

December 2018

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

The Grapevine

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



Celebrate the birth of Christ!



Christmas services 2018

SATURDAY 22nd DECEMBER

5.30 pm Holy Communion with Carols,
St Stephen's, 10 St Andrew's Tce, Willunga

SUNDAY 23rd DECEMBER

10.30 am Christmas Youth Service, St Nicholas';
with Communion

97 Main Street, Seaford

MONDAY 24th (Christmas Eve)

7 pm St James', Main South Rd, Delamere.

8 pm at St Margaret's, 99 Main Road, McLaren Vale
Communion, Carols & supper

9 pm Christ Church, 132 Main South Rd, Yankalilla

TUESDAY 25th (Christmas Day)

9 am St Nicholas', 97 Main Street, Seaford

9 am St Ann's, 7 Stonehouse Lane, Aldinga. Bring the kids!

9 am Christ Church, 132 Main South Rd, Yankalilla

Christmas greetings from Fr Simon

For many, Christmas is a time of sorrow. They don't have extra money to buy presents for their children, family, and friends or they borrow it on plastic to pay back later. Many are saddened at Christmas when they think of loved ones who will not be able to come to visit for various reasons. Many are overwhelmed by busyness with the extra tasks of preparation over a normal hectic life. As a priest I am considering how I fit family needs around those of my various congregations. I therefore need to remind myself to set aside time to be still. Then in that stillness to meditate on Jesus' act of selfless love as he lived his life for humanity. Then, specifically on Christmas Day, his mother's act of selfless love bringing him into this world and beginning the journey of raising him in his vulnerable and needy years.

Merry Christmas to you all. *Fr Simon*



Advent Pageant 2018

The day of the Pageant, Thursday 22nd November, was the time when a memorable storm hit Aldinga, but God was with us and we were able to go ahead despite heavy rain, blasting winds, and power cuts. Nothing dampened the spirits of the children, or the crowds gathered at the shopping centre!

The play, written by Pt Willunga's Nigel Camac, approached the Nativity in a fresh way – starting in the livingroom of an “average” Australian family who are exhausted and maxed out financially in the run-up to Christmas.

They question, “What’s it all about, anyway?” and are approached by a Wise Man, who agrees that that is a good question. With the help of the choir and the nativity characters, who appear and take over their livingroom, he helps them rediscover the true meaning of Christmas.

The play was produced by the Aldinga R-7 Primary School, with a choir comprising singers from all three schools and included a beautiful solo rendition of “O Holy night”.



With all three local schools involved, and a support team from all the local churches and local businesses, the Advent Pageant has become a valued event in the community, and is a wonderful chance to take the story of the birth of the Saviour out into the world.

More photos in *The Grapevine's* colour supplement on our website, www.southernvalesparish.org

Act for Peace: Christmas Bowl

On Christmas Day nearly 70 years ago, a Victorian minister placed an empty bowl on the table in front of him, and asked his friends and family to contribute what they thought the cost of the meal had been. He asked that they consider their own good fortune in being able to share a meal together in comfort and safety, and invited them to share God's blessings of love and friendship through a gift to help people who had fled the horrors of World War II and were suffering as refugees.

Today there are nearly 60 million displaced people in the world, needing our help.

The Christmas Bowl is our way of forging a living connection between our Christian community here in Australia and people around the world who are experiencing dreadful hardship and suffering.

Christmas Bowl envelopes are available at your church.



December 2018

- Sat 1st – Sun 2nd Christmas Tree Festival,
Willunga Uniting Church
- Sat 1st Parish Christmas Lunch, Peacock Farm
- Sun 2nd Family Service, St Ann's, 9 am
Patronal Festival, St Nicholas', 10.30 am
Gold Coin Collection for chaplains
- Mon 3rd Mothers' Union, SCC: 9.30 for
10 am start. Lunch in the cafe (see p. 9)
Enquiries: Trish Frith 8556 2604
- Tues 4th Friends of St Ann's 6.50 for 7 pm
- Fri 7th Home group 6 for 6.30 pm
Enquiries: David Nitschke 0408 763 654
- Sun 9th Eucharist & Healing service, St Nicholas'
Enquiries: Jane Cuthbert 0407 651 606
ACH Yankalilla service 2 pm
Community Carols, Yankalilla (see p. 12)
- Tues 11th WFA Council meeting, Yankalilla 7 pm
- Thurs 13th Colton Court Sing-along 10.30 am
Enquiries: Sue MacKirdy 8556 5162
Pastoral group Willunga House 2-4 p
Enquiries: Alexis Fraser 7127 2146
- Fri 14th Family Tea, St Margaret's
Enquiries: Fr Brenton 8323 9744
Schools break up
- Sat 15th Yankalilla/Delamere trading table
at Normanville
- Sun 16th Prayer, Praise & Proclamation service,
St Margaret's 10 am
Holly Nursing Home, Hackham
Ecumenical service 11 am
Community Carols, Aldinga (see p. 12)
- Mon 17th Yankalilla/Delamere Mothers' Union, 2 pm
- Tues 18th Prayer for Peace, St Ann's 11 am
St Nicholas' Luncheon 12.30
& Fellowship 1.30
- Fri 21st THOMAS
Home group 6 for 6.30 pm
- Sat 22nd Holy Communion with Carols,
5.30 pm, St Stephen's (see p. 5)
- Sun 23rd Youth-led Service, St Nicholas'
- Mon 24th CHRISTMAS EVE (see p. 1)
- Tues 25th CHRISTMAS DAY (see p. 1)
- Wed 26th STEPHEN
- Thurs 27th JOHN
- Fri 28th HOLY INNOCENTS
- Sat 29th St Stephen's Patronal Festival (see p. 5)

January 2019

- Tues 1st NEW YEAR'S DAY
CIRCUMCISION
- Fri 4th Home Group
- Sun 6th EPIPHANY
Gold Coin Collection for chaplains
Family service, St Ann's
Shared lunch, St Nicholas', Seaford
- Tues 8th Friends of St Ann's
- Thurs 10th Colton Court Singalong
- Sat 12th Saturday Night Out, Willunga
- Sun 13th Eucharist and Healing service St Nicholas'
ACH Yankalilla service, 2 pm
- Tues 15th Prayer for Peace, St Ann's, 11 am
- Fri 18th Home group
- Fri 25th CONVERSION OF ST PAUL
Family tea, St Ann's
- Sat 26th AUSTRALIA DAY
- Sun 27th Prayer, Praise & Proclamation service,
St Margaret's 10 am
Family Service, St Nicholas' 10.30 am
- Tues 29th Schools resume

...and each week...

- Sundays "Sunday Arvo" informal service and shared meal, Seaford Ecumenical Churches, 5 pm
- Tuesdays St Nicholas' Seaford: Prayer meeting, December 10.15 am. Bible Study to follow.
(Not in January)
- Wednesdays St Margaret's, McLaren Vale:
9 am Holy Communion
10 am Bible study
- Thursdays St Ann's, Aldinga 9 -11.30 am Granny Annie's
Drop-in centre—a cuppa and a chat
(but not 27th Dec)

Pray for Peace
St Ann's
Tuesday 18th December
11 am—12 noon
Prayer, meditation.
Light a candle for peace.
Shared refreshments to follow



If you have news of coming events or noteworthy happenings in the Pastoral District of Western Fleurieu Anglicans 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 15th of January.
Please notify the Editor if you wish to avoid the chance of being mentioned in this newsletter.

From St Ann's, Aldinga

Remembrance Sunday: On Sunday 11th November 2018 we marked the end of World War I with a sombre Remembrance Day service led by Father Dennis Eales, who preached a seriously thought-provoking sermon,



after which the poem *In Flanders Fields* was read. Father Dennis also led a service at the Aldinga War Memorial, with the traditional silence at the 11th Hour of the 11th Day of the 11th Month, and wreaths and flowers placed on the memorial. Some 40 people attended. Whilst most of the South Road traffic rushed by as usual, at 11am the rider of a motorcycle stopped, silenced his machine, and bared his head, before proceeding on his way: and a passing cyclist also stopped and, with his machine, joined the group around the Memorial.

Our Jumble Sale was blessed by beautiful weather, and as well as making enjoyable contacts with local people—and one man who comes specially from Elizabeth! it brought in over \$1,100 for parish funds. Huge thanks to those who helped it happen.



Family Tea: The final Family Tea for 2018 took place on 23rd November 2018. Some twenty-five people enjoyed relaxed and relaxing fellowship: proximity to the Festive Season was acknowledged in song, thanks to Jack Warrington who thoughtfully brought suitable song sheets with him, and who closed the singing with his unique rendition of “Danny Boy”.

Wedding: On 24th November 2018 Father Dennis conducted the marriage of two of our regular worshippers, Kate McKechnie and Phil Noel. The church was full: the hymns were “Sing praise and thanksgiving”,



“You Southern Vales, your beauty is outstanding” (one of the legacies – of which we still take advantage – of the time with us in 2014 of Prebendary Nick Shutt) and “Love Divine, all loves Excelling”. Before the blessing the unaccompanied singing of “Pokare kare ana” by soloist Wendy McPhee was breathtakingly beautiful. We ask every blessing on Kate and Phil as they begin their married life.

Blessing the Fleece: After the 9 am Prayer Praise and Proclamation Service at St Ann's on 25th November, a group from St Ann's proceeded to the Blessing of the Fleece at Deep Creek.

Advent: During this Advent Season we will have both the traditional Advent Wreath and Candles, and a Prayer Tree, which we introduce at the Family Service on Advent Sunday.

Wardens Brian McMillan and Pat Roper

For more photos of St Ann's activities see *The Grapevine* in colour on our website, www.southernvalesparish.org

RJP Peter Bissell

We were sad to hear of the death of Peter Bissell on the 29th October. Peter and his wife Patricia were much-loved members of St Ann's congregation when



they lived at Moana, and later McLaren Vale. In recent years they had lived at Allity, Heathfield. Peter Chapman took his funeral, which was attended by some members of St Ann's, at the Church of the Ascension, Aldgate.

Schools Ministry Sausage Sizzle

On Saturday November 10th the weather again was sunny but there were fewer families at the three Willunga markets due to the Christmas Pageant. We sold most of the 10 kg of sausages and made a surplus of \$190 for Southern Vales Schools Ministry. The morning began with Ted helping Trevor Lloyd (SVSM Treasurer) and Jim Elgar set up the stall, which was then staffed by Bill, Margaret, John, Di, Rupert, and Bill. Special thanks to the two Bills who did double service. Ted assisted Trevor and Jim pack up.

St Stephen's church continues to be open on Saturday mornings. Thanks to Anne, Alexis, Wendy and Ted. A variety of people come by to chat or tell of relatives who were baptised or married or just attended this church. A few come in for quiet prayer or just chat over a tea and biscuits. On November 24th the Farmers' Market was set up in the High Street and had many more customers, so a stall was set up outside to hand out information on WFA Christmas Services and sell jam and give away redundant children's books. The car park had a significant turnover, but was mostly full.

The **Saturday Night Out** on Saturday November 10th was attended by 15 people. Sue Camac, chaplain at Willunga Primary School, spoke about her work with the children there (*see photo next column*), and she and her husband Nigel joined us for dinner.

There will be no Saturday Night Out in December: regular participants were encouraged to attend the Christmas Lunch on December 1st.

Visit the Willunga Christmas tree Festival

1st-2nd December

The **WFA Christmas Tree** is made of recycled materials. Designer Jac Hocking writes:

The frame was made from wood found in the back of the shed. The star was made from left over pressed metal from a DIY project (the stable door to our cellar). The baubles were found in the bottom of the Christmas box. The fabric scraps were left over from projects of a "quilter" friend or were cut from recycled Christmas tablecloths, tea towels, table runners and table napkins. The frame for the Bible verse has held photos of our children over the past 20 or so years (until they asked me to put them away!) The basket (I think) may have once been Fran's and ended up with me originally full of goodies or Sunday School items (can't remember!) – but it is used at most PPP services to hold little mementos for people to take home.

In the frame are the words:

We are pleased to see **Jac Bishop** on her feet again, and enjoy her beautiful flower arrangements.

Maintenance suggestion: It has been suggested that we place gravel around the church to make a roadway and maybe make parking easier (especially in winter).

Coming events:

Don't forget the **Christmas Tree Festival** at the Uniting Church, Willunga on December 1 and 2; look out for Jac Hocking's creation on behalf of WFA - "Re-Tree-ting" (*see below*)

Carol Night (for WFA parishioners and guests) at St Stephen's on Saturday December 22nd at 5.30 pm. After the service there will be mince pies and refreshments. The service will present the Christmas Story, with words and your favourite carols.

Note also **St Stephen's Patronal Festival** on Saturday December 29th at 5.30 pm (again, all are invited!) with a barbecue afterwards. Bring a salad to share.

Ted Sandercock & John Strachan, Wardens



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Western Fleurieu Anglicans
RE-TREE-TING
Christmas' Past

*For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected, if it is received with thanksgiving;
1 Timothy 4:4*

Ministry This month Fr Simon and F Ted ministered to us at our Sunday services. We also were fortunate to have Dn Peter Chapman take our service of Prayer Praise and Proclamation on the 18th November. It was a day of firsts for us all—our first service of Prayer, Praise and Proclamation and Dn Peter's first service at St Nicholas' Seaford. Despite this we had a lovely service and a great time of fellowship over morning tea. We look forward to Dn Peter taking more services at St Nicholas' over the coming year.

On Sunday 25th November we began our Christmas Bowl appeal which we will continue until the end of January.

Youth Worship Christ the King Sunday was again a lively and enjoyable service with our younger members doing an amazing job, with Isabel doing most of the hard yards with help from Maddison and Sophie and several "young at heart" members of the congregation. In the reflection we were invited to find God everywhere and in everything – the Alphabet on the overhead proving that no matter what name, place, or quotation people suggested – Issy could find it on the screen – just as we can always find God – if we look.

We also said a sad farewell to the Walker Family – Sophie and Maddison, Mum and Dad, as they return to Scotland. Special good wishes were sent on the back of a boomerang – along with a blessing and prayers for a safe journey – with a few gifts to help along a very long flight to Scotland. The Service included prayers, donations of extra "Christmas goodies" for our hampers and blessing of the Christmas Bowl and well as celebrating the King of Kings! The service ended with a rousing rendition of the Hallelujah Chorus – by way of You Tube of course!!

Fellowship At our fellowship meeting we discussed the questionnaire which we all completed regarding our wish list for a Bishop and the Diocese. It was great to be part of this; we felt it gave everyone a chance to be involved and not feel isolated from the process. We discussed several ways we could fundraise with minimum effort, as our congregation is not really full of many able bodies! Arrangements were made to visit members of St Nicholas' currently in residential care or respite – we will take lots of Christmas Cheer and a few biscuits/cakes along with us. Discussions about gifts for the Walker Family, extra bits for the Christmas hampers, how to roster all those jobs over Christmas and the New Year when people will go away!!

We are all looking forward to our Christmas lunch in the Cafe at SCC on Tuesday December 18th, a joyful end to another year! Our next meeting will be in February 2019.

Prayers/Bible Study Our weekly prayer session continues at 10.15 am each Tuesday. These sessions will be slightly shortened for the next few weeks as we follow prayers with an Advent Bible Study which will start on Tuesday 27th November 10.30 am. We are using the Anglican Aid Abroad booklets so there is no cost involved, only our time and a wish to explore our faith a little more.

Seaford Christian Churches (formerly SEM) Our AGM was held on the 20th November at 7 pm and the proposal put forward by the Steering Committee was adopted. Now the constitution will have to be amended to reflect these changes and we are hoping that it will be voted on later in the year. We still have work to do on our expenditure and how we can reduce costs. All ongoing work to ensure our future at SCC and to assist with lowering our lease payments to Ecumenical Endeavours, which would help everyone.

On Thursday November 22nd we held our Advent Ecumenical service at SCC followed by a meal at a local eatery. It was a great service, its theme on Advent and New Beginnings suitably reflecting our changing times at SCC.

Helen Cook & Jane Cuthbert Wardens



Christmas Child boxes from the Anglican and Uniting Church communities, and extra goodies for the food hampers.

(Photos: J Cuthbert)

Sign in a non-smoking area:

"IF WE SEE SMOKE, WE WILL ASSUME YOU ARE ON FIRE, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION."

The 17th of November saw the annual **Christchurch and St James Strawberry Fete** held in the grounds of Christchurch, Yankalilla.

A variety of stalls covering a wide range of food and other items kept a steady stream of visitors occupied whilst the strawberry morning teas were a big hit, as always.

A crew of volunteers from both churches and a few from the Uniting Church all helped the day progress.



The **Blessing of the Fleece** is an annual event here and is usually held in a shearing shed. This year was no exception, with Rob and Ann Ryan very kindly offering the use of their shed on the farm at Delamere.

Fifty people made up the congregation and these came from both of the parish churches, some from the northern part of the district and a few from the Uniting Church including Carol Chambers, the Uniting Church minister for this area.

Fr Peter Randle conducted the service assisted by Gail Filsell and with input from Deacon Peter Chapman and Fr Brenton Dick.



During the Offertory hymn Ben Ryan sheared a sheep and it was this fleece which was blessed.

Peter Chapman read a humorous poem giving an Aussie take on the three shepherds.



The service was followed by a BBQ on the lawn of the house, and luckily the weather stayed dry, albeit threatening.

Ron King

News from St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

We enjoyed a small but cheery group for our second **shared tea** on the 9th of November. It has been decided we will continue to have the shared tea every second Friday of the month.

Keep an eye on the pew sheet and *The Grapevine* for updates on times, but please do try and join us. It's a nice time to get to know one another and catch up news.



L-R: Lyn Dick, Sylvia Francis, Bill Cale, Fran Pettigrew. (Background, Margaret Cale, John Carroll, Simon Waters)

Remembrance Day, November 11th, we had a packed church for an inspiring concert including soprano Brooke Windows, guitarist Aleksandr Tsiboulski, the Fleurieu Singers and organists Rosemary Nairn, Brian McMillan and Greg John. Money raised goes towards continuing restorations for the virtual organ. Familiar hymns were sung with great gusto and enthusiasm and were followed by afternoon tea. Thanks to Greg John for organising a wonderful afternoon of music.



Greg and the organ. More photos in the colour supplement on-line. See our website <http://www.southernvalesparish.org>

St Margaret's Day was celebrated by laity and a small congregation. The church was beautifully decorated by Fran Pettigrew and Jac Hocking. Jac also created a Prayer card and Christmas decoration relating to St Margaret for us to take home, as well as delicious cup cakes for morning tea. Judith Wells read out an interesting homily telling the historical story of St Margaret. Thank you sincerely to these three special women for making St Margaret's Day special.



Felicity Warrington has kindly filled in playing the organ while Greg John takes a well earned break.

The **garden** around the rectory has been transformed by Lyn and Fr Brenton—it now looks neat and loved. Fr Simon pitched in to help spread the mulch over the garden beds and around the church, making the whole area look tidy and cared for.

Thank you Lyn, Brenton and Simon for the hours of labour of love spent doing this big job.

Wardens Greg John & Julia Drought



Above: There's a new look in the rectory garage! Fr Brenton in his much-loved MG, "Madge"



Fr Brenton writes...

Well, they say that time flies when you are having fun. Lyn and I have been here now for four months and it has really been a blur. It has been a very full four months and it is good to get involved in some Church

Mission activities and work with different groups.

The garden at the rectory is coming along nicely and we hope to have it finished by Christmas (hopefully this Christmas!) Lyn keeps the whip cracking!

We both enjoyed our trip to Delamere for the Blessing of the Fleece at Ryan's woolshed, and the barbecue afterwards where we met the locals. I look forward to our Friday night tea at St Margaret's on the 14th of December. Bring along a Christmas hat and be ready to sing.

As we start a new Church year in Advent let us focus on the celebration of the birth of Jesus, his first coming, and the anticipation of the return of Christ in his second coming, with prayers and expectation. Blessings to all of you.

Fr Brenton

Congratulations to...

Jane Cuthbert, who won an award at the Annual Southern Suburbs Volunteer Awards Ceremony on the 21st November. Her citation was for work in SEM Cafe, for St Nicholas' Anglican Church (warden, pastoral assistant and liturgy preparation), a member of the Pastoral District of Southern Vales Council, and now Secretary of the Western Fleurieu Anglican Council. Her Girl Guide leadership was also commended.

Jane was unable to attend the ceremony, and Wendy Sandercock received the award on her behalf.



Above: Mel White (Southern Fleurieu Volunteering)
Amanda Rishworth MP, Wendy, and Paul Starick
(The Advertiser) Photo: Ted Sandercock



Southern Vales Mothers Union

The outing planned for November did not eventuate as not enough suitable transport was available. We met at the

Town Square Café at SCC at 9.30 am, spending the first part of the time catching up with news from the six people present. Business was discussed.

Our next meeting will be at SCC on December 3rd, 9.30 am for 10.00 am, for our Wave of Prayer and the packing of boxes with the items collected for refugee packs. We have been blessed with so many contributions. Thanks to all who have helped.

It was also decided to collect a small donation each month, when possible, from those present, to cover the cost of Baptism cards and gifts from our branch. MU 2019 diaries have been distributed, with a couple still available. Ring me, 8386 3689, if you would like one and did not order. Cost is \$7.00.

Helen Cook, Secretary



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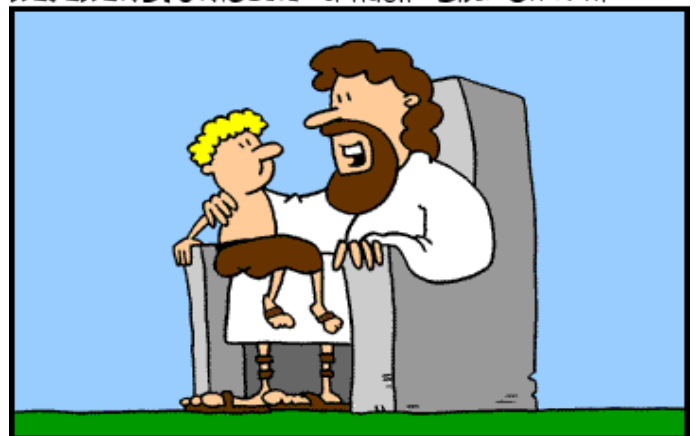
Heather Randall from Yankalilla has made some beautiful crocheted rugs, which she has given to the Mothers' Union for the Quickest Warmth Project.

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Snippets from SFA Council meeting 13th November

The meeting was chaired by Ted Sandercock. Matters discussed included the following:

Sale of St Philip & St James' Church: An auction had been held on the 10th November for three properties—the Court house at Wellington and three Anglican properties: St Ninian's, Clarendon, St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga (probably one of the most unusual properties ever auctioned), and additional land owned by the church at Old Noarlunga. John Strachan reported that although there had been an enormous crowd at the auction (see opp. page), and several people had expressed interest in bidding, there were no bids at all for any of the properties on offer. The pews were auctioned separately and raised \$6,000. Fr Simon tabled the deconsecration document for the church.

It was agreed that the National Trust Curator be asked to curate the historic photos from the church.

The Historical Society of Old Noarlunga had requested a list of names of those buried in the SSPJ cemetery. Margaret Cale had made a spreadsheet of nearly 700 names.

Pastoral Assistants and Eucharistic assistants: Four names had gone forward and been approved by the WFA Council. Fr Simon would run courses for them in their centres. Some of the best training came from actually assisting in the services (see opposite page).

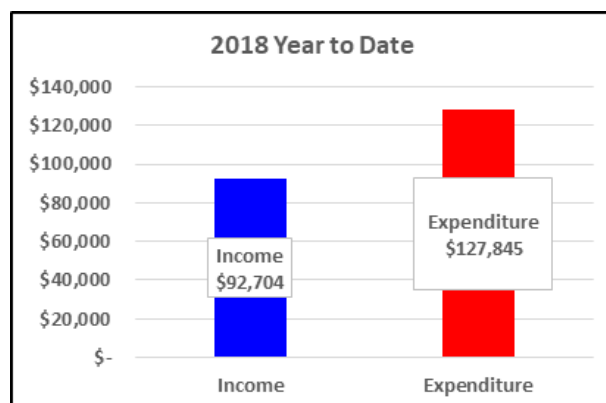
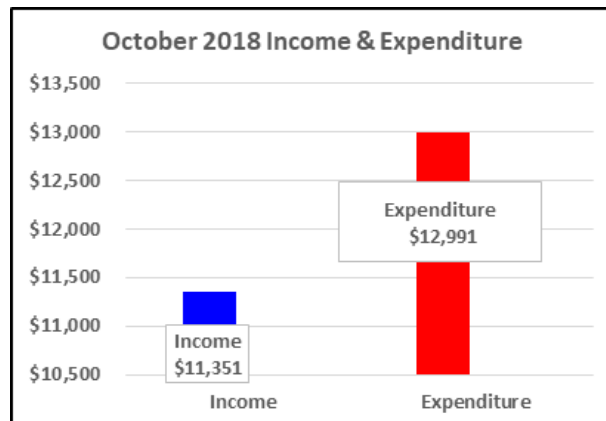
The Rev'd E K Miller Memorial: It was agreed that if the Football Club chose to take up the idea we could support it.

Stewardship Presentation: The presentation had been well done, and Fr Simon and Margaret were commended on their talk and on the handouts. There had been a focus on mission, not just money. It seemed that, although figures were printed monthly in *The Grapevine*, people had not really been fully aware of the deficit. Since the presentation there had been some increase in direct debits, and some more envelopes taken. Time will tell what long-term effect it will have had. We seriously need to stem or reduce the deficit. John Strachan made the observation that the only parishes in the diocese which were doing well were those which ran op shops.

Strategic Directions: Fr Simon was concerned that some re-structuring was needed, to look at ways to support the congregations we have, but at the same time engage better with the world outside the church. He invited WFA Council members and all wardens to meet for a day once a month to explore how this could be done, and manage any future plans (see next page).

Christmas service publicity: In lieu of the expense of advertising Christmas service times in the Messenger Press, Council decided to use local opportunities, posters in community and tourist areas, and information on our web page.

Finance: The deficit was down slightly, but that was partly due to the time of year. Income was well below the budgeted amount. Not much money had come in yet for the Home Mission Fund or the Ministry Training Fund. Sale of calendars was not yet covering costs, and would need to be promoted (see opposite page)



Bishop Election Committee: the committee had invited feedback on the strengths, challenges and hopes for our diocese, and what we hoped for in a bishop. Over 60 questionnaires, filled out by parishioners at the Sunday services, had been collated and summarised, and were approved by Council to go as the response from our pastoral district. This was the first time people's opinions had been sought, and the chance was greatly appreciated. It had proved to be a worthwhile exercise.

Vestry 2019 was set for Sunday 10th March. Annual reports to be given to Jane by the end of January. Yankalilla and Delamere would hold their own Vestry.

Cemeteries: John Carroll was concluding his time as Curator of the SSPJ cemetery, and of the plots at St Margaret's, which the Diocese had listed as a cemetery.

Christmas Tree Festival at Willunga: Jac Hocking and Laura Tinkham were co-ordinating the WFA entry.

Christmas Lunch: Ted reported that the Peacock Farm was subsidising the lunch in order to keep the price low, and Doc Adams winery was providing wines. AC

Next meeting Tues 11th December at Yankalilla



Part of the enormous crowd at the auction sale at St Philip & St James' on 10th November, including a group of protesters, who were courteously received. The auctioneer noted that, contrary to what was in the papers, they did not oppose the sale of the church, but wanted the building maintained as "heritage" for the community.



After the service at St Ann's on Sunday 18th, Fr Simon took a group of interested people to the church to explain the work of setting up and serving at the Eucharist. L-R Julie Bennett, Stephen Carthew, Margaret Cale, Susan MacKirdy, Wendy Young, Jane Hayward, Fiona Broadbent.

Strategic Directions

At the recent WFA Parish Council meeting it was proposed that monthly workshop meetings be held to explore how best we can re-structure what we do, so that we can plan for the future and support our church now.

Our first workshop was held on Monday 26th November 2018 at St Margaret's McLaren Vale, to which all Wardens, parish councillors and a diocesan risk management officer were invited to attend.

The day was split into 2 sessions, 10-12 and 1-3 with a break for much needed sustenance in between.

During the sessions, discussion ranged along our church and its mission, future viability and ways we can explore to make this happen; what "church" may look like in the future and how we can adjust to that; support of our current congregations and their needs; current structures and successful communication, and pastoral care; strategies for a financial model that will enable us to move



L-R: Dn Peter Chapman, Ted Sandercock, Fr Brenton, Jane Cuthbert, Helen Cook, Brian McMillan, Margaret Cale, Fr Simon, and John Badgery (Diocesan Risk Assessment)

forward with confidence as we pursue the mission of our parish; how we can build on this to leave a sound legacy for generations to come.

Needless to say, we did not solve all the above!! In fact, we probably ended up with more questions than answers. We will be working on several key areas independently and bringing our findings and suggestions to our next workshop on Monday 7th January 2019. Venue to be confirmed.

Jane Cuthbert

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Plenty of space for writing notes.

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Yankalilla Community Carols

Show Hall, Yankalilla, Sun 9th Dec.

Free pre-programme activities 5.30-7

Carols begin at 7 pm



Aldinga Bay Community Carols

Symonds Reserve, Aldinga Sunday 16th Dec.

Free carnival activities 4-7 pm

Carols begin at 7.30 pm

Service times & contact details

St Margaret's, Main Road McLaren Vale

Sunday: 10 am

Wednesday: 9:00 am

Wardens:

Greg John 8325 0277

Julia Drought 7009 7705

St Stephen's, St Andrews Tce, Willunga

Saturday: 5.30 pm

Wardens:

Ted Sandercock 8556 4535

John Strachan 0407 605 152

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 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

Informal Services

*A Family Service will be held on 2nd December and 6th January @ St Ann's at 9 am;
a Prayer, Praise & Proclamation service @ St Margaret's on Sunday 15th December at 10 am;
a Youth-led Service @ St Nicholas', Seaford on Sunday 23rd December at 10.30 am*

St Ann's Jumble Sale



A: Devonshire tea and the cake stall.
Book sales in the background.



B: L-R (at the table) Julie Bennett,
John Badgery, Tony Young, Stephen
Carthew, Barbara Walter

C: Margaret and Bill Cale, Bob Smith
D: Gwynne Gray with her daughters
Jo and Lana.



A Pleasant Sunday Afternoon at St Margaret's



- A: The full church: a moment of anticipation
- B: Guitarist Aleksandr Tsiboulski
- C: Soprano Brooke Windows
- D: The Fleurieu Singers, with Greg John

Family Tea at St Ann's: Christmas cheer



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Some of the worthy set-up team: L-R Bill Cale, Graham Benger, Fr Brenton, Peter O'Brien, Fred Carrangis, Jono Clampett, Chris Cooper



CAKES! Just some of the 565 cakes made by the Hospitality team to be mini "birthday cakes" for Jesus. Bakers (L-R) Enid and Nelson Garwood, Heather Chapman, Gillian Clampett, Mary Duke

