

December 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



## Celebrate the birth of Christ !

God willing, and COVID permitting, Christmas services 2020 will be held on:

**CHRISTMAS EVE, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

St James, Main South Road, Delamere 7 pm

St Margaret's, 99 Main Road, McLaren Vale 8.30 pm

**CHRISTMAS DAY, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

Christ Church, 132 Main South Road, Yankalilla, 9 am

St Ann's, 7 Stonehouse Lane, Aldinga (beside South Road) 9 am

Seaford Christian Churches, 97 Main Street, Seaford,

Combined Ecumenical Service 9 am



Thank you to all those who contributed articles and photographs for the December *Grapevine*—it was quite overwhelming! I'm sorry that I was unable to use all of them—but a number of photos have been attached to the supplementary pages 13-18, which can be viewed online, in colour.

Find us under "Newsletter" on our website, [www.southernvalesparish.org](http://www.southernvalesparish.org). -Ed.

## ANGLICAN PARISH OF WESTERN FLEURIEU – NOW AND INTO THE FUTURE

The following is a brief summary of a report presented by the WFA Futures Group to Bishop Keith, outlining our parish vision and plan of action for the future. The full document can be read on the WFA website, [southernvalesparish.org](http://southernvalesparish.org)

We are here to reach into the community to share the Good News of God's Grace with current and future generations of Australians.

### WHY?

We believe in God and in Jesus' ministry and commission to us<sup>1</sup>

### WHAT?

The **Parish Mission Plan** is a threefold concurrent missional approach. We are simultaneously: **supporting** current generation of church-Parish ministry; **developing** Parish ministry to engage with the remaining historically-churched in our community; and **creating** new digital and analogue ministries to engage with the traditionally unchurched.

### HOW?

To support, develop and create our Mission Plan, we needed to:

- \* Understand the changes and plan for present and future mission, the changing demographics and socio-technology in the region having caused the most impact to the Parish.
- \* Understand that we are not facing the future alone, but are moving into the future, knowing that the spirit of God is already there to guide and support us.
- \* Examine our current assets and determine that:
  - some mission resources were assets;
  - some were at risk of being poorly positioned;
  - some were liabilities.
- \* Obtain approval from Diocesan Council for use of "all funds raised" from the sale of St Philip and St James, Old Noarlunga, and purchase two properties agreed to by Diocesan Council for this sale. (One Mission Property in Seaford Meadows is already purchased.)
- \* Renovate the Yankalilla rectory to be a mission asset for outreach in the Yankalilla Community and the region as a whole.
- \* Plan for restructure in other parts of the Parish, specifically, using the total saleproceeds of the McLaren Vale site to purchase two residential missional assets in:
  - Hackham Region - new housing developments are planned here.
  - Aldinga - redevelopment and school building already taking place as well as new housing developments. (This has already been passed by our Parish Council and agreed to by Diocesan Council that all proceeds go to this end and these purchases are time critical.
- \* Give the Parish the opportunity to *support, develop and create* our mission to live, grow and share our faith. We will continue to finance this mission through good stewardship of our mission assets that will allow us to achieve a flexible and adaptive ministry into the future, thus ensuring the longevity of the Parish.

<sup>1</sup> Derived from the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:37-40): He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments", and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20): "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."



*We're not yet out of the woods! Dates and events listed here may be subject to change due to COVID regulations. Keep in touch with your church for all updates. Also, please note the QR information on p. 12.*

## December 2020

Tues 1 <sup>st</sup>	Friends of St Ann's
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Garden Club, Christ Church Yankalilla
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	Family tea at St Margaret's 6 for 6.30 pm
	Home Group Seaford 6 for 6.30 pm
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Luncheon 12 for 12.30
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	Gold Coin Collection for Pastoral Care Workers
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	WFA Council St Ann's, 7 pm
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	"Maggie's Mates" 11.15 am
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup>	Yankadelly Council Meeting 4 pm Old School
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	Strawberry Fête, Yankalilla (see p. 5)
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	ACH Yankalilla service, 2 pm
	Carols in your Car 4.30 pm Yankalilla (see p. 5)
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	Southern Vales Mothers' Union 9.30 (see p. 9)
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	Prayer for Peace, St Ann's 2 pm
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	Garden Club, Christ Church Yankalilla 2 pm
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	Festival of 9 Lessons & Carols, SCC 10.30 am
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	THOMAS
	Yankalilla/Delamere MU, 2 pm
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Carols at the Willunga market (see pp 7, 8)
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>	CHRISTMAS EVE
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	CHRISTMAS DAY
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	ST STEPHEN'S DAY
	St Stephen's, Willunga Patronal Festival (see p. 7)
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	HOLY INNOCENTS

## January 2021

Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	NAMING & CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gold Coin Collection for Pastoral Care Workers
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	Friends of St Ann's 6.50 for 7
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	EPIPHANY
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday Night Out (see p. 7)
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Family Tea, St Ann's
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	Australia Day

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> December

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



### Brother Simon writes:

Hi my friends,  
We have again recently needed to return to Covid 19 restrictions in order to protect each other from this highly contagious virus. We have needed to return to a monastic style life with the opportunity to be still and

listening to our God in utter silence. This time of being in silence is a gift we rarely put into practice in our modern society. Many people are experiencing much stress. This build up in stress at this time is predominantly due to the fact that our usual strategy of forward planning to deal with the unknowns in life is no longer something that can serve us well. We don't find ourselves with a way to control life's uncertainty.

The strategy that is left to us however is one that was discussed in a first century Christian letter.

"Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers,

letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life. Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious - the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse. Put into practice what you learned from me, what you heard and saw and realized. Do that, and God, who makes everything work together, will work you into his most excellent harmonies." Philippians 4: 6-9

As we move forward into the Christmas season may I let you know that over the next five months Fr Brenton will be the minister in charge of the parish and helping the Parish Council to continue implementing the parish mission plan. I will be taking some considerable amounts of leave that are due to me and will be returning in the last week of April 2021.

God Bless You All.

Br Simon



## *Combined Service, House Blessing and Picnic, Yankalilla*



Despite COVID regulations (which caused the cancellation of the Blessing of the Fleece at Delamere), a preliminary heatwave, and a forecast for rain, Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November (the fifth Sunday of the month) was a perfect day for a parish Combined Eucharist, and the lawns behind Christ Church, Yankalilla were the perfect setting for it. It was also the occasion for a visit by Bishop Keith and his wife Alice, which the Bishop made his opportunity to bless the renovated rectory. And to cap it all, it was the perfect day and the perfect setting for a totally byo picnic on the lawns to follow.

This being the first Sunday of Advent, Bishop Keith preached on the Advent message of being prepared for Christ's coming. Brian on the organ and Lorraine on the clarinet accompanied the choir leading the congregation in the hymns.

The improvements to the Rectory are almost entirely completed, and the Bishop blessed each room, concluding on the back porch blessing Fr Brenton and Lyn in their life and ministry there.

*(for more photos see colour supplement.)*



*Christine, Peter & Gail Filsell*



## News from Yankalilla & Delamere



For the first time ever, the annual Strawberry Fete at Christ Church was cancelled, due to the Coronavirus. Many people put in a big effort towards this and we were all very disappointed. However, we now plan to hold it on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

### ***Yankalilla Strawberry Fete!***

***Now Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December !***

***From 9.30 am***

Also due to the virus, we were forced to close the church again to visitors which was a big disappointment to the people who travel from all over the metropolitan area to visit the shrine. Unfortunately, we cannot have a member on standby all day to sanitize the church after each visit.

In lieu of the cancelled Blessing of the Fleece, Christ Church hosted a WFA parish picnic service in the church grounds. About 40 parishioners attended from all over the WFA area and participated in a service conducted by our bishop Keith who attended with his wife, Alice. After the service the bishop then led a consecration blessing for the refurbished rectory. This was followed by a picnic lunch and a chance to spend time with each other, in a socially distant fashion, of course.



On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November Christ Church hosted a group of Mothers Union members from Goolwa who came for a service conducted by Fr Brenton, followed by lunch at the Yankalilla Hotel. A good opportunity for our members to meet, socialise, and swap ideas with other like-minded people.



We will, hopefully, be having "carols in the car" at Yankalilla Oval on 13<sup>th</sup> Dec at 4 pm. Visitors can sit in their cars and tune in the radio to the carols or can bring a chair or rug to sit on and listen to the p.a. system. There will be no food service.

### ***Yankalilla Community Carols***

***Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 4.30 pm***

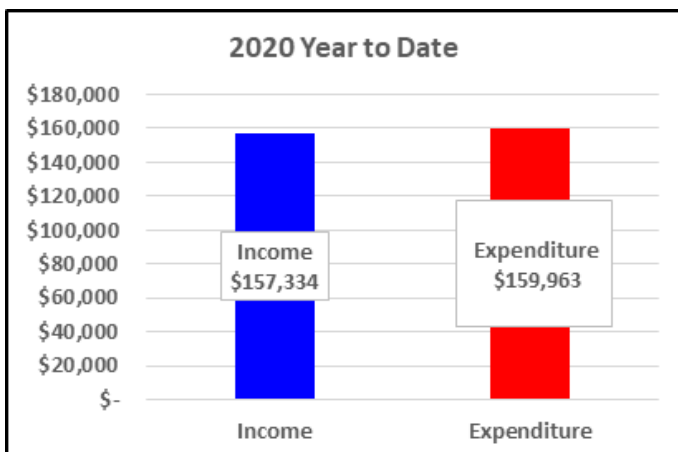
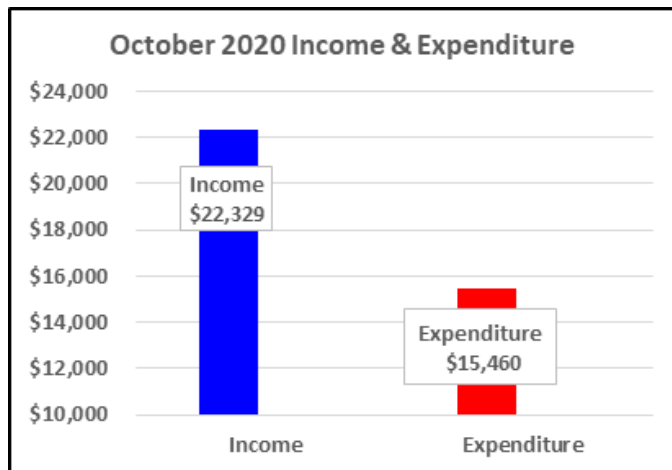
***Yankalilla Memorial Park Oval***

L: Ron King writes: With our postponed Strawberry Fete due to happen, it was time to clean up the storeroom where all of the donations are stored. Lyn Dick and Lynn King spent a few hours sorting out the items and, sadly, consigning a fair few to the garbage bin. We still have plenty of goods left over including quite a lot of Christmas stock, some of which belongs to the Op Shop, and which will be offered for sale at the fete.

**Now and into the Future:** The 20 page summary of the work done by the Futures Group was to be sent to the Bishop. The Council ratified the document and thanked its authors, Jane Cuthbert, Br Simon and Lorraine Nitschke.

**The McLaren Vale Site:** As the parish's agreement to sell needed to be extended for a further 12 months, it had again been read in the churches, and as no objection had been raised to the Parish Priest or Secretary by 2<sup>nd</sup> November, the resolution was passed and negotiations with Kalyra can continue. Matters being resolved include WFA access to the church, parking arrangements, and sharing of buildings.

**Treasurer's report:** With the date of the meeting changed to the earlier date of 3<sup>rd</sup> November, the Treasurer had only been able to do a draft report of the previous month's finances. The parish was breaking more or less even, but was facing the end of JobKeeper funding.



**Priest's Report:** There had been a modification in the timetable, so on the fourth Sunday of the month Br Simon would not have to rush to St Nicholas' after the service at St Ann's but would have one Sunday when he could stay and talk to people. He reported that he was pleased that parishioners were growing skills in leadership of worship services, and this would give resilience if unexpected circumstances arose. He also

reported that he had three months' long service leave and two months' holidays owing him, and he was obliged to take them - or lose them. He planned to be away from December 2020 to April 2021. Local retired priests or priests with PTOs would be asked to assist with eucharistic services.

### From the churches:

**Christ Church** had a positive atmosphere. Fr Peter Randle was taking services on the first Sunday of the month. The gardening group was going strong.

**Delamere:** The bonfire on Friday had been fun; Fr Brenton had developed a reputation as a pyromaniac. Guild numbers were dwindling.

**St Margaret's** had two new parishioners – 90 years old! The fruitpickers who had previously been in contact with the church had returned to McLaren Vale and would be coming to the Family Tea.

Greg had attended a meeting put on by Palliative Care South Australia, for people interested in building compassionate communities in the area, providing cultural and spiritual support as well as social support.

**St Stephen's:** Barbara Walter had prepared a prize for a raffle to raise money for the drive and car park, and this was much appreciated. A landscaper had offered time and machinery for the task, which would bring the cost down from \$10,000 to around \$8,000. There had been consideration of applying to the Council for funds, but it would be better to take up this offer and get the work done. There was \$3,000 in hand; another \$5,000 needed to be found. Meanwhile a written quote was needed, and the high bushes at the front left of the church still needed to be removed.

**St Stephen's Patronal Festival** would be held on St Stephen's Day, Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December. St Stephen's Day being the day after Christmas Day, it was always a difficult day to hold a celebration.

**St Nicholas':** Going well, and there were at least three new people in recent months. The first morning tea had been held, inside, and it had gone well – people hadn't wanted to go home. It was hoped to be able to hold them outside as the weather improved.





## News from St Stephen's, Willunga



**Worship:** We enjoy having Brian McMillan to play the organ for the service on the second Saturday of the month. Thank you Brian.

The guide for a *Sunday Table Service* was distributed to

parishioners in Willunga on the two Saturdays when there was no service at 5.30 pm due to the COVID shut down and the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Parish service at Yankalilla.

There will be no Saturday Night Out in December as there is the Parish Christmas Lunch on Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup>. The next **Saturday Night Out** dinner will be held on the second Saturday in January, 2021 (the 9<sup>th</sup>) at the Willunga Hotel. Bookings 0410 548 040.

Thanks to Fr Brenton and the bush removal team for a major input into the removal of the long standing tough bushes on the south side of the grounds. Much had to be removed by pulling out with the Cales' 4 wheel drive. Fr Brenton, using the mulcher, was overwhelmed by a mounting pile of bush branches. The remaining root systems are still to be tackled! The only water tap on



*Tony tackles the tangle*



*Tony, Bill, Barry & Fr Brenton*

the site is now exposed for all to see. The November Schools Ministry Sausage Sizzle was a great success. Again we had two trips to the High Street butcher, but the late buyers did not materialise, so



*Rupert, Bill & Patrusca at work*

some of the helpers had a cooked Saturday lunch – sausages and sauce! It seems that the October sausage sales were the best for the year. After seeing the Cadbury ad on TV where a little girl buys chocolate for her mother with treasures of her own, we were entranced by a little boy who solemnly put a few stones on the table to buy his sausage! Thanks to Bill, Rupert, John, Trish, Anne, Patrusca, Stephen and Ted for their sterling and busy work during the morning, and to Wendy for opening the church selling raffle tickets and interacting with the visitors.



As the Almond Blossom Festival was cancelled (along with the Willunga Farmers' Market) there was no Community stall on Sunday November 22<sup>nd</sup>. However, a number of jars of jam and marmalade were sold in front of the church on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> and will continue to be available up to Christmas. Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> was a very successful day, financially, as we sold \$165.50 worth of Wendy's jams and cakes, and took \$39 for Barbara's raffle and \$41 in donations for car parking!

We intend to sing Christmas Carols at the Twilight Christmas Willunga Farmers' Market in the Recreation Park on Wednesday December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Details will be on the WFA website.

We hope you will join us at 5.30 pm on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December (yes, the day after Christmas!) for St Stephen's Day, our patronal festival. After the service, a meal or refreshments together – details to be announced.

*Ted Sandercock & John Strachan, Wardens*

### **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 12<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

*Festive delights to be won!*





## From St Ann's, Aldinga

### Family Service

At the Family Service on 1<sup>st</sup> November our Theme was *A Celebration of Creation*. Our Readings were from *Genesis* 1 and 2, beginning - from *The Message* - "First this: God created the Heavens and Earth . . ." and *Colossians* 1, likewise " . . . We look at this Son and see the God who cannot be seen. We look at this Son and see God's original purpose in everything created . . .".

An apposite Hymn concludes:

*Lift heart and soul and voice: in Christ all praises meet, and nature shall rejoice as all is made complete. In hope be strong, all life befriend, and kindly tend creation's song.*

We included the Collect for Environment Sunday:

*Living God, you call us to be good stewards of this earthly home, strengthen us to care for your creation; forgive us when, through our greed and indifference, we abuse its beauty and damage its potential. Empower us, through your Spirit so to nurture and love the world, that all creation sings to your glory.*

Sally Shaw delivered a message both interesting and challenging. For those who would like to follow up on her work, see opposite page.

### Friends of St Ann's

From the Meeting of the Friends of St Ann's on 10<sup>th</sup> November the following emerged:

Fundraising: tickets in a sumptuous raffle, prepared by Barbara Walter with her usual elegant style, are for sale: the raffle will be drawn on 13<sup>th</sup> December ;

Family Tea: a Bumper Family Tea on 22 January 2021 will aim appropriately to celebrate the New Year;

Jumble Sale: the next Jumble Sale is planned for March 2021 (following a forensic examination of the contents of The Shed, now planned for 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 at 10.30am);

Clean Up Australia: planned for 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021; St Ann's, inspired by Gillian Clampett, taking part as usual.



The team: Tony and Wendy Young, Frank Vincent, Petrusca Birkett, Bill Cole, Barbara Hill, Victoria McKee, Trish Frith

**The Mayor's Garden Competition** winners were announced on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November, and while St Ann's did not win their section, they were proud to be part of the event. They were given a Certificate and pot plant and will be given a tree (yet to be chosen) as a recognition of their efforts, and we thank them for all their work on our church grounds.

**Advent Bible Studies** have commenced, and are held in the Room at 7 pm on Thursdays. All welcome.

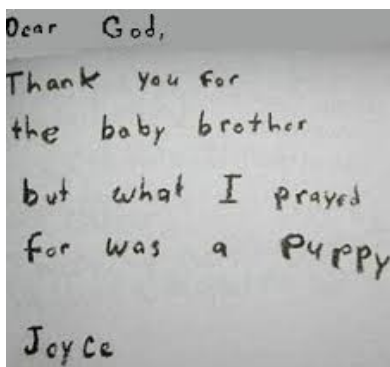
### Christmas Carols

The Willunga Farmers' Market has accepted an offer, made on behalf of Western Fleurieu Anglicans, to sing Christmas Carols at 5 pm on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at the Twilight Market on Willunga Oval. We look forward to this opportunity for outreach in which we hope as many Parishioners as possible will join in, as a reminder to our fellow citizens of the origin and meaning of Christmas: as the modern carol says

*God surprises earth with heaven,  
coming here on Christmas Day.*

Brian McMillan, Warden

**Gifts for Christian Care Centre Christmas hampers will be collected from St Ann's. They will be packed and distributed on 14<sup>th</sup> December.**



### A shared home for Oskar the cavoodle?

Eve, from Maslins, has a much-loved cavoodle, Oskar. She was recently very unwell, and while she has recovered, she doesn't know what lies ahead, and would love to know that there was a loving home for her dog to go to, temporarily or, if it had to be, permanently. Having no family in Australia, she plans to visit her family in Germany for a few months next year and possibly in coming years. She would cover any food/vet costs while she is away. Ph 0402 127 747



**Sally Shaw writes:**

I am the SA director for a Christian nature conservation organisation, A Rocha. We respond to the global crisis of biodiversity loss by carrying out community-based conservation projects, through residential field study centres, site-based projects and wider advocacy. Our first initiative was a field study centre in Portugal, and so our name is Portuguese and means 'The Rock'.

A Rocha is committed to five values: Christian, Conservation, Community, Cooperation and Cross-cultural, see <https://www.arocha.org/en/>

*A Rocha is also involved in encouraging churches of all denominations to care for creation as an integral part of loving their neighbours and following God faithfully.*

<https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/>

*A Rocha Australia has a number of projects, including one in SA, where we have an agreement with the Onkaparinga council to help look after Hart Road wetland in Aldinga.*

See <https://australia.arocha.org/>

*If you'd like to know more about A Rocha please email me [sallyashaw@gmail.com](mailto:sallyashaw@gmail.com)*



On November 2<sup>nd</sup> we met at the home of Helen Cook. Sitting outside on a beautiful morning for our fellowship together, was most pleasant. The main excitement for the meeting was viewing the knitted goods donated to us

from Felicity Warrington and her group of craft people from the Aldinga Shores Village. Our heartfelt thanks to all those who have knitted such beautiful articles. They will be sorted and taken to Genesis, Pregnancy Support Inc. It is a non-denominational and not for profit Christian organization that is dedicated to the following:

- Provide counselling and support to women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy.
- Provide free material assistance to any unsupported pregnant woman or new mum.
- Provide affordable baby gear for mums and families who are struggling financially.
- Provide emotional support, education and encouragement to young mums and mums-to-be through regional support groups.

*Other items will be taken to The Quickest Warmth Project. The project was devised by the Rev'd Prue*



**White Ribbon Day 2020**

On behalf of the mothers' Union, Trish Frith and Anne Chittleborough held an information stall in High Street, Willunga on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November in support of the White Ribbon movement, working to end violence against women.

To everyone's surprise, and in fact puzzlement, we were not collecting money. It proved a chance, though, to talk with someone who had been distressed by violence.

Cards were offered to passers-by, containing the prayer:

*God give us strength.  
Strength to hold on...  
And strength to let go.*



**O'Donovan** to provide warmth and love to families who need help. The Project has about 200 contributors who make or purchase items for individuals and families experiencing homelessness, those going into rental accommodation from shelters, people who are homeless or victims of domestic violence, refugees and of course children in foster care. The aim is to provide a quick hug in the form of new and knitted, beanies, blankets, bedding to offset cold winters. The project also provides toys to either refugee families or families who have lost their homes through, for example, fire or simply hard times. They do not accept used clothes.

A lovely morning tea was enjoyed by all and our usual Fellowship service followed.

Next meeting at the home of Anne Chittleborough, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am, please note changed date. No meeting in January and the February meeting will be held at the home of Trish Simon.

*Helen Cook*

Another challenging time, with events being moved and some cancelled following the changes in restrictions in SA over the past month. Just when we thought everything was going OK and on track for the Christmas Season, a sudden reminder of how quickly things can change.

This month, Bro Simon presided over our services on the first and third Sunday, and laity led Prayer, Praise & Proclamation on the second Sunday. Our Family Service on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday for Christ the King was unfortunately one of the victims of the latest lockdown and so was cancelled. The combined service on the 29<sup>th</sup> went ahead as planned, but unfortunately the UCA, following advice from the Head Office did not participate. Father Ted led those who could attend the St Nicholas Congregation in a great service to mark the First Sunday of Advent. (*Photo p. 18 on-line*) We blessed the Christmas Bowl, (moved from last week's cancelled service), and lit our first Advent Candle.

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. Helen has been our pianist for the past month as Cathy continues to recuperate after her recent hip replacement surgery; she was welcomed back to the piano on the 29<sup>th</sup>. A small group from the congregation are meeting and planning our 9 Lessons and Carols Service for Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December at our usual time of 10.30 am. We have not had a traditional Carol service for a few years, and we are all looking forward to taking part in it.

We held morning tea after our service on the 1<sup>st</sup> November. It has been quite a while since we have done this because of restrictions and problems cleaning. Everyone enjoyed the social fellowship, and we plan to

continue each month for the rest of this year, re-assessing for 2021. Fellowship this month was unfortunately one of those events that had to be cancelled because of the lockdown in SA. As our meeting in December will be our Christmas Fellowship Luncheon and not a time for much discussion, we will hold an impromptu meeting on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 1 pm to address any issues for the Christmas & New Year period.

The Pastoral Care group has been busy keeping in touch with those who have been unable to attend services for a variety of reasons. They also made sure everyone was OK last week during the lockdown and could take part in our Table Service on Sunday. The prayer chain has been busy as well with several members of our congregation having tests or in hospital, with requests for healing and freedom from pain as well as thanksgiving for successful surgeries and results.

Another casualty of the recent lockdown was the Advent Retreat to be held at SCC on the 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> November, however we are hopeful that the Advent Reflection Group will still meet on Wednesdays in Advent at 10.30. The AGM for SCC was likewise cancelled and has been rescheduled for Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7 pm in the Large Worship Space so we can comply with social distancing. Christine, our Admin Officer at SCC, will make sure we comply with the 1:4 square metre rule and will have disposable masks on hand for those who wish to use one.

We are all looking forward to the Advent Season, hoping to end what has been a most unusual, disrupting but challenging year with a glorious celebration of our Lord's Birth in word, thanksgiving, and song.

Blessings

*Helen and Jane, Wardens*

### **Vale Les Szalay** 20/03/1926 – 4/11/2020

We have lost a dear friend and congregational member with the passing of Les to join his beloved Lee in the Realm of Light.

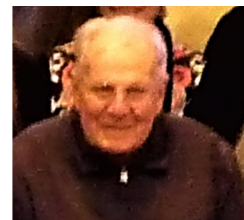
Les was a Magyar - or Hungarian, to us ignorant of the history of Eastern Europe. He came to Australia as a refugee with his father in 1948. Prior to that he had spent three years in three Russian p.o.w. camps for having fought on the Eastern Front against the advancing Red Army. On his arrival back in Budapest he resumed his engineering studies but fled on hearing from a friend in the system that he was to be arrested that night. After some hair-raising close calls, he made his way by foot to the British Zone of Austria and there was reunited with his father, where they applied for refugee status and were accepted to come to Colombia or Australia. Australia was "sheer luck"!

"Without God and my faith in him I wouldn't have made it here," he told me once. Here his electronic skills were well utilised. He met a nurse, Lee and she brought him into the Anglican fold.

They came to St Nicholas' at Seaford around 2010 and then when Lee's dementia became impossible for Les to handle at home, she entered a nursing home. From that time until Lee's death, we saw little of Les except when he came to the Leskes' and us for midweek meals.

Les was a faithful weekly attendee at SEM until his physical condition precluded that. I would visit him regularly at his home on the Esplanade for HC and a game of chess. He is sorely missed.

He is survived by two children, Peter and Susan.



*Ted Newing*



## News from St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

Hi everyone,

November has been a fairly quiet time. We managed our second Friday Night Supper on the 6<sup>th</sup> November. Again a pleasant time was had by all, with Greg and Brenton regaling us with pictures of their walk along the Deep Creek Circuit. The day was beautiful, the photos were great, however both men were very stiff and sore afterwards. This time our numbers were increased as we have managed to reconnect with some of our Solomon Island friends at the Backpackers. They have been unable to go home, and continue working, picking mushrooms.

We had a baptism booked, however it had to be cancelled when we went into lockdown again. Luckily we were able to manage it on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>, with Br Simon officiating. The church was set to comply with COVID-19 restrictions but allowing the family and friends maximum input. Antoinette Caroline Lin-Bott was made a member of the Church in the company of her parents Robert and Caroline Bott, her godparents, family and friends.

The church was closed on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> for us to attend the communal outdoor service at Yankalilla. As a consequence the first of the Advent Candles was lit at the next Wednesday Service, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December and immediately afterwards the first of the Advent Study topics was held in the hall. Everyone is welcome.

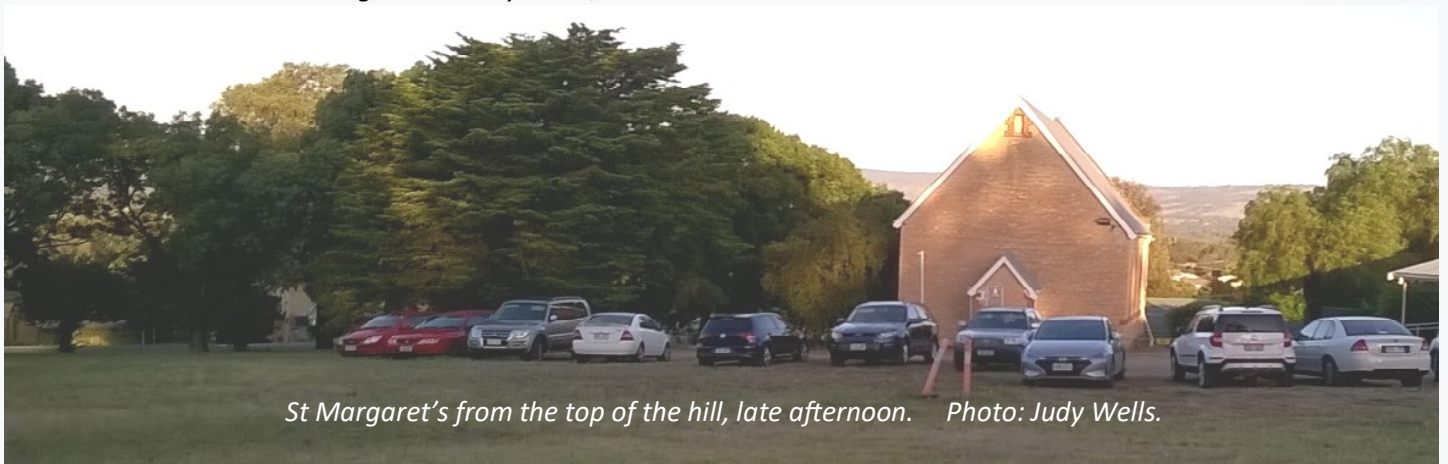
The new Church year is about to commence and we are looking forward to what it brings, beginning with the anticipation of Advent and the joy of Christmas. Continue to be safe out there.

*Greg John & Judy Wells, Wardens*



It has become apparent at the Family Tea nights at St Margaret's that Fr Brenton has a "thing" about Fran's pavlovas! Julia Drought had a photo of the said pavlova printed onto fabric, and made it into a shirt for Fr Brenton, presenting it to him after the service on the 15<sup>th</sup> November. Now his reputation goes before him!

**Lorna McGaffin advises her friends that she has closed her landline and her number now is 0401 585 494**



It is truly a humbling experience to read back through the Old Testament and see how frail and imperfect all the "heroes" actually are. Abraham, the coward who cannot believe the promise. Jacob, the cheat who struggles with everybody. Joseph, the immature and arrogant teen. Moses, the impatient murderer who cannot wait for God. Gideon, the cowardly Baal worshipper. Samson, the unwise wise man. Hezekiah, the reforming king who could not quite go far enough. And, finally, a very young Jewish girl from a small village in a remote corner of a great empire.

Yet if God can use them, and reveal Himself through them in such marvellous ways, it means that He might be able to use me, inadequate, and unwise, and too often lacking in faith that I am. And it means that I need to be careful that I do not in my own self-righteousness put limits on what God can do with the most unlikely of people in the most unlikely circumstances. I think that is part of the wonder of the Advent Season.

*Contributed by Fr Brenton.*

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## COVID TRACING UPDATE

With effect from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December SA Health has introduced a new way to check in for Contact Tracing. This method uses your smart phone to save information for easy access in case of an outbreak of COVID 19. The information is kept securely until activated by SA Health in the event of an outbreak. The information is only kept for 28 days and then deleted.

However, if you do not have a smart phone, don't worry, the paper copies of Contact Tracing information which we have been using will still be available and again are only kept for 28 days before being destroyed. Below are details of how you can set up the mySA Gov app on your smart phone ready to use, not only for church events, but also in many other places of business for the foreseeable future.

If you have any queries or concerns you can access information on the SA Health website or speak to one of your wardens.

### Checking in is quick and easy:

1. Download or log in to the free mySA GOV app
2. Scan the QR code with your phone's camera
3. Enter your name and phone no.
4. Follow the prompts
5. Done – you are checked in!

But—don't enter if you are unwell; and observe COVID distances and cleaning/sanitising.



## 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

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 534 095

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.*



*The Grapevine*  
*December 2020*  
*Colour Photo Supplement*



***Combined service, house blessing and picnic  
at Yanakalilla***  
(see p. 5)

Top L: *Something for all ages*

Above : musicians Brian Mc Millan (organ) , Lorraine  
Nitschke (clarinet)

Below L: *Bishop Keith with Fr Brenton*

Below R: *Jaisy and Jacob, regular visitors to Christ Church  
from Salisbury, with their children Sandra, Sneha and  
Samuel*





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***Combined service, house blessing and picnic  
at Yankalilla***

*(see p. 2)*

*Above L: Bishop Keith blesses the Rectory*

*Above R: Who'd have thought COVID-signing in was such fun?*

*Br Simon, Brian McvMillan and Lyn Dick*

*R: Bishop Keith and Alice*



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***... and relaxing afterwards***

*Above: Dorothy and Ken (behind), Jo Parsons, Barbara Walter, Margaret Cale, Patrusca Birkett, Fr Brenton, Wendy Sandercock (looking away), Julianne Bates*

*L: Belinda Rosser with grandchildren Hugo and Sophie, and Ann Ryan*

*Below: Lynn King watches Hugo and Sophie walk the labyrinth*





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***Conflagration! Bonfire at Delamere***  
(See p. 5)



Bill Cale talking to Peter and Heather Randle and Gail Filsell





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***Yankalilla:***  
***getting things in order***

Time for a clean-out (see p. 10) at Christ Church. There's a lot of work goes on behind the scenes!  
Centre: Lynn King—things looking better.

Below: Ron King touching up the paintwork surrounding the doors and windows of Christ Church—and don't they look better now! Part of a project, along with the garden renovation, to make the building look more friendly to visitors.





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***Scenes from Seaford Christian Centre.***

Top” An ecumenical Service of Remembrance was held at SCC on Sunday 1st November and names of loved ones who had died were read out. Helen Cook led the service.

Centre: Advent at St Nicholas’, led by Fr Ted Newing (see p. 10)

Below: The SCC jacaranda tree in its glorious Advent colouring!

