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# The Grapevine

Newsletter of the Western Fleurieu Anglicans, Diocese of The Murray, SA

*Proclaiming Christ in word and action; growing in care, love and service.*

# He is Risen

DEATH COULD NOT HOLD HIM.

Rejoice in the resurrection of

*Jesus Christ.*



WISHING YOU A BLESSED AND JOY FILLED EASTER!

## ***Diocesan Formation Training Sessions 2018***

Non-residential weekends will be held at three locations around the Diocese.

McLaren Vale and Mt Barker dates are listed below:

### **History – Reformation with Fr David Patterson**

27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> April – Mount Barker

4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> May – McLaren Vale

### **Biblical – Prophecy with Fr Martin Bleby**

13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> July – Mount Barker

27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> July – McLaren Vale

### **Pastoral with Bp John Ford & Fr Peter Carlsson**

12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> October – Mount Barker

26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October – McLaren Vale



# The Future of our Church.

After years of discussion research and observation the time has come  
make some firm decisions in order to restructure our Parish.

presentation current situation

outlining our future

**Tuesday 3rd April**

**7pm**

St Margaret's Room

McLaren Vale

## Lenten Soup Suppers



Bernice Elford, Helen Cook, Trish Frith

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John and Marilyn, with Pat Roper

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As a new venture for the Soup Suppers, one was held this year by the St Nicholas' congregation at Seaford Christian Churches on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March. It was a great evening with a short prayer service followed by soup, bread and fruit for our supper. Rev Bernice Elford took us on an amazing visual trip through her activities in India – and gave an informative talk on the things she saw and experienced. We had about 30 people at the Supper, a mixture of members from the congregations at SCC, as well as from the WFA.

The money raised (\$120 after expenses) was given to Bernice and will be used to support the men's shelter in India – an amazing outreach ministry by the Christians in that region, supporting homeless men, many of whom have disabilities or mental health issues, and are shunned by their families and community.

Many thanks to all who assisted with the success of the supper.  
*Jane Cuthbert*



J Cuthbert

The final soup supper for the year was held at St Ann's on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Guest speakers Marilyn and John Morgan had, from the safe haven of their sheep farm on Kangaroo Island, ventured across the seas in their 29 ft Duncanson yacht, *Shearwater*, and sailed around the world.

It was an amazing story of how they had survived wild storms, cold weather, threatened attacks, and the everlasting paperwork needed to enter another country, flying back from time to time to be home when needed—for example, for shearing.

The greatest danger, they said, in sailing around the world, can be the breakdown in relationships under the tensions of sharing so small a living space! They rejoice in the fact that their marriage survived! as did their faith.

"Depend on the Lord; trust Him, and He will take care of you."

The story of their travels is published in their book *Turkey Spam on Sundays*, which is available from Digital-Print Bookstore.



## What's on

### April

- Sun 1<sup>st</sup>** **EASTER DAY**  
 9 am Yankalilla  
 9 am St Ann's  
 10 am St Margaret's  
 10.30 am St Nicholas Seaford  
 11 am Delamere
- Tue 3<sup>rd</sup>** **Prayer meeting St Nicholas 10.15am**  
**Friends of St Ann's 5 pm with pizza**  
**Discussion on the future of our church (p.2)**
- Sun 8<sup>th</sup>** **Baptism and confirmation at St Ann's 9 am**  
**Healing service, St Nicholas.**  
 Celebration of Betty Leske's birthday (p. 5)
- Mon 9<sup>th</sup>** **ANNUNCIATION (LADY DAY) MU service at St**  
 Luke's, Tailm Bend, 10.30 for 11 am (p. 4)
- Tues 10<sup>th</sup>** **Prayer Meeting St Nicholas 10.15am**
- Thurs 12<sup>th</sup>** **Colton Court 10.30 — 11.30 am**  
*Enquiries: Sue MacKirdy 8556 5162*
- Fri 13<sup>th</sup>** *Schools break up*
- Sat 14<sup>th</sup>** **Saturday Night Out, Willunga (see p. 4)**
- Sun 15<sup>th</sup>** **Prayer, Praise & Proclamation, St Margaret's**
- Mon 16<sup>th</sup> – Fri 27<sup>th</sup>** **Trip to Malaysia**
- Tues 17<sup>th</sup>** **Prayer Meeting St Nicholas 10.15 am**  
**Prayer for Peace, St Ann's 11 am—12md**  
**WFA Council Meeting St Ann's, 7 pm**
- Fri 20<sup>th</sup>** **St Nicholas' Luncheon (bookings 8392 4508) &**  
**Fellowship 1.30 pm**
- Sat 21<sup>st</sup>** **Quiz Night at St Nicholas (see below)**
- Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>** **Youth Service, St Nicholas'**
- Tue 24<sup>th</sup>** **Prayer Meeting St Nicholas 10.15am**
- Wed 25<sup>th</sup>** **MARK**  
**Anzac Day**
- Fri 27<sup>th</sup>** **Family Tea, St Ann's 6.30 for 7 pm**  
*Enquiries: Pat Roper 8386 2470*
- Sun 29<sup>th</sup>** **Combined service Yankalilla & Delamere**  
*(next column)*
- Mon 30<sup>th</sup>** *Schools resume*

### Saturday Night Out

**14<sup>th</sup> April at the Willunga Hotel**  
 following the 5.30 Vigil Mass at St Stephen's  
*(Bookings: Ted 8556 4535)*



### Prayer for Peace

**St Ann's, Tues. 17<sup>th</sup> April, 11-12**  
 followed by refreshments  
 Prayer & meditation, with a focus on  
 peace in our time.



### Quiz Night, St Nicholas', Seaford

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April 6.30 for a 7 pm start -**  
 Tables of 6-8 people - Cost \$5 per head. Be  
 prepared for a great night of giggly games.

Splendid prizes and interesting questions! BYO drinks and nibbles: Tea & coffee provided Contact Jane 0407 651 606 or email corbridge@tpg.com.au to book a table

### May

- Tues 1<sup>st</sup>** **PHILIP & JAMES**  
**Prayer meeting St Nicholas 10.15 am**  
**Friends of St Ann's 6.50 for 7 pm**
- Fri 4<sup>th</sup>** **Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Formation (History -**  
 Reformation) McLaren Vale
- Sun 6<sup>th</sup>** **Family Service, St Ann's**  
**Gold Coin Collection for CPS workers**  
**Shared lunch, St Nicholas'**
- Mon 7<sup>th</sup>** **Mothers' Union, 9 am, Seaford**  
 Christian Churches)
- Tues 8<sup>th</sup>** **Prayer meeting St Nicholas 10.15 am**
- Thurs 10<sup>th</sup>** **ASCENSION**  
**Colton Court 10.30 — 11.30 am**
- Sat 12<sup>th</sup>** **Saturday Night Out, Willunga**
- Sun 13<sup>th</sup>** **Healing service, St Nicholas'**
- Tues 15<sup>th</sup>** **Prayer meeting St Nicholas 10.15 am**  
**Prayer for Peace, St Ann's 11 —12**  
**WFA Council Meeting St Ann's, 7 pm**
- Fri 18<sup>th</sup>** **St Nicholas' Luncheon**  
**& Fellowship**
- Sat 19<sup>th</sup>** **St Ann's Jumble Sale 8.30 — 12.30**
- Sun 20<sup>th</sup>** **PENTECOST/WHITSUNDAY**  
**Prayer, Praise & Proclamation, St**  
**Margaret's**
- Tues 22<sup>nd</sup>** **Prayer meeting St Nicholas 10.15am**
- Fri 25<sup>th</sup>** **Family Tea, St Ann's**
- Fri 25<sup>th</sup>-Sat 26<sup>th</sup>** **Diocesan Synod, Woodcroft**
- Sat 26<sup>th</sup>** **St Margaret's Quiz Night (see below)**
- Sun 27<sup>th</sup>** **TRINITY**  
**Youth Service, St Nicholas'**

### Family Tea @ St Ann's

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 6.30 pm**

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

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April

**Yankalilla & Delamere Combined service**

**9 am Christ Church, Yankalilla**

Guest speaker Wendy Lindsay, Pastoral Care  
 Worker at Yankalilla Area School



**St Ann's**  
**Sat 19<sup>th</sup> of May**  
*Quality saleable*  
*goods wanted*  
*—and volunteers!*

### Quiz Night, St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

**Sat 26<sup>th</sup> May, 7 pm**

Test your brainpower - have lots of laughs  
 Come in teams of 6 or join a table  
*Bookings: Jill Ribbons 0417 887 792*





## ***Mothering Sunday: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent***



Mothering Sunday—a special day for mothers at St Margaret's, with Simnel Cake and flowers. L-R Judith Wells, Muriel Young, Mary Eales, Rosemary Christopher, Julia Drought (seated), Helen Webb, Di Best, P K Copeland, Fran Pettigrew, Helen Roberts, Susan Smith.



Flowers for Mothering Sunday (Saturday!) at St Stephen's.

### ***Southern Vales Mothers' Union***

Our gathering in March at St Ann's began with a lovely morning tea and time to catch up on everyone's news. We welcomed Trish McDonald to her first MU meeting along with six other regular members. Our time of Worship is always meaningful, with all taking part in the prayers. The Bible readings chosen by Joanie Rawlings always have relevance to our day.

The AGM followed our service time, and the leadership remained in the hands of President, Trish Frith and Secretary/Treasurer, Helen Cook.

On Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, three members, Trish Frith, Betty Leske and Helen Cook visited Kathy Squire at Life Care Village Aldinga on the occasion of her 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday.

Some of us look forward to being able to go to the diocesan Lady Day service at Tailem Bend on the 9<sup>th</sup> April at 11 am. Guest speaker will be Liz Hampel, on her trip to Nepal.

*Helen Cook, Secretary*

*For transport contact Trish Frith 8556 2604*



### ***News from St Stephen's, Willunga***

Thank you, Fr Simon, for celebrating over recent weeks. We have had good attendances during Lent. An audio version of the Gospel was presented on Lent 5.

The Saturday Night Out Dinner was held on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at the Willunga Hotel. Eleven people enjoyed the evening. We welcomed Deidre & John. The next Saturday Night Out will be on April 14<sup>th</sup> at the Willunga Hotel.

Thanks to Jac Bishop for the posies on Mothering Sunday, and to Wendy Sandercock and Laura Tinkham for the Simnel Cake. During the Saturday Night Out dinner, posies were presented to the Willunga Hotel female staff.

*Ted Sandercock*

### ***A date for your Diary***

An Anglican Community Expo is being planned for **Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 2018** at Seaford Christian Churches (SCC) from 1.00 to 5.00 pm to showcase the outreach of the Anglican Churches in the City of Onkaparinga. Anglican churches in the Southern Suburbs and the Western Fleurieu and Anglican organisations will be invited participate. Also food, drinks and activities for children.

A fun (and informative) afternoon.

Note this date in your diary. More details after Easter.

## News from St Nicholas', Seaford

**Ministry:** We have been fortunate to have Fr Simon and Fr Ted taking our services this month. Fr Ted attended the Ecumenical Prayer Service on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March which was attended by people from all the denominations at SCC. The service was followed by delicious soup and bread as usual.

**Youth Worship** Our service this month fell on Palm Sunday. We all met at 10.45 for the Ecumenical Liturgy of the Palms followed by a procession into the different worship spaces. The centre resounding with the sound of joyful singing and much palm waving! This month the service had a different take on the usual Palm Sunday Service. We were told of two parades, one led by Pontius Pilate with soldiers, horses, armour, banners and flags and standards bearing great carved golden eagles, and one with Jesus, down the Mount of Olives on a donkey: on an agricultural "tool", not a war machine, saying loud and clear



that real power and authority begins and ends with the peace of God. And so, we are asked, "Which parade will You join?" "What path will your feet take?" A thought-provoking drama and reflection, based on Luke, which challenges us in our actions today. We know Christ walks the road beside us, whether the road is easy or hard, so, in this Holy Week, we invite everyone to walk the road to Calvary with Jesus and uphold him – just for a change!

**Prayer Group/Lenten Bible Study** We have met at 10.30 each week with prayer for the local community, the church, and any personal requests. The prayer group will continue to meet each Tuesday at 10.15 (slight change of time) and for selected weeks each term it will be followed at 10.30 by Bible Study. We have had a very successful Lenten Study Group following *The Third Day* study by York Publications. Our group has ranged in numbers from 8-12 depending on commitments. We have had lively and thought-provoking discussion each week, but never managed to answer all the questions! Sometimes we drifted off at a tangent, but all found the sessions interesting and informative and a wonderful source of fellowship in Christ.

Our final session on Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup> was an opportunity to summarise the studies, comment on the style and usefulness of the study and meet and have coffee and cake in the Café at SCC. The group has decided to continue with a further study in the second school term with much discussion about what topics we would like to look at and study further. We hope to make the study group a regular activity with studies of 5-6 weeks each school term.

**Fellowship** We celebrated Mothering Sunday with Simnel Cake beautifully made and decorated by Lyn Hann, and small prayer cards, given out by the young people in our congregation. Special prayers were said for the day, again led by our young people. Our meeting in

March was making palm crosses (see p. 7). Our next meeting is on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April when we will be finalising everything for our Quiz night on the 21<sup>st</sup> April. 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 be the following Sunday, 8th April, celebrating Betty Leske's 90th birthday!! *Helen Cook & Jane Cuthbert Wardens*

## Seaford Women's Retreat

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March a Women's Retreat was held at SCC with the theme **A LENTEN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HEART - May we be always ready to give up what we cannot keep in order to gain what we cannot lose**. The Retreat used material from SACC, a Catholic publication, as its inspiration but each section, taken by a different leader, approached the topic from a different viewpoint. We reflected on the pilgrims' journey, Mark 6: 7-13, and traced our own faith journey and reached for our future; we walked with Mary to the cross at Calvary, reflecting on a mother's pain and joy, we took a journey into the desert of temptation with Our Lord, Matthew 4: 1-11, finding out it's okay to be tempted, it's how we deal with it that matters, but also remembering that every time Jesus was tempted he prayed to his Father for help; we created imagines in playdough reflecting our thoughts and hopes, putting our lives into the Potter's Hand; We listened to John 2:13-25 and imagined ourselves in the temple, watching the anger of Jesus, wondering what we would do and what He would say to us. It was a very emotional and rewarding day for all who attended. It ended with joyful singing and an amazing afternoon tea.





Pat Roper's daughter Cheryl married Neil Saers at St Ann's on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March. Cheryl was attended by flower girl Adeline. (Photo provided)



**Wombles at work!**  
 Above: Dee and John Badgery on Old Coach Road, and below: David Nitschke and Barbara Hill tackle Port Road. Photos: L Nitschke.



**Jumble Sale**

With St Ann's Jumble Sale falling on St Patrick's Day, green was the "in" colour. Tristan and Trish Simon dressed for the occasion.



It was a slow day, with a hot wind and the added distraction of an election! However, a profit of \$800 made up for the discomfort of the day. Many thanks to all who helped to make it a success. We thank God that a heavy branch which fell on Rupert & Di's car while they assisted with the packing up, amazingly did no damage!



**Clean Up Australia!**

"God gave us this earth to care for and delight in" (AAPB)

Many thanks to all at St Ann's who took part in this effort, and to Bill, John and others who organised such a delicious sausage-based lunch!

We had 12 participants, and we covered a lot more territory than in previous years, and collected 10 full bags of rubbish, 3 of them recyclable and 7 non-recyclable. This is considerably less than in previous years, but we can't tell whether this is due to increased litter awareness or to the major roadworks being done. Also, some of our workers ran out of bag space – we need to remember this for next year.

It is good to be able to participate in an Australia-wide community environmental effort, with the organising and paperwork done for us!  
*Gillian Clampett*

We give thanks that Duncan Gordon's operation for cancer was successful. We continue to pray for him during his recovery.

There will be no Family Service at St Ann's this month as the first Sunday is Easter Day. We are delighted that on the following Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> April, Bishop John will be with us for the baptism and confirmation of Morgan Michels. AC





### ***Making palm crosses***

The St Nicholas' Fellowship meeting in March was our annual social activity—remembering how to make palm crosses! A group of us set out to make 200 crosses, enough for all planned activities in the District. Despite several setbacks and crosses that would not stay put (!) we achieved our target in under an hour. Thank you to all who helped. We finished with coffee/tea and cake as reward for all our hard efforts.

*L: Alison Hann tackles the first fold. . R: Pat Foord, Fr Simon, Joan Rawlings, Helen Cook, Anne Wilson.*

### ***Palm Sunday***



Celebrating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a donkey, St Ann's was once again blessed by the presence of Shadow, the grey donkey, led by Jim Lekkas of Sellicks. Palms, papers and clothes blew wildly in the cold gusty winds but Shadow kept her head and patiently led the procession around the church.



The old peppercorn tree was the setting for a Palm Sunday (Saturday) celebration at St Stephen's Vigil Mass. L-R: Lee & Laura Tinkham, Susie Waters, John Strachan, Wendy Sandercock, Fr Simon, Trish Frith.

Thank you, Ted Sandercock and Bill Cale, for cutting, trimming and transporting the large palm branches used in the parish on Palm Sunday, and our thanks to the Aldinga shopping Centre and to Dot Marshall for smaller palms to wave.



### Clive Auricht

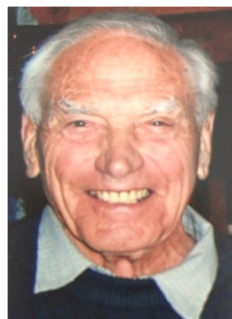
The son of an Anglican priest, Canon Ernst Auricht, Clive trained as a doctor, and visited PNG as a fourth-year medical student. This awakened in him a deep affection for the people and love of the country, and he worked in PNG for various periods from 1956 until 1963. He wrote of his experiences in his book *Medicine Beyond Kokoda* (2011).



Returning to Australia with his young family in 1964, he worked at the "Sturt Clinic" in Mitcham, then moved to Elliston and later Cleve for many years as a GP. On retirement from full-time practice he was involved in rural training for GPs, and in 2002 he was awarded an OAM for services to Medical Records and Rural Medicine.

He and Helen moved to McLaren Vale in the 1990s. For the past few months they have lived at Kalyra.

### Gordon Burnard



Gordon enlisted in the Navy at the age of 16½, and after the war took up farming under the Brecon soldier settlement scheme, getting land at Willalooka in 1954. He and Andrew Cheesman and Martin Chittleborough, priests in nearby parishes, ran camps for young people at Salt Creek and in the Flinders Ranges.

In 1977 Gordon and his wife Joan and their four sons moved to Wattle Park. Having holidays at Port Willunga, they loved the place and bought a house, and moved to live here in 1981. Gordon worked for SA Water until he retired.

An enthusiastic supporter of the Aldinga Aero Club, Gordon was himself a pilot, and involved with Angel Flights for non-urgent medical transport. He was a much-loved member of the St Ann's congregation and was skilled at calling "ORDER" in discussions. With failing health, he and Joan moved to Allity in Walkerville in 2015.



We were sad, too, to hear of the illness and recent death of **Gerry Worden**. A member of the Aldinga Bay Baptist congregation, Gerry taught at the Southern Vales Christian College, and was instrumental in establishing and running the Aldinga Advent Pageant with participation from that school. She had a lovely way with the children, and her cheerful involvement and wisdom will be greatly missed.

AC

### Book Reviews

(Books provided by the authors, who live in Coromandel Valley)

***Saying Grace: Mealtime Prayers*** by Greg Pearce  
(Morning Star Publishers 2017).

Prayers for mealtimes or for larger eating rituals. Useful structure - scripture reading, a reflection and a prayer. Thoughtful and clear but short enough to be used at every meal. Keep near the dining table or near snacks.  
Cost \$14.00 from the author - 0434 332 044

***Night Journeys*** by Raylene Pearce  
(Ark House Press 2016)

Follow the adventures of a woman called by God and transformed by the people she meets in the four corners of the earth. This book is an exciting and dangerous ride taken by a single woman. Raylene, in her forties, leaves her family and friends to serve the church overseas. Based in the Middle East over 10 years the author faithfully carries out her ministry in Egypt, Cyprus, several countries in SE Asia and then has connections in Germany and England. The many stories reflect Raylene's Christian faith, her personality and her care for others.  
Be informed, entertained and amazed.  
Cost \$20.00 from the author - 0434 332 044

*There are two copies of the books in the Office. Speak to Ted if you would like to see them.*



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.au, preferably by the 15<sup>th</sup> of April. Please notify the Editor if you wish to avoid the chance of being mentioned in this newsletter.



## News from the Western Fleurieu Anglicans Vestry Meeting 2018—our WFA AGM

The meeting was held in St Ann's Room and was chaired by Ted Sandercock. Matters discussed included the following:

### Finance Report

The Treasurer congratulated the WFA for achieving an ambitious 2017 target and achieving a surplus. Last year the giving budget was increased by \$10,000. Giving last year actually increased by \$13,000, which is excellent. However, this is not enough for a full stipend and, in fact, a stipend was only paid in full from September after Fr Simon arrived.

She said that it had been impossible to draw up a firm budget for 2018 as there were so many unknown factors. Challenges to be faced include a proposed increase in assessment (to be discussed at Synod) and the fact that assessment is to be levied on all income including Special Purpose Funds (but not including giving to missions). There has been an increase in Insurance from \$6,500 to nearly \$12,000. Possible changes to the ministry team would also affect expenses.

The WFA Combined Budget for 2018 budget was:

Total income	\$208,000
Total Expenditure	\$238,500
Deficit for the year	\$29,520

Margaret concluded her presentation with prayer. She was thanked for her work as Treasurer and applauded for her help to the Diocese in financial matters.

Heavenly Father, we acknowledge you are the owner and we are the managers of what you entrust to us. Help us to live for you each day and to generously share the time, talents, treasures, and things you have given us. AMEN.

### St Philip & St James' Church

A major issue under discussion at the meeting was the future of the 1852 church of St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga. Judith Wells presented a report on the church, which had been closed as unsound since 2016.

The SSPJ congregation had explored in detail the options for the church building and for the congregation, identifying these as two separate issues. They had asked some serious questions about themselves as a faith community in Old Noarlunga and what directions they wanted to take.

Given the complexity of the restoration required for the church building, the anticipated cost of its restoration, the lack of financial assets and the small numbers and the age of the congregation, they had decided sadly at their pre-vestry meeting "that St Philip & St James be closed and that the remaining members of the congregation will join other congregations in the Western Fleurieu Anglicans".

This meant that a decision about St Philip & St James' was about preserving a State Heritage building, not about the future of a faith community. With the building deteriorating, action had to be taken urgently to avoid heavy fines and costs, and a decision needed to be made by the whole Western Fleurieu Anglicans Vestry. It was noted that Lucy Drought had been working on a feasibility study for the property, *pro bono*.

The issue was whether members of the WFA would be prepared to undertake a major restoration project for a heritage building (which would not be continuing as a church)?

If not, the matter would be handed to the Diocese, with the questions:

- \* Would the diocese be prepared to form a committee to take on this restoration project?
- \* Or would it sell the entire site to a developer, with the new owners taking on the restoration responsibilities required by the State Heritage listing. (Curation of the cemetery to go to the local Council.)

The decision of the Vestry was that it would not be possible for the WFA to undertake such a project. A delegation consisting of Judith Wells, Fr Simon, Brian McMillan and Peter Chapman would take the matter to the April Diocesan Council meeting.

The former congregation of SSPJ, and Fr Simon, Brian McMillan, Peter Chapman and all who had been involved in the difficult decision-making and the preparation of the report, were thanked for their work.

The appointment of Wardens was confirmed (see p. 12) and Synod Lay Representatives elected as follows: Lynn King (Christ Church) Brian McMillan (St Ann's), Pam Gowling (St James'), Julia Drought (St Margaret's), Joan Dare (St Nicholas') and Ted Sandercock (St Stephen's) with additional reps Margaret Cale and Joan Rawlings. (Substitutionary Synod Lay Reps Ann Gardiner & Wendy Sandercock).







### ***A word from Fr Peter***

Hi All

Easter is here once again! Where have the last 40 days gone? Adelaide has been through mad March, the election is over, daylight saving has finished, school holidays are upon us and yes, football has started. So where are we, and how are we travelling with our Lord Jesus Christ?

Have we had a good Lent or has it been a flash in the pan? Only you can answer this.

As the season changes and plants become dormant, we must be careful not to do as the plants do and lock ourselves away. This year the Diocese challenges us to grow our Church. You might say, "Here we go again! What can I do?" or even worse, say, "I've been there and done that. It is up to the next generation to take responsibility."

Face it! We *are* the next generation! It is up to us to build the Church of God in this community. We cannot handball it to anyone else. The mantle is in our hands. What are we going to do to share our faith and grow the church?

Easter Blessings, *Fr Simmo*

### ***Notes from the Western Fleurieu Anglicans Council meeting, 20<sup>th</sup> March***

The meeting was held at Christ Church, Yankalilla and was chaired by Ted Sandercock. Some of the representatives met for dinner at the hotel before the meeting. Matters discussed included the following:

- **The website:** Management has been taken on by Lorraine Nitschke, who is experienced in Wordpress, and will train members from each church on how to manage and update their church news.
- **Service Rosters:** Fr Simon can only get to each church once every five weeks. The only consistent thing he can offer is his presence at St Stephen's on Saturday evenings, the Eucharist at St Margaret's on Wednesday mornings and the Bible Study at SCC. Fr Peter and some licensed clergy are helping out. Fr Peter will be leaving at the end of June. Maintaining three clergy services per Sunday costs \$350 a week in petrol/service costs (\$18,000 a year).
- **St Philip & St James':** The decision of the Vestry (p. 9) was discussed. It was good that the congregation had been able to conclude with dignity and respect for all those involved. Their congregation had planted St Nicholas' and their legacy continues – they had passed on the baton. The questions that the SSPJ congregation had asked themselves were ones that each church should consider. Jane & Ted will re-write them. How can we ensure that we pass on the flame?
- Information was being gathered for an updated **contact list and parish directory**. All forms to be handed in (if you haven't done so please speak to your Wardens) before the next WFA meeting (17<sup>th</sup> April) and the Directories should be out by May.
- A list to be compiled of names and dates of **police checks and Safer Ministry Child Environs** certificate completed, to make it easier to check that all are up to date.



### ***Calling all gardeners!***

Chris Oxenham, our Pastoral Care Worker (chaplain) at Old Noarlunga Primary School, would love donations of low-care plants, seeds for vegetables, fertiliser etc for the garden she has established for students. *Please contact Wendy Sandercock (8556 4535) if you can help.*

Chris spoke movingly at the interdenominational evening service for chaplains, led this year by Pastor Andrew Downes and the Aldinga Bay Baptist Church, about how the garden helps her in her work with troubled children.

*Above: John Anderson (Chair of the Schools Ministry Support Group) and church leaders pray for chaplains at the service at the Southern Vales Christian College, Aldinga. Chris Oxenham is fourth from the left.*



## News from St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

Down at St Margaret's, we have been getting to know some of our temporary locals at the backpacker hostel. There's room for 114 guests in the hostel and it is currently running at capacity as these young people bring, not just their willing working hands to the vineyards, but their own cultures and experiences to tell us, if we give them the time to listen.

An Italian girl told of the difficulty in getting permanent employment in her country, while a Dutch girl has done voluntary humanitarian aid in Bosnia. A young Frenchman aspires to being a chef one day and willingly helped prepare hot-dog buns as he related his story. It was like being in the middle of United Nations meeting! As we left, one man said, "It is a beautiful thing you have done today." Thankyou St Stephen's and St Ann's folk for helping with this getting-to-know you, welcome-to-the-Fleurieu event.

Photos: AC

St Margaret's has seen a steady number of communicants in attendance this past month and a new morning tea roster has helped spread the load of this task amongst several willing helpers. Lorna McGaffin has looked after morning tea preparation for many years, quietly and with minimal fuss. This dear low key lady has done so much behind the scenes work around St Margaret's, especially in regard to hospitality and making everyone feel welcome. As you hang up your church broom and apron, dear Lorna we thank you.

Guild and Friends of St Margaret has been meeting as the need arises rather than on a regular basis...it's taking a while to adjust to this method, but I think we're getting the hang of it...

Greg and Helen Roberts ran a tight and well-organised ship for the car boot sale...the only thing we could have improved on was the weather, a bit blowy and dusty, but a cheerful and good day of fellowship was enjoyed by all. Thank you to all who sold, sizzled, sipped, swapped and chatted away; well done everyone.

*Julia Drought, Warden*



*J Drought*



*Loraine Gibbons, Fran Pettigrew, & her daughter Leah O'Callaghan*

AC

*L :Greg Roberts with the newly coated baptismal font and ewer at St Margaret's. The ewer was given by the Ladies' Guild in 1961—the engraving was rediscovered when it was recoated.*



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<http://www.southernvalesparish.org>

## ***Service times & contact details***

**St Margaret's, Main Road McLaren Vale**

**Sunday: 10 am with Sunday School**

**Wednesday: 9:00 am**

Wardens:

Greg John ph 8325 0277

Julia Drought ph 7009 7705

**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 Ecumenical Mission**

**Sunday 10.30 am**

Wardens:

Jane Cuthbert 0407 651 606

Helen Cook 0427 679 787

or 8386 3689

**Christ Church, Yankalilla**

**1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays - 9.00 am**

**4th Sunday - 11.00 am**

**5th Sunday - Combined Service**

Wardens -

Ann Gardiner 0419 035 290

Belinda Rosser 0411 591 628

**St James, Delamere**

**2nd Sunday - 11.00 am**

**4th Sunday - 9.00 am**

**5th Sunday - Combined Service**

Wardens

Peter Filsell 8598 0223

or 0427 534 095

Ann Ryan - 8598 0227

## ***World Day Of Prayer 2018***



The World Day of Prayer this year was prepared by the women of Suriname, on the NE coast of South America, with the theme, "All God's Creation is Very Good!" At the ecumenical celebration at the Mary of Galilee Catholic Church, Aldinga on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March, items representing the life of this multicultural community decorated the lectern, including corn, chillies and beautiful basket weaving.

## ***Informal Services***

*A Family Service will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> May @ St Ann's at 9 am;*

*a Prayer, Praise & Proclamation service @St Margaret's on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 10 am;*

*a Youth-led Service @ St Nicholas', Seaford on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 10.30 am*

***The Grapevine, April 2018***  
***Supplement of contributed photos***



**Palm Sunday, St Ann's**  
**Photos: S Carthew**





**Mothering Sunday, St Margaret's**  
**Photos: J Drought**



**Cooks at the Backpackers' Hostel**  
**Photos: AC**

