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

The Grapevine



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A message from Deacon Pete

*Entering into the new year we have to ask
Ourselves: will church be the same old same old?
Or do we want to make a difference that will bring
in new hope, a fresh sense of joy and energy within
our congregations?*

*We need to ask, are we a people of promise? Do we
show others that Jesus is, not only within us, but
real and touching others through who we are and
what we bring?*

*Ministry is not a commission just to those who have
certain roles. We are all called to be ministers and
to bring God's love, peace, joy and hope to others.
This is why we lit the Advent candles proclaiming
that these four things are the gifts God has given us
that we can bring to others.*

*With the final candle we lit at Christmas, the white
one, we are saying that Christ in His purity gives us
these gifts to bring to others.*

*The media say the church is dying, and some of us
accept that. I may be an eternal optimist, but I
have seen in my life that when people live as Christ
called them, a church can thrive. That means being
alive and it is Christ within us every day that makes
the difference.*

*This year let us live not only within church liturgy,
but see where it can take us beyond our traditions.
That is not to dishonour traditions but to take them
to new possibilities.*

*Jesus, God and the Holy Spirit are not some distant
entities we pray to out there in the great cosmos.
As Christians we have invited God to enter into our
lives and our very souls. When we live this reality,
we find that it is not only us making a difference
but God making the difference in us.*

*For 2020 let us pray individually and corporately
that God leads us to show the world that there is a
life to live that is wonderfully abundant; that is a
blessing to many. Is that not what we hope for?
That our faith in action will be a blessing to others?*

*In John 10:10 Jesus says, "The thief does not come
except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have
come that they may have life, and that they may
have it more abundantly."*

*May this new year be abundant with the life of
Christ within us.*

Deacon Pete.

Congratulations, Peter!

Deacon Peter has been awarded the Albert Reginald Thrush Prize 2019 for Theological Studies by St Barnabas' Theological College, Adelaide.

The prize is for "The student in the Formation Program who made a significant contribution to the program through preaching, liturgical participation or theological study".

The prize will be presented at the College Commencement Service held at St Peter's Cathedral on Wednesday 19th February 2020 at 6 pm.

We are invited to attend. Let's support him!

Peter has undertaken these studies without financial support from the Diocese, and managed it while continuing in the building trade, and serving as a Deacon.

This is Peter's second award from the College. Last year he was awarded the prize for the Best Commencing Student.



Advent Pageant 2019

We were greatly blessed this year to have fine weather—not too hot—and no storms—when the 400 children from the R-7 Primary School, Galilee Catholic School and Southern Vales Christian College processed to the shopping centre for the Advent Pageant on the 3rd December.

The nativity play, performed this year by Galilee school, and the singing by the combined schools choir, attracted a large crowd of parents and shoppers to hear the story of the first Christmas. A number of Anglicans volunteered to assist with this annual ecumenical event.



What's on

January 2020

Wed 1	New Year's Day
	NAMING AND CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD
Sun 5	EPIPHANY The regular shared lunch at St Nicholas is cancelled for January
	Gold Coin collection for Pastoral Care Workers
Thurs 9	Colton Court Singalong
Sat 11 th	Saturday Night Out (next column, and p. 4)
Sun 12 th	BAPTISM OF OUR LORD ACH Yankalilla service
Tues 14 th	WFA Council meeting , 7 pm St Ann's
Sun 19 th	Holly Aged Care service Hackham 11 am
Mon 20 th	Yankalilla/Delamere MU Christ Church Hall 2 pm
Tues 21 st	Prayer for Peace St Ann's 11 – 12 (next column)
Fri 24 th	Family Tea at St Ann's (next column)
Sat 25 th	CONVERSION OF PAUL

February

Sun 2 nd	PRESENTATION OF CHRIST AT THE TEMPLE Gold Coin Collection for PCWs Shared lunch, St Nicholas', Seaford
Mon 3 rd	Southern Vales Mothers' Union 9.30 am, Visitors' Centre, McLaren Vale.
Tues 4 th	Friends of St Ann's 6.50 for 7 pm
Fri 7 th	Family Tea at St Margaret's (next column)
Sat 8 th	Saturday Night Out at Willunga <i>Bookings 8556 4535</i>
Sun 9 th	ACH Yankalilla service , 2 pm
Tues 11 th	WFA Council 4 pm Yankalilla
Wed 12 th	"Maggie's Mates" 11.15 am
Thurs 13 th	Colton Court sing-along 10.30-11.30 am
Sun 16 th	Holly Aged Care ecumenical service , Hackham, 11 am
Mon 17 th	Yankalilla/Delamere MU , 2 pm Christ Church Hall
Tues 18 th	Prayer for Peace , St Ann's 11 – 12
Fri 21 st	St Nicholas' Luncheon 12.30 & Fellowship 1.30 (<i>Bookings 8392 4508</i>)
Sun 23 rd	TRANSFIGURATION
Mon 24 th	MATTHIAS <i>Service times t.b.a.</i>
Tues 25 th	SHROVE TUESDAY
Wed 26 th	ASH WEDNESDAY
Fri 28 th	Family Tea at St Ann's 6.30 for 7 pm

Save these evenings for Lenten Suppers 2020

Thursday 5 th March at St Nicholas', Seaford	Peter Chapman: "How did a Tradie get ordained?"
Wednesday 11 th March at St Ann's	Fr Jeff Oake: Uluru Statement from the Heart
Wednesday 25 th March at St Ann's	Meagan Schwarz: A school where no roads go.

First and third Fridays:

Friday Home Group at Seaford Rise, 6 for 6.30 pm
Enquiries: 0408 763 654

..and each week:

Tuesdays, St Ann's

8.30 Gardening team at work

Wednesdays St Margaret's, McLaren Vale:

9 am Holy Communion, 10 am Bible study

Thursdays, St Ann's, Aldinga:

9 -11.30 am Cuppa and chat at Granny Annie's

Saturday Night Out

Saturday 11th January
at the Willunga Hotel
after the 5.30 service
at St Stephen's
(see p. 4)

Bookings 8556 4535



Prayer for Peace

St Ann's, Tuesday 21st January 11-12

Light a candle for peace.

Join your prayers with those of others, for peace in our time.

Prayer, meditation, discussion; concluding with refreshments.



Family Tea at St Ann's

Friday 24th January
6.30 for 7 pm

All welcome. Bring your friends. Bring food to share—or just come. Food, fun and fellowship.



Family tea at

St Margaret's

Friday 7th February
6 for 6.30 pm

All welcome. Bring your friends. Bring food to share—or just come. Food, fun and fellowship.



"An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves."

News from St Stephen's, Willunga

On Saturday 7th December it was all “go” at St Stephen’s, with the church open for visitors as usual on a Saturday, and outside, a book and plant sale, held in conjunction with a Mothers’ Union table offering support and advice options for victims of domestic violence.

With De Badgery and Margaret Cale selling books and Fr Brenton, Lyn, and Trish Frith selling plants, all in the shade of the spectacular old peppercorn tree, quite a lot of interest was attracted, and \$316 was raised, including donations, towards the improving of the car park.

Car park wine sales

The donation of red and white wines for sale by DocAdams is selling well at \$25 per bottle. The money goes for the car park renovation. Buyers have commented on the excellence of this drop.

Crib and Carols Service (Photo p. 1)

The Crib and Carols service was held on Saturday December 21st at 5.30 pm. It was well attended by some 70 adults and children. The service was followed by fruit mince pies and bubbly. Thanks to Brian McMillan, Lorraine Nitschke and the choir, Margaret Cale for the liturgy, and the readers.

Saturday Night Out

The next will be held on Saturday January 11th after the 5.30 pm St Stephen’s Vigil service. It is planned to hold this meal at the Willunga Hotel’s new outdoor under cover area. A large variety of food options are provided during this event at a cost of \$25 - \$30

per head. Drinks are bought at the nearby Bar. If it is a warm evening, the shaded, seated garden area is available. More details in the Epiphany pew sheet.

St Stephen’s Patronal Festival, Saturday December 29th

Despite the soaring temperature, three days into a December heatwave, St Stephen’s Patronal Celebration was held at 5.30 pm with a Vigil Eucharist followed by a delicious meal in the garden of Willunga House, where we were delighted by a cool change during the evening.

Our thanks to those who joined the St Stephen’s friends as we celebrated the life of St Stephen. Thank you Fr Brenton for the service, Brian McMillan, Margaret Cale, Wendy Sandercock, Joan Lunn and Jac Bishop. and special thanks to Alexis and Bill for hosting us at Willunga House. *Ted Sandercock & John Strachan, Wardens*

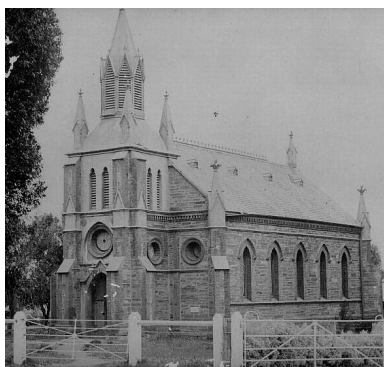


St Stephen’s bell

As promised last month, a photo of the bell in the tower of St Stephen’s, and the view from the top!

The bell was cast in England in the time of Elizabeth I, and was brought to Australia by the first priest of the Willunga parish, the Rev’d Arthur Burnett.

The church, the second Church of England to be built at Willunga, originally had a wooden steeple, which had to be pulled down in the 1920s when it became unsafe.





Christmas Luncheon at the Peacock Farm

On 22nd December, some forty parishioners from all centres of the Western Fleurieu Anglican pastoral district gathered in the beautiful grounds of the Peacock Farm, Willunga, to celebrate Christmas fellowship together. With a glass of White Feather donated by John Saunders and offered at the door by host David Stuttard, music by Kevin Owens on his flute, and the peacocks as ever strutting their stuff (we were even treated to the sight of a family of chicks with their peahen mother) it was a special occasion! Peter Chapman entertained us half time with his popular poetry.

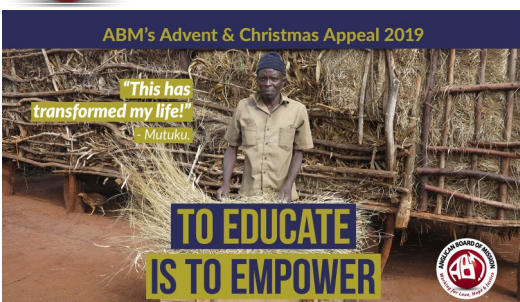
Photos: L: Kevin Owens. R: (from top): Fr Brenton and Bill Cale, Lynn and Ron King (Fr Ian Young, Di Best and Jan Young in the background), Mary Eales and John Strachan, Wendy Sandercock, Trish Frith, Patricia Ninnnes, Julie Bennett.



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ABM's Advent & Christmas Appeal 2019



ABM's Advent and Christmas appeals provide support for Australia's Wontulp-Bi-Buya College and Nungalinga College, empowering Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander people to build up their people, their churches and their communities.

It also assists St John's Theological Seminary in Kitwe, Zambia, to meet the needs of clergy training for the whole church, including students from poorer dioceses, for whom the diocese does not charge for tuition.
It's not too late to donate!

News from Yankalilla & Delamere

The combined churches of Yankalilla, also known as 5CY, held their annual Christmas hamper packing and delivery day in early December. Food and toiletries are donated from a variety of sources including local supermarkets and many parishioners of the churches are involved. Over 120 hampers were delivered to needy families in the district and many presents given to the children who might otherwise not get any.



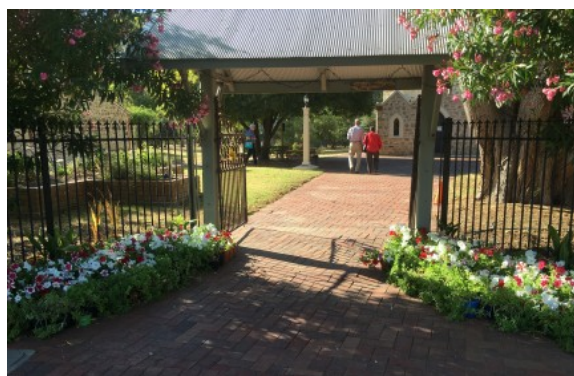
The ecumenical group continues this work all year round helping those in need, with hampers mostly donated by members. In the absence of the major charities in the area the group fills a vital role, specially at Christmas.

Christ Church rectory is slowly being made ready. Fr Brenton and Lyn should be able to take up residence in late January and though there will still be a bit of tweaking to be done it can happen whilst they are there.

The statue of the virgin in the grounds of Christ Church is in need of a face lift and this will be done over the next month, weather permitting, by a local ceramic artist. When that is done the area around it will be given a tidy up.

The traditional Christmas Eve evening service was held at St James, Delamere and was attended by about 40 which included families of some of the regular congregation members. Fr Brenton took the service assisted by Gail Filsell. The service was followed by cake and champagne in the hall.

Christmas Day was the turn of Christ Church, Yankalilla, and attracted about 50, again including several family groups. It was good to see a couple of family groups who holiday here every year and join us on Christmas Day. Fr Brenton also took this service and told an interesting story involving a flock of geese and a Scottish crofter. We are still waiting to find out what happened to the geese at the end of it...



A tradition at Christ Church is to line the entrance to the church near the lychgate with petunias which have been grown by parish members. At the end of the service members of the congregation are requested to take as many of these as they wish as a gift from the church. They are always popular and usually disappear quickly.

Ron King

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REMEMBER THAT NEW YEAR RESOLUTION YOU MADE TO TRY NEW THINGS?



Many of us know Julia and Michael Drought's daughter Annabelle, formerly of this parish, and her husband Michael. They are currently on a nine week trip in Japan, meeting with other mission folk and visiting Sapporo where they hope to live permanently next year. Annabelle is expecting their third baby in March, and they will be back in Australia in February for a few months before returning to Japan.

News from St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

We have had mixed attendances this month ranging from 12 to 42 at any one service. All services, however, are done with loving and welcoming care, regardless of the numbers.

Br Simon invited the whole congregation to stand around the altar for Holy Communion during one service. With a dozen of us there, it became a more intimate and a memorable sharing of Christ's body and blood.

While Greg John took a well earned rest from church music duties, Brian McMillan and Felicity Warrington took over the reins. Thankyou Felicity and Brian. During another service we actually coped with pre-recorded music, a bit of a last resort but not quite as painful as anticipated...

The Prayer, Praise and Proclamation service was ably led and run mostly by Greg John with the focus on Mary and her obedience to everything Jesus asked of her.

Greg also explained the Chrismons hanging from our Christmas tree, their history and what they symbolise. Jac Hocking completed the service with one of her beautifully crafted symbols in the form of little angels for us to take home. Jac also baked up a storm for a delicious morning tea. Thankyou Jac for sharing your gifts with us... we have a wonderful collection of these

handcrafted mementos to ponder on, reminding us of Christ's love. They are also a blessing to those with whom we share these tokens.

The sale of St Margaret's has been approved by Diocesan Council. The actual official handover and signing of documents will happen in the new year and we are being kept up to date with this process as it happens.

The backpackers hostel in McLaren Vale is being host to a group of workers from the Solomon Islands. Lowan, one of their group, has attended our church with a friend. Please welcome them if you see them at our church. Welcome Lowan and friend! We hope to see you again soon.

The Christmas Eve evening service was well attended. Following the Eucharist, the story of the nativity was told by Joseph the carpenter, Mary's husband, with our very own carpenter, Peter Chapman and a group from St Nicholas' Seaford church (*see also p. 10*). A great carol singing and joyful event, which was followed by refreshments in the Sunday School room.

Thankyou to all those who continue in faithful service at St Margaret's. Your time and diligence in keeping things running smoothly is always much appreciated.

Wardens Greg John and Julia Drought



Above: Br Simon, Cathy More, Iona & Helen Bates, Dn Peter Chapman



R: The carpenter and his dream



Photos in this issue by S Carthew, P Chapman, A Chittleborough, J Cuthbert, J Drought, P Filsell, L Gardiner, G John, R King, T Sandercock.

Advent: preparing for Christmas 2019

Choir

Final preparation by the group who meet to sing at St Ann's at 9.30 am on Thursdays, before the Carols and Crib Service on 21st December and the Christmas Services, occurred on Thursday 19th December, which turned out to be a day when the maximum Adelaide temperature was 43.9 degrees. The singers were grateful to be able to enjoy, instead of the hot and airless Church, the refreshing coolness of St Ann's Hall, and prepared so that, on the day(s), it could be said with truth that "the choir, with peals of glee, doth rend the air asunder". Of course, the modern version of "Unto us a boy is born" is far more inclusive, and nowadays concludes "we sing our songs with glee, and rend the air asunder".

Bible Study

A small group of nine to twelve parishioners attended our advent study, called *Faith in the Fire*, and discussed what it means to be a believer in the twenty first century. We covered the topics, faith facing facts, doubt, disaster, prayer and action, and while there was often a consensus of opinion, on many occasions, we were confronted with ideas like "Is our faith based in a strong foundation?" "Should church and state be completely separate?" "When is it okay to doubt?"

The speakers on the CD were from a range of backgrounds. Rabbi Lionel Blue, a writer and scholar from the Reform branch of Judaism, Rev Steve Chalke, a Baptist minister, Revd Dr Leslie Griffith, a leading Methodist, Ann Widdecombe, MP, who left the Anglican church to be received into the Roman Catholic Church and Dr David Hope, former Archbishop of York who summarised each session. Some were quite entertaining while others gave practical advice. In all, the study was well received and we not only learnt more about each other, but we found a deeper connection with God's wider family.

Divine Drudgery

On Saturday 21st December at St Ann's the teaching embodied in the hymn "Teach me my God and King" (Reverend George Herbert 1593-1633, Rector of Fugglestone St Peter with Bemerton 1630-1633) was put into practice when a group of volunteers from the regular congregation cleaned the church from top to bottom, so that those attending could say "The church looks nice" on Christmas Day. The hymn includes:

"A servant with this clause ["for Thy sake"] makes drudgery divine; who sweeps a room, as for Thy laws, makes that and the action fine."

Christmas 2019

It was pleasing to see so many people, including children, attend the 9 am Service at St Ann's on Christmas Day. Brother Simon officiated, and Julie Bennett and Barry Bates assisted. During the service the children went across to the hall to tell the story of Christ's nativity, and

decorate stars to take home, and returned to include their handiwork in the offerings placed on the altar. After the service they handed out Christmas blessing cards to the congregation. Total attendance was 110 (last Christmas total attendance was 85).

Eight Christmas Carols were sung during the Service.



The Editorial - "Hark to the angels" - in *Country Life* of 27th November 2019 included:

"Each year, the eternal messages of optimism in Christmas carols reassure us, reinforcing belief in the important things in life: peace, family, kindness, charity and the stability of a home. Human suffering from war, poverty, sickness and natural disasters is always most acutely felt at Christmas and, this year, we have political acrimony heaped upon us, too. It was never more important to wait 'in solemn stillness' to hear the angels sing".

In her Christmas Message, Her Majesty the Queen refers to the same Christmas Carol:

"As Christmas dawned, church congregations around the world joined in singing "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear". Like many timeless carols, it speaks not just of the coming of Jesus Christ into a divided world, many years ago, but also of the relevance, even today, of the angels' message of peace and goodwill.

"It's a timely reminder of what positive things can be achieved when people set aside past differences and come together in the spirit of friendship and reconciliation. And, as we all look forward to the start of a new decade, it's worth remembering that it is often the small steps, not the giant leaps, that bring about the most lasting change."

The Christmas Creed which we all said during the service on Christmas Day was:

I believe in Jesus Christ and in the beauty of the gospel begun in Bethlehem.

*I believe in the one whose spirit glorified a little town;
and whose spirit still brings music to people all over the
world, in towns both large and small.*

*I believe in the one for whom the crowded inn could
find no room, and I confess that my heart still some-
times wants to exclude Christ from my life today.*

*I believe in the one whom the rulers of the earth
ignored and the proud could never understand; whose
life was among common people, whose welcome came
from persons of hungry hearts.*

*I believe in the one who proclaimed the love of God to
be invincible:*

*I believe in the one who by love brought sinners back to
purity, and lifted human weakness up to meet the
strength of God.*

I believe in God who gives us the best of himself.

*I believe in Jesus, the son of the living God, born in
Bethlehem that night, for me and for the world. Amen.*

Wardens Julianne Bates & Brian McMillan

With the WFA faced with the need to raise \$1,800 for the Diocesan Ministry Training Fund, Barbara Walter assisted by offering a coffee morning (plus!) for a donation, after church on Sunday 8th December. The \$300 she raised topped up the coffers and enabled WFA to reach the target. What's more, it has inspired others to do something similar. We can all help!



Her latest effort was another raffle, which was drawn on Sunday 22nd December. Well done, Barbara!

Above: Julianne Bates draws the winning ticket.



Photo R: After the Christmas service some members of the congregation donned colourful aprons and went to serve at the Community Lunch in the Aldinga Institute. L-R: Julia Drought, Anne Chittleborough, Tom Drought, Michael Drought, Amie Wellington.



Above: Lorraine Nitschke (clarinet and flute) and John Badgery (didgeridoo), accompanied organist Brian McMillan and the congregation at the December Family Service.

Gifts for the King

Gold: a special smile
that lightens up the day,
a voice that lifts in song,
a touch with colour,
or with flowers,
the sign of their presence is
Gold to our parish.



Frankincense:
hands in the sink,
or typing a roster,
quiet words spoken,
a hug of comfort,
door mended, roses pruned,
"would you like a cup of tea?"
Not always seen, but savoured,
Frankincense to our parish.

Myrrh: those we have who keep us on track,
it's not easy to speak the words,
add the figures, stick to the prayers
Prophets were not made lovable,
but faithful,
Myrrh to our parish.

*Gillian Clampett
December 1993*

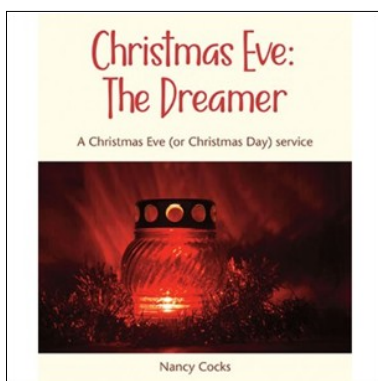
News from St Nicholas', Seaford

Ministry This month we celebrated our Patronal Festival on Sunday 1st December followed by our usual shared lunch. Deacon Peter led us in our PPP (Prayer, Praise & Proclamation) services on the 8th and 15th December and our Christmas Family Service was held on the 22nd December. The year finished with a combined service with the UCA, Church of Christ and us on the 29th December, led by Bernice Elford and Fr Ted Newing. The Seaford Christian Churches New Year's Eve Twilight Ecumenical Service was held at 8 pm with a cuppa in the café after the service for those who wished to linger.

Christmas Services

Our Christmas Eve service was led by Fr Simon and Dn Peter with a different take on the Christmas Story, which was told from the viewpoint of Joseph. Joseph's story, interspersed with carols and poetry, showed clearly the strength, character and faith of the man destined to be the earthly father of Jesus.

*The service was inspired by the poem 'Getting to the front of the stable', by Ann Weems, from her collection *Kneeling in Bethlehem* (Westminster: John Knox Press), and put together by Iona publications. The service was given at St Nicholas' and at St Margaret's later on Christmas Eve (see also p. 7).*



Fr Ted led an Ecumenical service on Christmas morning that was attended by members of the Anglican, UCA, Church of Christ and Catholic communities at Seaford

Christian Churches. A service of carols and words followed by communion in the Anglican tradition. It was an inspiring start to Christmas celebrations.

Small tokens were given out at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day service – the candy cane story with candy cane attached! – kindly put together for us by Sunara.

Jane Cuthbert, Warden



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The December meeting was held at St Nicholas' Seaford. With only a few members in attendance it was still great to meet and support each other in prayer and fellowship. A letter of appreciation was sent to the outgoing Diocesan

President, Eileen Smith, congratulating her on her achievements over the last six years and the wonderful leadership she has given.

The theme for the meeting was the Wave of Prayer. The Wave of Prayer commenced in England in 1921. Every diocese in the world-wide organization is prayed for during the midday prayers on three consecutive days each year. This unbroken chain of prayer provides the spiritual foundation for the mission and work of Mothers' Union. During this service we prayed for the following areas: LUI in South Sudan, EMBU in Kenya, ORLU in Nigeria, AWORI in Nigeria, MEDAK in India and our own Diocese of The Murray.

Helen Cook

If you have 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 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.

If you wish to donate towards the cost of printing/mailling, it can be given to the Editor or to the Parish Treasurer, Margaret Cale, or placed in marked envelopes in the collection plate. Thank you!

The February Grapevine will include information about the various activities and organisations within the WFA.

Send brief notes (50-100 words) introducing your activity to the Editor by Thursday 23rd January. Include contact details for enquiries, and if you like, include a photo!

It has been suggested that these notes could be used as introductory paragraphs for reports to Vestry.

Snippets from Western Fleurien Anglican Council meeting, 10th December

St Margaret's, McLaren Vale: With the agreement of Diocesan Council, St Margaret's has been sold in principle to Kalyra Communities with settlement to be on 31st March 2020, the funds from the sale to be invested to further the work of the parish. WFA will have a 10 year lease on the church, which can be extended to another five years, for use on Wednesdays, Sundays and Christmas and Easter. We will have the use of the hall for as long as it exists (no site modifications are expected for two or three years.) Further details of negotiation are being explored.

Kalyra will take on the care of the memorial rose garden.

Greg John and Jeff McHugh were thanked for their work in negotiating this.

Priests' report: Br Simon had had the opportunity to visit services at each centre, and the meetings planning these, and noted a pleasingly proactive and positive attitude in an uncertain world.

Next year, he said, there would be a concentration on training and educational support for those needing it, such as pastoral assistants, home visitors etc. We would work at clarifying where our mission emphasis is.

The Bishop had applauded the work done at WFA: the process of background information and planning devised by Br Simon, and its implementation by the WFA Futures Group team.

Finance Report: (see graphs). Thanks to a fund-raising coffee morning at Barbara Walter's home, the Home Mission Fund target had been met.

The Diocesan targets for the Home Mission Fund and the Ministry Training Fund had been reduced a little for next year, and would now be \$1,500 for each. Clergy stipends and travel would rise slightly.

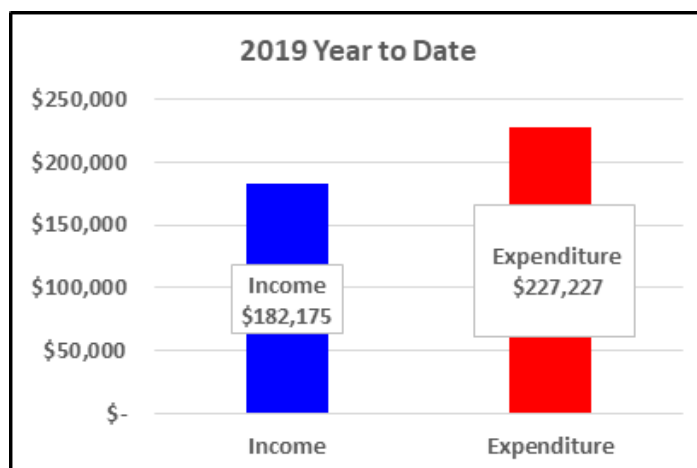
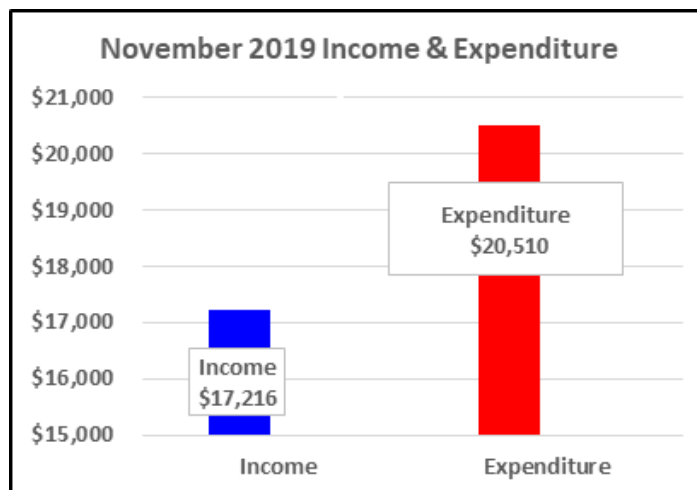
On Peter shared that some people had anonymously donated money for himself and Heather, with which he had been able to buy books for his study subjects. It had been enormously helpful and he and Heather were touched by their generosity.

Reporting on the **Diocesan Council meeting**, Ted reported that the Bishop was keen to increase professional development, not only for clergy, but also for lay people.

He was negotiating with St Barnabas' College, Adelaide, for a lay pastoral diploma: where attendance in person was not possible, it could be done online.

The **Diocesan Strategic Direction** process was to be reviewed in each parish, and a summary response would be prepared for the May Diocesan Synod.

The next WFA Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th January at St Ann's.



*Wishing you a
Happy and Blessed
New Year!*

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
Jeremiah 29:11

The WFA Annual Vestry Meeting
will be held on Sunday, March 22nd, 2020
at 2 pm in St Margaret's Sunday School room.
Reports to Jane Cuthbert by 1st March, please.
Pre-vestry meetings will be held in each church,
in February. Dates t.b.a.

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Service times & contact details

St Margaret's, 99 Main Road McLaren Vale

Sunday: 10.30 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:

Julianne Bates 0431 853 515

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

Lynn King 0421 332 399

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 09

Ann Ryan - 8598 0227

**Where there is a Fifth Sunday
in a month, there is likely to be
a Combined Service. Check
pewsheets and website for
details.**



***The Grapevine January 2020
Colour Supplement***



**St Margaret's,
Christmas Eve**



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**St Ann's,
Christmas
Day**



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**Christmas luncheon at the
Peacock Farm**

