

November 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

Church Garden - St Ann's, Aldinga

Sustainability:

- Hardy plants
- Bee hotel
- Composting

Design:

- Church context
- Feature roses
- Reflection and beauty

Maintenance:

- Volunteers
- Watering system

The gardening team at St Ann's was proud to enter the Mayor's Garden Competition in the "Community Garden" section this year. Winning or losing, they believe the garden reflects God's love and the spirit of the church and congregation, and they rejoice in the (properly spaced!) fellowship engendered during the months of COVID closedown.



A word from Deacon Pete

This year has been an incredibly tough one for all of us, and in a way it has challenged how we relate to one another. We have changed in many ways and I believe God has brought us to have a deeper compassion for one another.

If we step back and look at how this has happened we see we have entered into a deeper sense of pastoral care. We have travelled through social lockdown, and restrictions, though easing, are still incumbent on us. We have had to adjust in many ways. When life gets comfy we can so easily settle down into ruts—doing the same thing, the same liturgy, the same routines... and woe betide anyone who tries to do something different. Even in celebrating the eucharist there have had to be serious changes.

What is amazing is that, if anything, we have gained a greater understanding of who we are as members of Christ's body and this has extended into our compassion for those beyond our church doors. God is never changing, but He designed a world that is forever changing, and this time of COVID has shocked us into remembering this. He has made us a people that can meet the challenges, that can adjust to changes and that have the ability to help others in these unpredictable times. Looking back only a year we see that this is a reality. We are entering into a new era in our world and things that used to be will be no longer. There will not be a time where we can go back to how we were. But we are called to rise and be a standard, a people of stability and

strength in this world where there is increasingly fear and instability. In this world of shifting sand our feet are on The Rock, Jesus Christ.

Jesus lived in a time of great suffering and persecution where the things of worship and cultural norms that once were, were changed forever. He taught us how we must live in social upheaval; the religious people who fought to maintain the status quo suffered even more than the Christians. We are called to ride the ebb and flow and take within us God's peace and assurance that brings confidence that we are truly God's family.

Last week we read Exodus 33:14-16. God was going to take the Israelites into the promised land, and he told Moses, "My presence will go with you and give you rest." This word rest is important because knowing God is with us we have an assurance that brings us peace in the times of change and upheaval. Then Moses said, "If Your Presence does not go with us, do not lead us up from here. For how then can it be known that Your people and I have found favour in Your sight, unless You go with us? How else will we be distinguished from all the other people on the face of the earth?"

Here we have the people of God facing constant change, yet God promises that he will be with them, and it will not be a burden. What Moses recognised was that if we do not have God's presence with us, today this is His

Spirit within us, and it is what brings God's peace into a world that needs this. It is only God's presence within us that makes our faith real to the world, and they will see that we are His people, especially in troubling times.



BLESSING OF THE FLEECE

Sunday 29th November, 10.30 am
236 Tent Rock Road, Delamere
 (see p. 7)

A fifth-Sunday parish combined service.

WFA CHRISTMAS LUNCH

AT THE PEACOCK FARM

SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER

\$35 for two courses:

*Ham/roast turkey & vegetables

*Christmas pudding or fruit salad

Drinks purchased from the bar

Bookings with the WFA Secretary, Jane Cuthbert

Ph 0407 651 606 or email corbidge@tpg.com.au

by Friday November 6th



STRAWBERRY FETE

Yankalilla

Sat. 21st November

9am—noon

(See p. 7)



For your Diary ...

Dates and events listed here should be regarded as guidelines only. They may be subject to change due to COVID regulations. *Keep in touch with your church for all updates.*

November

- Sun 1st** ALL SAINTS DAY
Ecumenical Service of Remembrance, SCC, 3 pm
Gold Coin collection for Pastoral Care Workers
- Mon 2nd** SV Mothers' Union 9.30 am (see p. 8)
- Tues 3rd** WFA Council St Ann's, 7 pm (NB changed date)
- Wed 4th** Garden Club, Christ Church, 2 pm
- Fri 6th** Family Tea, St Margaret's 6 for 6.30 pm (next column)
Home Group Seaford Rise 6 for 6.30 pm (next column)
- Sun 8th** ACH service, Yankalilla 2.30 pm
- Tues 10th** Friends of St Ann's 7 pm (NB changed date)
- Thurs 12th** Yankadelly Council Meeting 4 pm
- Sat 14th** Quarry Market Sausage Sizzle (next column & p. 9)
Saturday Night Out (next column & p. 9)
- Mon 16th** MU Yankalilla/Delamere 2 pm
- Tues 17th** Prayers for Peace (next column) 2 pm
- Wed 18th** Garden Club, Christ Church 2 pm
- Thurs 19th & Fri 20th** Retreat, SCC, 10 am -3 pm (see p. 8)
- Fri 20th** St Nicholas' Fellowship (next column) 1 pm
Home Group Seaford Rise 6 for 6.30 pm
- Sat 21st** Strawberry Fete, Yankalilla (see p. 7)
- Sat 21st—Sun 22nd** Almond Blossom Festival, Willunga (see p. 9)
- Sun 22nd** CHRIST THE KING
- Wed 25th** 1st Ecumenical Advent Reflections SCC (see p. 8)
- Fri 27th-Sat 28th** Diocesan Synod (see p. 4)
- Sun 29th** Blessing of the Fleece (see p. 7)
- Mon 30th** ANDREW

December

- Tues 1st** Friends of St Ann's 7 pm
- Wed 2nd** Garden Club, Christ Church Yankalilla 2 pm
- Fri 4th** Family tea at St Margaret's 6 for 6.30 pm
Home Group Seaford Rise 6 for 6.30
- Sat 5th** Christmas Luncheon (see opposite page)
- Sun 6th** Gold Coin Collection for Pastoral Care Workers
- Mon 7th** Southern Vales Mothers' Union 9.30 am
- Tues 8th** WFA Council St Ann's, 7 pm
- Wed 9th** "Maggie's Mates" 11.15 am
- Thurs 10th** Yankadelly Council Meeting 4 pm Old School
- Sat 12th** Saturday Night Out at Willunga 7 pm
- Sun 13th** ACH Yankalilla service, 2 pm
Carols in your Car 4.30 pm Yankalilla (see p. 7)
- Tues 15th** Prayer for Peace, St Ann's 2 pm
- Wed 16th** Garden Club, Christ Church Yankalilla 2 pm
- Fri 18th** St Nicholas' Luncheon 12.30 & Fellowship 1 pm
Home Group Seaford Rise 6 for 6.30
- Mon 21st** THOMAS
Yankalilla/Delamere MU, 2 pm
- Thurs 24th** CHRISTMAS EVE
- Fri 25th** CHRISTMAS DAY
- Sat 26th** ST STEPHEN'S DAY
- Mon 28th** HOLY INNOCENTS

Family Tea, St Margaret's Friday 6th November

6 for 6.30 pm

As with the parish picnic, BYO food, drink and utensils.

Seaford Rise Home Group 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month, Next on Friday 6th & 20th November 6 for 6.30 pm

Shared meal, video and discussion
Contact David Nitschke 0408 763 652

Sausage Sizzle

at the Quarry Market

14th November

Proceeds support the Schools Ministry
Contact Ted 0410 548 040

Saturday Night Out Dinner

Willunga Hotel

Saturday 14th November

following the 5.30 Eucharist at St Stephen's
Bookings 0410 548 040; pre-order your meal

Prayers for Peace

St Ann's Room,

Tues 17th Nov., 2 pm

Prayer, discussion, contemplation, music.
Light a candle for peace

St Nicholas' Fellowship Friday 20th November

Lunch in the café 12.30 (Bookings 8392 4508)
and Fellowship 1 pm

Wednesdays in Advent (from 25th Nov)

Ecumenical

Advent Reflection Group

at Seaford Christian Churches, 10.30 am

Snippets from Western Fleurieu Anglican Parish Council, 13th October 2020

The Futures Group and WFA Council meeting was held at Yankalilla on 13th October. Matters discussed included the following:

Futures Meeting

Following our meeting with Bishop Keith (see October *Grapevine*), the group got together to discuss points from the meeting and, following the Bishop's suggestions, put together our thoughts for the Why, What and How of our Mission in the Western Fleurieu. Why we do it? What do we want to do? How can we do it?

The idea was to put together a document outlining vision for future ministry and mission in the Parish, and how we would make it work. Plenty of discussion followed with lots of ideas and suggestions being put forward by those present.

It was decided that Jane Cuthbert, Lorraine Nitschke and Br Simon would get together, work with all these ideas, and using already presented material, come up with a summary document of our Why What and How. This, together with the backup information, would form part of a booklet (max 20 pages) which would be presented to Bishop Keith as a road map for the future of WFA.

AWFA Council Meeting

The Sale of St Margaret's McLaren Vale

Bishop Keith and members of the Parish met with representatives from Kalyra on 1st October 2020. A great meeting with wonderful presentations from Kalyra and discussion about exploring the spirituality of those in Aged Care and how best we can work together in this regard. As 12 months has elapsed since our initial resolution to sell St Margaret's, it has been necessary to go through the process again with the motion to sell being read out in all centres on the 18th and 25th October to give time for any comments before it is ratified at our next Council Meeting on the 3rd November 2020.

Yankalilla Rectory

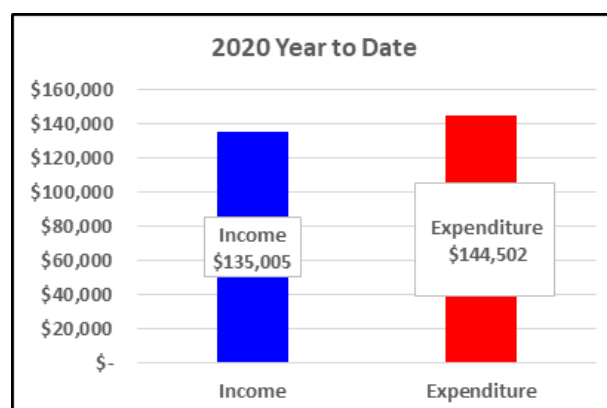
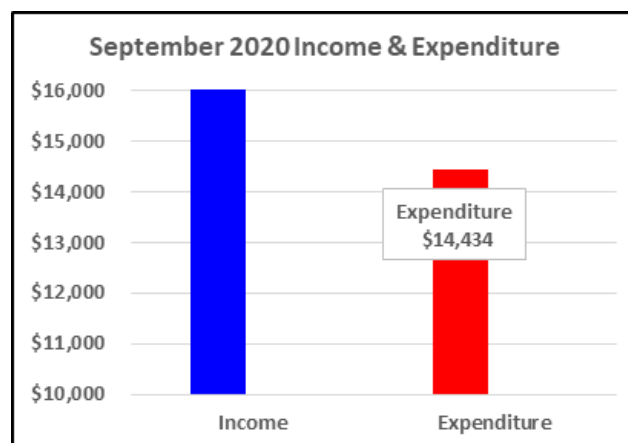
There were only a few items left to complete on the site and they should be completed by the end of the year. Everywhere is looking great, especially the garden area.

Christmas Services

These will follow the same lines as last year. If possible services should be outdoors, especially for those centres which may expect larger numbers over the period. Numbers are restricted according to the COVID plans in each centre.

WFA Christmas Lunch at the Peacock Farm, Saturday 5th December. Due to COVID-19 demands for organisations and employing staff, the booking date is earlier than usual, and reservations have to be in by 6th November. (see p. 2)

Finance



A word from our Treasurer:

The Parish has benefited greatly over the last six months from the federal government's JobKeeper subsidy. As from the 30th of September the Diocese has not qualified for this ongoing support. This can be seen as a positive in that it means most parishes' incomes have bounced back from the COVID closures. However, for us it means we now must find that additional \$6,000 per month - quite a challenge ahead.

Diocesan Synod, Murray Bridge, 27th-28th November 2020

Due to COVID-19 restrictions only a limited number of people will be able to attend the Synod public gallery this year. If you would like to be one of them, please notify the Registry jasamine@murray.anglican.org or 8532 2270 with your name, phone number, email address and the date, before 16th November. You will be notified if you are one of those able to attend. You will need to make your own food/refreshment arrangements.

Advent Studies

If you would like to join an Advent Study group please speak to your Wardens, so that a suitable time and location can be arranged. Details will be announced in the weekly pew bulletin.

News from St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

Hi everyone,

Our Friday Night Supper on 02/10/20 was very pleasant. There were only a few of us there, however the company was great. There was a lot of reminiscing, particularly around food we were raised on. Some very interesting dishes were mentioned—anything from sheep's brains to fresh crabs. All attendees brought their own food, drink and utensils. There was no preparation required, or packing up, just friends getting together.

The congregation continues to enjoy our time together both during the services and after for morning tea.

With Fr Brenton on holidays we have had the services of Fr Bob Hupfeld this month and the congregation has enjoyed their time with him; thank you Fr Bob.

Maintenance of the church grounds is a never ending task, thanks to Greg John for his ongoing vigilance. He thinks he has discovered a new poison resistant weed.

Continue to be safe out there.

Greg John & Judy Wells, Wardens



Below: L-R: Rupert & Di Best, Fr Brenton & Lyn, Doreen Rushbrook, Judith Wells. Behind the camera: Julia Drought.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN A LITTLE MORE ABOUT THE BIBLE – ENHANCE YOUR PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY?

The YouTube channel *Bible Project* has informative, illuminating and engrossing animated clips – have a look at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVfwlh9XpX2Y_tQfjeln9QA.



David and I have just begun Leviticus. We usually read a commentary giving an overview on a new book, then listen to David Suchet read the chapter from NIV, and then read Dr Vernon McGee's commentary on the chapter. This time, we decided to watch the *Bible Project* 8 min clip on Leviticus first. This gave a fantastic overview of the whole chapter, giving us insights that we would otherwise not have had as we begin on this OT book. We can highly recommend this resource to all GV readers!

Lorraine Nitschke



News from Yankalilla & Delamere

Not a lot happening this month, all getting ready for the Strawberry Fair and other events.

Father Brenton has had a couple of weeks' leave and spent some time in Hahndorf.

Our visitor numbers have increased noticeably of late which could be due to an easing of restrictions but we tend to believe that word of the refurbished shrine with its new arbour in the garden has attracted attention. The gardens themselves are looking much better, which should encourage more visitors.

Our Op Shop, which is run in conjunction with the local Uniting Church, has had a high degree of success since reopening in June and the committee has decided to revert to normal opening hours from the end of October.

Our Prayer, Praise & Proclamation services have been using a form of service based on the RAAF chapel service for the past year. This month it was changed to a service based on a New Zealand Liturgy. All of the basic elements of the service are there (obviously we can't have communion) but they are in a different order to the previous service and some of the prayers and responses are different, which makes people think a bit more about them.

I do have a Canadian one for next year which is slightly different again. If any of the lay assistants who are conducting PPP's would like a copy of these please send me an email ronking4847@gmail.com.

Ron King

Bats in the Belfry

1.38 am, a still cold morning. I woke to the shrill sound of the church alarm. We had an intruder on the premises! The cat growled and hid under the bed as I fumbled for the bedside lamp and grabbed my mobile to call the security firm and advise them that I was on site. I dressed slowly so as to give the intruder a chance of escape and avoid coming up against an angry vicar dragged from his slumber.

Armed with a hardwood broom stick and a dinky toy torch I walked across the lawn to the vestry door, the alarm deafening in the calm morning air, and the blue light strobing like a disco making grotesque shadows dance across the ground. Adrenalin was doing its job of making me feel fearless as I approached the door with ringing ears and a tight grip on the broomstick. Fumbling the key into the lock I opened the door and shut off the alarm. The silence was deafening. Turning on the light I found no evidence of a break-in, but my senses were heightened when I saw a flickering shadow crawling over the walls and ceiling. Oh no! not another apparition?

No only a bat!

A tiny bat had set off the alarm. With the vestry door open I tried to shoo the bat out of the door with my trusty broomstick, but it evaded my every swipe.

Plan B. Holding the broomstick above my head I began to wave it quickly backwards and forwards hoping to convince the invader of my sleep to make its escape to freedom. WHACK! I made contact, and the shadow disappeared. Shining the torch on the floor I searched for the intruder, but found nothing. I moved to the door and shone my dinky torch outside and found the bat deceased on the step. I thought then that it went out through the door "like a bat out of hell".

Exhausted by my encounter with danger I re-armed the security system and trudged back to the rectory. The cat was still under the bed, and I didn't get a wink of sleep that morning.

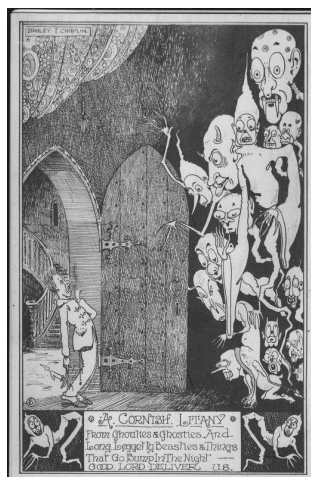


Brenton

*From ghoulies and ghosties
And long-leggedy beasties
And things that go bump in
the night. . .*

Good Lord deliver us.

(A Cornish litany)



Are you seeing this in
black and white?
Why not see it in colour
on our website,

www.southernvalesparish.org



(and then you can see the colour supplement pages as well
...and see what else is on our website!)

Events at Yankalilla & Delamere

Bonfire!

at St James' church, 8507 Main South Rd, Delamere

Friday 30th October at 7 pm.

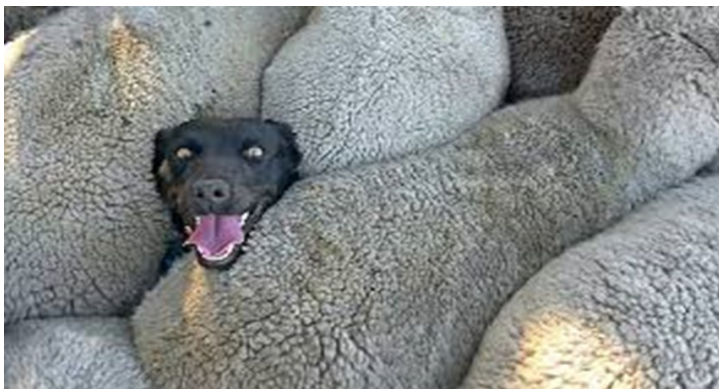
Just for fun and fellowship.



Blessing of the Fleece

Sunday 29th November 10:30 am

Watch a sheep being shorn as we bless this time of shearing @ the Ryan Families' shearing shed
236 Tent Rock Road, Delamere



BBQ lunch – meat, salad, sweets tea & coffee supplied
(\$5 donation to cover the costs)

**Bookings needed please. Book with your Wardens
by 22nd November**

BYO drinks and glasses and chair

Directions from Delamere Shop - Travel south along Cole Road for 3 kms, turn right towards Cape Jervis and travel for 1 km until "T" junction. Go straight ahead and down the hill and up to the double "T" junction. Go straight through this junction and follow this road for about 2 km (ignore the first two side roads) until you come to a "Y" junction. Veer left and head along for about 500 m. Ryan's shearing shed is the second driveway on the right.

This will be a Combined Parish event and will be the only service in our churches on that Sunday except for the Ecumenical combined service at Seaford Christian Churches. The Eucharist will be celebrated as usual at St Margaret's on Wednesday and St Stephen's on Saturday.

Yankalilla Strawberry Fete!

Saturday 21st November, 9.30 am

The fabulous annual Christ Church Strawberry Fete

- * Cakes
- * Plants
- White elephant,
- Morning tea,
- Sausage sizzle,
- Books—and of course—



People can either sit in their cars around the oval and tune into the Carols on their car radios, or if it is a pleasant evening they can bring along a rug and chairs and sit on the oval (in a socially distanced manner).

There will be no activities or food stalls this year but with the event starting at 4.30 pm people will be able to be home in time for tea.



Worship continues each week with Bro Simon taking communion on the first and third Sundays, and Prayer, Praise and Proclamation and Family Services on the 2nd and 4th Sunday. Father Ted continues to be involved with combined services on the 5th Sunday, with St Nicholas and the UCA joining together in worship. Our pianist Cathy has been out of commission for the month, following hip surgery. All has gone really well, and we give thanks for her successful surgery and continued healing.

As Cathy has been unable to play, we have been singing each week along with a variety of hymns on *Songs of Praise* youtube. We have not always followed the lectionary suggestions for hymns as youtube songs with lyrics were not always available. Fortunately, suitable hymns were always found, and we enjoyed singing the old hymns! Helen Cook is now back from her travels so we will be able to have a pianist for our services in future.

Fellowship this month again began with lunch in the Café (roast pork and all the trimmings followed by banoffee pie and coffee) wonderfully served by the volunteers. We are all being spoiled with table service at the Café as staff follow COVID rules regarding hospitality. Our meeting discussed items raised at the Futures and WFA Meetings and our plans for Christmas Services. This year we are planning to have a service of Nine Lessons and Carols instead of our normal nativity play – something our older members remember well, and we have not had

at St Nicholas for many years. Christmas Child Boxes are again being filled by our members. The completed boxes will be blessed on Sunday October 25th, before being forwarded for distribution by the sponsors.

Our Pastoral care group and prayer chain have been busy lately.

Several of our congregation are or have been in hospital for a variety of reasons. Visits have been made where possible. Special thanks to Dn Peter for visiting Carol in Flinders and Fr Brenton for visiting Les while he was in respite at Yankalilla. Allison is now in Alwyn Residential Home at Hove, where she will stay for the next few

weeks. Much nearer and easier to visit than Lyell McEwin Hospital! Her family can visit often, and Lyn and Jane take communion to her each week. Ted has been giving communion to those house bound, especially Les, and visiting Betty and Percy at Resthaven.

Ecumenical Services have recommenced at SCC and all are welcome to attend.

On Sunday 1st November at 3 pm there will be an **Ecumenical Service of Remembrance**, a time to pray and remember our loved ones. The service will be followed by afternoon tea.

On Thursday 19th & Friday 20th November, **Looking forward to Advent**, 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. Ecumenical Retreat format.

Wednesdays in Advent: Advent reflection group, 10.30 am commencing Wednesday 25th November.

With the promise of nicer weather (Ha Ha) we are hoping to begin morning tea after our service on the 1st November. We will meet outside and follow the COVID regulations regarding serving food and drink. It will be great to be able to socialise over a cuppa after such a long hiatus.

Blessings

Helen Cook and Jane Cuthbert, Wardens



The precautions put in place to curb the spread of the deadly coronavirus pandemic have given many of us an experience of captivity. For some there have been opportunities for creativity and reaching out to neighbours and

those less fortunate. For others resentment, frustration and fear are uppermost. When we are captive to such negative impulses we close the door to our inner resources and, most importantly, to God. Seek O seek the Lord, while he is near. Trust him, speak to him in prayer and he will hear. TiS 464

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." Psalm 126:1-2

For those living in the captivity of loneliness, a member in the diocese of Derry and Raphoe, All Ireland, began a Widows' Friendship Group. She ran monthly meetings in her own home until the age of 90. Then her ministry was taken up by Cathedral House. Now transport, refreshments and helpers support those who are lonely.

Helen Cook

The MU meeting on November 2nd will be at 65 Endeavour drive, Seaford Meadows, at 9.30 am

News from St Stephen's, Willunga

Worship continues on Saturday evenings at 5.30 pm. We are able to have up to 20 people. Thanks to Wendy Sandercock and Joan Lunn for assisting in the preparation for that service. Thanks also to Wendy, Susan, John and Ted, who take it in turns to assist at this worship. Thanks to Fr Bob Hupfeld, who celebrated the Eucharist, while Fr Brenton was taking a well deserved break. The new format for drinks and nibbles after the service is working successfully.

As part of Pastoral Visiting, the guide for a *Sunday Table Service* continues to be distributed to those parishioners in Willunga unable to attend on a Saturday evening.

The **Saturday Night Out** dinner was held on Saturday October 10th. It was a small group, but a great evening. We continued the process of pre-ordering our main course selections and forwarding our selections early on Saturday afternoon, and as we requested, the meal was again served promptly at about 7.00 pm.

Around the table clockwise from L: Stephen Carthew, Julie Bennett, Bob and Susan Smith, Fr Dennis and Mary Eales, Wendy Sandercock, Patricia Ninnies



The next monthly **Saturday Night Out** dinner will be held on the second Saturday in November 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. Market shoppers and visitors are encouraged to park in the grounds, which make a safe parking location for families with infants and small children while shopping at The Farmers' Market or on High Street. However, the driveway around the church continues to be in sad need of repair. Those who park there are invited to make a donation towards the work, and a raffle (*see next column*) will also contribute to funds.

Thanks to Bob Davis for his regular mowing of the front lawn along St Andrews Terrace. The grounds were well

mown in mid October but the grass has appreciated the rain and warm weather. The weeds also continue to grow in the gardens. Their removal can be a reflective activity on a Saturday morning!

The October Schools Ministry Sausage Sizzle was a great success. With Stephen as runner, there were two trips to the High Street butcher for more sausages. Even though all were cooked and sold just before closing at 12 noon, we still had requests at 12.10 pm. Thanks to Bill and Ted, Trish F, Anne, Patricia and Patrusca for their sterling and busy work during the morning. Thanks also to Wendy who meanwhile opened the church and interacted with the visitors.

WFA will also be responsible for staffing the School Ministry Sausage Sizzle on the second Saturday in November. If you can assist on November 14th please contact the wardens by Sunday November 8th, so that a roster can be drawn up. It is always a fun morning and you meet many interesting supporters of Schools Ministry and those who just like bread and a sausage. If you are not able to help at this stall, just come along, buy a sausage or two and support SV Schools Ministry.

The annual Almond Blossom Festival had to be cancelled this year due to COVID, but it has been decided to hold a festival in Willunga on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd November. WFA will hold a stall on Saturday from 11 am and on Sunday from 10 am—details tba.



Help Repair Our Roadway!

Raffle tickets will be available at St Stephen's on Saturday mornings, or from Ted or Wendy Sandercock.

\$2 each, or 3 for \$5
To be drawn Sat 12th Dec.
Festive delights to be won!



If you still have a BCA box, it's not too late to hand it to your warden or contact Wendy Sandercock.

BCA's commitments continue, although their major fundraising events had to be cancelled because of COVID.

The Church on the Hill

Please note: **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;
phone: 8317 6044.

What hat do you wear?

At the October Family Service people were invited to wear a hat that had a special meaning for them. Why do we wear hats? Do they indicate a particular role, or job, or identity? Here were some of the hats chosen that day.



Patrusca Birkett wore a hat that reminded her of her mother, and the elegance of the 1930s style of clothing.

Trish McDonald wore her Care Australia cap, worn on work visits to offices & projects in SE Asia.



David Nitschke wore his army cap from his time of service in the Medical Corps. He pointed out the badge bearing the motto PAULATIM, "little by little", which reminded him of the way we grow in our faith.

Jo Parsons wore a hat that had been worn by her grandmother and her mother before her, on their visits to Australia.



Bill Cale wore a boater, a reminder of the Barbershop Quartet at St Ann's concerts, with himself, Brian McPhee, Rupert Best, the late Tony Duncan and later, Jack Warrington.

Trish Frith wore her Water Watch hat, worn when she spent time with children from the Willunga school looking at tadpoles and water creatures.



Peter Chapman wore his signature cap, originally his poetry cap, but now become almost an integral part of him.

Family Service

At the Family Service on 4th October we concentrated our attention on the Letter of Saint Paul to the Church at Philippi, particularly the reading from Chapter 3. There Saint Paul refers to the attributes which identify him as an individual :

"We can list what many might think are impressive credentials. You know my pedigree: a legitimate birth, circumcised on the eighth day; an Israelite from the elite tribe of Benjamin; a strict and devout adherent to God's law; a fiery defender of the purity of my religion, even to the point of persecuting the church; a meticulous observer of everything set down in God's law Book "

but - because of his relationship with Christ - he puts them aside:

"Compared to the high privilege of knowing Christ Jesus as my Master, firsthand, everything I once thought I had going for me is insignificant."

In preparing this service we decided to explore how we thought about individual identity by asking – in advance – that those who wished to do so could wear a hat on the day, and tell the congregation what aspect of their identity their hat revealed.

So we had a hand-made hat; a hat handed down from grandmother to mother to daughter; a hat showing employment; a hat showing capacity; and hats denoting, or evidencing, particular responsibility. And we heard the stories about each of them – and consequently about each wearer.

We also reviewed the Introduction to Philippians by Eugene H Peterson in *The Message* (from which the above passages are taken), which includes

" ... circumstances are incidental compared to the life of Jesus, the Messiah, that Paul experiences from the inside. For it is a life that not only happened at a certain point in history, but that also continues to happen, spilling out into the lives of those who receive him ..."

Communion

It was with great surprise and much joy when Br Simon celebrated a full communion service with us. Enlisting the help of different congregation members to hold the chalice while he administered the bread and wine, he has enabled us as the body of Christ, to fully embrace being part of this most beautiful sacrament. This is our new norm and quite possibly the most hygienic method in these trying times.

Mayor's Garden Competition (see entry form, p. 1)

Erin Thompson, the Mayor of the City of Onkaparinga, has established the Mayor's Garden Competition which "recognises local gardeners and encourages community interest in local gardens which enhances the presentation and liveability of our city". Each Tuesday the Gardening

Team and the Prickle Team work on and in the garden and Cemetery at St Ann's. This year we decided to showcase this aspect of our membership of and participation in the community by entering their handiwork in the Mayor's Garden Competition. On 16th October 2020 the Judging Panel, led by the Mayor herself in person, were shown around by Victoria McKee and Trish Frith. As the Panel showed interest in the history of St Ann's, after their visit the historical notes used for the Cemetery Walks in 2015 were provided for them. We await outcomes ...

Friends of St Ann's

At the Meeting of the Friends of St Ann's on 6th October we agreed to serve Morning Tea outdoors after Sunday Services, commencing on 18th October, subject to weather. On that day this worked out well and social distancing was maintained, but contingencies for inclement weather will need to be addressed in future.

Widening South Road

DPTI informed us on 26th October 2020 that concept design work for the Main South Road Duplication is continuing, by way of geotechnical investigation works which will be undertaken between Monday, 2nd November and Saturday, 28th November 2020, and for the rest of 2020. If St Ann's is to be directly affected by these investigation works, DPTI will contact us, they say.

Friday Home Group

During the last few weeks at David and Lorraine's Seaford home, a few of us have been looking at short Youtube videos of the seven churches of Revelation.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EwWqUWJYp9c>

The author, the President of Cornerstone University, has taken us on an historical journey through these pivotal churches, which still resonate for us today. We've had some interesting discussions afterwards and deepened our understanding of what these early Christians were facing. Details of the home group can be found on page 3.

Brian McMillan & Julianne Bates, Wardens

Volunteers return

Tony and Wendy Young have just returned from Kangaroo Island where they were volunteers for nine days with BlazeAid. The team was taking out old fence posts, rolling up the old wire, and putting in new posts. They erected 800 km of new fencing! Tony and Wendy enjoyed working with the volunteers, many of whom were young backpackers from overseas. The property owners, they said, were still



very traumatised by the fires, re-living them as they talked. BlazeAid has had over 700 volunteers working on Kangaroo Island, but there is still a lot of work needing to be done. (*Photos in colour supplement online*)

The Story of a Hymn

"I sing the almighty power of God that made the mountains rise", by Isaac Watts (1674-1748) was first published in *Divine Songs attempted in Easy Language for the use of Children* (1715) as Song 2, "Praise for Creation and Providence". That Hymn Book was re-titled *Divine and Moral Songs* in 1795. This hymn has been published in 435 other Hymnals.

As Professor Wesley Milgate (1916-1999) says in *Songs of the People of God*, " . . . Though Watts tried, as he said, to 'sink the language to the level of a child's understanding', he shows in this hymn a readiness rare in his time to credit children with some intelligence and imagination, so that it is a fine hymn for adults also . . . " .

Professor Milgate also there comments that "Hymns for children are a constant source of distress to the compilers of hymnals: most of those traditionally included as 'children's hymns' are fairly appalling, having been written for adults thinking piously, condescendingly or sentimentally *about* children, rather than *for* children. Isaac Watts wrote some for a friend who was working among children, and this is the best of them."

Isaac Watts is said to have shown remarkable precocity in childhood, beginning the study of Latin in his fourth year, and writing respectable verses at the age of seven. At the age of sixteen, he went to London to study in the Academy of the Rev. Thomas Rowe (1657-1705), an Independent minister. In 1698, he became assistant minister of the Independent Church, Berry St., London. In 1702, he became pastor. In 1712, he accepted an invitation to visit Sir Thomas Abney (1640-1722), at his residence, Abney Park, Stoke Newington, and at Sir Thomas' pressing request, made it his home for the remainder of his life.

Isaac Watts also wrote the words of a less popular hymn, which appeared in only twelve hymnals, and which is unlikely to be used today. It begins

Let dogs delight to bark and bite
For God has made them so:
Let bears and lions growl and fight,
For 't is their nature to;
But, children, you should never let
Your angry passions rise;
Your little hands were never made
To tear each other's eyes.
Let love through all your actions run
And let your words be mild

Brian McMillan, Organist

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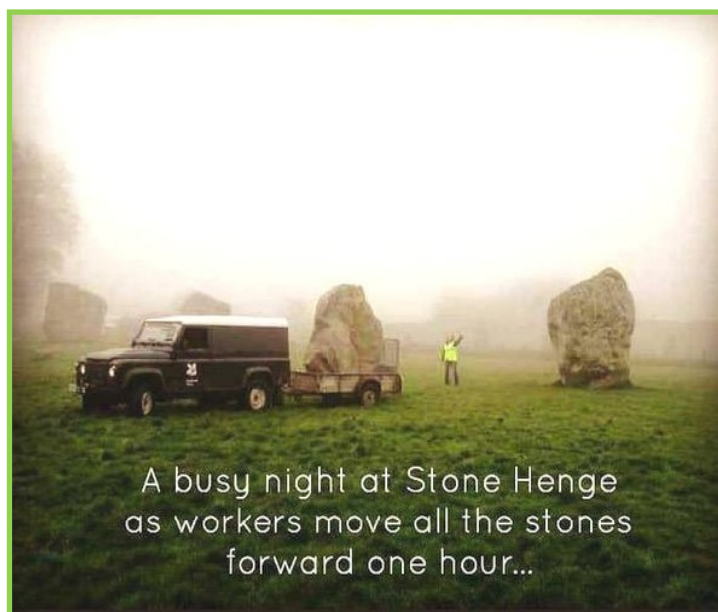
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A busy night at Stone Henge
as workers move all the stones
forward one hour...

Service times & contact details

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

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 0427 534 095

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.

29th November, being a 5th Sunday, will have a combined service at Delamere (see p. 7)

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With BlazeAid on Kangaroo Island:
restoring hope (see p. 11)



Devastated landscape, but with its own beauty.

Below R: The backpackers made Tony & Wendy a cake for their 50th wedding anniversary

