will take approximately one and a half hours. We would meet back at the station for the return journey at 9.45 pm (train leaves at 10 pm (there is another at 11 pm)).

People may like to meet at an earlier time and eat near Noarlunga before the journey, or some may prefer to travel to Adelaide by car and meet at an arranged place. Please register your interest in this excursion by phoning me on 8556 4535.

Wendy Sandercock

News from St Stephen's, Willunga

The offer to renew the driveway with gravel was taken up in February. The Vales Landscape and Gardening spread the gravel so that only minimal shovelling and raking was required. Thanks to the Blacker family for their generosity.

It would be useful to have a building inspection by the Maintenance Committee and perhaps the City of Onkaparinga environmental architect. A stone mason has been recommended by the National Trust. We need permission to go ahead to get a quote for repairs to the circular east windows that have been funded.

Average attendance has grown to over 10 due to visitors over recent weeks. On Saturday February 14 at the OCF service, 4 local high school students visited to observe the proceedings. They joined in the service and stayed for cheese & biscuits. Thank you Brother Paul for your OCF address.

The reed organ has been cleaned and repaired – see the February issue of *The Grapevine*. Barry Bowden may play for us at a future service.

The revisiting of people once on *The Grapevine* list has been useful outreach.

Margaret Cameron & Margaret Cameron,

News from St. Ann's Aldinga

- Lenten Soup Suppers began on Wednesday 24th February, with a range of interesting speakers lined up, including some “locals”! (see p. 3)
- The Aldinga Primary School CPS worker, Natalie Wells and her family were invited to join us at our monthly Family Tea on 26th February.
- Demands on the Aldinga Christian Community Care continue – with goods and “hands” always needed.
- 2 lots of paper have been sent to Fibrecycle – and thank you Bob Moore who gave us approx. 700 kgs no longer needed by Friends of the Scrub.
- FUSION has begun using the hall for a programme with a small number of young people from the Aldinga area. Anne Chittleborough and Gillian Clampett have met with FUSION representative Mary Hodgson to discuss plans for a 2010 Advent Pageant in the area.
- A cabled microphone has been acquired for our sound system.

Peter Chapman & Bill Cale,

News from St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga

The congregation was treated to a delicious lunch at the home of Di and Rupert Best on Sunday 31st January. We all appreciated their generous entertainment which afforded us the opportunity to have an extended time together in very comfortable surroundings.

We also appreciate the Gorton family for again hosting a parish barbecue on Sunday March 7th. This has been a regular fund-raiser for several years and held in a very comfortable setting.

It was good to have Br Paul as our guest speaker on the occasion of Ordination Candidates Sunday on February 14th.

The collection of bottles and cans has made a good start for the year with a total so far of \$179.50

Maintenance of the church yard and building is being attended to as needs arise. We are grateful to have the support of the Archdeacon and Andrew Stevens with regard to maintenance projects.

Wallace Mausolf & Mary Blagrove



Lucy & Joe are getting married on the 10th of April at 1.30 pm at St Margaret's church, followed by afternoon tea in the Sunday school room. Those parishioners who know Lucy are most welcome to come along and share this special day.

Julia Drought

(Photos supplied)

There's wedding fever in the Drought household! Following Miriam's wedding to Andrew Hage in December last year, two more members of the family have announced their engagement.

Congratulations to...

* **Lorraine Boyce and Tom Drought**, who became engaged on New Year's Day.

* And to **Lucy Drought and Joe Baker**, who have also announced their engagement.



VESTRY 2010

The annual Vestry, or Annual General Meeting of the parish, was held on Sunday 28th February and attended by over 40 parishioners. Fr Phil in the Chair opened with prayer and sincerely thanked the parish for our generosity and hospitality towards himself and Carol. Fr Phil made a point of not mentioning specific names as he was afraid of missing some and is well aware of the quiet achievers in the background. He also added that Jesus was a very hospitable person and our hospitality continues his ministry.

Reports from the four centres and the organisations were tabled and are available in the *Annual Report 2009*.

Finance – presented by Margaret Cale, Treasurer

January 2009 – December 2009

Total Income just under	\$75,000 (\$4,000 over budget due to rectory rental of \$10,000)
Total Expenses	\$44,000 (\$9,000 under budget)
Surplus	\$30,667 (noting that we did not pay a minister for 4 months)
Donations for Missions	\$ 5,500 in addition to the above.

Margaret commented that as we will be paying a minister next year and will not have income from rental of the rectory we will have to work hard to cover costs.

Fr Phil congratulated the parish, saying it is a remarkable achievement to run a parish on expenses of \$44,000 for the year. He also stated that the appointment of our Assistant Priest is the first step in our return to full parish status.

Budget 2010

Margaret presented an optimistic budget based on the same amount of income which will mean working harder without the rectory rental. She hopes to make a surplus again. Cost centre allocations remain the same. Greg Judd mentioned that the Anglicare project is still under way and will produce a return on investment in the long term – not budgeted at this stage.

Wardens for each centre for 2010 will be:

St Stephens	Margaret Cameron	Ted Sandercock
St Ann's	Bill Cale	Peter Chapman
St Philip & St James	Mary Blagrove	Wallace Mausolf
St Margaret's	Di Rickard.	There was no nomination for a second warden for St Margaret's. One will be required.



Photos: The choir, together with violinist Annabelle Drought, were applauded for the wonderful music at the service. It was a great joy to have a visit from Elizabeth Blades, seen (next page) with Sylvia Francis and Felicity Warrington. Elizabeth was here from WA for her daughter Margaret's concert in the Adelaide Festival of Arts.



Anne Chittleborough requested that in 2011 meeting times be arranged so that the Vestry Report is circulated earlier, allowing people to read it in advance.

The meeting closed with The Grace and was followed by the usual delicious shared lunch.

Di Best



Southern Vales Schools Ministry

The annual **Schools Ministry Celebration Service** will be held in the Catholic Church (St Joseph's) Willunga on Sunday 7th March (see p. 3)

* **A Morning Tea** for teachers at Willunga High School is to be organised for September. Sue Camac at Willunga PS and Cherie Love at McLaren Vale PS would also like to hold a similar event – an expression of appreciation of school staff by the community.

* **A full time male CPS worker** needs to be employed across the primary schools.

This person is needed for three reasons;

- to support male mentoring in schools (APS and beyond)
- to provide male role models in an environment where we had only female CPS workers and very few male teachers
- to be a bridge between primary schools and the high school and also a supporter/reference for male teachers

* It would be helpful to have an **SVSM advocate** at St Margaret's and SSPJ to assist us promote Schools Ministry.

* Proposed visits by SVSM workers to churches in 2010 include the following visits to our Anglican congregations:

Natalie	St Ann's
Cherie	St Margaret's
Sue	St Stephen's

Marie may be asked to visit Old Noarlunga

* We need to consider a **special fundraiser** as main churches are giving \$3,000 per year.

Ted Sandercock and Trish Frith



A special celebration was held on 14th February when the MU Chaplain, Bishop Stuart Smith, dedicated and blessed a large Provincial banner "Fashion of the Future", which had been commissioned for the National Anglican Conference of 1997. Candles of different colours were lit as symbols of the Christian faith and calling, concluding with the words 'May your Spirit set us on fire and fill us with fresh enthusiasm for our work in the world. President Cheryl Bainton then admitted Bishop Stuart and his wife Judith into the Mothers' Union. Six members from Southern Vales attended.

Trish Frith

Eco-Spirituality – What's that?

Set in remote semi-desert locations in South Australia, Eco-spirituality is a small-group ministry programme run by the Diocese of Willochra. It aims to deepen our connections with the natural world, with the traditional owners of our land, with each other and with God. Providing a simple programme of discussions and devotions, together with information about the geology and ecology of the region—as well as fine food—it offers participants time out to reflect on their own spirituality in a beautiful natural environment and in the company of like-minded people. Many choose to let the environment do most of the talking.

This year's programme offers May 17-22 at Wirrealpa Station (Flinders Ranges), June 7-12 at Moolooloo Station NW of Blinman, July 19-24 at Gum Creek Station, Aug. 9-14 at Angepena (Flinders Ranges) and Sept. 20-25 at Mt Ive Station (Gawler Ranges).

Further information from Terry Krieg (ph 8682 1571), visit their Diocesan website (www.diowillochra.org.au) or talk to Martin & Anne Chittleborough, who have been on 3 so far, and highly recommend them.

A mass of priests

Fr Phil and Carol invited all the active clergy in the Pastoral District, and their wives, to a delightful lunch at the Rectory. It was a rare chance to relax together and enjoy each other's company and was much appreciated. AC

L-R: Fr Martin & Anne Chittleborough, Carol & Fr Phil Anderson, Bishop Stanley Goldsworthy, Canon Graham & Cathy Cooling, Mary & Fr Dennis Eales.

Photo: Sr Bev





Shrove Tuesday

The Pancake tea at St Margaret's was a fine precursor to the season of Lent. After Evensong in the church, those present enjoyed delicious pancakes with both savoury and sweet toppings. One of the younger people present declared that he had eaten *12 pancakes!* Shades of Little Black Sambo! Above: Wendy Sandercock pours pancake mix onto the barbecue.



Ash Wednesday

For many people 'Ash Wednesday' refers to the disastrous bushfires of 1983, but for Christians it means the first day of the season of Lent, when the priest makes the sign of the cross in ashes on the foreheads of the people. This marks the beginning of the season of penitence and preparation for the great events of Easter. Palm crosses from the previous year are traditionally burnt to make ashes for the occasion.

Parish Service Times

St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga

Sunday: Holy Communion: 9.00am

St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

Sunday: Holy Communion: 10.15am
with Sunday School

Wednesday: Holy Communion: 9:00am

St Stephen's, Willunga

Saturday: Holy Communion: 5.30 pm

St Ann's, Aldinga

Sunday: Holy Communion: 9.00 am
with special time for children

But please note:

On Sunday 28th March (Palm Sunday) there will be ONE combined service in the parish—at St Ann's Aldinga, at 10 am.
Bring the children!

For Easter services see Page 1.

Southern Vales

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The parish office is not regularly attended but messages can be left on the message bank 08 8323 9155

Visit our website!

<http://www.southernvalesparish.org>

If you have news of coming events or noteworthy happenings in the Pastoral District of Southern Vales which you would like to share with the rest of the parish, please contact the editor, Anne Chittleborough, 23 The Esplanade, Pt Willunga 5173, Ph 8556 5078 or email machit@comstech.com.au, preferably by 15th March

With The Grapevine now appearing on the parish website <http://www.southernvalesparish.org> and including photos and some contact details, remember to notify the Editor if you don't want to have anything about you included in The Grapevine in this format.