

# September 2020

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



## The Grapevine

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

### *Parish Picnic!*



Dear Friends,

*It has been a great privilege for us as a parish to institute a tradition that we all know well from years gone by in previous churches, that of the Parish Picnic. We had planned to begin this on the 5th Sunday in March, with the idea of starting with a service in the park, followed by a shared lunch, and finally some games and scenic walks around the lake at Myponga. However, with the hard lockdown in the early phase of the pandemic, this could not take place.*

*As a result of the pandemic and the need to adapt, we have set up our SMS messaging system as a call to worship on Sundays with the Table Service. We have become comfortable with this, and we were able to spread the word that we were going to have our parish service and picnic, and send a follow up SMS the night before saying that if the weather was too wet we would be meeting in the hall next door to the lake. It was great for us all to be instantly informed and able to adapt quickly as a parish to changing circumstances.*

*It was wonderful to have Fr Brenton lead us in a covid safe eucharistic service and to have so many from all around our parish come to have their individual picnic lunches in the same location. Some even braved the Scottish style weather to take walks around the lake. It is so good to make the most of the blessings God provides. This will hopefully be the first of many annual Parish Picnics in the years to come.*

God Bless

Br Simon

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## Parish Picnic!

Unspoilt by the constraints of the corona virus and the weather, the parish picnic at “Loch Dubh”, Myponga, was a day to be remembered as parishioners from churches around the parish gathered to celebrate their faith and their fellowship. A cold wind and occasional rain meant that the service and the meal were held in the hall, with seating and eating dictated by circumstances, but there was plenty of opportunity for interaction—and a stroll down to the “Loch” after lunch.

*A: The Eucharist; B: Fr Brenton in his cap well suited for the occasion; C: Joan Lunn and Wendy Sandercock, with (back L) Fr Ian Young and Jan, and (back R) Gail and Christine Filsell; D: Lorraine and David Nitschke E: Julia Drought, Barry and Julianne Bates, Doreen Rushbrook. Don't miss the photos on p. 13-15, in the online colour supplement.*



*Planning ahead is not easy at the moment as COVID-19 regulations change from week to week, and, in fact from day to day. Dates and events listed here should be regarded as guidelines only and may be subject to change.  
Keep in touch with your church for all updates.*

## September

- Wed 2<sup>nd</sup>** **MARTYRS OF PNG**  
Garden Club Christ Church 2 pm
- Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup>** **YankaDelly Council Meeting** 2 pm Old School
- Fri 4<sup>th</sup>** **Home Group Seaford Rise** 6 for 6.30  
(Enquiries 0408 763 654)
- Sun 6<sup>th</sup>** **Gold Coin collection for Pastoral Care Workers**
- Mon 7<sup>th</sup>** **SV Mothers' Union** 9.30 am (see p. 5)
- Tues 8<sup>th</sup>** **WFA Council** 7 pm Zoom
- Thurs 10<sup>th</sup>** **Community Prayers Christ Church** 4-15pm
- Sat 12<sup>th</sup>** **Saturday Night Out** (next column & p. 7)
- Sun 13<sup>th</sup>** **ACH Service, Yankalilla** 2.30 pm
- Mon 14<sup>th</sup>** **HOLY CROSS**
- Tues 15<sup>th</sup>** **Prayer for Peace St Ann's Room** 2 pm
- Wed 16<sup>th</sup>** **Garden Club Christ Church** 2 pm
- Fri 18<sup>th</sup>** **St Nicholas' Fellowship** 1 pm  
**Home Group Seaford Rise** 6 for 6.30
- Mon 21<sup>st</sup>** **MATTHEW**  
**Futures Meeting** 10 am, St Ann's
- Thurs 24<sup>th</sup>** **Community Prayers Christ Church** 4-15pm
- Tues 29<sup>th</sup>** **MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS**

## October

- Thurs 1<sup>st</sup>** **Bp Keith's visit to meet the Futures Group**
- Fri 2<sup>nd</sup>** **Home Group Seaford Rise** 6 for 6.30  
(Enquiries 0408 763 654)
- Sun 4<sup>th</sup>** **Gold Coin collection for Pastoral Care Workers**
- Tues 6<sup>th</sup>** **Friends of St Ann's** 7 pm
- Wed 7<sup>th</sup>** **Garden Club Christ Church** 2 pm
- Thurs 8<sup>th</sup>** **YankaDelly Council Meeting** 4pm  
Old School
- Sat 10<sup>th</sup>** **Sausage Sizzle at Willunga market**  
(next column)  
**Saturday Night Out** (next column)
- Sun 11<sup>th</sup>** **ACH service, Yankalilla** 2.30 pm
- Tues 13<sup>th</sup>** **WFA Council** 7 pm
- Fri 16<sup>th</sup>** **St Nicholas' Fellowship** 1 pm  
**Home Group Seaford Rise** 6 for 6.30
- Sun 18<sup>th</sup>** **LUKE**
- Mon 19<sup>th</sup>** **MU Yankalilla/Delamere**
- Tues 20<sup>th</sup>** **Prayer for Peace** 2 pm
- Wed 21<sup>st</sup>** **Garden Club Christ Church** 2 pm
- Wed 28<sup>th</sup>** **SIMON & JUDE**

**Seaford Rise Home Group**  
first and third Fridays of the month,  
6 for 6.30 pm  
Shared meal, video and discussion  
Contact David Nitschke 0408 763 652

**Saturday Night Out Dinner**  
Willunga Hotel  
**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September,**  
following the 5.30 Eucharist at St Stephen's  
Bookings 0410 548 040, and pre-order your meal  
(see p. 7)

**Prayers for Peace**  
**St Ann's Room,**  
**Tues 15<sup>th</sup> September**  
**2 pm**  
Prayer, discussion, contemplation, music.  
Light a candle for peace

**St Nicholas' Fellowship**  
**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September**  
**1 pm**  
(see p. 6)

Help with the  
**Sausage Sizzle**  
at the Quarry Market  
**10<sup>th</sup> October, 14<sup>th</sup> November**  
Proceeds support the Schools Ministry  
Contact Ted 0410 548 040

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 15<sup>th</sup> of September

Please notify the Editor if you wish to avoid the chance of being mentioned in this newsletter.



## News from St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

Hi everyone,

The congregation of St Margaret's continues to enjoy being able to worship together again, both on Sundays and Wednesdays. We recommenced morning tea after the Sunday service on the 22/08/2020 bearing in mind the need for social distancing, avoiding double handling of utensils, and not sharing food. We managed fairly well, with most members of the congregation bringing their own mug and spoon, and taking them home to wash. We had disposable cups for those who either forgot, didn't know or were unable to bring a mug. We hope more people will be able to bring their own mug and spoon in the future. Everybody enjoyed being able to be together for a while after the service.

The congregation has also decided to cancel all "Maggie's Mates" meetings until the new year as due to the COVID-19 Virus we are limited as to what activities we can organise and those we can discuss after the Sunday service.

In the last month we have had both a memorial service for Philippa Gamlin and a baptism for Alice Horne. Philippa's family decorated the church for her memorial and it looked lovely (*see R above*). The service was very moving and a fitting farewell for Philippa. It was organised by her family and live streamed for those members in other states. Extra *Grapevines* were available for the families to take, which they appreciated.

The church was set up very simply (below) for Alice's baptism, with the font set up at the top of the nave in front of the altar. The family were happy with the service and the care taken.

We grieve with Nicholas and Trish Tassie on the death of Nicholas' mother, Janet, who died on the 14<sup>th</sup> August. Janet's health had failed, but for many years she was a regular parishioner at St Margaret's, encouraging her five grandchildren's involvement in Sunday School. Her funeral at Morphett Vale was taken by Fr Brenton.

Following the directive to have COVID-19 Marshals present at all activities, Julia Drought and Judy Wells have undertaken the training for St Margaret's, and Ted Sandercock has agreed to undertake responsibility for the Wednesday service and the Bible Study Group. The groups using the hall continue to be proactive and have their own trained marshals.

Greg continues to maintain the church grounds, with others as required. Thank you.

Continue to be safe out there

*Greg John & Judy Wells, Wardens*



*Alice, with parents Stephanie & Liam*







## A word from Deacon Pete

Hebrews 12: 2a (Amplified version)  
*[looking away from all that will distract us and] focusing our eyes on Jesus, who is the Author and Perfector of faith [the first incentive for our belief and the One who brings our faith to maturity]*

When I was 16, I was troubled. I tried to do everything right as a Christian, but the problem was, I realised, that I was always going to fail. I tried many ways to live a righteous life for my Lord, and in the end, feeling like a complete failure, I cried to God, "I can't do it!"

At this point He spoke gently to my heart. "Thanks," He said. "Now I can take over." He made it quite clear: "You were never meant to worship, to live for me or even to have a faith, without me giving you the ability to do it."

Over some time the Holy Spirit began to teach me what that meant. He showed me that in my own strength I could do nothing to be perfect, or even make myself good. He had made a covenant with me to be, in me, that perfectness I needed.

This meant that as I continued to seek Him and follow in His ways, He would continue to speak to my heart and soul. He would convict me or teach me or show me new things about His word and His love; and the more I listened the more I longed to hear from Him. It opened my eyes to see God in everything and everyone around me and within me as well.

At first I wondered if this was really true. It was like being God's apprentice, I needed to trust in Him and let Him lead me and show me how He creates and transforms things, both in my soul and in others.

As the years went by, I realised He had taught me so much and was still teaching me. I realised I could never learn enough about our Lord, He is so deep and so unfathomable. I was never meant to build the house by myself; but now I saw that this amazing Master Builder had taken over, showing me that "perfect" is what He does.

When we say the confession, God does not want us to focus on our failures. We come acknowledging that we have a hope and a promise beyond our failures. In our confession we are saying we will always need Him more than ever. So with a contrite heart, our focus is on Him and Him alone, who has become the author and the perfecter of our faith.

**MU Australia**  
 Part of the World Wide Mothers' Union



Under normal circumstances, the Diocese of The Murray holds a special Diocesan service on Mary Sumner Day, 9<sup>th</sup> August, recognising and commemorating the work of Mary Sumner, the

founder of the Mothers' Union.

Due to the COVID virus the service this year was cancelled, but at St Ann's the Vision, Aim and Purpose of the MU were read out by member Trish McDonald, and Leader Trish Frith spoke about the significance of the



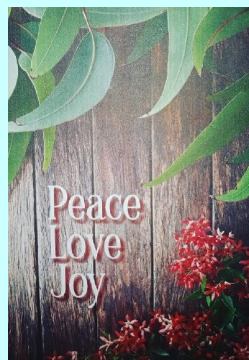
Above: some of the SV MU members at St Ann's on Mary Sumner Day: Trish McDonald, Trish Frith, Anne Chittleborough, Lucy Creed.

MU in the world wide scene.

**The Vision of the Mothers' Union is of a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful and flourishing relationships. The Aim and Purpose is to demonstrate the Christian faith in action by the transformation of communities worldwide through the nurture of family in its many forms.**

The meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August was held at the home of Lucy Creed. **The next meeting will be on the 7<sup>th</sup> September at 23 Esplanade, Pt Willunga, at 9.30 am.**

There will be no meeting in October (Labor Day).



Mothers' Union 2020 Peace cards (50c) and Christmas cards (50c)(illustrated) and diaries, can be ordered from Trish Frith (8556 2604) or Helen Cook (0427 679 787).  
 Large diaries \$7; small diaries \$5.75.  
 12 page 2021 calendar \$9  
 Previous years' cards 30c.



*transformed by Jesus Christ. It is his church, not ours.*

And when all is said and done it is great to be back worshipping together each week and enjoying each other's company, even if from a distance!

Our first Fellowship meeting since February was held on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August. Although not all of us could meet, several had lunch in the café and then were joined by others in fellowship.

We had to meet in the Baptistry as the painting has finally begun in the Centre! So amid a few boxes and other assorted items, our chairs at the correct distance, we finally met and discussed items of importance for our congregation and the SCC community.



We have had an interesting few weeks as we all begin to get used to the new "normal" for Sunday Worship.

A new regime of signing in and sanitizing as we enter the worship area carefully monitored by one of the congregation. Our chairs are correctly distanced so we don't "sing" into anyone's back. No hymn books or prayer books—all the service on the overhead. Socially distancing, passing the Peace with "namaste" prayer hands in greeting to each other, and taking communion in our seats, served by our clergy.

Part of our reflection last Sunday related to these new changes in our weekly worship, and how though altered, the intent is the same.

*When we see changes in our church, in worship or congregations, we can become concerned, anxious and worried, But if we see the church as a body, even when the body changes, every part is still necessary, so our church will change very little.*

*It will be rearranged; cosmetically, it will look and feel a bit different.*

*But it will be the same church because it will be comprised of a people whose lives have been*

Hopefully all the painting will be completed by the end of next week and we can unpack all those boxes and decide what we really want to keep and what we can successfully re-purpose or lose. We just have to remember where we put everything! It will also be good to find all those "lost" items we have been looking for since we commenced services again.

The Café and Op Shop are both open and doing well, especially the café, which has managed to retain most of its takeaway clientele as well as those eating in the café area. The Op shop has had to face a few challenges but all seems to be working much better. Use of PayWave as well as cash handling has been a benefit to both places.

The Table service is still being sent out to those not attending regularly and people are keeping in touch with each other, phoning or visiting where possible, making sure everyone is OK and safe.

Pastoral Care of those in care or respite is continuing but under different structures as COVID restrictions are in place in most of the Residential Homes, limiting the number of visitors allowed.

Still, we are slowly moving forward and looking forward to re-opening more programmes at SCC to support each other and the wider community.

Blessings     *Jane Cuthbert, Warden*

### **We want to keep in touch!**

If you have received this copy of *The Grapevine* as a printed copy but have internet connection, and could read it online, please let me know (8556 5078 or machit5@bigpond.com) as this would save someone coming out to deliver or post it to you.

Our website is at [www.southernvalesparish.org](http://www.southernvalesparish.org), and look for the **NEWSLETTER** button. The advantage of reading it online is that you can read it in colour, and can also view the colour photo supplement!



**Worship** continues on Saturday evenings at 5.30 pm for up to 20 people attending. Thanks to Wendy Sandercock and Joan Lunn for assisting in the preparation for that service. The guide for a Sunday Table Service is distributed to those parishioners in Willunga unable to attend on Saturday evening, as part of Pastoral Visiting.

The Saturday Night Out dinner was held on Saturday August 8<sup>th</sup>. The hotel management had provided a dinner menu which enabled the meals to be pre-ordered early on Saturday afternoon. The meal was served promptly at 7.00 pm as requested, so there was significantly less waiting time, even though the dining room was near COVID capacity.

**The next monthly Saturday Night Out dinner will be held on the second Saturday in September (12<sup>th</sup>) at the Willunga Hotel. Bookings 0410 548 040.**

St Stephen's continues to be open on **Saturday mornings** for prayer or a chat, and the grounds continue to be available for safe parking for families with infants and small children while shopping at the Famers' Market or on High Street.

(With the amount of rain recently, and the consequent mud at the back of the church, we look forward to the planned improvements to the driveway!) Fewer people call in to the church during the winter months but the 2 or 3 visitors make the morning interesting and worthwhile.

Thanks to Bob for his regular mowing of the front lawn along St Andrews Terrace. Jac Bishop, after her car accident, has returned home after time in Flinders Hospital and rehab at Griffith and McLaren Vale hospitals. We received a thank you card from Jac, responding to the get well messages forwarded recently by members of the congregation. Our potted palm is a poor substitute for Jac's flower arrangements!

WFA will be responsible for staffing the School Ministry Sausage Sizzle on the second Saturdays in October and November. If you can assist, please contact the wardens. If not, just come along anyway, buy a delicious sausage or two, and support the SV Schools Ministry.

You may still be lucky enough to be able to buy one of 2 bottles of the wine donated by DocAdams. They're \$25, with the proceeds going towards the car park renovations, and they're an excellent drop. Grab this last opportunity!

*Ted Sandercock and John Strachan, Wardens*



From Bush Church Aid's Spring newsletter, *The Real Australian*, comes news of how one centre is managing to reach out to their community in the face of COVID-19

**How do you stay connected during COVID-19 in a place like Lightning Ridge?** Simply doing church via "livestream" doesn't work so well when half your congregation members live off the grid!

On the very first Sunday after public church services were suspended, God gave us an unexpected open door at the local community radio station, 89.7 Opal FM. Without missing a beat, we found ourselves with a weekly 30-minute slot on Sunday mornings. Consisting of some hymns, a Bible reading, short minister's message, kids' spot and prayers, our new weekly radio service proved a hit with those who listened in over the air waves or tuned in via Zoom.

A hands-down highlight was our Easter Sunday Family Service, with special guest Colin Buchanan giving shout outs to all the kids from Lightning Ridge and Goodooga Central Schools – thanks Colin!

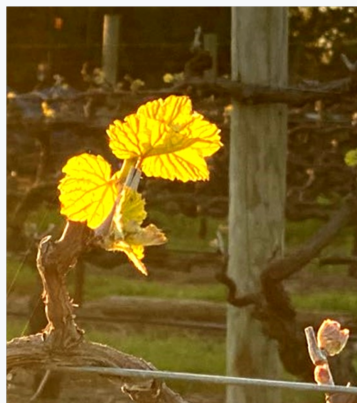
Thanks be to God that in a season of highs and lows we've been able to do more than simply stay connected but stick at our mission of building Christ's Church – in the Ridge, on the Rock! *Kurt Langmead*

For more information see [bushchurchaid.com.au](http://bushchurchaid.com.au)

**September is BCA Box month. Supporters please hand in your boxes to your Wardens.**

### ***In His Light***

At a recent Bible study we thought about the following hymn, which Bishop Keith mentioned in one of his sermons online:



*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in his wonderful  
face.  
And the things of earth  
will grow strangely dim  
In the light of his glory  
and grace.*

When I first heard these words, many years ago, I couldn't sing that third line, because having recently learned to look more fully at Jesus, my

world had become so much brighter and more vivid, more colourful and beautiful! People were so much more attractive and engaging, services were suddenly full of life and meaning. "Dim" wasn't in the picture!

I came to realise that hymns, and in fact words, music, paintings, nature, mean different things to different people, and at different times. Something that leaves me untouched may be life-changing to another person hearing or seeing it—a great thing to remember in our increasingly diverse and varied church life.

*Gillian Clampett*

### Family Service

At the Family Service on 2<sup>nd</sup> August the New Testament reading was from Matthew 14, 13-21, *Jesus feeds the 5,000*. Having shared her message on that Gospel passage, Julianne Bates helpfully provided the following summary:

#### LESSONS

- Never judge your problems in the light of your own resources
- Don't be afraid to put yourself in position for God to do something big
- Accept God's invitation to participate
- To give thanks in a situation is to express grateful confidence in someone else's ability to do something on our behalf

#### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- How do I see interruptions? As a nuisance or as an opportunity for God to minister through me?
- When testing comes my way, on what or whom is my focus?
- Does my "giving thanks" to the Father demonstrate my complete trust in Him to meet my needs in an impossible situation? Why or why not?

**Mary Sumner Day:** On the following Sunday, the 9<sup>th</sup> August, members of the SV Mothers' Union led prayer from the MU Prayer Book, and President, Trish Frith, spoke about the work of the MU. (See p. 5)

### Prayer in the time of Pandemic

In this time of Pandemic, we would like to share one of the prayers we have prayed:

Gracious God, trusting in your providence and presence, we bring our prayer for an end to this pandemic.  
We pray for your strengthening and wisdom for all those committed to offering costly leadership during this crisis.  
We pray for all who are ill.  
We pray for those anxious about getting ill.  
We pray for those full of grief.  
We remember those who have died.  
Aware of our fragility, we pray for your grace to sustain us as we do what we can to end this pandemic.

### Friends of St Ann's

At the meeting of the Friends of St Ann's on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August we considered again the question whether one of our key outreach and fundraising activities, a Jumble Sale, could be held on 19<sup>th</sup> September, as previously planned. We decided that, in the light of the significant pandemic risks, a jumble sale could not be held yet. We noted that people in the community were asking when the next Jumble Sale would be

held, but we felt that it was too soon to say. As goods for sale were mounting up, a date would be set for a sorting-out, with some items to be sold on-line.

### An apocryphal story connected with a Hymn

We sing, infrequently, the hymn "We love the place, O God, wherein Thine honour dwells".

The tune, *Quam Dilecta*, was composed by the Right Reverend Henry Lascelles Jenner DD (1820-1898). Rector from 1844 of Preston-next-Wingham in Kent (so named to avoid confusion with Preston-next-Faversham, also in Kent). Jenner was consecrated Bishop in 1866, in anticipation of the creation of the New Zealand Diocese of Dunedin. When that Diocese emerged, so did the information that Bishop Jenner, an Anglo-Catholic, was a "ritualist", causing local demands for him to give up his claim to the See, which he did – reluctantly – in 1871, then spending the rest of his career, until his death, as Rector of Preston-next-Wingham.

The author of the revised version of the words of this hymn was the Reverend Sir Henry Williams Baker, 3<sup>rd</sup> Baronet (1821-1877), Vicar of Monkland (1851-1877), but better known as the Editor of *Hymns Ancient and Modern* 1861 and author of "O praise ye the Lord", "The King of love my Shepherd is", and "Lord, Your word abiding".

The author of the original version of the words of this Hymn, published in *Songs of the Church*, 1854, was the Very Reverend William Bullock DD (1798-1874), the first Dean of Halifax, Nova Scotia (1864-1874).

The apocryphal story?

The hymn, as written, includes verses commencing "We love the sacred font" and "We love Thine altar". It is said that, when asked why he had not included a similar verse about the pulpit, Dean Bullock replied that, had he done so, it would have been

**We love Thy pulpit, Lord,  
for there the word of man  
lulls worshippers to sleep  
as only sermons can.**

*Brian McMillan and Julianne Bates, Wardens*

### Olive Oil for sale!

A fundraiser.

Contact: Pat Roper

0412 155 712

Tony Young

0404 764 096







### ***Marshals!***

We are fortunate at St Ann's that we are able to adjust our church seating to meet requirements. With the Government directive that Marshals be appointed for all gatherings, a team of three, Julianne Bates, David Nitschke and Brian McMillan, did the paperwork and donned the Marshal badges at St Ann's. After re-consideration of the position of the church chairs, which were found to be subtly creeping closer to each other, it was found necessary to make some re-adjustments to achieve social distancing.

### ***St Ann's Gardening and Prickle Team news***



*Barbara Hill on weed patrol!*

Spring is just around the corner, and the gardening team at St Ann's has been busy with new plantings and weed control.

Barbara Walter helped us through winter with morning tea for the workers, and Ann Vincent added cookies. Gravesites and borders have been refreshed and a compost plot established by John and De.

The enthusiasm and encouragement of the gardeners has been special in these challenging times. We plan to enter the City of Onkaparinga Community Garden competition to be judged in October.

The Prickle Team is winding down, having raised \$1,845 with 50.5 hours' work. It is a great pleasure to work with all sorts of gardens.

*Trish Frith*

### ***The Voice of Sheer Silence***

A few weeks ago I experienced a situation where worrying about an outcome over which I had no control, disturbed my peace of mind and gave me much distress. My preconceived notion of knowing the outcome at a particular time was probably the catalyst that initiated my panic, even though I knew logically there was no point hanging onto my concerns all day and worrying! I was praying a lot and asking for peace, but feeling I hadn't been heard (also irrational)!

Mid-morning, a strange thing occurred. It was as if a silence moved into my mind, followed by a knowing that all was well. The worry left, and I could handle

the day knowing it was in God's hands. I found out that evening that all was resolved.

Four days later, Br Simon's sermon was on what we call the "still small voice" of God and how the original Hebrew actually translates as "*a sound of thin silence*" - an idiom meaning complete silence. Br Simon called it "sheer silence". (N.B. I discovered that the biblical text calls silence "a sound" and it can even be visible!)

I had experienced this voice of God many times, but on this occasion had forgotten how good God's grace is to His children and how great a teacher He is, giving me confirmation, through the sermon, of something I needed to learn once again.

*Julianne Bates*



### ***The Church on the Hill***

The cemetery at St Philip & St James' is now owned by Bethaney and Darren Bacchus. They invite contact from those owning grave sites: facebook : The Church on the Hill; email: [enquiries@thecemeteryofstphilipandstjames.com.au](mailto:enquiries@thecemeteryofstphilipandstjames.com.au); phone: 8317 6044.





### A new path to the Rectory

Whilst digging around the rectory garden, Fr Brenton found an old paved path running from the front of the church to the front of the rectory. It had been there quite some time and a tree had grown over it, making it impassable.

Brenton and Lyn dug up all of the pavers and have made a new path from the vestry to the rear of the rectory, even incorporating a cross out of other pavers lying round the garden.

Whilst visiting the church last week I noticed a visiting couple decorating around the feet of the Shrine statue



of Mary with many bundles of white plastic flowers, which hold great significance for those who place them.

I went over to say hello and they told me, in very excited voices, why they were there. They had been here several times, from Salisbury, to pray for help, and their prayers have just been answered. They have both been granted permanent residency in Australia and had come to say prayers of thanks and to make offerings of flowers.

While many disagree with the whole shrine concept, the difference it has made to this couple was significant, and they will continue to give thanks for prayers answered.

*Ron King*

### The dangers of priesthood!



It is not always easy being a Parish Priest in a country town, and sometimes the welcome may be a bit different, as Fr Brenton recently discovered when he went to call in on a parishioner. Mind you, he had already gone through the gate and been greeted by the Guard Dog. Fortunately for Fr Brenton he didn't have his clerical collar on. The Guard dog was very astute and picked up on this fact and let him pass.

*Peter Filsell*





## Coping with COVID

It was noted that people were missing the social contact over morning teas after church, and there was some discussion about the possibilities of starting to hold morning teas again. The difficulties of doing so involve

- \* The need to maintain 1.5m distancing; therefore adequate size of the hall (not a problem where the hall is bigger than the church – but not possible at St Ann's)
- \* The fact that there can be no sharing – one person (disinfected and wearing gloves) must make the tea etc, add milk & sugar and hand it out; no shared plates of biscuits, cakes
- \* The cleaning and disinfecting of all surfaces and items used
- \* The tendency to resume old sociable habits and crowding

Possible solutions:

- \* People bring their own cups and spoons and take them home, or
- \* All cups etc gathered and taken home by someone to be washed in a machine
- \* Biscuits in packets
- \* Spacing to be observed, e.g. in queues for tea & coffee
- \* Morning tea can be served in the church where seating is distanced (saves extra disinfecting).

A plan for resuming morning teas under these conditions can be discussed by individual congregations, trialled, and reported back to the next WFA Council meeting.

Diocesan Council had asked for feedback on the Bishop's paper on new structures for the Diocese. It was felt that our present system, with churches having two Wardens, was more satisfactory than the proposal to reduce them to one per church.

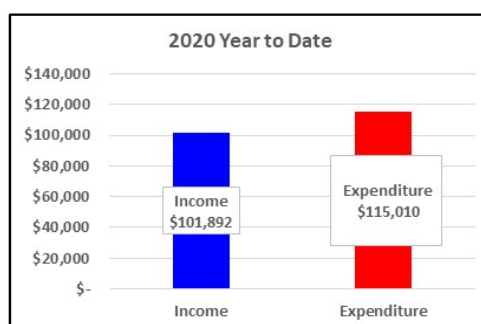
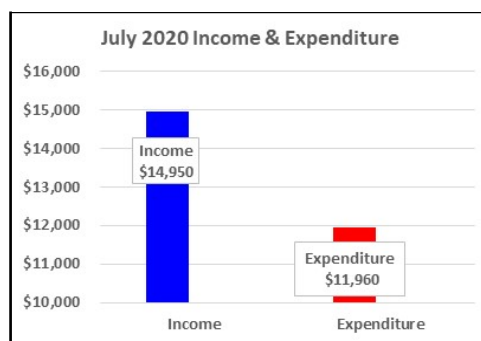
**Parish Weekly Envelopes:** There are so many different ways of giving now that not as many envelopes are needed. However, they do serve as a reminder of church giving when people are away or unable to come to church. The St Nicholas' congregation makes their own, and rather than order more, St Nicholas could make some extras for the other churches.

Ted Sandercock had attended an ABM Zoom meeting on the effects of the corona virus, and reported that Fr Stephen Daughtry is writing an ABM study for Advent.

**Deacon Peter Chapman** had been asked to be a hospital chaplain at Flinders Medical Centre in September and October, and Br Simon will take on his 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday work in the parish for those months.

## Finance Report (see graphs)

The treasurer reported that the Jobkeeper's assistance had been a great help to the Diocese.



**Christ Church** reported that the gardening team was now meeting twice a month instead of once and had changed their day so that more people could come. Sale of candles was a good part of their income.

## Futures Group Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> August

The Bishop had requested a report on the WFA Mission Plan, summarising and updating the 2017 Plan, copies of which are available in each church and on the website. A Zoom meeting of the Futures Group (Wardens, Treasurer, clergy and others) undertook to report on the following:

- \* Areas of projected growth in the parish
- \* Current situation of all centres: update on 2017 review
- \* Financial situation
- \* Risk Assessment of going ahead with the Action Plan - or not
- \* Human Resources - Clergy and laity, paid and volunteer
- \* Parish Formation: The Bishop's infinite game plan (*The Murray Anglican*, Spring 2020, p 12)
- \* Changing landscape of ministry – COVID-19 influence

A further meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> September would enable these to be put together as a 2020 Report. Bp Keith planned to visit the parish on the 1<sup>st</sup> October to discuss this and other matters, including the effect of widening the Main South Road at Aldinga.

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St Margaret's, 99 Main Road McLaren Vale

Sunday: 10.30 am

Wednesday: 9:00 am

**Wardens:**

Greg John 0405 053 331

Judith Wells 8186 1296

St Stephen's, St Andrews Tce, Willunga

Saturday: 5.30 pm

**Wardens:**

Ted Sandercock 0410 548 040

John Strachan 0407 605 152

St Ann's, 7 Stonehouse Lane, Aldinga

Sunday: 9 am

**Wardens:**

Julianne Bates 0422 817 169

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

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays – 9.00 am

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – 11.00 am

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Combined Service

**Wardens:**

Ann Gardiner 0419 035 290

Lynn King 0421 332 399

Belinda Rosser 0411 591 628

St James, Delamere

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – 11.00 am

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – 9.00 am

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Combined Service

**Wardens:**

Peter Filsell 0427 534 09

Ann Ryan - 8598 0227

**Where there is a Fifth Sunday in a month, service times are likely to be different. Please check pewsheets, noticeboards and website for details,**



"We encouraged our pastor to get plenty of rest, enjoy his friends, and take up a hobby... We haven't seen him in seven Sundays!"



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Lunch was a time to catch up with old friends and make new friends.



Above: Pam and Trevor Gowling; Gayle and Byron Carr

R: John and Marlene Stone, Belinda Rosser

Below: Rob and Ann Ryan





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- A: Tristan and Trish Simon were among those enjoying the day out
- B: Deacon Pete and Heather, with Mallee ever hopeful of some lunch!
- C: Yvonne Dixon got the day off work to come
- D: Gwynne Gray, currently at ACH Yankalilla, came to the picnic with daughter Jo Parsons, although she had to isolate in the car



Rain! Heading back to the hall



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Someone's gotta do it!  
Thank you, Ben!



🎵 "After the party's over..."

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## **The effect of light!**

Sunset reflections in the sanctuary at Christ Church, Yankalilla.

Photo: Ann Gardiner