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



The Grapevine

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A message from Fr Brenton for Lent

As we approach Lent let us reflect and be ever mindful of the year just past with all the implications and changes we have had to make in this COVID world we live in. Sacrifice comes to mind, where we have had to go without and change the way we do things. And it is in this theme of Lent that while we reflect on the tragedy of this pandemic we can also take hope and comfort in the things that we have all been able to do, like the simple act of looking out for each other perhaps more than we have ever done. It has shown us that there is much more to be done and has given us a bit of a reality check in the way we lead our lives. We are all here to serve and Lent is a fabulous time to contemplate the mystery, not only of Christ's redemption two thousand years ago, but also His presence in our lives today. Not only are we linked with the Lord in the Resurrection; we are also linked with Him in the trek from Bethlehem, in the manger and in the cross outside Jerusalem.

1 Peter 5:6 *Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.*

This humility that Peter was speaking of was when the saints were suffering greatly. They were to take their suffering humbly as did the Lord. When others suffer, we should be encouraged to bear our share in any affliction.

Today, we might be compelled to sacrifice things that are not related to foods, sweets and indulgences. Perhaps we could as our Lenten sacrifice provide some actions and activities in our lives that could help our brothers and sisters in the world. We should all focus on prayer and especially penance as a way to focus on the

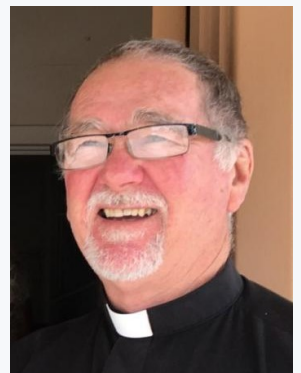
need for God's grace. Prayer and service go hand in hand.

Lent shouts to us as the period which connects our internal reflection of faith to external actions, and conversion to a new way of looking at life. It is also a period that calls all believers to participate in the journey towards Easter that extends beyond just forty days of isolated personal sacrifices in Lent. Share Christ, His journey and sacrifices, with others around you.

May God bless us all to be His humble servants.

Fr Brenton

For WFA Lenten activities and studies see p. 2



Shrove Tuesday: "Pancake Day"

The name Shrove Tuesday derives from the practice of Anglo-Saxon Christians going to confession the day before Lent, and being "shriven" (absolved of their sins).

Shrove Tuesday was the last opportunity to use up eggs and fats before beginning one's Lenten fast, and pancakes were considered the perfect way to use up these ingredients.

The pancake has a very long history and featured in cookery books as far back as 1439. The tradition of tossing or flipping them is almost as old: "And every man and maide doe take their turne, And tosse their Pancakes up for feare they burne." (Pasquil's *Palin*, 1619).

The ingredients for pancakes can be seen to symbolise four points of significance at this time of year:

Eggs ~ Creation

Salt ~ Wholesomeness

Flour ~ The staff of life

Milk ~ Purity.

Celebrate Shrove Tuesday with pancakes!



At Aldinga:

**Enjoy free pancakes, courtesy of the Anglican Church, when you buy a Maxwell's coffee
Tuesday 16th March, 2-4 pm**

**Maxwells Grocery, 206-208 Port Road, Aldinga
(Parking access from Old Coach Road)**

At McLaren Vale:

**Pancake Picnic in the Park
at Ellis Park, (opposite the P.O.)
5.30-7.30 pm**

To ensure our event is COVID friendly please bring a chair or rug, plates and cutlery, serviettes. and your favourite extra topping (honey, lemon & sugar provided)

Girl Guides will assist.

Coffee from Old Speed Coffee Co.

At Yankalilla:

**Pancakes in the Park
Yankalilla Youth Park
Main South Road, Yankalilla
6 –8 pm.**

Coffee van available.

Enjoy! Bring your friends!

Lent: preparing for Easter

Lent begins the next day (this year, 17th February) on Ash Wednesday. Ashes made from burning palm crosses from the previous year's Palm Sunday are used to mark a cross on each person's forehead (*see service times, p. 3*).

Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians are reminded of Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days before beginning His public ministry.

Lent is traditionally marked by fasting, or giving up some favoured luxury or habit, and by some form of spiritual discipline such as Bible Studies or devotions. Anglicans are invited to donate to the work of the Anglican Board of Mission's Lent Appeal. In the churches the liturgical colour is purple, and there are no flower decorations during this season.



For you in Lent:

Praying the Lenten Circle

Seaford Christian Churches will host an Ecumenical Lenten Reflection Program, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent, commencing Shrove Tuesday 16th February, from 10.45 – 12.00 noon.

The program involves reflection and sharing on the Lenten Sunday gospels and their invitation to us in our daily lives.

Lenten Study Booklets are available for a gold coin donation to cover printing costs
Please let Jane or Helen know by Sunday 14th February if you wish to attend. (8386 3689)

A Lenten Quiet Day

will be held at St Ann's Aldinga
Wednesday 17th March 9.30—3.30
All welcome.

Leader: The Rev'd Philip Carter
(previously Director of the Julian Centre for Spirituality, Diocese of Adelaide).

Lent Bible Studies

A John Birch series of five studies,
"Walking with Jesus"

St Margaret's, McLaren Vale, Wednesdays 10 am,
starting on Ash Wednesday, and
St Ann's Aldinga Thursdays 7 pm
Starting Thurs. 25th February

Booklets can be downloaded onto your computer, or let Ted know (0410 548 040) if you would like a printed copy.

We're not out of the woods yet! Dates and events listed here may yet be subject to change due to COVID regulations. Keep in touch with your church for all updates.

February

- Mon 1st** Mothers' Union (SV) 9.30
21 Justs Road, Sellicks Beach
- Wed 3rd** Garden Club (Yankalilla) 2 pm
- Fri 5th** Home Group Seaford Rise 6 for 6.30 pm
Family Tea, St Margaret's 6 for 6.30 pm
- Sat 6th** Pre-Vestry meeting St Stephen's
- Sun 7th** Gold Coin Collection for
Pastoral Care Workers
Shared Lunch St Nicholas, Seaford
- Tues 9th** WFA Council 4 pm at Christ Church, Yankalilla
- Wed 10th** Maggie's Mates 11.15 am
- Thurs 11th** Yankadelly Council 4 pm Old School
- Sat 13th** Saturday Night Out at Willunga (see p. 6)
- Mon 15th** Mothers' Union (Yankalilla/Delamere) 2 pm
- Tues 16th** SHROVE TUESDAY (see opposite page)
- Wed 17th** Garden Club (Yankalilla) 2 pm
ASH WEDNESDAY
9 am St Margaret's, McLaren Vale
NB Corrected time: NOT 10 am
7 pm Christ Church, Yankalilla
7 pm St Ann's, Aldinga
- Thurs 18th** Prayers for Peace 11 am (NB Changed day)
- Fri 19th** St Nicholas' luncheon 12.30
(Bookings 8392 4508) & Fellowship 1 pm
Home Group Seaford Rise 6 for 6.30 pm
Enquiries 0408 763 652
- Wed 24th** MATTHIAS
- Fri 26th** Family tea, St Ann's, 6.30 pm
- Sun 28th** Pre-Vestry meeting, St Ann's

March (BCA Box month)

- Mon 1st** Mothers' Union (SV) 9.30 am, 65 Endeavour
Drive, Seaford Rise
- Wed 3rd** Garden Club (Yankalilla) 2 pm
- Fri 5th** World day of Prayer (see p. 4)
Family tea, St Margaret's 6 for 6.30 pm
Home Group Seaford Rise 6 for 6.30 pm
- Sun 7th** Clean Up Australia Day (see p. 11)
Gold Coin Collection for
Pastoral Care Workers
Shared Lunch St Nicholas, Seaford
- Tues 9th** WFA Council 7 pm, St Ann's
- Wed 10th** Maggie's Mates 11.15 am
- Thurs 11th** Yankadelly Council 4 pm Old School
- Sat 13th** Saturday Night Out
- Sun. 14th** Vestry meeting 2 pm St Margaret's
- Mon 15th** Mothers' Union (Yankalilla/Delamere) 2 pm
- Tues 16th** Prayers for Peace 2 pm
- Wed 17th** Garden Club (Yankalilla) 2 pm
Lenten Quiet Day, St Ann's (see p. 2)
- Fri 19th** JOSEPH
St Nicholas' luncheon 12.30
(Bookings 8392 4508) & Fellowship 1 pm
Home Group Seaford Rise 6 for 6.30 pm
- Sat 20th** Jumble Sale, St Ann's
- Thurs 25th** ANNUNCIATION
- Fri 26th** Family tea, St Ann's, 6.30 pm



Reviewing and checking licencing applications received, the WFA Council held an extra meeting on the 2nd February to ensure that all was in order before the current licences expire.

Hi everyone,

With the weather being so mild, there has been a steady attendance over January and back into the Christmas period. Sunday 24/01/21 was the exception with very high temperatures, a north wind and low attendance.

Judith Wells has been keeping us up to strict COVID cleaning regulations and making sure both the church and the hall meet those standards. Thank you Judith for so conscientiously keeping us squeaky clean!

We are also very blessed with beautiful organ music, sung services and power point visuals: all faithfully prepared and presented by Greg John. Many hours of preparation and practice are put aside for our worship every week. He also gives us plenty to think about when he delivers a homily during Prayer, Praise and Proclamation (PPP) celebrations. Thank you for your faithful service to us Greg.

Thanks also to those quiet "in the background" workers who continue to maintain both the inside and outside of the church. Thanks to Linda and Joe Evans (Lorna's daughter and son-in-law) especially for tidying up both the Rose Garden and the side driveway (below).



They were overgrown with trees, bushes and weeds. They look great now.

Fran Pettigrew has had surgery to her left leg and is now recovering slowly. Our prayers continue for her. Lorraine Gibbons is enjoying her regular golf rounds and visiting her brother. Jac Hocking is preparing to return to the classroom this week but still finds time to prepare mementos highlighting the message from our PPP celebrations: Frs Dennis and Brenton still hope to find a Tim Tam in the church biscuit barrel and Leonie Pettman continues to balance our weekly offerings.

We farewelled Margaret Maxwell this month, who died aged 97. Margaret was a regular parishioner until the 1980s and her family is still running Maxwell Wines in McLaren Vale.

Next month we are looking forward to making mounds of pancakes for Shrove Tuesday to be shared at a nearby reserve on the 16th February. (see p. 2)
Continue to be safe out there

*Julia Drought with the Wardens
Judith Wells & Greg John*

Missing Oliver McGuiness

Wendy Sandercock writes:

Over the past five years I have been sending The Grapevine to Oliver McGuiness in the U.K. Until last year he has been a regular visitor to St Margaret's each summer when he visits his family at McLaren Vale.

Having always received a reply to my letters (enclosed in the Grapevine) I was most concerned when all mail ceased in September last year.

A very welcome letter and Christmas card arrived a few days ago. Oliver has been unwell and had some surgery. He hopes to be able to travel here next Christmas, God willing and COVID permitting.

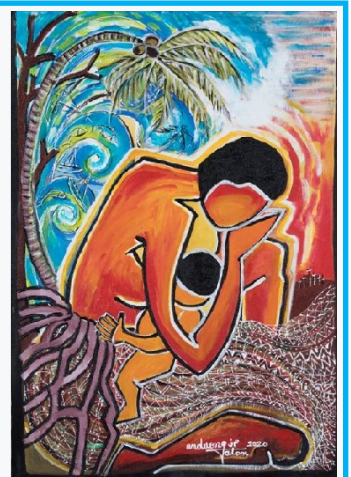


**WORLD DAY OF
PRAYER**

Pray for Vanuatu

**Friday 5th March
McLaren Vale Uniting
Church,
Main Road, McLaren Vale,
7 pm**

RSVP Judy 8556 4292



RJP The Venerable Dr Peter Carlsson

We remember Fr Peter Carlsson who died 11/1/2021 peacefully at his home in Strathalbyn. Fr Peter was a gifted priest in the Diocese and was a good friend and respected by many. Fr Peter was the priest of Penola/Millicent for eleven years and served as Examining Chaplain, Director of Formation, Rural Dean, Lecturer at St Barnabas' College, Archdeacon and Vicar General. A very good friend who helped me with my formation and with study mornings in Naracoorte, and my mentor. Always of good humour he liked a joke and was easy to talk to about any concerns.

Fr Peter had a long battle with illness and was very disappointed that he could no longer minister to the people. I have some wonderful memories of a retreat at Sevenhill the week before I was ordained with four other ordinands. He put our nerves at ease with some sound advice and good humour.

He will be sadly missed by those who knew him and remember his good work in this Diocese. Goodbye my friend. God bless.

Fr Brenton and Lyn



*And further, from
Deacon Peter Chapman:*

I remember Fr Peter Carlson with deep fondness. He guided me through formation training and discernment. Bishop Ford sent me to an evangelistic conference at Ridley collage in Melbourne with Fr Peter. It was here I began to see the passion he had for this diocese and his desire to train lay people in their various callings into ministry.

Later with the closing of St Philip and St James' in Old Noarlunga I worked closely with Peter in what was a difficult time for that congregation.

Over the ten years I knew Peter he maintained his integrity and was held in high respect by many people throughout the Diocese. His passing will be deeply felt across many areas. May we carry on the good work he did and see the work of the Holy Spirit spread throughout this land.

Dn Peter

Vale Kathy Squire



Kathy Squire, the widow of the late Fr Bert Squire, died peacefully at Life Care Residential Home, Aldinga, on Wednesday 9th December 2020. She and Fr Bert had been very active at St Nicholas' when the congregation worshipped at Commercial



Road Seaford, and Kathy was a long time member of St Nicholas' and Mothers' Union in the parish until illness made it difficult for her to continue. Over the past 30 years she was a great mentor and support to all of us at St Nicholas', to those in the Mothers' Union, and to her family and friends. As COVID travel restrictions prevented interstate members of her family from entering SA for some time, her funeral was not held until the 8th January. Fr Ted took the service.

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 ph 8556 5078 or email machit5@bigpond.com.au, preferably by the 15th February

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

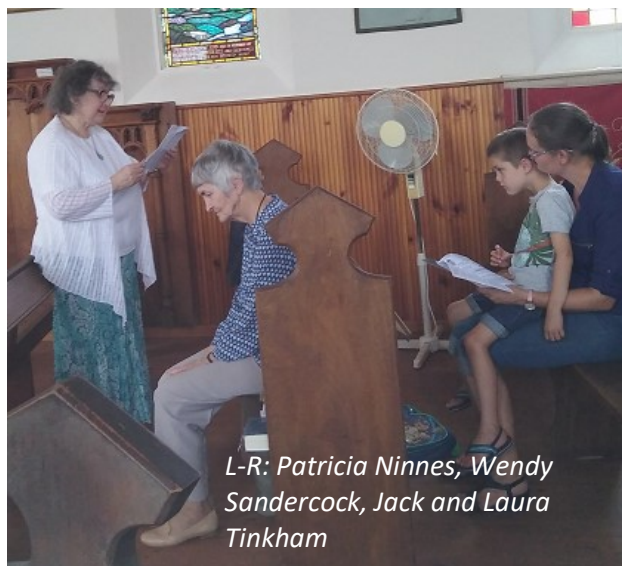
News from St Stephen's, Willunga

The driveway. January began rather quietly except for more tidying up of the bushes beside the driveway. The removal of the roots was quite a challenge. Thanks to all who assisted in this task. On Tuesday 19th January the reconstruction of the roadway around the church commenced and the first stage was completed on the Friday. It involved reorganising the drainage off the church roof and re-siting the only water tap and the front irrigation system.

The next stage will involve the placement of logs to indicate parking bays and the spreading of slate scree around the church to indicate the edge of the roadway. There have been very positive comments from the Saturday morning parkers, many of whom have been regularly leaving donations in the plate at the church door.

The Saturday Night Out dinner was held on January 9th at the Willunga Hotel. The next Saturday Night Out will be held on February 13th. *Bookings 0410 548 040.*

On the fifth Saturday evening **Evening Prayer with hymns** was celebrated, led by John Strachan. Thanks to members who helped with the planning and participated in the service, and to Graham Chigwidden who played the organ. This was the first lay-led service at St Stephen's for some years!
(More photos in Colour supplement p. 13)

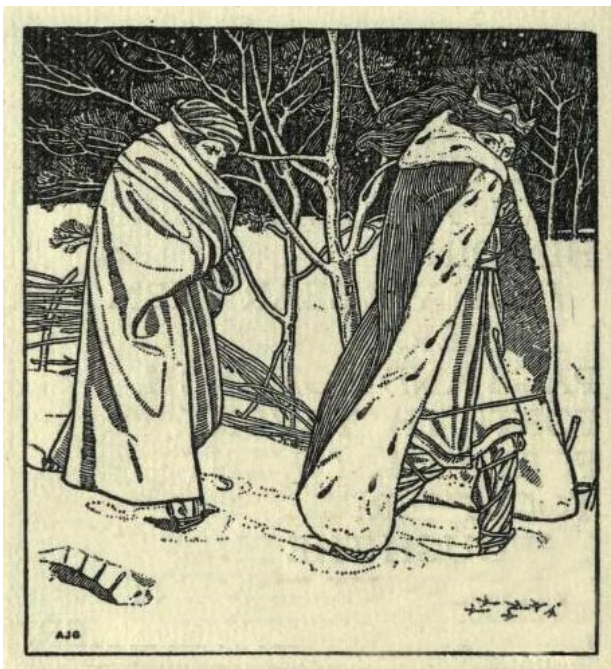


L-R: Patricia Ninnes, Wendy Sandercock, Jack and Laura Tinkham



Graham Chigwidden





The Story of a Carol

We sing, at St Stephen's, Willunga, the carol *Good King Wenceslas* on 26th December, "the Feast of Stephen" as that is the day on which, as the story goes, on which the carol is based, Wenceslas looks out and sees a poor man gathering firewood.

That story was one written in 1849 by the Reverend John Mason Neale (1818-1866) and included in his book *Deeds of Faith: Stories for Children from Church History* which recounted legends from Christian tradition.

As David McLaughlan says, in his essay *Sing A Song Of Christmas: Good King Wenceslas*, in the Christmas 2020 Edition of *This England*

By the Feast of Stephen most of the townspeople would be stocked up and, as far as possible, be hibernating. If this man was still looking for firewood – in the snow – his family must be in dire straits. Wenceslas and his page boy set out to help, loaded with provisions, on foot in the snow and howling wind. When the cold becomes too much for the page boy, Wenceslas encourages him to walk in his lord's footsteps. That would have the practical effect of making the walk easier, but it also has a miraculous effect. A warmth came from those footprints which gave the boy strength to carry on.

The message for Neale's young readers is about walking in the footsteps of Jesus and being sustained by love! The truth of this particular tale was of little concern to Neale. "Supposing it is a legend" he wrote, "it is one of such supreme beauty that it may well find a place in a series of tales like this."

The real Wenceslas the Good (also known as Vaclac the Good, or Wenzel) was the Duke of Bohemia until, in 935, he was succeeded by his brother, Boleslaus the Cruel (who was one of his assassins). Immediately after his death he was regarded as a Saint, and was later given the title of King. In 1119 Cosmas of Prague (1045-1125) wrote in *Chronica Boemorum*:

But his deeds I think you know better than I could tell you; for, as is read in his *Passion*, no one doubts that, rising

every night from his noble bed, with bare feet and only one chamberlain, he went around to God's churches and gave alms generously to widows, orphans, those in prison and afflicted by every difficulty, so much so that he was considered, not a prince, but the father of all the wretched.

The real Good King Wenceslas is buried in St Vitus' Cathedral, Prague.

We sing his story as a Carol because of the tune - *Tempus adest floridum* (Eastertime has come) - which was first published in the Finnish song book *Piae Cantiones* in 1582. In 1853 the Reverend John Mason Neale was given a copy of that song book, turned his 1849 story into a poem, set the poem to that tune, and published it in his *Carols for Christmas-tide*.

Although people have been singing *Good King Wenceslas* for 168 years, there are those who, 92 years ago, made the following observations about it:

This rather confused narrative owes its popularity to the delightful tune, which is that of a Spring carol. Unfortunately Neale in 1853 substituted for the Spring carol this *Good King Wenceslas*, one of his less happy pieces, which E. Duncan goes so far as to call "doggerel", and Bullen condemns as "poor and commonplace to the last degree". The time has not yet come for a comprehensive book to discard it; but we reprint the tune in its proper setting...not without hope that, with the present wealth of carols for Christmas, *Good King Wenceslas* may gradually pass into disuse, and the tune be restored to spring-time.

The Oxford Book of Carols page 279, comment by the Editors (Reverend Percy Dearmer 1867-1936, Martin Shaw BE FRCM (1875-1958) and Ralph Vaughan Williams OM 1872-1958)

There are 16 Hymns by the Reverend John Mason Neale in *The Australian Hymn Book*: all, except "Good Christians all rejoice", are translations. They are, in order of appearance: "To the name of our salvation"; "O come, O come, Emmanuel"; "Of the Father's love begotten"; "Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle"; "All glory, praise and Honour"; "The royal banners forward go"; "Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky"; "The day of resurrection"; "Come, you faithful, raise the strain"; "O sons and daughters let us sing"; "The eternal gifts of Christ the king"; "Christ is made the sure foundation"; "Jerusalem the golden"; "The Lamb's high banquet called to share"; and "Of the glorious body telling".

Brian McMillan

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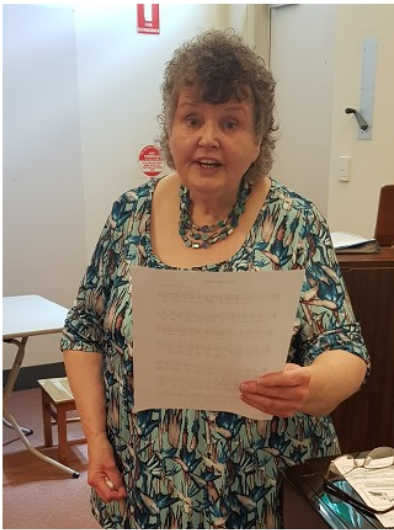
Among the legends surrounding Wenceslaus I there is one attached to the statue of St Wenceslas in Wenceslaus Square in Prague, that if the Czech Republic is in danger, the statue of King Wenceslaus will come to life, raise a sleeping army and reveal a legendary sword to bring peace to the land.

Another is that as he died Wenceslas forgave his brother who had him killed. This makes an interesting link to St Stephen, whose last words as he died were "Father, do not hold this sin against them" - Ed

News from St Nicholas', Seaford

Happy New Year to everyone. We cannot say we started the year with a bang, but we have managed to set off a few fireworks so far this year.

Our services have been a little disrupted lately. We began with our normal Communion Service on the 3rd of January with morning tea to follow as usual. However, on the 10th of January we had to make rapid adjustments. Fr Ted was at home awaiting an ambulance for his wife Joyce who had had a fall (thankfully not serious and she was soon back home) which left Dn Peter running the show. As this was the Baptism of Jesus, we all re-made



our baptismal vows and reflected on their importance in our lives, as Cathy More again gave us a solo performance of "Come to the Water, you who are thirsty". Fortunately, Peter was well prepared, and all went off well. We are sure all the prayers that were said for both Ted and Joyce during the service, along with thoughts and prayers from

others in the Centre, helped with her speedy recovery on the day and the weeks after.

Unfortunately, on the 24th of January it was Fr Ted's turn to journey to hospital by ambulance. He was admitted to Flinders Respiratory Ward with a lung infection. Again, lots of thoughts and prayers were winging their way to him and to Joyce during our service. He is slowly improving but is still in hospital and prayers are

continuing for his healing and return back home.

Dn Peter stepped into the breach and led us in our family service, giving a great reflection, as always, on being disciples of Jesus and following in his footsteps. One of our songs was the summoning "Will you come and follow me" by the Iona community, a favourite hymn and



very apt for that particular Family Service.

The month ended with our combined service with the UCA and Church of Christ at 10 am on the 31st of January. This month the service was led by the new Uniting Church Minister and we had already put Dn Peter forward to give the reflection on that day, which turned out to be most fortunate, as Fr Ted will be Missing In Action for a while.

On Friday 8th January, we finally farewelled Kathy Squire with a thanksgiving and memorial service. Her daughter and family from interstate were finally able to come to SA, following relaxing of the COVID restrictions. It was a lovely service, led by Fr Ted and well attended by her family and friends (see p. 5). We all enjoyed a special time of fellowship over scones, jam and cream afterwards.

We have recently had a lovely lady who has joined us at St Nicholas' (see below). Armenian Christian Takoohi Baban moved here from Sydney with her daughter in August this year. Her life journey has been full and not without danger. She has an amazing story to tell of how she used her music to spread the word of God in a country where any kind of mission was considered apostasy, and often met with imprisonment, fines, punishment, and death.

The Fellowship Group met, and decisions were made regarding Palm Crosses – (how many had we in the freezer from last year) Lenten Bible Study, Lenten Supper possibilities, and fundraising. The Group has decided to try Kytons as a way of raising money without too much handling. (Kytons are prepacking to order sheets so no extra handling for us; just delivery) They will open the fundraiser to all of Western Fleurieu with delivery around the 20th of March, in good time for Holy Week and Easter.

An Ecumenical Lenten Reflection Program will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent, from 10.45 – 12.00 noon, commencing Shrove Tuesday, 16th February (see p. 2). Following the study there will be the opportunity for lunch in the café for those who wish to stay. There will most probably be pancakes on the day of our first Bible study.

Let us pray that God will bless us all in 2021 and enable us all to adapt to what is now our "new normal" and continue to give thanks for our country and the peace and safety in which we live.

Helen Cook & Jane Cuthbert, Wardens

Takoohi Baban, an Armenian Christian from Iran

It was in the pre-revolutionary era that Takoohi began playing the piano. She was only 4 when her father bought her a piano as part of her dowry. Takoohi continued to learn music and the piano throughout her childhood taking music exams both practical and theory from the School of Music in England so that she could teach others the joy of music. She had no wish to be a performer; she just wanted to teach.

From St Nicholas' (cont'd)

In 1955 Takoohi began to form choirs, which performed in the local churches and cathedrals in Isfahan Iran. She married in 1960 and moved to Abadan Iran where again she organised choirs and played the organ in the church and cathedrals. She was always in great demand and was often called upon to play in the main cathedrals and for special services. Throughout her time as a choir master and teacher Takoohi managed to turn groups of



people, from all walks of life, into amazing choirs, performing not only in churches but also in the local Armenian Clubs. Takoohi was a strict task master and ensured that the choirs were always well rehearsed and dressed appropriately, especially if performing in Muslim areas. New uniforms were often presented each year to the group. They sang both Christian and traditional Armenian songs playing in clubs and concerts. It was usual for the local bishop to attend and bless the choir and audience at these events. Takoohi co-ordinated and taught up to three choirs at a time. She also taught herself how to play traditional Armenian instruments and passed on this skill to others in the choirs who then played in the local Armenian clubs in Iran.

Her love of music and her belief in encouraging others led her to teach piano to as many people as she could. Consequently, Takoohi ended up with a large group of Muslim children to whom she taught the piano, and each year held a concert where they performed for family and friends.

Following the revolution in Iran all forms of music were banned by the new regime. If anyone was caught having a piano they were raided, the piano destroyed, and people punished. Despite this possibility Takoohi continued to teach her students, who had to be sworn to secrecy to protect not only Takoohi but also themselves. The music became an escape for the young people during the tough regime. It was a social outlet and a way of meeting their friends. It was an exceedingly difficult and dangerous time and if any of her students *had*

Armenia

The modern-day Armenian Republic was once part of Iran during the Qajar era until 1828. Most Christians living in Iran are thought to be Armenian, thereby making them the largest of the Christian minority. Compared to about 50 years ago, though, this community has greatly diminished, mainly due to emigration, as many left for North America and Europe after the Revolution of 1979. Since the revolution, Iran has promoted a Shi'a Islamic identity aimed at transcending ethnic and national boundaries.

This brought about a number of strict rules that the Armenian Christians had to follow. Christian services could only be carried out in Armenian Churches. They were not allowed to talk to Muslims about any aspect of Christianity even if they were asked (those priests who did so were often arrested and some were killed for the crime of apostasy) When performing in places outside of the church they had to wear a strict dress code to reflect the Muslim laws. Many Churches in Iran were closed down, the use of Persian in sermons banned, the publishing of Bibles restricted, and converts from Islam put under particular surveillance. A number of Christian leaders were killed or found murdered. As of the end of 2019, around 100 Christians were reported to being detained in prison or awaiting trial on account of their religious beliefs.

mentioned the piano or the lessons we would probably not have her as a welcome member of our community at St Nicholas.

In 1990's Takoohi visited her daughter and family in Sydney, staying for over a year at a time. While in Sydney she played the organ in the Armenian Church in Macquarie Street and also volunteered as a social worker in the Armenian Community, visiting hospitals, aged care centres and those who had suffered loss. She also finished her teaching course at the Australian conservatory of music. She became an Australian Citizen, which enabled her to travel more easily between Iran and Australia, which required special permission.

In 2016 following the death of her husband in Iran, Takoohi moved to Sydney permanently to live with her daughter and children, and in mid-2020 both moved to Seaford where she has happily settled and has made many new friends.

Although because of Parkinson's disease she can no longer play the piano or organ she is looking forward to being able to attend more concerts and activities as the COVID-19 restrictions are eased.

Takoohi continually thanks God for His many blessings in her life, for His support along her faith journey, and for bringing her to Seaford. Here she has made new friends and become part of another family within our church group.

(More photos online on p. 15)



Australia Day is also, as some may know, India's national day. Christ Church has a strong connection with the Indian community through our shrine which many of them visit regularly. Three families attended our service on 24th January and we persuaded one of the members to offer up a prayer for India at

the time of our intercessions. This is the second Australia/India Day that our Indian pilgrims have joined in with us in this way and it's a tradition we would like to encourage.

The 31st of January, being a fifth Sunday, was the day of our pre-vestry. A service was held at 10:30 followed by a brief meeting, and then a lunch in the hall.

Due to our resident organist at Christ Church, Ian Richter, being unable to play for us on the second and third Sundays we have been getting by with "canned" music from a computer. Elizabeth Gordon-Mills, a local choir-master and organist has agreed to play for us on the third Sunday, which will be a great help.

The Carols in the Park, which was a multi faith event held at the Yankalilla Oval, was not the success expected, possibly because of COVID. It has been decided to look for other venues for 2021, perhaps in places where food vans are allowed.

Our Op-Shop which is operated in conjunction with the Uniting Church will have its AGM on 9th Feb at Christ Church hall.

Ron King



MU Southern Vales Branch

The first day of February, although a little chilly to begin, brightened through the morning allowing our group to meet at the home of Trish Simon and gather under her Pergola surrounded by many pot plants. We welcomed visitors Jo Parsons and Joan Dare to our small group and we were interested to listen to Jo's story about her extended stay in Australia due to COVID. We pray for her return home soon.

After a delicious morning tea, we enjoyed our usual Mothers' Union Service and prayer time with prayers for our people in need.

Following this President Trish Frith, in her position as Social Issues & Action Coordinator for our Diocese, presented a newsletter from Mrs Susan Skowronski, our National Coordinator, and highlighted the following points:

Domestic and family violence is the leading cause of death, illness and disability in Australian women aged 15 to 44 years.

Domestic violence is the single biggest cause of homelessness in Australia. The most rapidly growing age bracket experiencing homelessness are people aged 55 and over.

1 in 3 women over the age of 15 have experienced domestic violence in the past 5 years.

This gave rise to much conversation and sharing of our understanding of situations within our communities.



Above L—R: Jo Parsons, Lucy Creed, Tish Simon, Trish Frith, Helen Cook, Joan Dare, Anne Chittleborough

Jo's contribution from her experience with social issues through the police force provided a fresh outlook and was a breath of fresh air and an inspiration.

Many lovely knitted items were donated by Lucy Creed and will be sent to Pam Schartner, Adelaide Knit and Natter Knit4Charities Southern Co-ordinator.



22nd January 2021 Family Tea

Our first Family Tea of 2021 – and the first such since the Pandemic – proved very popular. The summer evening allowed participants to choose either to gather outdoors in the shade in front of the church (and from there to admire the barbecue skills of Barry Bates and Philip Bennett, after Bill Cale coaxed the fire, so long dormant, to a suitable blaze) or to relax in the Room: each and every participant observing at all material times the requisite Social Distancing. It turned out that requiring intending participants to RSVP in advance, and intending donors of comestibles not only to agree in advance what to bring, but to undertake to serve it on the day, proved very effective in every sense.

A most enjoyable time of fellowship concluded with an impromptu Quiz devised on the spot – designed to test the observational capacities of the more senior - and administered by youthful members of the Elliott Family.

Service 24th January 2021

Our Service, led by Father Peter Simmons, recalled 26th January 1788, through such inclusions as, for example, the Collect:

Bounteous God, we give you thanks for this ancient and beautiful land, a land of despair and hope, a land of wealth and abundant harvests, a land of fire, drought and flood. We pray that your Spirit may continue to move in this land and bring forgiveness, reconciliation, and the end of all injustice.

and the Blessing:

God of this ancient land, through baptism you have given us an inheritance into one family, give us grace to walk together in the unity of Christ Jesus . . .

The first Christian Service in Australia, on 3rd February 1788, was also acknowledged, as the Sentence was the same as the Text then chosen by the Reverend Richard Johnson (1756-1827), from *Psalm 116*:

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.

The Intercessions, led by Tony Young, included:

In a society divided by race, gender, class, ideology, sexual orientation, and so many other labels we alone have created, remind us that we are created in Your image, each of us a beautiful reflection of You, each of us Your beloved child. Help us then to end our conflicts and wars, help us to be peacemakers and agents of reconciliation.

Our final Hymn, "God of grace and God of glory", was written by Pastor Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969) and sung at the opening of the Riverside Church in New York City in 1930, of which the last verse is:

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore.

Pancakes 16th February 2021

On Shrove Tuesday we will be serving Pancakes at Maxwell's Grocery between 2 pm and 4 pm (see p. 2).

We hope that this outreach will stimulate interest in the fact that Lent begins on the following day, and also, possibly, in what we as a congregation are doing about Lent . . . and Easter . . .

Pre-Vestry Meeting 28th February 2021

We will meet after the 9 am Service to elect the People's Warden and to determine whether and if so what matter (s) will be referred to the Parish Vestry Meeting.

Clean Up Australia Day 7th March 2021

The Friends of St Ann's have again decided that we will participate, with a Sausage Sizzle afterwards.

Quiet Day 17th March 2021

Father Philip Carter has agreed to lead a Quiet Day during Lent.

Jumble Sale 20th March 2020

A date for the March Diary, and an opportunity to consider the worth of the prior identification and donation of any White Elephant which may be lurking about the house or garden.

Brian McMillan, Warden



Above L-R: Dorothy Milde, Susan Smith, Margaret Cale, Bob Smith, Ken Milde. Below: Clockwise from L: The Elliott family: Emma, Jack, Lee-anne, Mark, Izabelle. (In the background: Jo Parsons) Katie and Sophie came later when they had finished work. (More photos p. 16)



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Brave, pious St Pancake refused to bow
to the Roman Gods and was martyred.
(and served with sugar and lemon)

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.**

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St Stephen's Evensong
(see p. 6)



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At St Nicholas' - Sunara and Helen Cook showing a calendar of Christian verses.



At Willunga. Not all church fellowship takes place in churches: Fr Graham Cooling, Peter Kyloh and Trish Frith meet to discuss matters over coffee in the main street.

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Takoohi's story (see p. 9)

Choir dressed fully covered for Muslim concerts.
(Notice the photo in the background.)



Takoohi, Bishop and Armenian choir members at blessings and presentation night. (Takoohi marked with star.)



One of the cathedrals where Takoohi played the organ:
inside Vank Cathedral Istafan Iran

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Family Teas resume at St Ann's (see p. 11)



L-R: Julie Bennett, Stephen Carthew, Tony Young, grand-daughter Amelia (an excellent paper glider flyer) and Wendy Young. Background: Bill Cale, Peter & Heather Chapman



Serving desserts: Trish Frith, Val Higginson, Anne Chittleborough, and serving drinks in the background, Jack Warrington



L—R: Barbara Hill, Cath Davidson, Val Higginson, Trish Frith, Bill Higginson; and waving in the background, Bill Cale and Jack Warrington.



At the near table: Felicity Warrington, Brian McMillan, Julianne Bates, Barbara Walter