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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



Fr Simon was not at all fazed by Jack Tinkham and his wooden train .
Children are always welcome in our churches.

On the Feast of Stephen

There are many ways to enjoy a patronal festival, and for those of us not young enough to crawl up the aisle there was a veritable feast under the pepper tree to follow the service. ...(See p. 6)

Contrary to predictions, there was no snow this day—deep, crisp, even, or otherwise.



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

Fr Simon writes...

To all the Western Fleurieu Anglicans and *Grapevine* readers, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

During this Christmas season we become acutely aware of the preciousness of available time and the importance of priorities.

We seem to be rediscovering this truth at Christmas time every year, so this year let us all take this hard learned wisdom with us into 2018.

One way we can put this wisdom into practice is to set time aside regularly to reflect on our walk with God through life each day. By taking this time to reflect we can give ourselves the time with God to prioritise the competing demands before us.

If we don't include God in our daily preparations, then our priorities will be dictated by whatever is "shouting at us the loudest" (money, bills, deadlines, demands, desires, needs, wants, expectations, and other stuff). God does not usually "shout", so by giving ourselves the time to reflect with God on these competing demands we are able to consider what we put our time and energy into; which may not be that which "shouts" the loudest (even some churchie stuff).

When reflecting on these things I was reminded of something Jesus said: "The thief comes only in order to steal, kill, and destroy. I have come in order that you might have life—life in all its fullness" (*John 10:10*).

God is always with you

Fr Simon



Photo: Susie & Fr Simon

Lenten Soup Suppers 2018

The Lenten Soup Suppers at St Ann's have for years maintained a tradition of culinary soup delights and interesting speakers during Lent. Beginning with prayers in the church at 6.30 pm for those who can attend, they then move to the hall where a selection of delicious soups awaits. Soup, bread and fruit are all that are on offer but the "all you can eat" soups are well known for their variety and quality. Then a guest speaker follows, with the evening concluding by 9 pm. A cost of \$5 per head covers costs, and any surplus is donated to charities nominated by the speakers.

If you haven't been to the Lenten Suppers yet, this is the time to come and explore the sharing of ideas, the food, and the friendly atmosphere. Booking is not necessary. Bring your friends! Open to all!

Two suppers are booked so far (see below): more news later.

Wednesday 28th February

The Church in Japan and Korea

Japanophiles Ross and Tina Lee have recently returned from Ross's 7th and Tina's 5th visit to Japan, bringing us as a gift from the Nippon Sei Ko Kai (the Anglican Church in Japan) a calendar of photos of their churches, and a recorded message to us in Australia. They will also bring some things they have garnered from the Japanese culture.

Ross and Tina are active members of the Uniting Church congregation of Aldinga, but Ross has worshipped at St Ann's. He has also visited churches in Korea.

Wednesday 21st March:

Around the world in a 29 ft yacht!

Marilyn and John Morgan, sheep farmers on Kangaroo Island, are the owners of a 29 ft Duncanson yacht, *Shearwater II*, in which they have sailed 57,000 miles. Marilyn has since published the story of their voyage around the world in her book *Turkey Spam on Sunday*.

Wherever they are, and whatever they are doing, they try to live by their wedding text, "Depend on the Lord; trust him, and he will take care of you." (*Psalms 37:5*)

They are convinced that their guardian angels enjoyed the voyage as much as they did!

Come and share the story of their amazing sail around the world.

January

Mon 1st

NAMING AND CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD

New Year's Day

Sat 6th

EPIPHANY

Sun 7th

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers

Shared lunch, St Nicholas', Seaford

Family service, St Ann's 9 am

Tues 9th

Friends of St Ann's 6.50 for 7 pm (*next column*)

Thurs 11th

Colton Court sing-along 10.30 – 11.30 am

Enquiries: Sue MacKirdy 8556 5162

Sat 13th

Saturday Night Out, Willunga (*next column*)

Sun 14th

Eucharist and Prayers for Healing,

St Nicholas' 10.30 am

Family Service, St Margaret's

Western Fleurieu Anglicans Council meeting

Tues 16th

Tues 23rd

Prayer for Peace, St Ann's 2 – 3 pm

Fri 26th

AUSTRALIA DAY

Family Tea, St Ann's 6.30 for 7 pm

Enquiries: Pat Roper 8386 2470

Sun 28th

Youth service, St Nicholas'

Mon 29th

Schools resume

February

Fri 2nd

PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD AT THE TEMPLE

St Nicholas' Prayer Group

Sun 4th

Family Service, St Ann's

Gold Coin collection for CPS workers

Mon 5th

Mothers' Union 9 am Seaford Christian Churches

(*i.e. SEM—see p. 10*)

Tues 6th

Friends of St Ann's

Thurs 8th

Colton Court 10.30 am

Sat 10th

Saturday Night Out, Willunga

Sun 11th

TRANSFIGURATION

Family Service, St Margaret's

Tues 13th

SHROVE TUESDAY – St Margaret's (*next column*)

Prayer Meeting 10.30 am followed by

Bible Study St Nicholas

Wed 14th

ASH WEDNESDAY (*below*)

Fri 16th

St Nicholas' Luncheon & Fellowship

Sun 18th

LENT 1

Tues 20th

Prayer Meeting 10.30 am followed by

Bible Study St Nicholas

Fri 23rd

Family Tea, St Ann's

Sat 24th

MATTHIAS

Sun 25th

Youth Service, St Nicholas'

Tues 27th

Prayer Meeting 10.30 am followed by

Bible Study 11.00am St Nicholas

Wed 28th

Lenten Supper, St Ann's:

The Church in Japan & Korea (*opposite page*)

March

Fri 2nd

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friends of St Ann's

Raise a glass to 2018! What will this year bring?

Come to our first meeting, Tuesday 9th January, 6.50 for 7 pm, and help shape our year.

Saturday Night Out

13th of January

at the Old Bush Inn

following the 5.30 Vigil Mass at St Stephen's

(Bookings: Ted 8556 4535)



Family Tea

@ St Ann's

Friday 26th of January,
6.30 pm

*All welcome. Bring your friends.
Bring food to share—or just come!*

WATCH THIS SPACE...

For a February book sale at
St Ann's. Details to follow.



PANCAKES!

Shrove Tues. 13th Feb.,
at St Margaret's.

6 pm Evening Prayer
6.30 Pancake Supper.



Bring savoury or sweet fillings on the night

*Bring your last year's Palm Crosses to be
burned for Ash Wednesday*

ASH WEDNESDAY, 14th Feb.,

Holy Communion & imposition of ashes

St Margaret's 9 am

St Ann's 7 pm

Prayer for Peace St Ann's Tues. 23rd January, 2-3 pm (*Dates of further prayer times t.b.a*)

Our hearts cry out for peace in our troubled world. Join your prayers with those of others, for peace in our time.



The Guild of Friends of St Margaret's and the Friends of St Ann's met at Oxenberry Farm on Wednesday 29th November to celebrate Christmas cheer together, and were glad to welcome others to join them. Above R: Presidents Trish Frith (St Ann's) and Fran Pettigrew (St Margaret's) welcomed those attending, including the Rev'd Dawn Colsey (L) from the Diocese of Adelaide, a regular visitor to St Ann's.

Photos: AC



Christmas Lunch at the Peacock Farm on the 9th December was once again a splendid occasion, and wonderfully catered by David and Julie Stuttard in the farm's old shearing shed. Table decorations by Jac Hocking.

Photos: T Sandercock





The Christmas Story and Carols

As a change from the traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols, "The Christmas Story and Carols", arranged by organist Brian McMillan, was celebrated at St Ann's on Sunday 17th December, led by the choir.

L-R: Barbara Walter, Wendy Griffen, Margaret Cale, Julia Drought, Sue MacKirdy, Bill Cale, Rupert Best.
(Hidden, Felicity Warrington).

R: Mince pies and "bubbly" in the Room afterwards made it a festive occasion. L-R: Mary Eales, Judith Wells, Susan Smith.



Instead of closing down at 5 pm, the township of Aldinga comes alive in summer months with its "Fridays after Five" markets and entertainment, and for the second time a small choir from the Anglican and Uniting Churches sang carols to add a true Christmas spirit to the event. L-R: Trish McDonald, Barbara Walter, Margaret Cale, Wendy Griffen, Pat Roper, Jack Warrington, Julia Drought, Bill Cale, Brian McMillan. Hidden: Fred Carrangis (U.C.) and Felicity Warrington.

Colton Court Sing-along

Next on Thursday 11th January

An hour's sing-along lightens the hearts of residents of the ACH Residential Care home, Colton Court, 84 Valley View Drive, McLaren Vale. Why not join the faithful band who visit and sing every month?

Enquiries Sue MacKirdy, 8556 5162

Snapshots of Western Fleurieu Anglican Christmas services around the district



At **St Philip & St James', Old Noarlunga**, the old church, lit by floodlight, provided a glorious backdrop for Christmas Carols led by Greg John at the keyboard. Below the church, the lights of Seaford stretched towards the sea, and the town of Old Noarlunga was lit by Christmas lights.

A number of visitors came to see and to listen to the well-known and well-loved carols.



At **St Stephen's, Willunga**, people gathering for the traditional Midnight Mass joined in singing carols led by Brian McMillan at the organ.



At **St James, Delamere**, carols were sung on Christmas Eve, with a beautiful nativity frontal on the altar.



All was made ready at **Christ Church, Yankalilla**, for the Christmas Day service.

The frontal and the communion table at Delamere came from Christ Church at North Adelaide about 5 years ago. They were holding it in storage from another Church in Adelaide. Ann Ryan, one of our parishioners quilted the panels. Christ Church and the hall were festooned with Christmas lights

Both Christ Church Yankalilla and St James Delamere welcomed many visitors to their Christmas Services.

At Delamere, about 25 parishioners and visitors ventured up to the hall where they indulged in a very pleasant light tea and a glass of bubbly after the 6pm Christmas Eve Service.

Peter Filsell

(see also p. 8)

News from St Stephen's, Willunga

Thanks to Lucy & Bevan Creed for cleaning during Advent, and also to Jac Bishop for the flowers on Christmas Eve.

The Uniting Church Christmas Tree Festival was held on 2-3 December. Thanks to Trish McDonald & Jac Hocking for ideas for the WFA (Western Fleurieu Anglicans) contribution with special thanks to Jac Hocking for creating the 'natural materials' star (R), which connected to photos of WFA people activities held during 2017.



The Christmas Eve Midnight service was celebrated by Fr Simon. Thanks to Brian McMillan for organising the 10.30 pm Carols, and for the music for the service; and to Wendy Sandercock, Lucy Creed, Joan Lunn & Jac Bishop for preparing the church.

The St Stephen's Patronal Festival was held on Saturday, December 30th at 5.30 pm and was followed by a barbecue supper (see p. 1). A good team worked to make the day a success. Thanks to Brian McMillan and the choir, Fr Simon & Wendy Sandercock for the celebratory service, Margaret Cale and Ted Sandercock for creating the PowerPoint, Susan Smith for the projection, Jac Bishop for the flowers, Wendy, Joan Lunn & Lucy Creed for preparing the church, the Sandercocks for the meat for the BBQ, John Strachan & Bob Smith assisting with cooking, Alex Johnston for the loan of his Weber, and Willunga Bakery for the loaves of bread.



A Saturday evening Patronal festival will be included in the 2018 Calendar of WFA events. Yes, Christmas-tide is a busy time but it is hoped that with this celebration being at a different time, people across the Mission Partnership will be encouraged to join in.

The west wall of St Stephens will be repaired and repainted in early 2018. Thanks to all who have contributed funds during 2017 for this R&M project

The Vigil Eucharist is held on a Saturday at 5.30 pm: if at any time you are unable to attend a Sunday Service you will be most welcome at St Stephen's. Refreshments are provided after the service; with choice of bubbly or wine & nibbles (cheese, biscuits and dips).

John Strachan & Ted Sandercock, Wardens

More news from Yankalilla and Delamere

On the Wednesday prior to Christmas, the Church was given a spring clean and the cemetery was weeded and several trees around the grounds were pruned. Thanks go to everyone who came along and helped out with these jobs.

St James' Delamere has been blessed with a new electronic keyboard after our old one decided to go mute on us a couple of months of ago. We are very grateful to the Yankalilla Guild who purchased the keyboard for us.

The Yankalilla Guild held a very successful Strawberry fete in November which raised \$2675. Thanks go to everyone who assisted on the day with supplying produce, helping out on the stalls and attending the fete and supporting the stalls.

Peter Filsell

Kristingle!



J Drought

With new overlays to the Christmas banners at St Margaret's (thank you Julia!) the church of St Margaret's McLaren Vale was resplendent for the Kristingle service for children on Christmas Eve. Children and adults alike enjoyed making the symbols of the Christ Light.

Above: Austin and his mother Nicolle;
below, Wendy and Tony Young.



J Drought



G John



WANTED!

An editor for The Grapevine for a month, in June - July. Please phone Anne Chittleborough 8556 5078 or email machit5@bigpond.com. Your chance to do it your way!

News from St Nicholas, Seaford

This has been a very busy month for us beginning with our Patronal Service on Sunday 3rd December and ending on 31st December with a combined worship service which included the Uniting and Church of Christ Congregations at SEM. Our thanks go to all who have been a part of our worship at St Nicholas this past year, especially the “unsung” heroes whose help makes the way easier for others.

Ministry: This month Fr Bob Hupfeld led us in our patronal worship and Fr Ted has been put to work over several Sundays in the lead up to Christmas.

We are fortunate to have such generous clergy among us.

Youth Worship As was to be expected our Young people put together another great Youth Worship service, this time focused on what people perceive to be and what actually is the true meaning of Christmas. Members of the congregations were given small cards to write prayers, blessings, or thoughts on, all of which were dedicated during the prayers and added to our memory tree in the Baptistry. We were treated to some visually stunning props, appropriate Bible readings, great singing and as always a simple and honest message. The service ended with cards and gifts presented to the Youth .



Sophie, Maddison, Eliza, Isis, Iona with Isaiah at the back.



Christmas Worship Our Christmas Eve service, being the 4th Sunday in Advent, was still a time of anticipation for us, with purple still being the colour in the church. Then on Christmas Day it all changed, bright colours of blue and white in the wall hangings, the baby finally in the crib, and we had a wonderful combined service of readings and carols with the Uniting, Church of Christ and Anglican Congregations. Everyone at the morning service was in good voice for the traditional carols, and the service was followed by the Lord's Supper in the Anglican tradition, to which all were invited. An uplifting service, celebrating the birth of Jesus in true Ecumenical style!

To finish the year we again had a combined service on New Years Eve, led by Fr Ted Newing, with carols old and new sounding throughout the baptistry as nearly 50 people celebrated the Naming of Jesus and the coming of a New Year.

Fellowship group. We all enjoyed a beautiful lunch at the local Café Primo

as our end of year meeting for the group. We did not get to finish too much future planning but have lots of ideas for the coming year. Our next official meeting will be on Friday 16th February at 1.30 pm.

SEM: The Seaford Christian Churches (new name for SEM) Steering Committee held its first meeting on December 12th. Representatives from each of the five churches attended and we had a great discussion and information gathering session as a prelude to our planning for 2018. The next meeting is on January 25th at 4.30 pm at SCC. On a sad note, Father Charles Gauci, the Catholic Priest at SEM, announced that he has been appointed as the permanent Adelaide Cathedral Administrator and his 20 year appointment at Noarlunga will cease on 21st January 2018, with a final mass at the Seaford Church. Father Charles hopes to stay in contact with SEM as he still is a member of the 5 Heads of Churches task force. Charles' generous nature, support of ecumenism and other clergy at SEM will be sorely missed. Fr Charles will be farewelled with a combined lunch in January.

Wardens Jane Cuthbert and Helen Cook



Every child a star!

At St Ann's on Christmas Day the children set up the crib, heard the story of the birth of Christ, and made stars to hang on their Christmas trees.

During the service the stars were hung on the altar and blessed by Fr Dennis Eales.

Afterwards the children processed out with Fr Dennis, holding their stars high.

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A Christmas Baptism

On Sunday 17th December Greta Molly Jones was baptised by her grandfather, Fr Philip Carter, at St Ann's church, with a party in the Room afterwards.

Little Greta, with godfather Aaron Sharp, her father Henry and mother Anne, and godmother Meaghan McEvoy, seemed pleased with the event!

(Photo provided)

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regularly attended but messages can be left
on the message bank 0487 420 653
and we will get back to you
as soon as we can.*

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<http://www.southernvalesparish.org>

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with
the flocks,

then the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal those broken in spirit,
to feed the hungry,
to release the oppressed,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among all peoples,
to make a little music with the heart...
and to radiate the Light of Christ,
every day, in every way, in all that we do
and in all that we say.

Then the work of Christmas begins.

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 Christian Churches

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

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Ann Ryan - 85980227

Family Services

Informal family services next on 7th Jan, 4th Feb @ St Ann's, 9 am ; 14th Jan @St Margaret's, 10 am

Youth Service

28th Jan, St Nicholas', Seaford, 10.30 am