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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

"Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit"



J Cuthbert

Sunday 27th January was a great day for the Western Fleurieu Anglicans when Bishop John Ford confirmed six candidates at St Nicholas', Seaford. Two of the young candidates, Isabel Berry and Brenton Jackson, with the Bishop's permission, had planned the service and written some of the prayers, as is their custom on this Sunday of the month, and they assisted the bishop in administering the Eucharist (see below L).

In his sermon the Bishop expanded on the words of the day's Gospel (Luke 4:14), "filled with the power of the Spirit"—an "invasion of Grace" — and what that means to us.

(More photos in the Grapevine's online photo supplement—see website www.southernvalesparish.org)



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J Cuthbert

A: Pat Foord and the Confirmees with the Bishop. L-R Pat, Brenton Jackson, Fiona Broadbent, Jacob Murphy, Issy Berry, Samantha Davies and Peter Wilkin. B: Fr Simon, Issy and Brenton help Bp John prepare for the Eucharist. C: Lyn Hann, Brenton's sponsor, watches him being confirmed.



A word from Fr Brenton

As a disciple of Christ we are all compelled to speak up about our faith outside the four walls of our safe space, the church building. We are to take up the challenge that Jesus gave to his disciples when He sent them out to proclaim and preach the word of God. Public speaking can sometimes be daunting, but when we speak about something we believe in, and with God's grace, it can be a very fulfilling experience. I hope the following article based on Luke 21: 5-19 will show that we all have a part to play publicly in our ministry, and need not be afraid to speak about our faith to others.

No doubt about it; there is a lot of scary stuff going on in this passage. We hear the drum beat of conflict on a massive scale, of earthquakes and famines and plagues, of nations and even families at an impossible impasse. People are going to be hauled off by the authorities, and some won't be coming back. It is hard to read this and think that the writer is not speculating about the future but reporting on the present.

And yet let me suggest that for many of God's people the scariest word in Luke's text is not about the world coming apart at the seams— it's the promise that we're going to have to do some public speaking. According to Luke, Jesus puts it like this: when you get hauled off to court for being my disciples, "this will give you an opportunity to testify". As if being arrested and persecuted for your faith weren't enough! Now, he is telling us, we're going to have to make a speech! Not only that, but we're not supposed to use any notes or anything: "Make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict."

Well, how comforting! There is a famous line attributed to St Francis, the one about "preach the Gospel at all times; if necessary use words". Most people who have heard that seem to like it – and I think one reason is that it gives them an easy out when it comes to talking about their faith. Now I agree, living the Gospel beats talking about it nine times out of ten. But sometimes, says our text, it is necessary to use words, necessary to counter false words, the beguiling words, the misleading words that rulers of this age would have us believe.



But this doesn't make the idea of needing to testify any easier to digest. On my list of the top ten things I'm most afraid of is— what? Public speaking! It even beats the fear of death. I can well remember my first attempt at public speaking. Butterflies in my stomach, shaking, sweaty palms, jumbled words... I made a mess of it and I thought I would never do it again.

But the reluctance to speak goes way back and is nothing new. We have lots of good company within our faith tradition alone. Paul himself admits to the Corinthians that when he first preached to their community, "I came in weakness and in fear and much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom." His ancestor Moses surely would be nodding agreement: "That's what I'm talking about." He himself had made a similar appeal to God when he got his marching orders to ask Pharaoh to "let my people go": "O my Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past or even now that you have spoken to your servant: but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue."



There are times when God needs us to speak. There are times when God needs us to speak truth to power, and the Gospel of love in the face of prevailing assumptions about the way the world works. After all, imagine if no one spoke for the kingdom. Anna Carter Florence has written about testimony, "the cost of not speaking is continued captivity" to the lies of this world, no matter how slickly they are packaged.

To be continued in the next issue...

As well as the events listed in "*What's On*" (opposite) there are other activities which take place every week:

Tuesdays (from March)

St Nicholas', Seaford
Prayer meeting 10.15 am
and Bible Study to follow.

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
Time for a cuppa and a chat

What's on

February

- Fri 1st** **Friday Home Group** (*next column*)
Enquiries: David Nitschke 0408 763 654
- Sun 3rd** **Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers**
Shared lunch, St Nicholas', Seaford
- Mon 4th** **Mothers' Union** 9.30 am Seaford Christian Churches
- Tues 5th** **Friends of St Ann's** 6.50 for 7 pm
- Thurs 7th** **Friends of St Margaret's**, 2 pm
- Fri 8th** **Family Tea, St Margaret's** (*next column*)
Enquiries: Fr Brenton 8323 9744
- Sat 9th** **Saturday Night Out at Willunga** 7 pm (*next column*)
- Sun 10th** **ACH Yankalilla service** 2 pm
- Mon 11th** **WFA Workshop**, St Margaret's 10-3 pm
- Tues 12th** **WFA Council** 7 pm St Ann's
- Thurs 14th** **Colton Court Singalong** 10.30-11.30 am
Enquiries: Sue MacKirdy 8556 5162
- Fri 15th** **St Nicholas' Luncheon** 12.30 & Fellowship 1.30
Bookings 8392 4508
Friday Home Group 6 for 6.30 pm
Enquiries: David Nitschke 0408 763 654
- Sun 17th** **Holly Nursing Home Ecumenical service** 11 am
- Mon 18th** **Yankalilla/Delamere Mothers' Union**, 2 pm
- Tues 19th** **Prayer for Peace, St Ann's** (*next column*)
- Wed 20th** **Coffee & Swim Retreat** (*next column*)
Enquiries: Alexis Fraser 0419 426 305
- Fri 22nd** **Family tea, St Ann's** 6.30 for 7 pm
Enquiries: Pat Roper 8386 2470

March

- Fri 1st** **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**
Friday Home Group
- Sun 3rd** **Gold Coin Collection for CPS* workers**
Shared lunch, St Nicholas', Seaford
(Clean Up Australia Day)
- Mon 4th** **Mothers' Union, SCC**
- Tues 5th** **SHROVE TUESDAY** (*see p. 4*)
- Wed 6th** **ASH WEDNESDAY**
For services see p. 4
- Fri 8th** **Family Tea, St Margaret's**
- Sat 9th** **Saturday Night Out**
- Sun 10** **ACH service, Yankalilla**
WFA Vestry meeting, St Margaret's, 2 pm
- Tues 12th** **WFA Council meeting**, St Ann's
- Thurs 14th** **Colton Court Singalong**
- Fri 15th** **St Nicholas' Luncheon** 12.30 & Fellowship 1.30
Friday Home Group
- Sat 16th** **Jumble Sale, St Ann's**
- Sun 17th** **Holly Nursing Home Ecumenical service**
- Mon 18th** **Yankalilla/Delamere Mothers' Union**
- Tues 19th** **JOSEPH**
Prayer for Peace, St Ann's
- Wed 20th** **Coffee & Swim Retreat, Willunga House**
Lenten Supper, St Ann's (*next column*)
- Fri 22nd** **Family tea, St Ann's**
- Mon 25th** **ANNUNCIATION**

*Christian Pastoral Support

Friday Home Group

Fri 1st and 15th February

6.30 for 7 pm

Shared meal, discussion, prayer
 9 Barbary Way, Seaford Rise

Family Tea at St Margaret's

Fri 8th February

6.30 for 7 pm

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



Saturday Night Out

9th of February

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. 19th Feb. 11 —12

Prayer, meditation

Light a candle for peace.

Shared refreshments to follow



Coffee & Swim Retreat

Willunga House

Wed 20th Feb

2.30-4 pm



Family Tea at St Ann's

Friday 22nd Feb, 6.30 for 7 pm

All welcome. Bring your friends.

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LENTEN

SOUP SUPPER

at St Ann's

Wed. 20th March

6.30 prayer in the church

7 pm soup and bread supper in the hall,

"No-one ever told me"

Men's mental health and PTSD

Guest speaker: returned soldier

Peter Wilkin,

former Royal Marine Commando

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Ministry Father Simon led us in our first service for the New year which was followed by our usual shared lunch. Deacon Peter Chapman was our leader for the next two Sundays and has gained quite a following among our congregation. On the third Sunday, Peter along with Heather introduced us to one of our songs by singing *a cappella*, very well I might add, before we all joined in, and used a roving mike as part of the intercessions. Having set a precedent, Peter will have to keep coming up with different ways to interact with the congregation!

On Sunday 27th January, in place of our usual Youth Led Worship, Bishop John led us in a wonderful confirmation service for several people, young and not so young, from the WFA Parish. The service involved all of the confirmation candidates taking part in the call to worship, readings and prayers and Brenton and Issy also assisted Bishop John – with help from Father Simon – with the distribution of communion to everyone. A wonderful, uplifting service, attended by members from across all the congregations in WFA, in support of those being confirmed. An extended morning tea was shared by everyone following the service, a celebratory end to a great occasion.

Youth Worship As mentioned above, our youth took part in the confirmation service on the 27th and are already planning for their next Youth Led Worship on Sunday 24th February.

Bible Studies are planned to re-commence on Shrove Tuesday, following the Prayer Meeting.

Fellowship Over the holiday period, fellowship meetings have been in recess, but that does not mean we have been idle. Fr Percy and

Betty Leske have moved permanently into Resthaven at Aberfoyle Park, but both joined us for a shared lunch on Sunday 6th January and – hopefully – with help from the family – they will be able to visit us occasionally during the year. Meanwhile we will add them to our visiting list and keep in touch via the phone and the grapevine.

Visits are also planned for Les, still in rehab, Kathy at Life Care, Aldinga and of course to the Leskes – hopefully a Mothers Union outing!

SCC (SEM) Groups are already working on our new constitution and structure of SCC. Now the holidays are over it will be “full steam ahead” to complete these models and present them to the congregations and to Ecumenical Endeavours.

Helen Cook & Jane Cuthbert Wardens

Below: the Bishop addresses the Candidates and their sponsors.
Photo: J Cuthbert



VESTRY MEETING

10th March, 2 pm,

St Margaret's

The Vestry is the Annual General Meeting of our Western Fleurieu Anglican Mission Partnership.

Reports from all centres and groups for the Vestry must be emailed or sent to Jane Cuthbert

corbidge@tpg.com.au

by Friday 8th February please.

Wanted!

Moccona glass coffee jars, and large plastic garden pots. Phone Lyn at the Rectory:
8323 9744

Shrove Tuesday 5th March

St Margaret's, McLaren Vale 6 pm Evening Prayer

6.30 pm Pancake Supper. Bring fillings for pancakes – savoury or fruit. Bring last year's palm cross to be burned for Ash Wednesday.

Christ Church, Yankalilla

Pancake Supper, 6.30 pm

Ash Wednesday services, 6th March

9 am St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

10 am Christ Church, Yankalilla

7 pm St Ann's, Aldinga

Lent Bible Studies

“ChAnGe THE CapItAL”: *Lectio divina*, video & discussion
What is important in our life and worship?

Wednesdays 10–11.30 am, Thursdays 7 pm, St Margaret's
Tuesdays at St Nicholas' after the 10.15 prayer meeting.

News from St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

Giving thanks to God for surviving some of the hottest weather we've seen since 1939, and in fact breaking records, with over 45 degrees Celsius last Thursday. The altar candles said it all— like Michael, gently sagging sideways.



Our congregation has seen an increase in numbers this month with every service having over 20 in attendance.

Last Sunday our congregants dispersed to other centres and enjoyed different styles of worship. St Margaret's was closed, being locked in the midst of the Tour Down Under road closures.

Jac Hocking returned to Kangaroo Island to celebrate the life of her mother, who passed away peacefully this month. We extend our condolences and love to Jac and her family during this sad time.

Jill Ribbons has transferred to Life Care Aldinga residential care and is waiting for a more permanent placement in a Colton Court cottage. Fran Pettigrew, Lorna McGaffin and I went to Flinders Medical Centre to help celebrate Jill's 70th birthday. This was held in the



atrium near her room, with family and friends and some yummy afternoon tea.

Janet Tassie will be spending the next fortnight in respite, also at Life Care Aldinga. Both Jill and Janet would love a visit some time, so pop in if you can.

Fr Brenton is keen for us to restart the St Margaret's Friends group. Our first meeting is Thursday, 7th February, so jot that in your diaries and please join us for afternoon tea and lots of fresh ideas to celebrate and appreciate our wonderful "Maggie's Mates". All St Margaret folk welcome!

We look forward to welcoming people to our Shrove Tuesday service and pancakes! (see p. 4)

Julia Drought, Warden

Photos: Top L: It's HOT!! Michael Drought and the candles wilt in the heat.

Bottom L: The flowers need extra attention too, Fran Pettigrew freshens them up.

Above: Celebrating Jill Ribbons's birthday at FMC: Fran Pettigrew and Lorna McGaffin. Photos J Drought

Marriage Celebration

On 12th January 2019 we took advantage of the flexibility now available for configuration of the space within the Church building, by reason of our new chairs, to set up a local Celebration of the Marriage, which occurred recently in the United States, of Morgan and Jonathan Brown.



They have endeared themselves to us during the times when they have been joining in our life and worship.

On the day, invited in by Father Simon, they processed down the aisle, between tables laden with food, around which the chairs were arranged so everyone faced the aisle (and each other). On the tables were examples, provided by Morgan, of American dishes, such as grits with shrimp, and Ugly Biscuits.

Morgan graciously chose to wear her wedding dress, specially brought from the USA, for us to appreciate. Father Simon began the feast by consecration of bread and wine in which we all shared, before continuing with the other food, and the fortunate among us sampled wine made by Morgan and Jon of grapes they had themselves picked (they had bottled the wine on the previous evening).

When the celebration concluded, we sang "Amazing Grace", and the couple departed to the sound (to which they had entered) of "Simple Gifts".

After their holiday in Asia they will be working on the next vintage in New Zealand. We hope that they will be keeping in touch – and returning in due course.

Simple Gifts

We know this American 19th Century Shaker tune, in the version to which the hymn "I danced in the morning when the world was begun" is sung: the original words, perhaps not so well known here, deserve study. They are:

'Tis a gift to be simple, 'tis a gift to be free;
'tis a gift to come down where you ought to be.
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gained,
to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,
to turn, turn will be our delight
'til by turning, turning we come 'round right.



Communion In The Round

On 20th January we used the seating configuration from the previous day's celebration, but with the Holy Table in the centre, for Father Simon to celebrate the Eucharist. Again, people could see each other, and the centrality of the Table made even more clear our "single Truth" – "that God was man in Palestine and lives today in Bread and Wine" (from "Christmas" by Sir John Betjeman CBE).

Family Tea

On 25th January our first Family Tea of the year took place. Some twenty-five people gathered for food and fellowship, in relief from the searing heat of the previous day.

In addition to the range of delicious comestibles provided by those attending, some of the wine made by Morgan and Jon made a brief appearance.

Our regular English visitors, Peter and Elaine, were with us: their friends at home had kindly shared, on the

previous day, the information that snow was falling there: interesting of course, and a world away from us on our hottest day on record.

Having Tony and Wendy's granddaughter Amelia with us made it a good opportunity to test our aerodynamic design skills with paper darts (*photos in on-line supplement*).

Brian McMillan, Warden



Our January Family Service (Epiphany) was made more special by the contributions made by grandchildren Seth, Linnea and Jacob Clampett and Katrina and Lauren Clifford.

L: Katrina and Lauren share the reading of a passage from the Bible.

The final hymn of the Family Service is

sometimes an occasion to break out the percussion instruments, "let it rip" and "make a joyful noise unto the Lord!"

Below: the Clampett family, Jacob, Seth, Jono and Gillian, and behind them, Lorraine Eyles and Dee Badgery, with instruments.



Clean Up Australia

For the last few years St Ann's has assisted with the Clean Up Australian Day challenge, and plans to do so again this year.

Wear your old clothes to church on March 3rd, attack the rubbish situation 10.30-12, and conclude with a sausage sizzle.

Gillian Clampett



An early reminder –
March is BCA Box
Month!

Wendy S

The Christian Care and Support Centre.

Thanks to assistance from all the Churches in the local community I am able to report that the Centre, which was struggling 12 months ago financially, is now able to help those in need. The cash donations as well as the wonderful supply of groceries regularly delivered to churches or our door has enabled us to pay our insurance as well as keep groceries in our cupboards.

The number of families requiring food has grown in the last 12 months. We have approximately 400 on our books. We were able to pack great hampers (*see below*) for all who requested them at Christmas.

Thank you for your support!

Your support again this year would be very much appreciated.

Anne Lear



Love, actually ...

A four year old child had an elderly next door neighbour who had recently lost his wife. Seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there.

His mother asked what he had said to the neighbour.

The little boy replied, "Nothing, I just helped him to cry."



Christ Church celebrated its first locally led Praise, Prayer and Proclamation Service in January. It was ably led by Belinda Rosser and John Morgan (*see above*). Additional participation from parishioners is encouraged if anyone has a short poem, reading or thought that they would like to share during the service – if so please speak with Belinda.

The Combined Christian Churches Community Care Yankalilla (5CY) have thanked our members for the food and gifts given for the Christmas Hamper Appeals. About 35 Hampers were handed out this year. 5CY still require ongoing donations of non-perishable items and money for their welfare program.

We have been part of the Western Fleurieu Anglicans Mission Partnership for over 12 months but up until now we have been maintaining our own bank accounts and have our own Council structure. At the December Council meeting it was resolved that we would merge our finances with the WFA Mission Partnership. For people that have been supporting the church through Direct Debit (or those who wish to start utilising this option), they will need to update their payment details to –

Anglican Parish of Southern Vales
BSB 105 071 Account no. 029112440
Reference Your name and Christ Church or St
 James offering

As a further part of the transition, at our February meeting (14/2/19) we will look at changing the Council

to a Combined Anglican Churches of Yankalilla/Delamere Management Committee. This will mean that we will keep a lot of the day-to-day functions and responsibilities at the local level with oversight from the WFA Council. If this change is approved we would then decide the composition of the Management Committee and have the necessary elections/appointments at our local Vestry Meeting/s.

The Western Fleurieu Anglicans Vestry Meeting will be held at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale at 2 pm on Sunday, March 10th. Wardens and representatives on our various local committees need to get their reports in by 14/2/19 .

We have received notification that State Heritage have allocated \$500,000 towards Heritage Grants with a closing date for applications of 15/3/19. The guidelines and application forms can be accessed at <https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/heritage/heritage-grants> . There has been some discussion about the repainting of the Christ Church roof along with internal plaster and salt damp repairs. This would fit the grant criteria (bear in mind the grants are for up to 50% of the costs involved), but someone needs to take responsibility for the proposal and discuss it with State Heritage and get quotes.

If someone is interested in progressing this, please speak with the Wardens.

Peter Filsell, Warden

For Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday celebrations at Yankalilla, see p. 4.



L—R: Patrusca Birkett, Bob & Susan Smith, Wendy Sandercock, Trish Frith (hidden) Stephen Carthew, Patricia Ninnas, Julie Bennett, Jan and Fr Ian Young, Fr Brenton

St Stephen's church continues to be open on a Saturday morning. Always several people drop by for a chat or join us for refreshments. Some of the time is spent gardening or arranging flowers or generally reorganising the church (in between chatting or discussing the history of the church).

The Saturday Night Out on January 12th at the Willunga Hotel (L) was attended by 12 people. It was an enjoyable evening. **The next Saturday Night Out dinner will be held on February 9th** at the Willunga Hotel after the 5.30 pm service. Join us for a social evening. *Bookings to Ted Sandercock 8556 4535.*



Note that the next Pastoral Group at Willunga House will be on Wednesday, February 20th, 2-4 pm; a Coffee & Swim Retreat.

We are grateful to the Willunga Blacksmith for these new signs which help control the flow of traffic on busy Saturday mornings, and also to the Willunga Bakery, Willunga

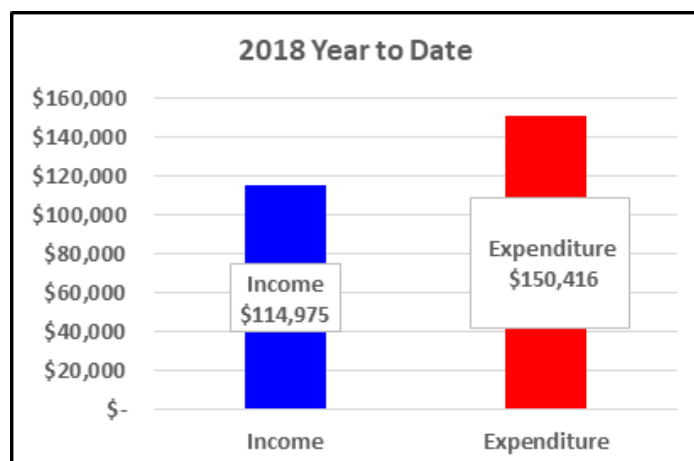
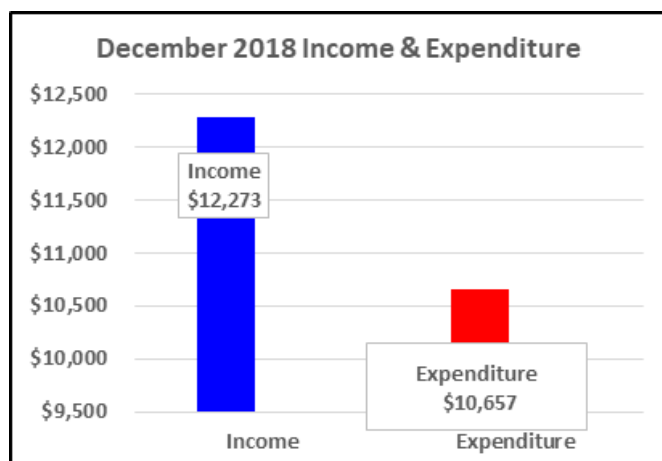
Meats, the Peacock Farm and Doc Adams Wines for their support during the past year, 2018.

Do join us for the Saturday 5.30 pm service, and stay for drinks and nibbles.

Ted Sandercock, Warden

Photos: T Sandercock

There was no Western Fleurieu Anglican Council meeting in January, but our Treasurer has provided a financial report.



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Wednesday: 9:00 am

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St Stephen's, St Andrews Tce, Willunga

Saturday: 5.30 pm

Wardens:

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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

Fifth Sundays in the month a 10 am
combined Ecumenical service with the
Uniting Church and the Church of Christ.

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

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JUST A LITTLE BIT OF THAT WINE BACK
INTO WATER?**

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Franklin Graham,

son of evangelist Billy Graham,
will in be Adelaide and speaking on

Wednesday 20th February, 7.30 pm

at 44A Crittenden Rd, Findon.

Free admission

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Photo Supplement

Morgan and Jon ask a blessing on their wedding, St Ann's 12th January (see p. 6)



The church, with its new chairs, was adaptable to the occasion, serving both as chapel and wedding banquet.

Below: Morgan and Jon feed each other portions of the wedding cake.





Little Amelia enjoys coming to the Family Tea nights with her grandparents Tony and Wendy Young, and she loves making paper gliders. This day she brought out the child in all of us, and before long everyone was involved and gliders were flying. Her favourite competitor was Jack Warrington.
Photos: T Young

Confirmation, January 27th (see pp 1, 4)

Below: Fiona Broadbent carries the processional cross.

R: The Bishop confirms Peter Wilkin

Bottom: Brenton assists the Bishop by administering the chalice.

