

The Grapevine

January 2011

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



Christingle!

Christmas Eve at St Margaret's

The children's service at St Margaret's attracted a lot of families and a lovely crowd of children. They enjoyed helping Jac Hocking set up the crib with figures made by the Moana Primary school children, and



making Christingles, symbols of the coming of Christ our light into the world. The joy of the occasion was reflected in the children's faces.

Photos: J. Drought

(For more Christmas photos see p. 3.)

Fr Paul writes...

Happy New Year. I hope your Christmas celebrations were a joyous one with family and friends and that there has been a time of relaxation.

A New Year brings with it hope for the future, a new beginning and the next chapter in our lives and in this Pastoral District of The Southern Vales.

I hope as we start 2011 that we all take more time out with God and concentrate on the spiritual side of ourselves. This can be done in many practical ways, by a regular commitment to attend our services and by daily prayer with the help of morning and evening prayer services offered at St Margaret's McLaren Vale during the week. It may involve using a daily prayer reflection. Lenten Studies will be underway in March. It also can be done through a commitment to giving of ourselves and our resources to help further the church's commitment to bringing others to Christ.

The New Year sees a new beginning for a number of children who are being baptised at every church in the Pastoral District over the next two months. (See *What's On* on page.3.) I welcome all those children and their families as they grow in the love of God and know his peace in their hearts.

There have been a number of people who have expressed the desire to be confirmed. If you are baptised and wish to be confirmed, please contact me as soon as possible.

We have been blessed by the installation of a new organ at St Ann's, Aldinga. The organ owned by Brian McMillan has lifted the standard of music in the church. It was wonderful to hear the organ with the choir at the Carol Service the Sunday before Christmas. I wish to thank Claire Baker for the donation of the theatre organ over the past two years at St Ann's.

A new sign has been installed at St Philip's and St James' at Old Noarlunga. It was made by Wallace Mausolf's son, Nick of Rip Digital. We are greatly indebted to him for his generosity. The Pastoral District is considering new signs for Willunga and Aldinga.

The church grounds at St Margaret's McLaren Vale have improved significantly over the past month, with the donation of several tonnes of mulch from a pruning done at the Willunga Cemetery. This has been made possible by Julie Stuttard, the curator of the cemetery and co-owner of the Peacock Farm at Willunga. Thank you Julie! The driveway will be graded in the not too distant future, thanks to Anne Lear's grandson.

I would also like to welcome Greg Roberts as our second warden at St Margaret's McLaren Vale. Greg was a Church Warden and a Layreader at Holy Cross, Elizabeth before he moved with his wife to McLaren Vale earlier in the year. Greg and Helen have been actively involved since their arrival at St. Margaret's.

I would like to thank Fr. Martin Chittleborough, Fr Dennis Eales, Bishop Ian George and Bishop Stanley Goldsworthy for continuing to assist in taking services.

I would like to thank you all for making Helen and me so welcome since our arrival and helping making my job easier as I settle into being your Priest Assistant.

Fr Paul



At the Combined Guilds Christmas Celebration at the McLaren Vale Information Centre, December 2010.

Clockwise from the left: Sylvia Francis, Wendy Sandercock, Fran Pettigrew, Anne Lear, Val Martin, Vera Penny, Lorna McGaffin, Lucy Creed, Margaret Cameron, Trish Frith, Di Rickard, Heather Whyte.

If you have news of coming events or special 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 15th January.
PLEASE NOTE CHANGED EMAIL ADDRESS.

With *The Grapevine* now appearing on the parish website www.southernvalesparish.org and including photos and some contact details, remember to notify me if you don't want anything about you included in *The Grapevine* in this format.

-Ed



Christmas Day at St Ann's

Children on holidays at the beach swelled the number of children at St Ann's on Christmas Day. (Above) Helping Bill Higginson tell the story of Jesus' birth, and set up the Nativity scene.

(Right) Annabel and Neve helped distribute decorated pine cones and Christmas prayer cards to the congregation. (Below)

Back: Andy, Nate, Alex, Amelia. Centre: Annabel, Neve, Ralph. Front: Harley, Tyde, Suraya, Boyd.



What's on

January

- Sat 1st CIRCUMCISION of JESUS
 Sun 2nd Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers
 Celebrating EPIPHANY (6th January)
 Sun 9th BAPTISM of JESUS
 Sat 15th St Ann's Jumble Sale 8.30-12.30
 Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100
 Tues 25th CONVERSION of PAUL
 Wed 26th AUSTRALIA DAY

February

- Wed 2nd CANDLEMASS
 Sun 6th Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers
 Mon 7th MU St Margaret's, 9.30 am
 Enquiries: Barbara Jeanes 8556 4440
 Tues 8th St Margaret's Guild 2 pm,
 Enquiries: Fran Pettigrew 8323 9366
 Thurs 10th Colton Court Singers 11 am-12 midday
 Enquiries: Sue McKirdy 8556 5162
 Mon 14th St Ann's Guild 1.30 pm
 Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100
 Wed 16th Women's Fellowship St Margaret's, 10 am
 Enquiries: Margaret Cameron 8556 2343
 Sun 20th Southern Vales Schools Ministry
 Celebration (see below)
 Wed 23rd Parish Prayer Group St Margaret's 10 am
 Enquiries: Gillian Clampett 8556 5998
 Frid 25th St Ann's Family Tea 6.30—8.30 pm
 Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100

* Christian Pastoral Support

Baptisms:

- 9th Jan., St Ann's: Lily Regina Lear
 (Anne Lear's great-grand-daughter)
 16th Jan., St Margaret's: Ella Fowles
 (Margaret Cameron's great grand-daughter)
 22nd Jan., St Stephen's: Lara Nicole Beattie
 30th Jan., St Margaret's:
 Joshua Willem Karol Tassie
 27th Feb., SS Philip & James:
 Eva and Ted Norris



St Ann's January Jumble Sale
 Saturday 15th January
 8.30—12.30

Southern Vales Schools Ministry

Every first Sunday of the month we have a gold coin collection for the Christian Pastoral Support workers in our local schools.

Come and meet them, and celebrate their work

Sunday 20th February, 6.30 pm, at St Ann's Aldinga
 Bring a plate to share

Enquiries: Ted Sandercock, ph 8556 4535

News from Pastoral District Council

The final meeting for the year was held on Tuesday 14th December in S Margaret's Sunday School Room, chaired by Archdeacon Richard Seabrook. Matters discussed included those below. Other matters are covered elsewhere in this issue.

Rectory Maintenance: Concern over the condition of the Rectory stove had come to a head with the failure of the main stove element. Prices for a new stove were being investigated.

Confirmation preparations will be beginning as soon as possible. Church Wardens must be communicant (i.e. confirmed) members of the Anglican Church.

Advent Bible Studies were being attended and appreciated by some 20 participants

Easter Vestry: Date to be set. Each centre would hold its own vestry meeting, appointing its People's Warden and dealing with matters relating specifically to that centre. Fr Paul would chair these. There would be a combined Vestry to follow, chaired by Archdeacon Richard, to deal with all other matters.

St Margaret's Driveway: A quote had been received from Paul Baker to cover the smoothing out of bumps on the driveway and a pipe to carry waste water under the driveway to the grassed area.

Lent Soup and Speaker teas: Suggested speakers for the first four Wednesdays in Lent 2011 were to be approached. Ideas from parishioners from other centres had been much appreciated.

Treasurer's Report

Total Income: \$5,803.96

Total Expenses: \$7,655.89

Operating profit/loss: -\$1,851.93

Donations to missions (ABM, BCA, Home Mission Fund & School chaplaincies): \$462.30

The actual figures for January to November show a total income of \$60,477.69 which is \$4,890.31 under budget. Total expenses of \$55,803.78 are \$1,622.78 over budget.

We are still in surplus for the year to date by \$4,444.38, but this is \$6742.62 less in surplus than we budgeted to be by November. This is due in part to a lower income than we budgeted for, and unbudgeted expenses for the rectory renovations and removal costs for Fr Phil have also contributed to the lower than expected surplus.

Stewardship: Some might prefer a direct debit system of weekly offering instead of envelopes. This should be promoted more.

Sunday notices should be given by the priest before the final blessing,

Social Committee: Wendy Sandercock announced her intention to stand down from the Social Committee. A motion of thanks was passed for her work in planning events and for keeping the enthusiasm going.

Grapevine: The Editor expressed appreciation of the contributions made to the monthly publication, and photos offered. She reminded everyone of the need to ensure that proper authorization was given by parents for any photos taken of children. Permission forms are available at each church, and should be filled in and sent to Anne Chittleborough for each child photographed, to allow for possible publication.

Willunga Cemetery: Some large trees had needed to be lopped for safety reasons and their wood was available for purchase.

SV Schools Ministry: Louise Fechner had been appointed as Christian Support Worker at Willunga High School and would be an ideal person for the job.

First Aid: Kits at all centres urgently need updating to bring them up to required standards

St Margaret's Centenary would occur in November 2011. Ideas for a suitable commemoration of this milestone to be discussed at the February meeting.

Next meeting: Tuesday 8th February at St Margaret's.

Around the traps...

St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga:

* The City of Onkaparinga has installed a street sign at the southern end of Church Hill Road with the word 'CHURCH', but declined the inclusion of the word 'ANGLICAN' as requested by us.

* There was a special cleaning day on December 11th and a special morning tea on December 12th

* Judith Wells led the Advent Study following the Sunday Service. Her excellent preparation helped to make them very meaningful.

Wallace Musolf & Mary Blagrove, Wardens



*On 19th
December
Susan Watson &
Bob Smith
celebrated their
marriage at
St Philip &
St James' church,
Old Noarlunga.*

*The celebrant
was Fr Dennis
Eales.*

(Photo: D. Best)

St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

* A very busy month with two baptisms, Natalie Nicholls and Maggie May Hage and therefore a good number of children attending Sunday School.

* The Interment of Fred Schultz's ashes was held in our Memorial Rose Garden on Sunday Nov. 21st.

* Many thanks to those who have donated so generously to the Christian Care & Support Centre for goods to stock Christmas hampers. Also a donation to the McLaren Vale Primary School for Christmas parcels in the community.

* A Thanksgiving for the safe delivery of baby Joshua Tassie, his parents' 5th child, was held on Sunday November 28th. Joshua was presented with a book of prayers. God bless the family.

Di Rickard, Warden

Nick and Trish Tassie extend to all parishioners a warm invitation to the baptism service for their son Joshua Tassie at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale, on Sunday 30th January 2011 at 1 pm.



The service of Nine Lessons and Carols on the 19th December was a rousing preparation for Christmas, with the new organ, the choir and the congregation in fine voice. Refreshments and good cheer were shared in the hall afterwards. A special thanks to organist Brian McMillan, Choir Director Felicity Warrington, the choir and the readers.

St Ann's, Aldinga

- * While the earlier service time has discouraged a few, our numbers continue in the mid 20s. We do appreciate Fr. Paul's time with us following his Services, as we do with Fr Martin, Fr Dennis and Bp Ian George – Thank You to all four.
- * Special prayers for healing were held for those requesting them, after the service on Sunday 19th.
- * Brian McMillan expressed a wish to improve the sound quality of our organ music at St. Ann's by 'swapping' his Ahlborn organ with the Wurlitzer currently on loan from Claire Baker, at his own expense. Claire Baker was happy for this arrangement as hers would be well cared for, and the congregation was also happy with the arrangement. The organ is now in use and is much appreciated.
- * The Guild held their Christmas celebration this year at Goolwa.

Peter Chapman & Bill Cale, Wardens

St Stephen's, Willunga

- * The driveway still needs to be poisoned as the recent rain has upset the planned activity. We still need to finish the slate paving and decide what to do with the area under the peppercorn tree. Thank you, Bevan & Lucy Creed, for cleaning the church during Advent.
- * We have had a request for baptism information from around the 1860s from a Williams family in Sydney. Assistance was provided by the Willunga National Trust research facility.
- * Brian Fopp is in our prayers following surgery on Monday 13th December.
- * Please join us for our service on Saturdays at 5.30 pm if at any time you are unable to attend a Sunday Service.

Margaret Cameron & Ted Sandercock, Wardens

St Stephen's Day

Sunday 26th December, Boxing Day, saw the celebration of St Stephen's Day at Willunga. With a brisk wind blowing, the traditional friendly ploughman's lunch was held inside the church instead of under the peppercorn tree. But still no snow for us on the Feast of Stephen!

Among those sharing the celebration were John Carroll and Michael Drought (right) and in photos below: Margaret Cameron (front) and (L-R) Bill & Barbara Jeanes, Cathy & Fr



Graham Cooling, Mary Eales, Julia Drought, Peter Kyloh, Wendy Sandercock (hidden) Hildegard Walasek, Fr Paul and Helen Blake.

Photos: Paul Bell



The Twelve Days of Christmas

The twelve days in the well-known song are the twelve days from Christmas day to January 5th, the day before the Feast of the Epiphany. In England in the Middle Ages, this period was one of continuous feasting and merrymaking, which climaxed on Twelfth Night, the

traditional end of the Christmas season.

The song first appeared in print in the book *Mirth Without Mischief* (c. 1780) as a 'memories-and-forfeits' game, in which a leader recited a verse, each of the players repeated the verse, the leader added another verse, and so on until one of the players made a mistake, with the player who erred having to pay a penalty such as offering up a kiss or a sweet.

However, it is believed to date back to the 16th century, and some believe it was to help Catholic children to learn their faith at a time when they were prohibited by law from any practice of their faith. Each of the 'days' represents an aspect of the Christian Faith for children to learn.

The 'true love' mentioned in the song refers not to an earthly suitor, but to God Himself. The 'partridge in a pear tree' refers to Jesus on the cross. The 'me' who receives the presents refers to every baptized person who is part of the Christian Faith.

In other verses:

'Two Turtle Doves' refers to the Old and New Testaments

'Three French Hens' refers to Faith, Hope and Love

'Four Calling Birds' (colley birds) refers to the Four Gospels

'Five Gold Rings' refers to the first five books of the Old Testament, the 'Pentateuch', telling the story of man's fall from grace.

'Six Geese a-laying' refers to the six days of creation

'Seven Swans a-swimming' refers to the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord.

'Eight Maids a-milking' refers to the eight beatitudes listed in the Sermon on the Mount.

'Nine Ladies Dancing' refers to the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit found in Galatians: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self control.

'Ten Lords a-leaping' refers to the ten commandments

'Eleven Pipers Piping' refers to the eleven faithful apostles

'Twelve Drummers Drumming' refers to the points of belief in the Apostle's Creed: belief in God the Father, Son & Holy Spirit, that Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary, made man, crucified, died and was buried, rose on the third day, sits on the right hand of the Father and will come again, the resurrection of the dead and the life everlasting.

(The design above is printed with the permission of papercutter William Oellers. See williamoellers.com for more of his designs.)

Parish Service times

St Stephen's, St Andrews Tce, Willunga

Saturday: Holy Communion: 5.30 pm

St Philip & St James, Church Hill Rd,
Old Noarlunga

Sunday: Holy Communion: 8.30 am

St Ann's, South Rd, Aldinga

Sunday: Holy Communion: 8.30 am

with children's lessons and activities

St Margaret's, Main Road McLaren Vale

Sunday: Holy Communion: 10.30 am

with Sunday School

Wednesday: Holy Communion: 9:00am

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attended but messages can be left on the
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Advice for the holiday season:

DON'T DRINK DRIVE -

IT'S A LAUNDRY DETERGENT!