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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

Holy Week & Easter Services

Come worship with us!



Sunday 25th March PALM SUNDAY

A celebration with palms of Christ's entry into Jerusalem

Blessing of Palms, Procession and Holy Communion

9 am St Ann's, Aldinga (7 Stonehouse Lane, nr Main South Rd)
with Shadow the donkey

9 am St James, Delamere (Main South Rd)

10 am St Margaret's, McLaren Vale (99 Main Road)

10.45 am Seaford Christian Churches (SCC) Cnr Main Rd & Grand Bld

11 am Christ Church, Yankalilla



Monday 26th Blessing of the Oils; Mt Barker, 11 am

Wednesday 28th 9 am Eucharist; St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

Thursday 29th MAUNDY THURSDAY

The evening service commemorates Christ's institution of the Eucharist on the night before his death. The priest washes the feet of the people, following Christ's example of humility. After the service the altar is stripped and the sanctuary lamp extinguished. A vigil is kept in the church.

6.30 pm Seder meal, and stripping of the altar; St James, Delamere

7 pm Washing of feet, Holy Communion; St Margaret's

7.30 pm Ecumenical service, Washing of feet, Holy Communion; SCC Seaford



Friday 30th GOOD FRIDAY *Remembering Christ's suffering and death on the cross.*

9 am Christ Church, Yankalilla

10 am Stations of the Cross; St Ann's, Aldinga

3 pm The Lord's Passion; St Margaret's, McLaren Vale



Saturday 31st March HOLY SATURDAY

A dramatic ancient liturgy using symbolic fire and water, renewal of baptism vows and a celebration of the first Eucharist of Easter

7 pm Easter Vigil; St Stephen's, Willunga

Sunday 1st April EASTER DAY

Celebrating Christ's triumph over death, with joy and flowers, at

9 am Christ Church, Yankalilla

9 am St Ann's, Aldinga

10 am St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

10.30 am St Nicholas', (SCC) Seaford

11 am St James, Delamere





VESTRY 2018!

The Vestry meeting is the "Annual General Meeting" of the Western Fleurieu Anglicans, when reports are presented, elections held, and everyone has the opportunity to ask Questions, and to share the decision-making.

Be there! Sunday 18th March, St Ann's, 2 pm

Lenten Soup Suppers

One of the special things to do in Lent is to join one of the Lenten Soup Suppers. If you have missed the first, be sure to come to the next two, one at SCC and one at St Ann's. Begin with prayers at 6.30, then a soup supper and guest speaker. \$5 covers costs, and any profit goes to a charity chosen by the speaker.



At the first, on Wednesday 28th February, those present were treated to a taste of Japan—literally—when speakers Ross and Tina Lee, dressed in traditional Japanese clothes, accompanied their talk with a pot of *miso* soup and a tray of savoury rice snacks.

They briefly outlined the history of Christianity in Japan (which archaeologists have traced back as far as 400 AD) and involved influence from Portugal, and present-day churches they had visited in Japan and Korea. Ross had brought back for us from his last visit, a calendar of photos of Japanese Anglican churches, and a recorded message from a Japanese priest.

We were glad to welcome John and Sally Parker from the Uniting Church to join us for the evening.

Julia Drought brought exquisite Japanese *obi* (waist bands) from her collection to decorate the room.

Thank you to all those who brought soup and fruit, and to Fr Peter for the service beforehand with the prayer message of stones rippling the water. AC



**Thursday 15th
March
at Seaford
Christian Churches
(S.E.M.),
6.30 pm**



(change of programme)

The Rev Bernice Elford, a retired Uniting Church minister, and a member of the Seaford Ecumenical Mission since its inception, will be speaking about her experience of visiting India which began as an adventure, but became a spiritual experience.

**Wednesday 21st
March,
at St Ann's:
6.30 pm
*Meet the sailors!
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. 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." (*Psalm 37:5*).

What's on

March

- Fri 1st** WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
Sat 3rd Women's Lenten Retreat, SCC 9.30 am – 4 pm
Sun 4th Family Service, St Ann's
 Clean Up Australia Day
 Gold Coin collection for CPS workers
Mon 5th MU 9.30 St Ann's for 10 am start. AGM
Tues 6th Prayer Meeting 10.30 am and Bible Study
 11.00 am St Nicholas
 Friends of St Ann's 6.50 for 7 pm
Thurs 8th Colton Court Sing-along 10.30—11.30 am
Sat 10th Saturday Night Out, Willunga (see p. 4)
Sun 11th MOTHERING SUNDAY
 Healing service St Nicholas' (see p. 10)
 Family Service, St Margaret's
Mon 12th Adelaide Cup public holiday
Tue 13th Prayer Meeting 10.30 am, and Bible Study
 11.00 am St Nicholas'
Thurs 15th Lenten supper at SCC (S.E.M.) (opposite page)
Fri 16th St Nicholas' Luncheon & Fellowship, making
 Palm Crosses (see below)
Sat 17th St Ann's Jumble Sale (see below)
Sun 18th WFA VESTRY MEETING 2 pm St Ann's (see p. 2)
 Service for Pastoral Care Workers (see p. 7)
Mon 19th JOSEPH
Tue 20th Prayer Meeting 10.30 am, and Bible Study
 11.00 am St Nicholas
 Prayer for Peace, St Ann's 11 -12 (see p. 7)
 WFA Council meeting, 7 pm Yankalilla
Wed 21st Lenten Supper, St Ann's (see opposite page)
Fri 23rd Family Tea, St Ann's (see p. 8)
Sat 24th Car Boot Sale, St Margaret's, 10 am – 2 pm
 (see below)
Sun 25th PALM SUNDAY
 Youth Service, St Nicholas
Tue 27th Prayer Meeting 10.30am St Nicholas
Thurs 29th MAUNDY THURSDAY

Easter services: p. 1

April

- Sun 1st** EASTER DAY (see p. 1)
Tues 3rd Friends of St Ann's 6.50 for 7 pm
 Prayer meeting St Nicholas 10.30am
Sun 8th Baptism & confirmation, St Ann's
 Healing service, St Nicholas.
 Shared lunch (see p. 10)
 Family Service, St Margaret's
Mon 9th ANNUNCIATION (LADY DAY):
 (Transferred from 25th March)
 Mothers' Union service, St Luke's,
 Tailem Bend, 10.30 for 11 am
Tues 10th Prayer Meeting St Nicholas 10.30am
 WFA Council Meeting 7 pm,
Thurs 12th Colton Court 10.30 am
Fri 13th Schools break up
Sat 14th Saturday Night Out, Willunga
Mon 16th – Fri 27th Trip to Malaysia
Tues 17th Prayer Meeting St Nicholas 10.30am
 Prayer for Peace, St Ann's, 11-12
Fri 20th St Nicholas' Luncheon & Fellowship
Sat 21st Quiz Night at St Nicholas SEM 6.30pm
 for 7pm start (see below)
Sun 22nd Youth Service, St Nicholas'
Tue 24th Prayer Meeting St Nicholas' 10.30am
Wed 25th MARK
 Anzac Day
Fri 27th Family Tea, St Ann's
Mon 30th Schools resume

It's not too late to join a Lenten Study...

Seaford 11 am, Tuesdays
 Yankalilla 10 am, Tuesdays
 McLaren Vale 10 am,
 Wednesdays
 Aldinga 7 pm, Thursdays
 Delamere 7 pm, Thursdays



Palm Crosses!

Join the St Nicholas' (Seaford)
 Fellowship at 1.30 pm on Fri 16th
 March and help make palm crosses
 for our churches.

Afternoon tea to follow.

To join the Fellowship for lunch
 beforehand (12.30 pm) book with Jane

0407651606 or direct to SEM 83924508 by Wed 7th March.

Saturday 24th March

At St Margaret's

10 am—2 pm

Site bookings \$10.

Devonshire teas,

sausage sizzle

Enquiries: Helen & Greg

0412 555 467



St Ann's
Sat 17th March
8.30-12.30

Quality saleable goods
 wanted—and volunteers!



St Nicholas'
QUIZ NIGHT
 Seaford Christian Churches
Sat. 21st April
 6.30 for 7 pm start

Shrove Tuesday & Ash Wednesday

Shrove Tuesday was celebrated at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale and Christ Church, Yankalilla. (see also next page)

At St Margaret's, after the service of Evening prayer, the congregation moved to the Sunday School room where a feast of pancakes had been prepared, while Fr Simon burned the palm crosses from the previous year, making ash for Ash Wednesday. Stephen Wells at the barbecue kept the supplies going. Below (L), Joanie Rawlings with her grand-daughters Issy and Alyssa enjoy the variety of pancakes and fillings at St Margaret's.

Below (R) "Die to the world, and rise to the glory of Christ". The imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday at St Ann's



News from St Stephen's, Willunga

We have enjoyed having Fr Simon with us to celebrate over recent weeks. It has been good to see an increase in numbers attending.

Saturday Night Out Dinner was held on Saturday, February 10th at the Willunga Hotel. We changed our venue because the Old Bush Inn was over-booked and the alternative times they suggested were not suitable. It was a rather warm evening but fans helped. Much concern was shown by the co-owner, Kelly, for our comfort. It was a very engaging evening.

We continue to discuss the type of stall/activity at the front of (or inside) St Stephen's on a Saturday morning to take in account the people who walk past or park in the grounds to attend the Willunga Farmers Market, and are open to suggestions of the type of stall.

Our Pre-Vestry meeting was held on Saturday February 17th after the 5.30 pm service. John Strachan was recommended as People's Warden and Ted Sandercock nominated as Synod representative. We discussed the planned permissions form (photos and personal information), stewardship and R&M activity.

The Vigil Eucharist is held on a Saturday at 5.30pm: 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



The Next
Saturday Night Out
will be on the
10th of March
at the Willunga Hotel
following the 5.30 Vigil Mass at St
Stephen's
(Bookings: Ted 8556 4535)

David Nitschke, who with his wife Lorraine, recently joined the St Ann's congregation, has contributed a true story which I am unable to include here owing to space problems. However, you can find it as an attachment (p. 13) if you read *The Grapevine* on-line on the parish website, www.southernvalesparish.org.



News from Yankalilla & Delamere

Shrove Tuesday is a day for pancakes and this year was no exception as about 25 members of the parish gathered at Christchurch for a delightful meal produced by members (L). It was a festive occasion marking the start of Lent and after all that food I think it's time to give up some of the sweet stuff for a few weeks.

Pancake day is traditionally the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent when Christians often give up certain foods for 40 days.

Pancakes were a way of using up the last of food which would otherwise go off.

The four ingredients of pancakes are:

Eggs: said to symbolise creation

Flour: a major part of the diet

Salt: for goodness

Milk: A pure natural food

The name Shrove relates to the time when Christians would confess and be shaven or cleansed of their sins.

Ros McMullen from Ireland is an annual

visitor to our district and joins us each Sunday morning at Christchurch when she is here. So it has been for the past three weeks and now we have had to bid her farewell as she returns to her home. We wish her a safe journey and look forward to her next visit.

Vestry: At a combined Vestry meeting of Christ Church Yankalilla and St James', Delamere, officers were appointed as follows:

Christ Church, YANKALILLA: Priest's Warden Ann Gardiner; People's Warden Belinda Rosser.

Councillors Lynn King, Ron King

St James, DELAMERE: Priest's Warden Peter Filsell; People's Warden Ann Ryan.

Councillors Pam Gowling, Rob Ryan

Treasurer – John Morgan. Secretary – Lynn King. Communication contact – Ron King

Parishioners were appointed to represent the parish on the InterChurch Council, Op Shop, 5 CY, World Day of Prayer and the Ecumenical Events Committee.

Services at the ACH

At the Vestry meeting Pam Gowling spoke about holding a monthly Service at the Yankalilla ACH. They will be held on the 2nd Sunday of the month, commencing April 8th. Volunteers will need a police check – this can be arranged with, and paid for, by ACH.

"Prayer and Care Group".

Belinda Rosser spoke about the "Prayer and Care Group". They are looking at having small dinner parties and a Christmas stall at Normanville and are asking people to consider making items for the stall.

Maundy Thursday

There will be a Seder meal at Delamere at 6.30 pm followed by the stripping of the altar. Cost of the meal \$20/head.

Bookings: Peter Filsell (8598 0223) or Ann Ryan (8598 0227)

Ron King & Peter Filsell

Photos: P Chapman



St Margaret's McLaren Vale not-quite-so-hot February news

Another month has flown past....

We've had some new people visit and move into the area. Lorraine Gibbons has offered some practical help in preparation of morning tea bits and bobs. Very welcome, thank you Lorraine. She is currently staying with her daughter until her house is ready...maybe we'll need a housewarming??

Stephen and Christie Banner will be dividing their time between the USA and Willunga and are enjoying our beautiful attractions as they settle into their new home.



Our friend Joan is visiting her daughter and family again from the UK. Welcome back Joan! We hope you have a wonderful time with your family.

Shrove Tuesday was shriven after a short service and pancakes were happily consumed by approximately 30 attendees, who also brought many and varied toppings. Thanks to Greg, Dean, Fran and several other faithfuls who contributed their time and energy to this event. Rev Simon did his pyromanic duties with the palm crosses, reducing them to ashes in preparation for Ash Wednesday.

Jac Hocking has continued her wonderful creativity with rainbow cakes and cards to take home after the family service, which in February had the theme of covenants. Greg gave food for thought, while Jac provided food to eat...both body and soul well taken care of.

Planners of this service do feel a tad disappointed that some folk choose not to come and worship together when no priest officiates. Our worship together is vital to keeping our church alive, and is equally valuable, respectful and precious to God, priest or no priest. Do please reconsider coming along to this service if you haven't been to one.....we are very open to new and fresh ideas, too...speak up!

Planning for outreach to the backpackers in McLaren Vale has begun. It's definitely going to happen, either in March and/or April, so stay tuned to this space for further news about this exciting new adventure into the world of wanderers...it's going to be a great opportunity to welcome these workers into our community and make them feel welcome.

If any handy people are out there, we need a wheelchair ramp into St Margaret's church building. We currently have two members of our church who are using wheelchairs, so we need a ramp as of yesterday....or the day before ...or ...please help, if you can!

Thank you Greg John, for fixing the toilet door canopy....we will need a new door/ new paint and bigger canopy eventually, but in the meantime it partially does the job. Whispers have it on good account that a certain priest snafled the old broken bits of the canopy for an interesting new artwork....

Speaking of artwork, Julia Drought has continued messing about with fabric and sewing machine to make church seasonal banners....some are definitely works in progress..., but she prays they may be a source of some inspiration in worship...

The church re-painting has now been approved and will be done, when all boxes have been ticked, signed, sealed and delivered. Now awaiting dates and times from the painters...

We're looking forward to our next Car Boot Sale, on March 24th. We need as many stall holders as possible to fill the car park, so dig out those unwanted vintage/ retro/ novel crafty flotsam and jetsam and bring them along...there's still plenty of time to clean out those cupboards, wardrobes, backyards and sheds....

Rupert Best has been supplying us with delicious bounty from his wonderful garden. The money raised from donations for this produce has raised over \$100 to go to the St Philip & St James' Restoration Fund. Well done, Rupert!

That's it for this month.

Cheers from *Julia Drought & Greg John*



Congratulations, Philippa!

February 4th 2018 saw the 100th birthday of much-loved parishioner, Philippa Gamlin—an opportunity to celebrate a wonderful life. At 21, after becoming a PE teacher, she moved to Australia from New Zealand and within a few years joined the Voluntary Aid Detachment to help overseas during WW2. Her posting was to New Guinea; to primitive conditions. Here she met Max whom she married in 1944.

Philippa has achieved many things in her life including raising 5 children, being a councillor at Henley Beach, teaching, and craftwork of many kinds. She is well read, and interested in many things including history, craft, cookery, ancestry, playing Bridge— and socialising! She was a driving force in restoration projects at St Philip & St James' church at Old Noarlunga in the 1990s.

Her great sense of humour, her resilience, wide interests, and love of life and adventure are characteristics which have not deserted her.

L: Seen here with Jean Griffen (L), Philippa was presented by Greg Roberts with a letter from the Queen, and a number of cards including some from St Margaret's and St Philip & St James' congregations.



Meet our Pastoral Care Workers from our local schools.

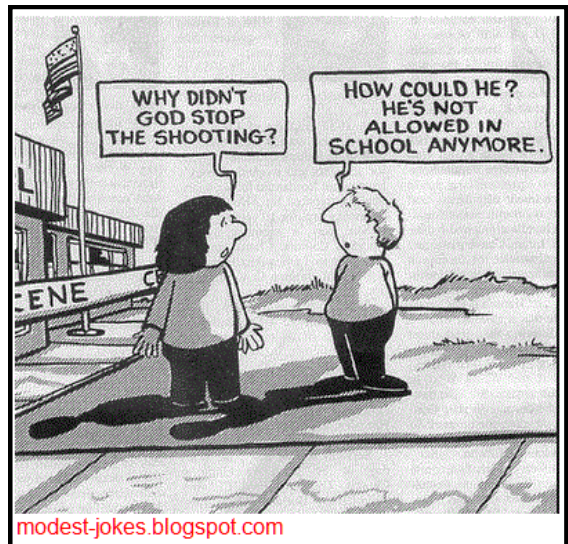


These are the faces that school children recognise as the face of the Church in their schools.

To support and celebrate the work of these wonderful Southern Vales Pastoral Care Workers, come to the **SV Christian School gym, Aldinga Beach Rd, Sunday 18th March, at 6.00 pm**

Hear their stories. Join in prayer for their work.

Clockwise from top left: Karen Prenzler (McLaren Flat PS), Tyson Maddern (Willinga HS & McLaren Vale PS), Sue Camac (Willunga PS), Jamie Wells (Aldinga PS) and Chris Oxenham (Old Noarlunga PS). Photos provided.



*When the power of love
overcomes the love of power,
the world will know peace*

Pray for Peace

St Ann's

Tuesday 20th March, 11 -12.00



Join in prayer & meditation, and light a candle for peace.

Refreshments to follow

News from St Ann's, Aldinga

We are now in the season of Lent. We held a fittingly sober service on the evening of the 14th February, Ash Wednesday (see p. 4), led by Fr Simon Waters, to remind us of the need for personal reflection and preparation ahead of our Easter Celebrations. During the service we were marked with the sign of the cross in ashes.

Lenten Bible Studies are being held of a Thursday evening during this time (see p. 3), and we are holding two **Lenten**

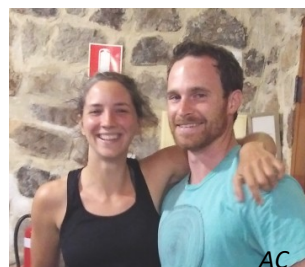


Suppers with speakers (see p. 2), All are welcome.

The Friends, guided by Dee Badgery, ran a **Big Book Sale** in the hall this month. With a raffle, cake and produce stall and BBQ, and books also available for sale during the week to members of groups using the hall, monies raised tipped the \$700

mark. Well done to the team who worked so hard on this fundraiser. We were sad that Pepper Boulton, our Jumble Sale book lady, was not well enough to take part, and we look forward to her return. Above, L: Setting up was half the fun! Jill Moore and Dee Badgery sort piles of books. R: Pat Roper and Jane Hayward arrange the produce stall.

Our **February Family Tea** was a very happy occasion with us celebrating the birthdays of David Nitschke and Jon Brown. We had a very healthy roll-up in the mid to high twenties. Lovely to see so many “newer” people coming along. The



March Family Tea will be on Friday 23rd, 6.30 pm. Everyone is welcome, and feel free to bring your friends. Bring food to share—or just come! There's always more than enough to go round. . L-R:

Helen Davies, Susan Smith, David, Jeff & Barbara Hill, Margaret Cale, Pat Roper, and (R) Morgan Michels and Jon Brown.

We look forward to the wedding of Pat Roper's daughter, Cheryl, to Neil Saers at St Ann's on Saturday 3rd March, and we rejoice in two engagements—Jon Brown and Morgan Michels, and Kate McKechnie and Phil Noel. We welcome a lovely

young family addition to our congregation—Corrie and Louise Ferguson and little Macquarie.

Services: We have been offered our much-loved donkey, Shadow, for Palm Sunday—but we are going to need to pick her up from Sellicks. **Can anyone help with a horse float?**

As Easter fall on the 1st Sunday in April, and a visit by Bp John is planned for the 8th April, there will be **no Family Service at St Ann's in April.**

Pat Roper & Brian McMillan



ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION

Australia and the Torres Strait Islands, and in evangelism, community development and emergency relief work overseas.

Basing its work on the Five Marks of mission*, ABM supports the work of the church in Indigenous ministry in

Each year at the Vestry meeting we decide which project or projects we would like to support. Take time to look at the ABM Project Book at your church or visit the website, www.abmission.org, before you come. Our giving to ABM supports ministry and education of Aboriginal and TSI people, the work being done in Kenya, Palestine, PNG, Myanmar, the Philippines, the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Zambia.

* The Five Marks of Mission:

- * Witness to Christ's saving, forgiving and reconciling love for all people
- * Build welcoming, transforming communities of faith
- * Stand in solidarity with the poor and needy
- * Challenge violence, injustice and oppression, and work for peace and reconciliation
- * Protect, care for and renew life on our planet

Western Fleurieu Anglican Council Meeting, 20th February

The meeting was chaired by Ted Sandercock, with Fr Simon present and representatives from St Ann's, St Stephen's, St Margaret's, Ss Philip & James' and St Nicholas'.

Matters discussed included the following:

- **Mission Action Plan:** Margaret had produced a summary of the Revised Southern Vales Mission Action Plan for 2018. It seemed that there was little enthusiasm for further development of the plan at the present time. Fr Simon saw a need to consolidate, to focus our resources in high priority areas. The map used at the commencement of the Plan (2015) would need to be updated to reflect changes over the past three years. Our Mission Action Plan related quite well to the Diocesan Vision for Mission. Brian reported that an "Activate Aldinga" meeting was to be held the next evening, and some St Ann's people would attend to ensure that our church, though cut off by roadworks, was still part of Aldinga.
- * **Website:** A new parishioner at St Ann's, Lorraine Nitschke, who had experience in the Wordpress programme, would be happy to take on maintenance of the site and training of people to update it.
- **2018 Budget Challenge:** With the first month of 2018 already showing a deficit, trying to predict a budget for the year is proving a challenge. A proposed increase in assessment will be put before the Synod in May. This plus additional stipend costs and increases in general running costs (telephone, water, electricity etc) means the WFA Mission Partnership will be grappling with a possible deficit for the year of in excess of \$20,000. Please pray about this and come to the annual Vestry in March with any thoughts you may have on turning this around.
- * **Contact forms:** Information is needed for a parish roll (for the priest) and a Directory for the use of parishioners. A form to be sent out to ask for this information might be an opportunity also to check whether people have any objection to their names and photographs possibly appearing in *The Grapevine*, which goes on-line.
- * The York **Bible studies** were being enjoyed by all. Jane had printed copies of the transcript for all participants at St Nicholas', which made it easier to follow.
- * **St Philip & St James' church building:** The congregation had met and made the decision to remain as part of the St Margaret's congregation. A lot of thought, prayer and discussion had gone into this painful decision. Some people had dropped out, and it may take others time to decide where they want to go to worship. The matter is complicated by the fact that there is a cemetery actively in use in the church grounds. John Strachan asserted that parish property is held in trust by the Diocese for the parish. The matter was too much for the SSPJ congregation to deal with on their own and must be faced by the WFA and the Diocese. The question must be, what do we see as the future of ministry in that area? A small group would present to the Vestry a report on the building and a vision of the future of ministry in the northern part of the WFA, and from there a report would go to the Diocese for their April meeting.
- **Safe Church training refresher courses** this year may be offered on-line, with support of a mentor. Jane reported that Seaford ran a course every year, and there would be one there in June 2018.
- WFA Vestry would elect 8 **Synod representatives**, and 2 supplementaries.
- * **"Ignite Growth"** Diocesan programme: News of successful activities to be sent to a committee overseen by David Patterson. Our information to be conveyed in *The Grapevine*, which could be read on line.
- **Diocesan Council thanked Margaret Cale** for the tremendous work she had done sorting out the old Integrated Accounting System.

Next meeting of the Western Fleurieu

Anglican Council

Tuesday 20th March

Christ Church, Yankalilla,

7 pm



March is BCA box month. Please hand your box to your wardens or contact Wendy (8556 4535) for collection.

SV Finances, January 2018	\$	
Nett monthly income	8,326	
Monthly expenditure	11,297	(Super & stipend costs paid for 2 months)
Operating profit	-2,970	
Missions	168	
SV Special Purpose Funds January 2018		
Income	2,429	
Expenditure	8	
Net profit/loss	2,421	

News from St Nicholas', Seaford

Ministry: We have been fortunate to have Fr Simon, Fr Peter and Fr Ted taking our services this month, with Fr Simon also taking an active interest in the youth worship team and assisting where needed. Our Healing Service for all of God's Great Creation as well as Laying on of Hands with prayer for those who come forward, is held on the second Sunday of the month and led by Fr Ted.



Youth Worship Our service on 25th February again produced an amazing drama by our Youth (*see also opposite page*). Its theme: A person (we'll call him Sam) decides to give Jesus a place to make all the decisions in his life (represented by a wooden stool). Jesus is honoured, accepting the seat. But, as other people come by to speak to Sam he ends up making his own decisions (usually by pushing Jesus off the stool!) despite Jesus' answers being contrary to Sam's. Jesus tells him he needs to decide who really gets to make the decisions. Unknowingly, Sam makes his choice by being unable to decide. A thought provoking drama for Lent – making us ask the question – do we willingly surrender to Jesus, or just when it suits us? Great music, songs, prayers and reflection as always – an awesome service. Our next Youth Worship is Palm Sunday – Youth Led worship to include communion but definitely with a difference! Why not come and join us?

Lenten Bible Study commenced on Tuesday 13th February with 12 people ready to begin this Lenten journey. Although the study is challenging and requires extra reading, and really good listening skills, all have thoroughly enjoyed our two sessions and find the study insightful and thought-provoking. We will also host a Lenten Supper on Thursday 15th March in the Café at SEM (*see p. 2*).

Fellowship Our meeting in February was a productive meeting in various ways: we consolidated our social calendar for the year and made up our giving envelopes for the coming 12 months. The group decided on a couple of out-and-about social activities - hopefully a visit to Victor Harbor in September and a day out in the City - to coincide with the Hallelujah Chorus at the Cathedral in December (more details when we find out the exact date). Lynn Hann has generously agreed to make our Simnel Cake again for Mothering Sunday and planning is also underway for our Quiz Night in April. Our next meeting will be Friday 16th March at 1.30pm. when we will again try to remember how to make palm crosses! All are welcome to join with us in the annual social activity. Afternoon tea will be provided. Lunch in the café before the meeting is at 12.30. Those who wish to join us, please book your place with Cathy on 83924508 or contact Jane 0407651606. There will be no shared lunch after the service on Easter Day, but there will the following Sunday, 8th April, celebrating Betty Leske's birthday.

Vestry. Our Pre-Vestry meeting was held on February 11th following our Healing Service. Chris Gunn and Helen Cook were put forward by the meeting to be People's Warden. Christine will take over from Helen when she is away later in the year. Several volunteers were added to our transport roster and Sunday School roster, making the job much easier for those already involved.

SCC (SEM) The Seaford Christian Churches Steering Committee (SCCSC) has met in January and February and is working towards a draft restructure model to put to the congregations later in the year. Although this will be a time consuming task, it is important to get things as right as possible, bearing in mind that this will be how we operate for the coming years. The task of balancing the mission of the church with the necessity of day-to-day running of the centre is not impossible, but will need patience, understanding and some compromise to gain a workable model.

Helen Cook & Jane Cuthbert, Wardens

A word from Fr Simon ... The young people who lead the Youth Services at SCCA are an inspiration and challenge to all. They prepare, plan, construct the service, and rehearse twice before the Sunday service in order to provide the best ministry to others that they can. Well done!



Above (L-R) Isaiah, Isis, Eliza, Iona and Issy .
Photos: S Waters



CONTINUING SAFE MINISTRY TRAINING IN THE DIOCESE OF THE MURRAY DURING 2018

Diocesan Office needs to know how many people in each area are:

***new to any ministry role (and would need to attend the Full Day Safe Ministry Training Course)**

***new to any ministry role (and would need to attend the Full Day Child Safe Environments Course)**

*** last attended the Safe Ministry Training Full Day or Refresher course 3 years ago and needs to attend a Refresher Course**

The Safe Ministry Training course is required for anyone who holds a licence as a Bishop, Priest or Deacon, is a lay minister holding the Bishop's Licence to Preach, or minister communion while robed, is involved in leadership of worship, is involved in children's and youth ministry, ministers to the elderly and vulnerable, is an official hospital or home visitor, is a choir director, churchwarden or a paid Op-shop manager.

The Child Safe Environment Course is also mandatory for all clergy, all key leaders in the Diocese, and anyone who has contact with children and vulnerable people. This includes Ministry Leaders of Sunday Schools, Youth Groups, Pastoral Carers and visitors, those involved in a crèche, childcare or a playgroup, and paid Op-shop managers or at least one key person involved in operating each Op-shop in the Diocese.

If you need to attend these courses, please notify Jane Cuthbert, 0407651606, before Mon. 12th March.

Those in need of a refresher course in Safe Ministry Training, may be able to do it on-line, or could attend a refresher course at Seaford (see news from the WFA Council meeting, p. 9)

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Diocesan Formation Training Sessions 2018

Non-residential weekends will be held at three locations around the Diocese, as follows:

History – Reformation with Fr David Patterson

27th to 29th April – Mount Barker

4th to 6th May – McLaren Vale

18th to 20th May – Mount Gambier

Biblical – Prophecy with Fr Martin Bleby

13th to 15th July – Mount Barker

27th to 29th July – McLaren Vale

10th to 12th August – Mount Gambier

Pastoral with Bp John Ford & Fr Peter Carlsson

12th to 14th October – Mount Barker

26th to 28th October – McLaren Vale

2nd to 4th November – Mount Gambier



McLaren Vale Weight Watchers

are seeking new members. This supportive & caring group meets in St Margaret's Sunday School room each Wednesday at 7pm.
Phone Suzanna 8323 7571 for details.

St Margaret's, Main Road McLaren Vale

Sunday: 10 am

Wednesday: 9:00am

Wardens:

Greg John ph 8325 0277

Julia Drought ph 7009 7705

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 (SEM)

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 - 9.00am

5th Sunday - Combined Service

Wardens

Peter Filsell 8598 0223/0427 534 095

Ann Ryan - 85980227

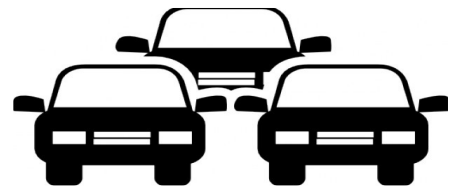
Family Services

Informal family services next on 4th March, 6th May @ St Ann's, 9 am ; 11th March @St Margaret's, 10 am

Youth Service

25th March (Palm Sunday) @ St Nicholas', Seaford, 10.30 am

Appendix: David's story



WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS

While driving along Main South Road the other day, I noticed that a vehicle in front had a sticker on the rear window. As the vehicle was in the other lane and moving away, I couldn't read all the words. What I managed to read was, "**When all else fails** ---- ----"

That led me to thinking about failure. Many people and things in life fail us. Failure is disappointing and often leads to hurt feelings. Failure can sometimes make us question our value to others. I remembered that many years earlier a soldier in the Army Reserve shared with me one evening that, as a single mother with a 17-year-old daughter, she had longed for many years to experience the warmth and touch of a man. If she could only find a male friend who would appreciate her for who she was and offer her unconditional friendship.

There were many men in her circle of friends. Some desired a physical relationship with her, but, as she had been through a marriage that had ended in divorce, she was guarded about any kind of physical relationship. She confided that there were many nights when she cried herself to sleep. She longed for a man to hold her in his arms and offer her emotional support and true friendship. Someone to be there for her and share the simple pleasures of life, like watching a sunset together and walking along a beach and feeling the sand squishing under your feet. Linda's honesty and frankness about her emotional needs touched me deeply, and I have never forgotten what she said about her personal feelings.



As the car with the window sticker was a little closer, I could read the next word, which said, "hug" – "When all else fails **hug** ---- ----". We were getting somewhere now. I definitely agreed with that. When all else fails hug. There are times and situations in life when words alone seem to be so inadequate.

I remembered my mother's funeral. I was just 18 years of age. It was a time of aching sadness, loneliness, and deep loss. The only person who really comforted me that day was my dear Aunt who gave me a hug. I will never forget the love and warmth that she showed to me in her simple action.

So, what is a hug and what makes receiving one so special?

A hug says many things. One thing it says is, "I'm comfortable being held close to you", and, "I enjoy you being close to me". Also, "I like to show you warmth and affection". A hug affirms one's worth as an individual, and, like a smile, costs nothing to give away and repays you with friendship many times over.

The traffic in the other lane began travelling more quickly and the vehicle was moving away. Would it ever be possible to see the full message?

Then there was a gap in the traffic up ahead, and I was able to change lanes to be behind the vehicle with the rear window sticker. The traffic lights turned to red and the vehicle stopped. Noticing that the driver appeared to be in her early thirties, I wondered what she had experienced in life that had caused her to place such a message on the rear window of her car. Had an unfaithful partner or a failed relationship hurt her? Was she making a statement and revealing something of her personal feelings?

I wondered if she knew of the tender love of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus had dealings with all sorts of women in which he helped them, he forgave them, he loved them, and he saved them. Had she read in the Bible, that God loves all of us with His unconditional love and that He is available to all of us for a forever friendship? Jesus said, "*Take up my task of demonstrating God's love and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in spirit; and you will find in me a fulfilling rest. For the task I give you, you are able to accomplish, and the responsibilities I give you will be within your ability if you always remember that **I am with you.***" (Matthew Ch. 11 v 29-30,)



At last I was able to read the full message and it said,
"**When all else fails hug your – Teddy**".
If only she knew!

DAVID NITSCHKE, MAY 2000