

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



EASTER SERVICES IN THE SOUTHERN VALES 2012

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Blessing of Palms, Procession & Sung Mass

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Holy Communion & Washing of feet

7.30 pm St Margaret's



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Stations of the Cross midday St Ann's Celebration of the Lord's Passion

3 pm St Margaret's

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People with news of coming events or noteworthy happenings in the Pastoral District of Southern Vales to share with the rest of the parish, please contact the Editor, Anne Chittleborough, at 23 The Esplanade, Pt Willunga 5173, Ph 8556 5078 or email machit5@bigpond.com, 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 me (contact details above) if you don't want to have anything about you included in *The Grapevine* in this format.

Fr Paul writes...

We have entered in the last couple of weeks the new season in the Christian calendar, the season of Lent. The season lasts 40 days, which represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, from the time he was baptised, until he began his ministry. During that period, he was subject to wild animals, he was tempted by Satan; and the angels waited on him. (Mark 1:13) The season of Lent enables us to hear some very powerful Bible readings in our Sunday worship, leading up to Easter. There are two I want to highlight, which showed the disciples that God was with Jesus in his ministry on this earth. The first was at his baptism in the River Jordan. When he was baptised, the heavens opened up and the Spirit descended on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you and I well pleased". (Mark 1:11) Another occasion was when Jesus and three of his closest disciples climbed Mt Tabor. Jesus' clothes became dazzling white and there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him". (Mark 9:7) This event affected the disciples of Jesus and set them on the road to great ministry.

I hope this season of Lent enables you also to listen to his word even more intently, and to find yourselves open to the real beauty and presence of God in the world. This can be done through taking time out with God each day in our lives, by prayer, by giving up some luxury, and by giving money to the church and the Anglican Board of Missions, which we support during this Lenten period. It can be achieved too by attending church Sunday by Sunday and receiving spiritual food for our daily lives, the bread and wine which have been consecrated. There are also weekly Bible Studies. May these actions transfigure us as we journey in our faith with God.

May we use this time to prepare for Holy Week and the great joyous occasion of Easter. There will be services daily during Holy Week starting with Palm Sunday at St Margaret's. Please refer to the front of *The Grapevine* for all the service times. There will be three services on Good Friday at three of our centres, the Easter Vigil at St Philip and St James, and, for the first time, a Sunrise Service at St Stephen's, Willunga on Easter Day. This will be followed by a champagne breakfast. There will be services on Easter Day at St. Ann's, Aldinga and St Margaret's, McLaren Vale.

Besides growing spiritually, it has been found that going to church may be good healthwise. Scientists have found that the more often you go to church, the lower your blood pressure becomes. Previous US studies suggested the link, but with 40 per cent of Americans going regularly to church, its health benefits were treated as a coincidence. However, research in Norway has found that churchgoers there have lower blood pressure too. May I see you at church soon!

With every blessing in Christ.

Fr Paul

BISHOP STANLEY'S CELEBRATION

On Friday March 9th 2012, Bishop Stanley Goldsworthy will be celebrating his 60th anniversary

of ordination to the Priesthood. To celebrate the occasion Bishop Goldsworthy will offer a Mass of thanksgiving on Friday March 9th at 11 am at St Philip and St James, Old Noarlunga. You are invited to come and share in Bishop Goldsworthy's



happy day and to give thanks to God with him.

If you will be attending please contact Sr Bev.

Drop in at Granny Annie's St Ann's, 7 Stonehouse Lane, Aldinga, off South Rd Thursdays 9-11.30 for a cuppa & chat. Activities for children (and adults!)

(For Granny Annie's news see p. 6)



PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Departing 9th October 2012 Ammam, Sea of Galilee, Cana, Nazareth, Mt Tabor, Jericho & Bethany, Jerusalem, Masada and Dead Sea Spiritual Chaplains: FR Philip Murphy SSC, Fr Richard Seabrook SSC (Enquiries Ph 8398 2517)

Baptism this month:

Sun 4th March at St Ann's: Victor Lethbridge, 2 pm

Weddings:

Sat 3rd March:

St Philip & St James: Dawn Cotterill & Andrew Parkes 12.30 St Stephen's: Shannon Joy & Steevie Mackay 3.30 pm

What's on...

March

Fri 2nd **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

WDP service 10 am St Margaret's

Sun 4th **Gold Coin Collection for CPS workers** Mon 5th Mothers' Union AGM, 9 amSt Margaret's

Enquiries: Trish Frith 8556 2604

Wed 7th Lenten Supper II Fr Alan Dutton St Ann's 6, 6.30 pm

Thurs 8th Colton Court singers 11 am-12

Enquiries: Sue MacKirdy 8556 5162

Fri 9th Bp Stanley's celebration 11 am St Philip & St James (see opp.

Sun 11th PD Council Vestry St Margaret's 4 pm

Tues 13th St Ann's Guild 1.30 pm

Enquiries: Val Martin 8556 6100

St Margaret's Guild 2 pm

Enquiries: Fran Pettigrew 8323 9366

Wed 14th Women's Fellowship 10 am

Enquiries: Margaret Cameron 8556 2343

Lenten Supper III: Brian McMillan St Ann's 6, 6.30 pm

Sat 17th St Ann's Jumble Sale Sun 18th **MOTHERING SUNDAY**

Tues 20th PD Council 6.30 pm St Margaret's

Fri 23rd St Ann's Family Tea St Ann's 6.30—8.30 pm

Enquiries: Pat Roper 8386 2470

Mon 26th ANNUNCIATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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Tues 10th St Margaret's Guild 2 pm

Pastoral District Council St Margaret's 6.30 pm

Thurs 12th Colton Court singers 11 am-12

Wed 18th Women's Fellowship St Margaret's, 10 am

Tues 24th Restoration & Maintenance meeting 6 pm at the Rectory

Wed 25th ANZAC Day Holy Communion 9 am St Margaret's

Thurs 26th

Fri 27th St Ann's Family Tea 6.30—8.30 pm

COMBINED SERVICE, 10 am St Philip & St James, followed by Sun 29th

morning tea

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN [A BIBLE STUDY!

Sunday 10.15 am at SS Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga Sunday 10.30 am at St Ann's, Aldinga

Tuesday 7.30 pm at the Rectory, McLaren Vale

Wednesday 10.00 am at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale (the usual Bible Study time).

> For copies of the lessons contact Fr Paul 8323 9744

SATURDAY NIGHT OUT

Saturday March 10, 7.00 pm in the private function room at the Willunga Hotel.

This will be the inaugural Pastoral District Saturday Night Out dinner, held after St Stephen's 5.30 pm Vigil Mass. Bookings 8556 4535. Enquiries: Ted Sandercock

> ~This is a another Pastoral District social activity. ~

VESTRY 2012

The Vestry meeting is the 'Annual General Meeting' of the parish, when reports are

presented and elections held.

Sunday 11th March 4 pm

St Margaret's. Your chance to discuss matters on the Agenda.

BE THERE!

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS continue at St Ann's

Wed. 7th March: Fr Alan Dutton: "Doing a U-Turn: Kairos, An Ecumenical Prison Ministry" Wed. 14th March: Brian McMillan: "A Pilgrim's Progress: A Journey Across Spain in 2011"

Begin with evening prayers in the church at 6 pm or join us in the hall at 6.30 pm. A meal with a delicious variety of soups, and

an interesting speaker. Concludes at 8.30 pm.

A \$5 donation covers costs and goes towards our Parish mission. Bring a friend!

Enquiries: Pat Roper 8386 2470

From St Philip & St James Old Noarlunga

Dinner & Fellowship:

Fr Paul, Helen, Fr Dennis, Mary and members of our congregation were guests of Di and Rupert Best at a delicious dinner on Sat. 4th February. We appreciated their generosity and it resulted in bringing us closer together.



Restoration & Maintenance: Rupert Best and Stephen Wells attended the meeting of the Restoration & Maintenance Committee and Rupert has made a detailed outline of the needs of our building.

Dumped waste: The City of Onkaparinga attended promptly to the removal of dumped building waste outside the car park.

We continue to be grateful to all clergy and laity for our regular Sunday worship.

Wallace Mausolf & Stephen Wells, Wardens

Do you recognise this couple

who were married on 19th
February 1962
at St Saviour's Church,
Glen Osmond?



Photo supplied, from The Advertiser

From St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

Insulation of the Rectory: It was found that the air conditioning units had not been set appropriately. Bill Cale re-set them and laid the piled-up batts. The situation will be re-assessed before any further action is taken.

Toilet Block: Peter Chapman and Michael Drought inspected the toilet block, which needs some reworking for water drainage to stop rising damp in the walls. Peter will follow up with repairs. Michael installed a canopy over the toilet block door to protect the paintwork. This was financed by the Guild. Peter will purchase the appropriate paint.

Overgrown trees have been trimmed from the storage sheds by Michael Drought and Greg Roberts.

Memorial plaques: Greg and Helen Roberts tidied up the memorial plaques at the front of the church. Responsibility for maintaining this memorial area needs to be clarified.

Church windows: When the church windows were cleaned it was discovered that masking tape was covering a break in the glass made 8 years ago. Wires holding the glass were starting to break and would need replacing, at a cost of \$500. It was likely that the other windows, being 100 years old, might be in a similar condition. Julia Drought was asked to get a quote.

Julia Drought & Greg Roberts, Wardens

From St Stephen's, Willunga

Restoration and Maintenance: There has been little progress with cleaning the gutters and repairing downpipes as it is difficult to get a tradesperson to do the work.

Trees: The strong winds in late January caused a tree branch to fall on a neighbouring property. The

neighbour's insurance assessor arranged for the branch to be cut up and thrown over the fence but there will be no insurance claim as the item is less than the excess of \$500. The assessor identified other branches that overhang this property and should be removed.

Masonry cracks: The large cracks in the sanctuary go through to outside, and mortar spills on the carpet. It was inspected by the National Trust's stone mason, Dave Johnson, and he suggests that this can be repaired at a cost of \$500 when he completes work at another site in a few weeks' time. He also suggested that the church would benefit from a visit from the Environmental Architect so that priority maintenance can be scheduled and fund-raising initiated.

Lighting: Hilton's replaced a spotlight high in the nave of the church. Two other lights were found to be faulty and were rewired.

Birthday celebrations: A small group celebrated Margaret Cameron's birthday with dinner at the Willunga Hotel.

Saturday Night Out: The monthly Saturday evening dinners, to be held on the second Saturday of the month, will commence on the 10th March after the 5.30 pm Vigil Mass. All welcome to this social occasion.

Ted Sandercock & Margaret Cameron, Wardens





Shrove Tuesday at St Margaret's.

Cooks Jack Warrington and Wendy Sandercock, together with a great team indoors, put on a splendid pancake meal with savoury and sweet fillings. Piquet and Georgia Copeland and Julie and Hayley Brown enjoyed their share. Afterwards Fr Paul burnt last year's palm crosses to make ash for the Ash Wednesday services.



Land Development Meeting with Anglicare

On the 26th February two representatives from Anglicare, Alan Mitchell and Karen Haylock, came to give updates on the progress thus far of the proposal for sustainable use of vacant land next to St Margaret's church, McLaren Vale. About thirty people from our Pastoral District attended this meeting, including Fr Paul. Alan Mitchell began by emphasising that this current development plan was in its indicative and conceptual stage only. There will be plenty of time to discuss and make changes to these proposed ideas. He gave us an approximate timeline for further stages in the process:

So far the Pastoral District and the Diocese have signed off on a Memorandum of Understanding, which means we are free to discuss ideas, options and respect confidentiality of matters put forward.

The next step is the Development and Feasibility study which is expected to take approximately two months. Expenses for this will come from a combination of Anglicare funds and government subsidies.

The third step is Council approval, once the Diocese has approved of the development, which could take three months. This is followed by putting out for technical and construction tenders, and approval to build, followed by actual construction beginning in 2014.

All these dates are approximate and dependent on each previous step and its outcomes.

The terms for living in these units would be modelled on other places with similar arrangements and the community services available could also be modelled on other currently established "villages", where these facilities are working well.

The lease agreement may range from 25 to 30 years. The land will continue remain the property of the Pastoral District and the Diocese. The sale of these units is aimed at the over 55's age group. The "village" would be governed by the Retirement Village Act which includes a loan licence which gives the owner/occupier the right to occupy until death. The "village" would be governed by residents in conjunction with an Anglicare representative.

The motive for developing the land was raised. What about those who cannot afford to buy the units—have the socially disadvantaged been considered? Is this a cash cow, or do we have the Christian desire to help those less fortunate? However, the answer was that financial limitations of potential buyers have not been considered. No "low income" owner/occupier subsidies have been factored in, as that is a State government province.

Other details discussed included discussed details of the proposed construction, and alterations which need to be considered, such as driveway access, shared spaces and car parking and water management.

The plans are on display in St Margaret's Sunday School room.

Julia Drought



Our Christian Patoral Support Workers

On 26th February ministers and congregations of local churches gathered to celebrate the work of the Christian Pastoral Support Workers (Chaplains) who do such important work in our local schools. Above: Pastor Andrew Downes (Aldinga Baptist Church), Sue Camac (CPSW Willunga PS), Pastor Melissa Maddern (joint Pastor with her husband Steve in the Arise Church, McLaren Vale), Jamie and Natalie Wells (CPSW Aldinga PS) and behind Jamie, Pastor Garry Hodson (Lutheran Church, McLaren Vale), Pastor Steve Maddern, Cherie Love (CPSW McLaren Vale PS), Rev. Len Jude (Uniting Church), Marie Cester (CPSW McLaren Flat PS), Fr Paul Devenport (Anglican Church).

From St Ann's, Aldinga

The **January Jumble Sale** which was transposed to 28th January because of the Tour Down Under was poorly attended, so it was held again the following Saturday as well—a big ask of those who assisted—and were rewarded ultimately by making almost \$1000.

Power upgrade: Our local R & M group met to finalise arrangements and quotes for the power upgrade and the purchase of a double oven and split system air conditioner for the hall. We have been able to raise the money needed to cover these costs through fundraising and generous donations. As we write these improvements are ready to go. And not a moment too soon! At the first Lenten Soup evening the power went off twice as we tried to heat the soup!

Soup Suppers: Dr Clive Auricht's address at the first Lenten Supper was well attended and gave a fascinating insight into his work as a doctor in PNG in the 1950s and 1960s.

We have continued with the opening of the church and hall (**Granny Annie's**) with mixed results but growing enthusiasm. The January Mystery Spot prize was won by Eve, the great-grandmother of little Ethan Jones. Oliver Graham and his mother Wendy were delighted to discover the Ark which was still in the hall from Aldinga on Display.

Pat Roper & Peter Chapman, Wardens, with editorial updates.





Congratulations to Di and Rupert Best, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at St Philip & St James on 19th February. The photo was contributed by Helen Wells with the title: **Best love=50**!



News from February Parish Council

In the absence of Fr Richard Seabrook, Fr Dirk Van Dissell chaired the Pastoral District Council for February. Six observers were present. Matters discussed included the following:

Children's service. Fr Richard and Fr Paul had discussed the ideas raised by Pat Roper and Peter Chapman on the subject and had looked at what happens in other churches. However they felt that the Friday night service idea was ambitious, and a Sunday evening service was Fr Richard's preferred model – doing what we do now, but with greater involvement of children. We could look at the use of contemporary music.

The following discussion raised the following points:

- We need to provide a non-intimidating atmosphere for people who are not used to the Anglican traditional services. The hall is a neutral place.
- At present there are no children and no parents; we should begin with fellowship in the hall. The traditional approach is not working; we should try something less traditional.
- Friday night is a more up-beat night than Sunday, which is when parents are interested in getting their children to bed ready for the next day's school.
- We need to follow up families whose children have been baptised ask them which night would be preferable
- We could try a trial run and see what response we get.

Fr Dirk commended the parish's commitment to reaching out and challenged us to contact the families concerned and explore the interest – Fr Paul could provide the Register of Baptisms. We must be aware that it would inevitably put more on Fr Paul's shoulders, but the success of the enterprise would depend on us. There was a need to clarify the aims of the exercise, run it for a set time, then review it. In the end, the parish priest (in our case Fr Richard) would bear the final responsibility for the decision. The matter to be put on the Agenda for the next PDC meeting.

Restoration and Maintenance Committee: Bob Smith had agreed to chair the committee, and Peter Chapman was thanked for his work as former chairman. The Committee to meet every two months to look at each church's priorities, the next meeting being on the 24th April. Members: St Margaret's: John Carroll, St Philip & St James: Rupert Best, St Stephen's: Peter Kyloh, St Ann's: Peter Chapman, Fr Paul *ex officio*.

Finance Report:

Nett monthly income \$8,404.21 Monthly Expenses \$6,261.50 Operating Profit \$2,135.71 Donations to missions \$220.00

Our Diocesan Insurance (\$6,402.70) to be paid in full, to assist the Diocese as some other parishes are unable to do this. Funds transferred from the At Call account to make this possible.

Servers' Licenses: Peter Chapman and Wendy Sandercock had been trained as Eucharistic Assistants, and Ted Sandercock's license had been upgraded to enable him to use the Reserved Sacrament. Wallace Mausolf, as a Lay Reader, was already qualified to do this.

St Margaret's Organ: There have been two offers to replace the Christies Beach organ currently in use at St Margaret's. Organist Brian McMillan recommended a trial period with a virtual pipe organ being constructed by Greg John. It will be small enough to sit beside the old one. Fr Paul thanked Brian McMillan for examining the organs and reporting on them.

Regaining Parish Status: The question was asked, what would we need to do to be re-instated as a Parish instead of a Pastoral District? Fr Dirk explained that the criterion was financial independence - a) having no outstanding debts and b) being able to pay all our own costs and assessments. *Moved*: That we write to Diocesan Council applying for parish status and asking what steps we should take to achieve this. Fr Dirk commended Southern Vales for stepping out in faith in this way, as it would not be easy. He believed that it would be an encouragement to other Pastoral Districts.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th March at 6.30 pm. All welcome.

Special Call of Synod

Southern Vales' Synod representatives, Fr Paul, Ted and Wendy Sandercock and Felicity Warrington, together with Bp Stanley and several observers, attended the Special Call of Synod at Tailem Bend on Sat. 18th February, called to elect a new Bishop Election Committee following the failure of the last Committee to make an appointment. Only one matter of business was allowed at the Synod, that being the election of the Committee. There was some frustration among those present that not even matters pertaining to that election were allowed for discussion.

While the votes were counted Archdeacon Richard Seabrook spoke about his recent visit to PNG and showed a video of the work of the church in that Province.

The Committee elected was as follows: Lay Members: Ken Pidgeon, Bruce Hicks, Jan Malpas, Murray McFarlane & Lee Lyons, with reserves Joan Dare and Margaret Adams. Clergy Members: Frs Michael Varnish, Graham Cooling, Dirk Van Dissell, Reg Farnell & Richard Litjens, with reserves Peter Simmons and Alex Bainton. The Administrator (Archdeacon Seabrook) and the Chancellor (John Harley) are members ex officio.

Our prayers are asked for those engaged in this important task, which will shape the future of this Diocese.



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Visit our website!

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St Ann's, Aldinga
Peter Chapman 8557 7151
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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: 9 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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But please note: From time to time the four centres of the Pastoral District combine in worship to celebrate special events. On those days there is only one Sunday service in the Pastoral District.

On <u>Sunday 1st April (Palm Sunday)</u> there will be only one service, at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale.

On <u>Sunday 29th April</u> the only service will be a combined Eucharist at 10 am at St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga, followed by a morning tea.