

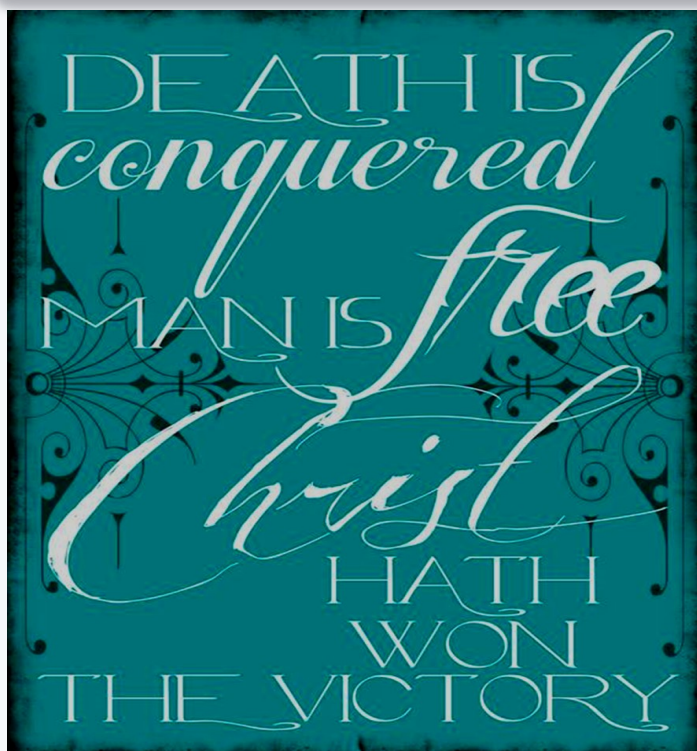
April 2021

*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



## **Fr Brenton writes:**

On Easter Day 2020 the sign on the church read – “CHURCH CLOSED DUE TO CORONA VIRUS RESTRICTIONS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE - WE PRAY FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING IN THESE TRYING TIMES” .



Yes, they have been trying times.

Where once we assembled in community we went to being isolated in our homes and away from family. It was a time where we as a church community gathered together in mind and spirit to worship apart, and keep in contact with each other, thanks to that wonderful

invention of the IT world which we sometimes get upset and angry about.

Easter 2021 brings some semblance of normality, where we can gather in limited numbers although with COVID restrictions in place. It is a time to give thanks for the sacrifice and hard work of the many people who are working throughout the world to contain this pandemic.

Sacrifice is not the end. We have journeyed through Lent and Holy Week to the joy of Easter Morning. It is a time to give thanks for the greatest sacrifice of all - that of Jesus Christ on the cross on Good Friday, that gives way to the joy of the risen Christ on Easter Day. We read in the epistle to the Hebrews, “Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that confess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.” (*Hebrews 13:15*)

Jesus was the sacrifice for the greater good of humankind. We too must share in that sacrifice to make this world a better loving, caring, safer place for all the inhabitants of the planet. We should not wait for Easter to be reminded.

**Halleluiah – Christ is risen – He is risen indeed!**

*Thank you, God, that you have made us in your image; made us for worship and for love, and for relationship with you. Thank you for all the gifts you have given us to share with others. Help us to see all people as you see us. Amen.*

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***This Grapevine comes to you with Easter greetings on Easter Day, but news of Palm Sunday and Easter events will be in the May issue .***

## Vestry 2021

Vestry—the Annual General Meeting of the Parish, at which offices are confirmed and/or voted for, and matters raised for discussion.

Vestry this year was held at St Nicholas', Seaford, The Wardens for each church were appointed (see *church information on p. 12*) and also the Synod representatives: Margaret Cale, Joan Dare, Julia Drought, Alison Dutton, Wendy Sandercock and Lynn King. Our two additional Synod Representatives will be Helen Cook and Brian McMillan.

The Treasurer, Margaret Cale, presented the Financial Report, thanking everyone for their efforts over the past year. It could have been a disaster, she said, but more people had stepped up to direct deposits or managed to get their offering to the church somehow. Overall, total income was down approximately \$15000, mainly due to our inability to fundraise. We benefited from the Government Job Keeper subsidy by about \$36000 over 6 months, but after September the Diocese was no longer eligible for it. Introducing the Budget for 2021 she noted that the sale of St Margaret's site will impact both income and expenditure. We will lose the hall income at St Margaret's of around \$5000 per year but we will only have to pay a nominal lease to Kalyra for use of the Church and we will not be

paying for services, maintenance, or utility costs.

We will have 2 stipends to pay for. Assessment remains at 16% on ALL income including from SPF funds.

The budget is usually based on the previous year; however 2020 was not a usual year so planning this year's budget has had its challenges.

Margaret finished her presentation with the Iona Prayer:

*Reshape us good Lord, until in generosity, in faith, and in the expectation that the best is yet to come, we are truly Christ-like. Make us passionate followers of Jesus, rather than passive supporters. Make our churches places of radical discipleship and signposts to heaven, then, in us, through us, and if need be, despite us, let your kingdom come.* Amen

Other business on the day included an appeal from Wendy Sandercock for a generous response to the BCA Box Appeal, at this time when funds were needed more than ever.

Joan Dare spoke of the importance of pastoral care, noting that while visiting is done regularly by parishioners, older people particularly like to see a priest sometimes for home communion, either at home or in residential care. Fr Brenton responded that the clergy were happy to visit anyone, but relied on the eyes and ears of lay people to let them know when a visit was needed or requested.



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](mailto:machit5@bigpond.com.au), preferably by the 15<sup>th</sup> April. Please notify the Editor if you wish to avoid the chance of being mentioned in this newsletter.

## For your Diary ...

*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.*

### April

- Thurs 1<sup>st</sup>** MAUNDY THURSDAY  
St Margaret's 7 pm  
Ecumenical service Seaford Christian Churches (SCC) 7 pm
- Fri 2<sup>nd</sup>** GOOD FRIDAY  
Stations of the Cross Christ Church 9 am  
Ecumenical service SCC 11 am  
Stations of the Cross St Ann's 10 am
- Sat 3<sup>rd</sup>** Easter Eve Service of Light St Stephen's 7 pm
- Sun 4<sup>th</sup>** EASTER DAY  
Gold Coin Donation for PCWs (see p. 4)  
Christ Church Yankalilla 9 am  
St Ann's Aldinga 9 am  
St Margaret's McLaren Vale 10.30 am  
St Nicholas' Seaford 10.30 am  
St James' Delamere 11 am  
Yankadelly Council Meeting 4 pm Old School
- Tues 6<sup>th</sup>** Saturday Night Out (see p. 4)
- Sat 10<sup>th</sup>** ACH Yankalilla service 2 pm
- Sun 11<sup>th</sup>** WFA Council 7 pm, St Ann's
- Tues 13<sup>th</sup>** Maggie's Mates 11.15 am
- Wed 14<sup>th</sup>** St Nicholas' luncheon 12.30 (Bookings 8392 4508) & Fellowship 1 pm
- Fri 16<sup>th</sup>** Home Group Seaford Rise 6 for 6.30 pm
- Sat 17<sup>th</sup>** Working on walls, St Ann's (see p. 11)
- Mon 19<sup>th</sup>** Mothers' Union (Yankalilla/Delamere)
- Tues 20<sup>th</sup>** Friends of S Ann's 6.50 for 7 (Note changed date)
- Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup>** Prayers for Peace St Ann's 11.15 am
- Fri 23<sup>rd</sup>** Family tea, St Ann's, 6.30 pm
- Sat 24<sup>th</sup>** Working on walls, St Ann's (see p. 11)
- Sun 25<sup>th</sup>** ANZAC Day
- Mon 26<sup>th</sup>** Ecumenical Service, SCC, 8 am

### May

- Sat 1** PHILIP & JAMES  
Jumble Sale, St Ann's (See p. 7. Changed date)
- Sun 2<sup>nd</sup>** Gold Coin Donation for Pastoral Care Workers
- Mon 3<sup>rd</sup>** Southern Vales MU at McLaren Vale Information Centre 9.30 am
- Thurs 6<sup>th</sup>** JOHN  
Yankadelly 4 pm
- Fri 7<sup>th</sup>** Family tea at St Margaret's 6 for 6.30 pm  
Enquiries: Fr Brenton 8323 9744  
Home Group Seaford Rise 6 for 6.30  
Enquiries 0408 763 652
- Sat 8<sup>th</sup>** Car Boot Sale, SCC (see p. 7)  
Saturday Night Out  
ACH Yankalilla service 2 pm
- Sun 9<sup>th</sup>** WFA Council 4 pm Yankalilla
- Tues 11<sup>th</sup>** "Maggie's Mates" 11.15 am
- Wed 12<sup>th</sup>** ASCENSION
- Thurs 13<sup>th</sup>** DIOCESAN SYNOD, Murray Bridge
- Fri 14<sup>th</sup>** DIOCESAN SYNOD
- Sat 15<sup>th</sup>** Yankalilla/Delamere MU 2 pm Christ Church Hall
- Mon 17<sup>th</sup>** WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
- Tues 18<sup>th</sup>** Friends of St Ann's 6.50 for 7 pm
- Thurs 20<sup>th</sup>** Prayers for Peace, St Ann's 11.15
- Fri 21<sup>st</sup>** St Nicholas' Luncheon 12.30 (Bookings 8392 4508) & Fellowship 1 pm
- Sun 23<sup>rd</sup>** Home Group Seaford Rise 6 for 6.30
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup>** PENTECOST
- Sun 30<sup>th</sup>** Family Tea, St Ann's 6.30 pm  
TRINITY  
Fifth Sunday Combined service t.b.a.  
St James' Delamere 150<sup>th</sup> (see p. 9)
- Mon 31<sup>st</sup>** VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION

To support the Anglican Board of Mission's Good Friday appeal for the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf, and the Easter appeal for the Diocese of the Torres Strait, which this year celebrates the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Coming of the Light, see the envelopes at the back of your church, or visit their website, [abmission.org](http://abmission.org).



## News from St Stephen's, Willunga

As part of Pastoral Visiting, the guide for a *Sunday Table Service* continues to be distributed to Willunga families and available to visitors on a Saturday morning.

**The Saturday Night Out** dinner was held on March 13<sup>th</sup> at the Willunga Hotel. The next Saturday Night Out will be held on April 10<sup>th</sup>. *Bookings 0410 548 040.*

### Renewal of Marriage Vows

Lee and Laura Tinkham celebrated their 10<sup>th</sup> wedding



*Fr Brenton blesses Lee and Laura (L) and below, Lee, Laura, their sons Jack and Mason, and friends.*



### Service for Pastoral Care Workers

**Almond Grove Family Church, Aldinga, 14<sup>th</sup> March**

It is an inspiration to meet the PCWs ("Chaplains") and hear the warmth with which they speak of their work in the schools, meeting children's special needs, mentoring them, befriending them (and their parents), and sometimes simply being there for them. God and Church may not be mentioned, but the face of God and His hands and feet are there in the love and caring that these Chaplains bring.

Peter Scurry, the head of the Southern Ministry Group, spoke of the increase in requests for Chaplains, who are a perceived benefit to the schools. Chaplaincy, he said, is a wonderful way for churches to engage with the community, connecting and caring where there are people gathered together, meeting them at their point of need.

anniversary at a Renewal of Vows service on Friday March 12<sup>th</sup> under the large peppercorn tree, in front of more than twenty friends. Congratulations, Tinkhams!

Thanks to Brian McMillan and Felicity Warrington for providing music at a Saturday service. Wendy Sandercock and Joan Lunn continue to prepare the church for the Saturday service. Additional help would be appreciated for cleaning, setting up for services and for opening the church on a Saturday morning.

There's no doubt that the church looks brighter and better for the improvements to the driveway. The next stage for safe parking around the church on a Saturday morning will involve placement of logs to indicate parking bays, and the spreading of slate scree around the church to indicate the edge of the roadway. Then a heritage fence along the western edge of the roadway to create a shaded rest area with seating and tables. Thanks to Lindsay for her generous donation. Again, any help will be appreciated.

### Fifth Sunday

The St Stephen's Friends have agreed to continue a lay-led fifth Saturday evening *Evening Prayer with Hymns* service. The next 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday is the 29<sup>th</sup> May.

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 provide a safe parking location for families with infants and small children while shopping at The Farmers' Market or on High Street. Saturday mornings also provide a good opportunity for us to meet with members of the community.

*Ted Sandercock & John Strachan, Wardens*



The Chaplains were represented by L-R: Kylie Serfontein (McLaren Flat PS), Tyson Maddern (McLaren Vale PS, Willunga High School), Sue Camac (Willunga PS), Chris Oxenham (Old Noarlunga PS)

## News from St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

Hi everyone,

March seems to have flown by, but then the build up to Easter always passes quickly. We had a lovely Mothering Sunday with Fr Bob Hupfeld taking the service, Stephen Wells baking a delicious Simnel Cake and Di Best, Fran Pettigrew and Leonie Pettman providing posies. After the service the Simnel Cake was shared for morning tea. Thank you to all who assisted in making the service special.



The church was prepared for Palm Sunday and the baptism to be conducted during the service. Julia Drought provided special Palm Sunday back drops and Ted Sandercock enormous palm fronds for church decoration. Jane Cuthbert and the ladies from St Nicholas' have made palm crosses for us. Again thank you to all those who have assisted including Michael Drought who is always available to assist with heavy lifting and writing up the

baptism and godparents' certificates. We also thank Fr Bob Hupfeld, without whose availability we would not be having a Communion Service.

At the last Parish council meeting it was mentioned that we have been averaging one baptism and one funeral a month, and March has held true to this. It was with great sadness we heard that Jean Griffen had died. Her funeral was held on 19<sup>th</sup> March. A screen and extra chairs were set up outside under the tree to help accommodate the



***Vale Jean Florence Griffen, 1925-2021***

many mourners who came to celebrate her life. Both Jean and her late husband Colin were active in the parish for many years.

The congregation of St Margaret's continues to look forward, anticipating Easter's celebration of the resurrection of our Lord.

Continue to be safe out there.

*The congregation and church wardens,  
St Margaret of Scotland Anglican Church McLaren Vale*

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## World Day of Prayer 2021

It was a day when the country of Vanuatu was under multiple threat from Cyclone Niran, an earthquake, and a possible tsunami, when our local churches gathered to share a service put together by the women of Vanuatu. And it was a special delight that Ni-Vanuatu fruit pickers from the McLaren Vale Hostel were able to be with us that evening. Guest speaker at the McLaren Vale Uniting Church on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March was Marg Morris (3<sup>rd</sup> from the right in the photo) who painted a delightful and lively picture of life in Vanuatu. Handcrafts from that country were available for purchase. (*More photos p. 13*)

In the words of Jenny Esots, of the Uniting Church, "it was a lovely evening of flowers, prayers, songs, woven baskets, stories and sharing".

Next year's World Day of Prayer will be hosted by St Stephen's Anglican Church. It will feature England, Wales and Northern Ireland.



## News from St Nicholas', Seaford

**Ministry** This past month we have been on a familiar path as we follow Jesus on His way to Calvary. Our services have reflected this in the readings and homilies given each week, from the Baptism of Jesus, His temptation, His promise of eternal life and His command to follow Him and accept the cross.

Mothering Sunday was a lovely service and included the Blessing of the Simnel Cake, generously made by Lynn Hann, and given out – safely pre-packed COVID safe – to all those present and also to those members who were unable to attend.



The young people who attend our service regularly update our notice board with their weekly endeavours (see photo p. 14). Sunara ( R ) and Bella ( L ) made special items for Mothers' Day as well.



The start of Holy Week is Palm Sunday, with an Ecumenical Service Liturgy of the Palms to be held outside in the Grace Garden area. At the time of printing an evening Ecumenical Maundy Thursday service is planned for SCC with participants from the Catholic, Anglican and Church of Christ and Uniting Church communities. Regrettably, we are still unable to take communion all together, but the Uniting Church and Church of Christ will join in our Anglican celebration of communion at the end of the service.

**Lenten Bible Study** The Bible study has been going well, with two groups meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings each week. Approximately 15-18 people have taken part in the study and we hope to do another ecumenical study in the weeks leading up to Pentecost.

**Fellowship** This year the fellowship decided to try Kytons Fundraising as part of our fundraising for the year. We will have raised nearly \$100 and had the benefit of eating great hot cross buns and lamingtons, while still managing to raise some funds. Thank you to all those who participated in the event.



At our March Meeting we again made Palm Crosses, once we all remembered how to make them. We soon had a whole stack ready to give out to some of the other churches in the parish. It was a great time of fellowship, as usual, with much laughter and frustration as we tried to get our fingers around the palms. (*above and p. 14*)

**Vestry.** Our pre-vestry put forward Helen Cook as People's Warden and Helen Cook and Joan Dare as our Synod Representatives. They, along with those elected in the other centres, were all accepted and confirmed at the Annual Vestry Meeting in March.

**SEM:** Tuesday Night Dinners are now "back on the menu" at SCC with dinners being offered on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 5.30 pm. With the added task of COVID cleaning it was decided to make the community dinner a two--course meal; Mains and Dessert in terms 1 and 4, and Soup and Mains in terms 2 and 3. This makes sure our volunteers can still get home at a reasonable time despite having to clean everything after our patrons leave. COVID restrictions mean we cannot seat more than 40 at present and people cannot attend until after 5 pm.

In May SCC plans to hold a car boot sale (*see next page*) and St Nicholas fellowship will be having a table to sell good quality used items, preserves and other goodies. More details to come.

*Helen Cook Jane Cuthbert, Wardens*



### The Story of a Hymn

Come, O fount of every blessing  
tune my heart to sing your grace;  
streams of mercy never ceasing  
call for songs of loudest praise.

The author, Robert Robinson (1735-1790), went from Norfolk to London as apprentice to a barber in 1749. In 1752, he attended an evangelical meeting, to heckle the believers and make fun of the proceedings.

The Evangelist was George Whitefield (1714-1770); his text was *But when [John the Baptist] saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Matthew 3:7 KJV.*

Robinson may have come to scoff, but he remained to pray, and must have continued to do so, as, in 1755, at the age of twenty, he responded to the call he felt three years earlier and became a Christian. Three years later,

when, as a Calvinist Methodist Pastor, he was preparing a sermon for his church in Norfolk, he wrote the hymn.

Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, through [hymnary.org](http://hymnary.org) tells us that

Using imagery of Christ as the giver of living water and the shepherd gathering his sheep back into the fold, this hymn reminds the worshipper of the ever-bountiful grace of God. Like Robinson, we too are “prone to wander,” and are quick to seek redemption through our own power. But God continues to bring us back from our wandering, until, songs of praise on our lips, we dance forever before the mount of His redeeming love.

Professor Wesley Milgate (1916-1999), in *Songs of the People of God*, tells us that “It has been remarked that Robinson, in becoming successively a Calvinist Methodist, a Congregationalist, a Baptist and at last a Unitarian, gave by his life a poignant irony to the phrase ‘prone to wander’”.

The melody of *Sharon*, the tune to which this hymn is sung, was composed by William Boyce (1710-1779), first published in *A Collection of Melodies* in 1765, and harmonised by Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876).

*Brian McMillan, Choirmaster*

To avoid clashing with Synod,  
**St Ann's Jumble Sale**

will next be held on

**Saturday 1st May**

**8.30-12.30**

*Books*

*Plants*

*Clothes*

*Cake stall*

*Bric-a-brac*

*Sausage Sizzle*

*Devonshire Teas*

**With the Hot Gospel Groove Choir 11am**



On the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25<sup>th</sup>) WFA Mothers' Union members from both branches, Southern Vales and Yankalilla/Delamere, went to the Diocesan Lady Day service at Mt Barker, celebrated by MU Chaplain, Fr Daniel Irvine.

Following the service, while members enjoyed the lunches they had brought, Fr Daniel spoke about his life and his work.

A trading table raised money to send to the MU in PNG to assist with rehabilitation as the country fights a serious coronavirus problem.

It was a chance to meet friends from other parishes, and it was good for members of the two WFA branches to do something together. It is hoped that we may join for a meeting soon.



**8th May 10 am-2pm**

**Seaford Christian Churches Car Park**

Stalls \$10

Tables \$5

*Bookings are essential*

*Information and bookings 0434 824 655*

Devonshire tea

Sausage sizzle

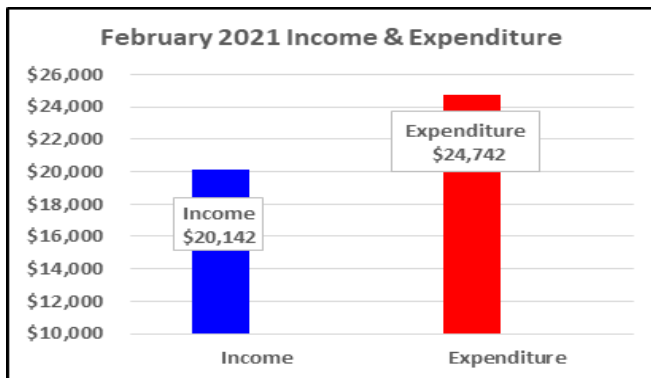


**St Margaret's** There are always new thoughts and new questions about Kalyra's taking over St Margaret's, and how this will affect the congregation and the services. A variety of matters—from Easter Services to cleaning arrangements—are regularly being discussed and worked through. It is suggested that one person from St Margaret's be responsible for communicating with Kalyra.

**Priest's report:** Fr Brenton reported that people were working well together, and big thanks were due to the retired clergy who are helping us out.

**Lay Ministry Training:** a 12 module curriculum had been put together and approved by the Sydney Diocese. It would come at a minimum cost.

**Treasurer's Report** (see graphs below). Margaret pointed out that the funding of the St Stephen's driveway is the reason why the deficit is so large at this early stage of the year. St Stephen's will continue to fundraise for this project. Collections for the year have been higher than in 2019 although donations and fundraising have dropped by about \$14000 because of the COVID shutdown and following restrictions. The Op Shop has still managed to bring in funds but money from hall leasing is down. We have been well supported with the Job Keeper payments for part of the year and also the giving from all centres either through Direct Credit or the offering plate.



**Outreach:** A list had been drawn up of outreach activities in which the parish was engaged, and Council members were encouraged to note further such activities.

**From the churches:**

**Yankalilla** had lost two of the "old" families. Their farewell had been attended by about 38 people. They had been pleased to welcome a young woman with a baby, hoping for baptism. There had been a number of Indian people visiting the shrine. The Guild had finally folded, after 120 years of work (see May Grapevine)

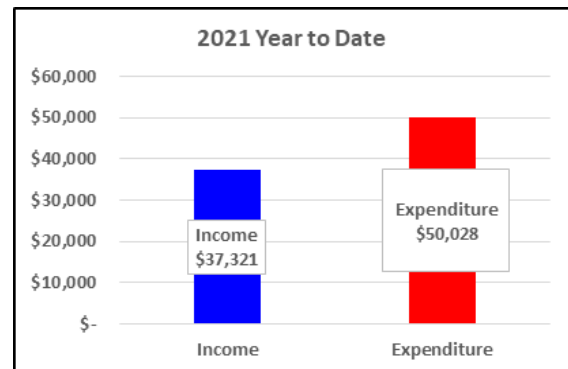
**St Ann's;** A suggestion had been made that the church should hold a Blessing of the Vines for the northern end of the parish.

**St James' Delamere** was looking forward to celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> in May. Due to size they would not be able to host the whole parish on that day.

**St Margaret's** had had a baptism and a funeral They had started resuming visits to nursing homes. Members of the congregation were getting old and frail but were plodding along.

**St Stephen's** had had a marriage blessing outside the church, followed by a visit to the Tinkhams' home.

**St Nicholas'** reported being very busy. Fr Percy's funeral had been taken by Fr Alex Stone, a former priest at St Nicholas'.



### A Eucharistic Reflection

Jesus shared his last Passover meal with the disciples just before his arrest. In the Jewish marriage tradition, a Father would hand his son a cup of wine. The son, in turn, would offer it to his future wife and say, "This cup I offer you." In effect he was saying, "I love you and I offer you my life." If she drank of the cup she was accepting his life and giving him her life. In the Passover feast the last cup to be drunk from was called the cup of salvation. It was with this cup Jesus said, "This is my blood of the new covenant." He was saying, "I give you my life, will you give me yours." Then He literally did give His life for us. Now every time we have communion, we are renewing

our love vow to God and in effect we are saying, "I accept your gift, and I give you my life in return. The sacramental power is not in the Priest's prayer, but in the moment when both vows come together to create the most incredible covenantal love relationship. *Deacon Pete*



## News from Christ Church, Yankalilla and St James', Delamere



The 14<sup>th</sup> of March saw a baptism at Christ Church; the first in about a year.

Georgia Elizabeth Harman brought her parents, godparents, family and friends to our 9 am service at which she was baptised. It was a simple but happy service which the guest of honour took in her stride with no fuss at all.

Of interest is the font that was used. As many will know, Christ Church has a very old font in the entrance but it is not really a convenient place for a christening and is far too heavy to move. An alternative was a small "travelling" font which currently resides in the Yankalilla Museum.



It came from the Salisbury area in England and was brought here by Bishop Short, who used to take it with him, in a leather bag, when he was travelling round his district (which covered most of the Fleurieu Peninsula and Kangaroo Island). It finished its working life at St Thomas' Anglican Church at Inman Valley from 1885-1990. It is quite small, about the size of two wine goblets but totally adequate for the job.

A christening cake, made and decorated by Marlene Stone, was cut in the hall after the service.

*Ron King*



### **Wanted – A Decent Kitchen stove.**

St James' is in need of a replacement stove for their kitchen at Delamere. If you, or someone you know is renovating a kitchen and has a decent stove that they are replacing, please contact Peter Filsell on 0427 534 095.

### **Building Stronger Communities Grant**

An expression of Interest was placed with Rebekha Sharkie for a grant to re-lay the area of paving in the front of Christ Church, from the Dunstall Lights through the lych gates to the Main Road. Unfortunately we were not successful with this application and will now try and find other sources of funding to assist with this project. We have had a quote for \$9000 to do the work.

### **Heritage Grant application and the Celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for St James, Delamere**

We have put in a grant application for \$10000 to Heritage SA to do plaster repair work and repainting of most of the internal walls of the church as a major project in our 150<sup>th</sup> Year.

Plans are underway for St James' 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary to be celebrated on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Invitations will be sent to past parishioners and residents of the district and their families who have had connections with the Church, and to past priests.

It is planned to have a service at 11.00 am followed by a light luncheon in the hall. Unfortunately, because of COVID restrictions, we will have to limit numbers, and preference will be given to present and former parishioners. The church is only able to hold 50 people under the restrictions and the hall is the same. We would have liked to invite everyone from the pastoral district but it is not possible unless restrictions are eased.

*Peter Filsell and Rob Ryan*

## From St Ann's, Aldinga

### Family Service 7<sup>th</sup> March

The Theme for this Family Service was *What does it mean to be a church?*

Julianne Bates delivered the Message and encouraged contributions from those present. One contribution was from a visitor who, driving past, noticed our sign and decided there and then to join us. Introducing herself as "a stranger in your midst" she felt sufficiently comfortable to speak up.

Our Prayer of Approach was

O Lord, clear our hearts and minds of all unrighteous clutter. As we seek to be your Church in our day, drive out all that is unworthy of you. Let us think not of human transactions – our losses and gains – for we gather under the banner of your love that demands no price but our love in return. Help us to sacrifice all that we are to your service, as Jesus sacrificed everything for us.

### All together now

In the Christmas 2020 edition of *Country Life*, The Reverend Richard Coles, FRSA FKC, Vicar of St Mary's Finedon, wrote, under the above heading:

As Christmas approaches and we prepare for it as best we can, parish priests face peculiar challenges. What will a carol service without carols be like? Will a socially distanced Nativity lack narrative coherence? Will the astringent odour of sanitizer be off-putting to those receiving Christmas Communion? Will we be even be able to offer Christmas Communion at all? I very much hope that we will. Locked churches – an oxymoron at the best of time but particularly in these – have seemed desperately inadequate. . . .

This year, I will celebrate Midnight Mass alone in a locked church, save for my congregation of two dachshunds. I have become quite used to this in the past year. However, I will place the infant Christ in the manger, light a candle, and think what I always think: *O magnum mysterium*, that God should come to us not in a blaze of power and glory, but as a newborn baby, wrapped in swaddling bands, wreathed in the misted breath of beasts, lit by starlight. And, wherever we are, whoever we are, we are together again, for we are never really apart.

### Mothering Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March

Our Service began with the presentation by Jo Parsons of a history of Mothering Sunday. Posies of flowers, provided and made by Trish Frith and Barbara Walter, and the traditional Simnel Cake, made by Margaret Cale, were blessed with these words:

Loving God, you uphold us from birth to death, and through all life's changes, with your grace and love. In gratitude for all the love we have received, throughout our lives, may we be always ready to help those who are struggling, to protect the vulnerable, to feed the hungry, and to comfort the broken. Accept our prayers and bless these flowers and cake as symbols of our ongoing love for those to whom we give them, and may we all be blessed in giving and receiving; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Posies and cake were given out at the conclusion of the Service: some were able to be delivered to those unable to attend, who were delighted to receive them.

**Friends meetings** will continue to be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month for now. *Next on Tuesday 20th April.*

Brian McMillan

## Clean Up Australia Day 2021

A lovely morning, an enthusiastic group of volunteers, and a delicious barbecue to follow, made a happy occasion for Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Of course we can't clean the whole of Australia but we did make a difference to Aldinga and surrounds.



The purpose of doing it on one specified day is to focus attention on the need to care for God's creation and combat environmental pollution. This movement started in a small

way in 1989 and has spread not only throughout Australia but across the world. Gillian Clampett



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### Lenten Quiet Day at St Ann's, 17<sup>th</sup> March

What a busy time is Lent! Various parishioners have commented how easily we have fallen back into the pre-COVID swing of busy preparations, so it was a great pleasure to have a Quiet Day on the Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> March. The weather matched the serenity of a lovely day of reflection and contemplation, beginning with a Eucharist which included the gospel reading from Mark 10:46-52; the story of blind Bartimaeus asking Jesus to "let him see".

The Rev'd Philip Carter, a former director of the Julian Centre for Spirituality in the Diocese of Adelaide, led us with anecdotes, poetry and Our Lord's words and actions before we separated to find a quiet spot to reflect on what had been spoken. The cemetery garden proved to be a blessing for the Spirit to speak to us.

One parishioner wrote: *"A beautiful oasis of peace in the middle of an extraordinarily busy week - different words for the Thanksgiving Prayer, lovely poems and thoughtful meditations. But most of all, a time for quiet introspection with the opportunity to absorb the sounds, smells and textures of our stunning surroundings. Look forward to the next one! Thank you, Fr Philip."*

Others were moved to consider their "mistaken Identity" - the voices we listen to, the "I shoulds and I shouldn'ts", the false expectations we try to live up to and find we can't.

We were asked to consider *"Whose is my life?"*, *"To whom do I belong?"* not *"Who am I?"* Jesus exposes who I am! Philip suggested we live in the higher truth which is that Peace and Truth are always in us. The lower truth is that we don't always feel Peace and Love, we are simply to live in the former.

The day finished with an opening for questions and responses to the day, all of which were enlightening, Informative, and a hope for another opportunity to have such a collective experience.

### Bible Study

A small group has also met for a five session Bible study by John Birch, "Walking with Jesus". Our journey has raised productive discussion and new insights. Two young parishioners, new to the Bible, have joined us and it has been a delight to see their enquiring minds soak up God's Word.

### School visit

We pray that He bring more people hungry for Him and His ways, and He hasn't disappointed. Two groups, each of eighteen Grade Sixers, will visit us on the 29<sup>th</sup> March from Cardijn College, Aldinga. Our brief is to talk about our core beliefs, rituals, symbols and practice, and our outreach. What an opportunity for evangelism!

Julianne Bates



### Reflections on St Ann's March Jumble Sale

This was a Jumble Sale with a difference—COVID-spaced, mostly outdoors, and looking quite different. It was wonderful to see new people, including younger people, taking on new roles. Our

"regulars" were glad to see us back in business.

There's no denying that Jumble Sales are darned hard work—for many people over several days. And not a Jumble Sale goes past without someone asking, 'Why do we do this? How much longer we can do it? We are getting older, you know!'

True, but I believe there are two answers to this.

One is that we need the money to keep the church open and operating. Yes, we could look for other activities that make that kind of money, although no-one seems to know what they might be.

But the other was something voiced by David Nitschke in church on Sunday. He said he had always been ambivalent about Jumble Sales, until at the end of a long morning on Saturday it had dawned on him; he "got it": in the time we spent with our visitors, in our welcoming, in the connections we made, we were *being Church*. Sweaty Church, dusty shoes Church, but Church none-the-less.

And what better reason for continuing?

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(Next on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May. See p. 7.)

### Restore the walls of St Ann's

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April after church

**Lime Mortar, & Heritage Wall Repair**

Learn from Peter Chapman how to do it.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April **Working Bee** after church,  
Followed by BBQ

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(See John 19:17-37)

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"I, JESUS, HEREBY BEQUEATH MY CARPENTRY STUFF TO ZED, MY GOOD TUNIC TO ROB, AND I'LL BE BACK TO PICK UP THE REST. TO EVERYONE IN THE UNIVERSE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE ... I LEAVE LIFE."

## 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:**

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:**

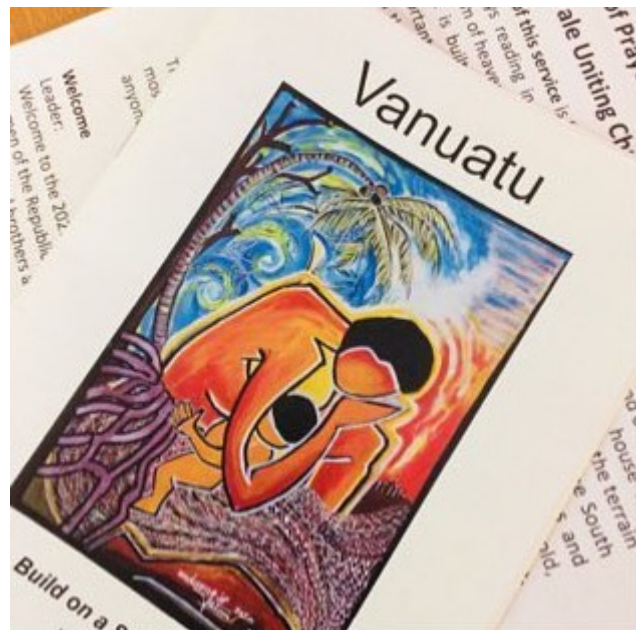
Peter Filsell 0427 534 095

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.*

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**World Day of Prayer 2021 (see p. 5)**



*Photos: Julia Drought, Jenny Esots*

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**From St Nicholas', Seaford** (see p. 6)



Palm Crosses have to be COVID-safe. At the end of the working bee (see p. 6) the crosses are bagged ready for the freezer.

Below: The young people's noticeboard at St Nicholas'. Well done, Bella and Sunara!



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## **St Ann's Jumble Sale (see p. 11)**



Mother & daughter!  
Val and Judy:  
Bric-a-brac stall



Susan: Devonshire teas



Patrusca's "specials"



Jo: bric-a-brac stall



Bob: sausage sizzle

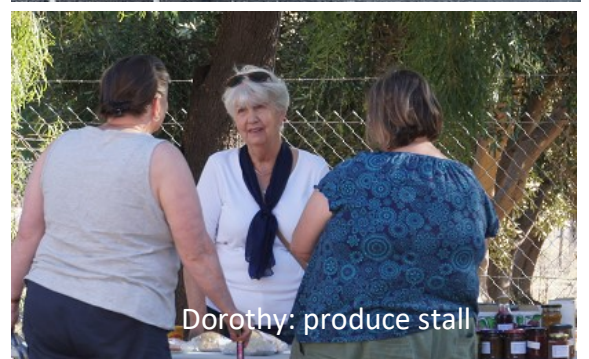


Pepper: books



Tony: hardware

Thanks to these—and all the other workers who aren't shown here —and all who, like those on the left, enjoyed the day.



Dorothy: produce stall

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Familiarly known as “Gillian’s corner”, the shelf on the NE corner of St Ann’s church carries a weekly montage inspired by the Gospel of the week. Thank you, Gillian, for your representation of Holy Week and Easter.

**Clean Up Australia Day (see p. 10)**



David Nitschke



Val and Bill Higginson



Stephen Carthew and Peter Chapman



Doug Shaw and helper