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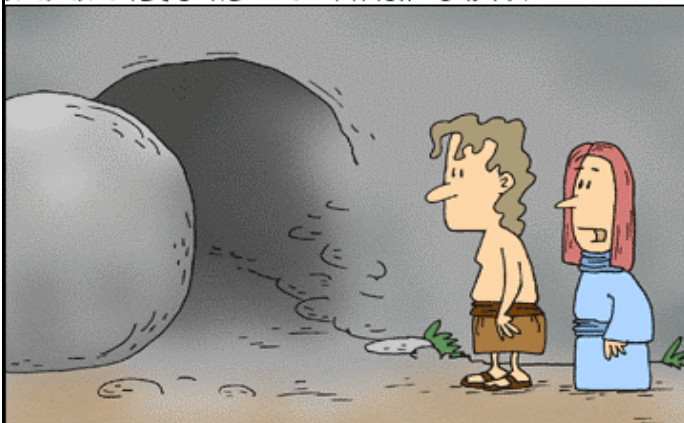
The Grapevine

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



The Easter cross, decorated with flowers, celebrates the joy of the risen Christ (St Ann's, 2009).

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Thanks to Pam Winn (See John 20:1-18)

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Nothing is certain except *WHAT* and taxes?

WE BELIEVE IN EASTER.

We believe in Easter, not because the Bible or the Church demand that we do, not from the historical evidence, but from the way in which God has touched our lives, that loving God who gave us life, who sent Jesus to us, who restored His life after His enemies took it away - this same God, in the same resurrection power, touches our lives too. Pilate, the Jewish leaders, the Roman guard, had all the information at their fingertips; they were conscious of the possibility of the resurrection, but it in no way altered their lives.

Resurrection becomes reality when the power of God touches what is dead and lifeless in us and makes us alive and vibrant, to our joy and the glory of God. As a result our lives are changed, just as God intended. That is why Jesus came, that is why Jesus died, that is why Jesus was resurrected. As He himself said, 'I have come that all may have life and have it in all its fullness.'

We believe in Easter because we have been touched by this resurrection. Our response is that of the people of the city of Sychar when the woman Jesus met at the well spoke to them and said, 'It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Saviour of the world.' (John 4:42)

May we all be blessed by the touch of the resurrected Christ.

Fr Phil

With news or photos for the Grapevine please contact the Editor, Anne Chittleborough, 23 The Esplanade, Pt Willunga 5173, 8556 5078 or email machit@comstech.com.au, preferably by 15th April.

The Grapevine now appears on the parish website. It contains photos and some contact details. You can notify the Editor if you don't want to have anything about you included in *The Grapevine* in this format.

Parish Council met on Sunday 21st March, and general business discussed included:

- **Anglicare Partnership** - The surveyor is checking the site and slope. The architect is doing preliminary site drawings but was called overseas. The next step is a meeting to discuss in detail.
- **Special Vestry Meeting re Development of the Pastoral District Vision** – planned for 14th April 2010. A draft document was presented to the meeting for other suggestions and distribution on Sunday 11th April for people to look at before 14th April meeting.
- **Memorial to Shirley Garfit** – Suggested that the proposed seat be located on the Sunday School verandah, bolted down, instead of halfway up the path to enable people to sit outside for a cup of tea. To be discussed with the Guild and prices sought (see p. 3).
- **Maintenance at St Philip & St James** – a grant of \$7,000 has been approved for the first stage of the salt damp injection on the south wall and the porch. Total cost is estimated at \$14,000. Plastering will have to wait for 18 months to 2 years when walls have dried out. This will require another grant. Rupert Best, Greg Judd, John Carroll and Bob Smith have removed the old tankstand on the southern wall. At a working bee on Easter Monday furniture on the southern side and porch will be rearranged. The prayer desk will move out in one piece and pews will have to be unscrewed on the southern side. Work is to commence on Tuesday 6th April.
- **Rectory maintenance** – A list of quotes for **airconditioning** for the main bedroom was presented by Wendy and, subject to confirmation of price and a ceiling of \$1600, installation should proceed soon. Awaiting details of the **outside door** from the bedroom from Peter Chapman who has discussed it with Fr Phil.
- **Lenten Study** - going well. Jonah has raised a new awareness of an Old Testament book.
- **Southern Vales Schools' Ministry fundraising** – need to have suggestions on what we could do for a special event but postponed until later in the year.
- **Transport:** Wendy talked about people having trouble getting to church and asked whether we should have a more formal car pool and publicise it. St Ann's have a great need. It is already happening but a formal regional contact number would help. To be included in discussion for the Parish Vision, and for next PC agenda.

Financial Reports as previously circulated were presented by Treasurer.

Total Income	\$4,943
Total Expenditure	\$9,383 (including total amount of insurance paid)
Missions	\$ 646
Excess of Expenditure	\$4,440

Ordination Candidates Fund target is \$550 of which \$408 has been received – it is hoped that there will be further donations to bring it up to target.

Income and Expenses are almost spot on budget YTD. Expenses are \$2,634 more than income for the 2 months. No money has been transferred due to impending rectory costs of air conditioning and main bedroom door.

Next meeting will be on 18th April – observers are welcome.

Di Best



‘Mothering Sunday’, or ‘Refreshment Sunday’, marks the halfway point of the season of Lent, and is traditionally celebrated by the giving of posies to the mothers and other women of the congregation, and a sharing of the specially made simnel cake.

Pictured are Dn Paul Devenport, Fr Martin, and Trish Frith, holding the flowers and the simnel cakes made by Anne Lear—one whole cake and one already cut and ready to hand out—on 14th March. On the top of the whole cake, around the edge, are eleven marzipan balls to represent the true disciples of Jesus. Judas is omitted.

What's on in April and May...

April

Thursday 1 st	MAUNDY THURSDAY St Margaret's 7 pm
Friday 2 nd	GOOD FRIDAY St Stephen's 10 am St Ann's 3 pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday 3 rd	HOLY SATURDAY St Philip & St James 7 pm
Sunday 4 th	EASTER DAY St Margaret's 9.30 St Ann's 9.30
Monday 12 th	Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers St Ann's Guild 1.30 pm <i>Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100</i>
Tuesday 13 th	St Margaret's Guild 2 pm <i>Enquiries: Fran Pettigrew 8323 9366</i>
Wednesday 14 th	Special Vestry Meeting St Ann's 6.30 pm
Thursday 15 th	Colton Court singers 11 am-12 <i>Enquiries: Sylvia Francis 8323 0007</i>
Sunday 18 th	Parish Council St Margaret's 2 pm
Wednesday 21 st	Women's Fellowship St Margaret's, 10 am <i>Enquiries: Margaret Cameron 8556 2343</i>
Friday 23 rd	ST GEORGE St Ann's Family Tea 6.30—8.30 pm <i>Enquiries: Bill Cale 8556 5236</i>
Sunday 25 th	ANZAC DAY
Monday 26 th	ST MARK
Wednesday 28 th	Parish Prayer Group St Margaret's 10 am <i>Enquiries: Gillian Clampett 8556 5998</i>

May

Sunday 2 nd	St Philip & St James Patronal Festival COMBINED SERVICE 10 am Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers
Monday 3 rd	Mothers' Union 9.30 am St Ann's with trading table.
Thursday 6 th	ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
Monday 10 th	St Ann's Guild 1.20 pm
Tuesday 11 th	St Margaret's Guild 2 pm
Thursday 13 th	ASCENSION DAY Colton Court singers 11 am-12
Friday 14 th	ST MATTHIAS
Saturday 15 th	St Ann's Jumble Sale
Sunday 16 th	Celebrating Ascension Day Parish Council 2 pm
Wednesday 19 th	Women's Fellowship , St Margaret's, 10 am
Sunday 23 rd	PENTECOST (WHITSUNDAY) COMBINED SERVICE , St Stephen's 10 am Guest organist Barry Bowden. Wear something red!
Wednesday 26 th	Parish Prayer Group 10 am
Friday 28 th	St Ann's Family Tea 6.30-8.30
Sunday 30 th	Proms Concert 2 pm (see next column) <i>*Christian Pastoral Support</i>

APRIL IS BOX MONTH!

April is box collection time for **Bush Church Aid**. Please hand in your boxes to your Wardens or phone Barb and Bill Jeanes (8556 4440) for pick up.

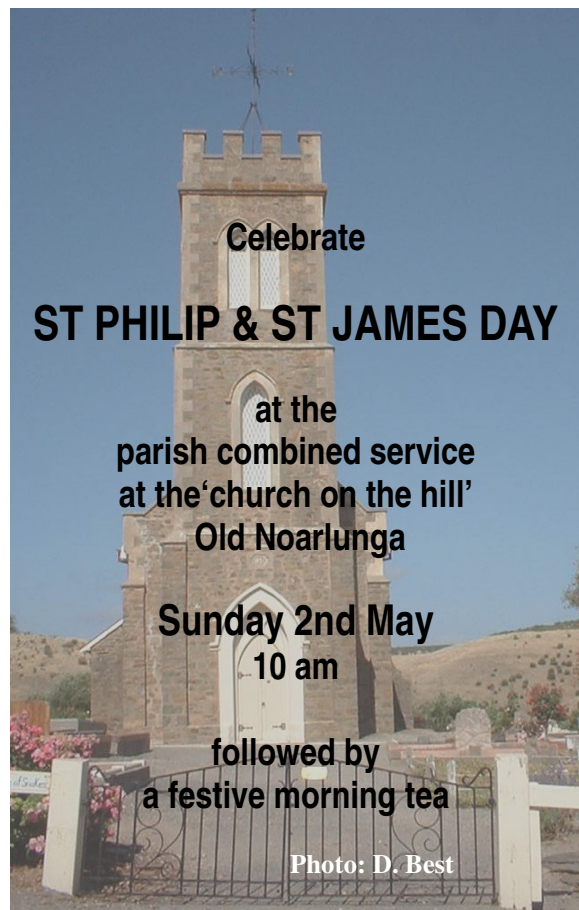


It is also time to hand your **Anglican Board of Mission** boxes to your Wardens, or phone Di Rickard (8556 5914) for pick up.



Special Vestry Meeting Wednesday 14th April 6.30 pm at St Ann's

***to discuss our parish vision.
A paper has been prepared with some
thoughts to get us started on this
vision for our future. Copies can be
obtained at each of the churches.
BE THERE!***



PROMS CONCERT Sunday 30th May, 2pm Hopgood Theatre, Noarlunga

**We have been offered concessional bookings
at \$20 each provided we pay by May 7th.
Please register your interest with the
Parish Secretary.**

A Memorial Seat for Shirley Garfit

Donations are invited for a seat to be installed in memory of Shirley Garfit, a parishioner of Southern Vales for many years. The seat will probably be set on the verandah of the Sunday School room. Place your contributions in an envelope marked 'Shirley Garfit Memorial', in the collection plate.



Swan song: (Above) Briony, Paul and Vicky Gorton serve their final Parish luncheon, and (R) Ray Gorton with Wallace & Dorothy Mausolf. **Thank you, Gortons!**

St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga

- We thank the Gorton family and the Carnes for funding and providing the barbecue on March 7th. We were grateful too to those who supported it. It resulted in a total of \$480.00 for parish funds. This was the final barbecue at the home of Paul and Briony who have supported us most generously on numerous occasions.
- We had the opportunity to make an outreach into the community by being represented at the Fete conducted by



Old Noarlunga Commercial and Residents Association at Market Square, Old Noarlunga on Sunday March 28th. Wallace Mausolf, Donna Hughson and David Hogg

- represented the parish, taking a display of photos of the activities of the church and a model of the church itself, borrowed from the Noarlunga Library. Our theme: 'Bringing the church to you'! Flyers were distributed and there was a good opportunity to talk to patrons about the church and its activities. Sales of the Bests' jam raised nearly \$70! We thank the committee of ONCARA for offering to publish service times in their bi-monthly newsletters free of cost.
- The treatment for salt damp at SSPJ will commence on Tuesday April 6th. The Heritage Commission has agreed to make a grant of \$7,000 toward the work. We thank Rupert Best for his continuing negotiations with Andrew Stevens to make this possible

Mary Blagrove & Wallace Mausolf

St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

- Our Lent Bible Studies were ably led by Ted Sandercock, and appreciated by those attending each week.
- Mothering Sunday was well attended, concluding with the distribution of simnel cake, and small posies to mothers. The day also included the baptism of Lachlan Jay De Araugo (R: with father Shuan and Fr Phil).
- We really appreciate Verna Adams and her helpers for their tireless efforts with the Sunday School. However, attendance numbers are disappointing.
- The Guild prepared a lunch for residents at the Kalyra Vale Lodge on Tuesday 23rd March, on the occasion of a 95th birthday of one of the residents.

Leonie Pettman & Di Rickard



Photo: J. De Araugo

Rectory Garden

We are very grateful to Carol Anderson for the work she has done in the Rectory garden. It has been suggested that, in consultation with Carol, people might like to plant drought-resistant plants in the front garden of the Rectory and perhaps take responsibility for caring for 'their' plants. Contact Carol with your ideas (ph 8323 9155).

The quote of the month would have to go to the parishioner who commented on the Jonah Bible study, 'It's got me reading the Bible again—and I just *can't* stop!'

St Stephen's, Willunga

- The offer to renew the driveway with gravel was taken up in February. The Vales Landscape & Gardening spread the load, making it somewhat easier to spread the gravel.
- In early March the windy weather dislodged two large dead branches from the peppercorn tree. These were sawn up and taken home by a parishioner.
- We need to consult with a stonemason to discuss a few minor repairs as well as the major cracking.

Margaret Cameron & Ted Sandercock

St Ann's, Aldinga

- The Lenten Soup Suppers programme has been completed. It was well supported with varied interesting speakers, and excellent soups, fruit, and breads. \$360 was raised to go towards mission tasks represented by speakers. The final event coincided with St Patrick's Day, which led to a few shenanigans! (*Right: Leprechauns? John Sanders & Bill Jeanes*).
- We enjoyed the company of Aldinga Primary School's CPS Worker Natalie Wells, husband James and their three children at our February Family Tea.
- Our March 20th Jumble Sale raised approximately \$540 – it was unaffected by Polling Day distractions, it seems. Thanks to the Team and a special mention for Trish Frith who stepped up to be "radio star" in Val Martin's absence.
- The Lenten Study sessions have been very well supported and included using LifeCare Aldinga as an occasional evening venue.
- We were very much saddened by the death of Audrey Lane in a motor accident on South Rd a week ago. Her funeral was held on Thursday 1st April at St Ann's.
- The combined service on Palm Sunday commemorated Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Although the congregation's procession had to be cancelled because of rain (what a joy to see rain!) the children and Sunday School teachers held their own procession through the full church and to the sanctuary with palm branches. At a shared lunch in the hall afterwards the children's display of the events of Holy Week was admired.

Peter Chapman & Bill Cale

Right: James, Matthew and Archie on Palm Sunday with Holy Week pictures, and the 'road' they made showing Jesus' journey to the cross and the resurrection.



Social Committee News

The Parish Picnic at Willunga (*left*) was enjoyed by the small band of people able to attend. Unfortunately we were not able to attract any families—perhaps we have to accept that families find weekend parish events difficult to fit into their busy lives.

On 21st March a group travelled to view the Northern Lights of North Terrace—part of the Adelaide Festival of Arts.

Our next planned activity will be the very popular Proms Concert at the Hopgood Theatre, Noarlunga on Sunday 30th May at 2 pm (see p.3).

Future plans are for a Parish Breakfast in July and a progressive lunch or dinner in September or October. *Wendy Sandercock*



Photo: D. Best

Parish Service Times

St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga

Sunday: Holy Communion: 9.00 am

St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

Sunday: Holy Communion: 10.15 am,
with Sunday School

Wednesday: Holy Communion: 9:00 am

St Stephen's, Willunga

Saturday: Holy Communion: 5.30 pm

St Ann's, Aldinga

Sunday: Holy Communion: 9.00 am
with Sunday School

But please note:

*In May there will be two combined services, with only one Sunday service in the parish,
2nd May at St Philip & St James,
Old Noarlunga, &
23rd May at St Stephen's Willunga
both at 10 am*

Southern Vales contact information:

Locum Priest Fr Phil Anderson Ph 8323 9744 email pja1@westnet.com.au

Please respect Fr Phil's days off on Monday and Tuesday

Parish Secretary Wendy Sandercock Ph 8556 4535 email: wendysac@westnet.com.au

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

Our website: <http://www.southernvalesparish.org>



S V Schools Ministry Celebration Service

Introducing the Southern Vales Christian Pastoral Support workers (chaplains) at the service on 7th March, Peter Romanowski spoke of the wonderful growth in numbers of CPS workers in SA schools, attesting to the value placed on their work by the schools. CPS workers Marie Cester, Cherie Love, Sue Camac

and Natalie Wells spoke of the joys and the challenges of their work. They would all be very glad of volunteers to assist them in their programmes.

Peter also introduced three men who work as mentors to boys with special needs in the schools. *Pictured above are Peter Romanowski with (L-R) Nigel Camac, Peter Dossett and Jamie Wells.* 'Our children are like wet cement,' said Nigel. 'Their characters are still forming and we can make an impression. Men—if you have brought up kids, you have a lot to offer!'

If you would like further information, contact our CPS reps, Ted Sandercock (8556 4535) or Trish Frith (8556 2604).



'As long as one has breath, there is hope.'

So spoke the women of Cameroon, whose prayers led the World Day of Prayer on 5th March, reflecting the hardships experienced by the women of their country – women are traditionally discriminated against; girl children are lucky to receive an education. Human trafficking (a modern-day slavery) is a multi-million dollar business; 40% of girls aged 9 to 18 are victims of sexual exploitation.

In the words of one of their prayers,

'In Cameroon, women's voices are not heard, but God listens to women's voices whether they whisper or make a voiceless sound', adding, with conviction, 'Let everything that breathes praise the Lord'.

Above: Our cheerfully adorned choir sang and played instruments to Cameroon music at the service at the Aldinga Uniting Church. L-R Margaret Cale, Sue MacKirdy, Sylvia Francis, Val Martin, Julia Drought, Felicity Warrington & Margaret Cameron.