

The Grapevine

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

"He who sings prays twice"

The Sunday Afternoon of Song at St Ann's (see p. 6) was a chance for people from all around the parish (and their friends) to choose their favourite hymns and lift their voices in praise. The afternoon was recorded by David Nitschke and can now be enjoyed all over again on the parish website (www.southernvalesparish.org)





Brother Simon writes:

Dear friends

My friends, our Old and New Testament scriptures inform us that all of creation is God's and we have the privilege of enjoying and existing in that creation. We do not own it but simply use and enjoy it. Further, as a

response to the commandment to love our neighbour as ourself, we share it. From this reality it is clear that despite national instituted property deeds and leases, nobody actually owns the land on which we reside—and on which our churches are built, for that matter. It is therefore consistent that we should acknowledge the traditional owners of the Western Fleurieu region on whose ancestral lands we live and work and worship, and it is entirely reasonable that we honour and respect them and their elders, past, present and emerging, for their 60 thousand years of custodianship of this sacred land on which our churches are built.

In 2021 I would like our parish to be challenged by the following excerpt from a speech by Bishop Chris McLeod, the National Aboriginal Bishop in the Anglican Church of Australia:

"I actually believe that we Christians can lead the way in our nation's healing, if we face our own truth. We, as Christians, are by nature people of reconciliation. In Christ, God was reconciling the world to God's self, not counting our trespasses against us, entrusting the message of reconciliation to us (2 Corinthians). As Christians we have no fear of the truth. We know the



Deacon Pete ponders

Study for me has started again. This will be near to the end of my studies over four years. I believed God called me into study though I had no prospects as to what would happen. I had resigned as a Warden and reduced my building work. Yet I kept an open book to see how my study

would go. The important thing was that the study would help me personally in understanding the foundations of Christian faith and traditions in the many aspects of theology.

Three and a half years have passed, and the door has opened for me to work as a Deacon / Curate in our parish. I am working as a hospital chaplain in Flinders and Daws Rd Hospitals, with confirmation of a fulltime position at the beginning of next year.

Then there has been a request to be a local chaplain for the Six Brothers motorbike group. The group was formed for the awareness of men's suicide, which has become an extreme problem in society. power of forgiveness. We know the power of reconciliation. And we know the power of healing. We are people of Good News and hope, yet this all springs from an honest facing of our personal and collective histories. Jesus says, in his Sermon from the Mount, "When you're offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift".

"If you remember that your brother or sister has something against you..." The uncomfortable truth, the starting place for reconciliation, begins with acknowledging Australia's first people; our brothers and sisters, have something, indeed, against this nation....and our church.

If we remember...? Leave your gift before the altar and go. Be reconciled with your brother and sister.

Where do we begin? Firstly, listen to the stories of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The first peoples. Become acquainted with the full history of our nation. Not the edited version, or the version we like the best, or the version that makes us feel good - but the whole story."

As a result I believe it should become our normal practice to acknowledge Indigenous peoples before our worship services and at other important meetings within the parish. I hope that this practice will remind us and focus our attention on the ongoing issues of reconciliation and to encourage all of us to play our part in working towards God's justice that is synonymous with the Kingdom of God.

Br Simon

Next year I will have two subjects left and I am looking forward to working more in our parish in both pastoral care and evangelism, but what that actually will look like is in God's hands.

The cost of this journey has been great. With no support from the Diocese, Heather and I have had to walk in faith at every step. Yet, provision has come when we have least expected it. Two years ago funding came from the Society of the Sacred Mission in England. This paid for books and a year's study fees, and a small income for a year.

One of the most humbling things is the anonymous financial gifts that people in the parish have given us. Gifts have come from churches, and even those in the greater community have supported us. Sometimes this has come at times when we have truly been in need. We can only say with gratitude and thanks that we will continue to dedicate ourselves to the work of the Lord.

Where to next is literally in God's hands as I pray for His direction about entering into priestly ministry; just what this means and what capacity God wants me to fulfill. Heather and I are constantly praying over how and where God leads us. I ask you to join with us in that prayer.

Blessings Deacon Pete.

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.

July Fri 2nd

Home Group Seaford Rise 6 for 6.30 pm

Enquiries 0408 763 652

Sun 4th Gold Coin Collection for Pastoral Care Workers

4-11 July NAIDOC WEEK*

Mon 5th Southern Vales MU 9.30 am Visitors' Centre,

McLaren Vale

Wed 7th Colton Court Service 11 am

Thurs 8th Yankadelly, 4 pm

Sat 10th Saturday Night Out (see p. 7)

Sun 11th Diocese of The Murray: ac.care Sunday

ACH Yankalilla service 2 pm WFA Council 7 pm St Ann's

Wed 14th "Maggie's Mates" 11.15 am

Thurs 15th Prayers for Peace, St Ann's, 11.15 am

Fri 16th St Nicholas' Luncheon 12.30 & Fellowship 1.pm

(Bookings 8392 4508)

Home Group Seaford Rise 6 for 6.30 pm

Mon 19th Yankalilla/Delamere MU 2 pm Christ Church Hall

Tues 20th Friends of St Ann's 6.50 for 7 pm

Wed 22nd MARY MAGDALENE

Fri 23rd Family Tea, St Ann's 6.30 pm

Mon 26th JAMES ANN

August

Tues 13th

Sun 1st Gold Coin Collection for Pastoral Care Workers

Thurs 5th Yankadelly, 4 pm
Fri 6th TRANSFIGURATION

Home Group Seaford Rise 6 for 6.30 pm

Sun 8th ACH Yankalilla service 2 pm
Mon 9th Mary Sumner Day (details t.b.a.)
Tues 10th WFA Council Yankalilla 4 pm
Wed 11th "Maggie's Mates" 11.15 am

Sat 14th Saturday Night Out

Mon 16th MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD

Yankalilla/Delamere MU 2 pm Christ Church Hall

Tues 17th Friends of St Ann's 6.50 for 7 pm
Thurs 19th Prayers for Peace, St Ann's 11.15 am

Fri 20th St Nicholas' Luncheon 12.30 & Fellowship 1.pm

(Bookings 8392 4508)

Home Group Seaford Rise 6 for 6.30 pm

Tues 24th BARTHOLOMEW

Fri 27th Family Tea, St Ann's 6.30 pm Sun 29th Fifth Sunday. Details t.b.a.,



• In NAIDOC Week each July celebrations are held across Australia to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



Lord, peace is the foundation of life; Grant us the peace and stability that will enable us to live with each other without fear and anxiety

We all long for peace in our world and in our lives. Prayers for peace are held at St Ann's on the third Thursday of the month at 11.15 am, followed by refreshments. Next on Thursday 15th July.

All are welcome to join.



How are your roses?
It's pruning time.
Give Victoria or Trish a call.
0430 571 333 8556 2604
\$30/hr towards parish funds.

A Planting Event Saturday 31st July, 2 pm



It is organised by **A Rocha Australia**, an international Christian conservation organisation. We work closely with the Onkaparinga Council to care for Aldinga Hart Road wetland.

If you're interested in joining us, please contact Sally Shaw sallyashaw@gmail.com or 0418154195

Genesis Pregnancy Support

Helen Cook writes:

On the day of the SCC Car Boot Sale we were given a beautiful cot and accessories with strict instruction it was to be given to a needy situation.

Through my involvement with Anglican Mothers' Union Australia I knew of the following group - Genesis Pregnancy Support, and I delivered the goods to them recently. No furniture is sold, it is all given to clients as needs require. They do have an Op shop for clothing, to which our Mothers' Union group frequently donates knitted items suitable for babies, children and adults. Baby furniture and donations are only accepted if in almost new condition.

Genesis Pregnancy Support officially began 1991 and is a non-denominational, not-for-profit, Christian organisation that provides counselling, material assistance, support, live-in parenting programmes and retreats for women with unplanned or unsupported pregnancy, post-abortion support and preventative education programmes for school students and parents.

For find out more contact Helen Cook , 8386 3689 or 0427 679 787



The role of women in the early church

As part of his studies Peter has recently written an essay on the role of women in the life and witness of the early church.

If this is something you would like to know more about and would like to read his essay, you can contact him on 0428 959 213 or

peter@buildingecosystems.com.au



Buddy Pillows

Jenny Esots, from the Uniting Church, Willunga, writes that they are looking for fabric donations to make Buddy Pillows to give to patients in ICU at Flinders Medical Centre.

These add colour to an otherwise white bed space but also provide comfort and reassurance to patients who are going through a bad time.

They are tactile so can calm patients who are upset, confused or irritated. They can be used for cuddling and for body support.

Volunteers make these buddy pillows from donated fabric. If you have fabric to offer please contact Jenny Esots on 0447 839 040

Finding the Road Less Travelled

A SALA Art Exhibition at the U.C. Bethany Hall, Willunga. Opening event 7th August, 11.30 am



Yankalilla 5CY Community Pantry

This valuable service is run by volunteers and provides emergency food hampers/vouchers to people within the Yankalilla District Council area who need some assistance. The 5CY Community Pantry is always grateful for the donations of non-perishable foodstuffs, personal hygiene items and cleaning materials. Boxes are in our churches for people to place items into. Donations can also be left at the Yankalilla District Council Office or the front foyer of the Yankalilla Area School. Please make sure all non-perishable items have an extended "Use by" date.

If you would like to volunteer to assist with the 5CY Community Pantry or require further information, please contact Christ Church or St James' Wardens who can put you in contact with the coordinators.

Monetary donations are also welcome and can be made via Direct Debit to our account—
Account name - 5CY Community Pantry
BSB - 105 092 Account # 0287 56440
Reference - Your name

News from Yankalilla & Delamere

The Shrine

As many will know, Christ Church is a mecca for pilgrims coming to pray at the shrine. On Sunday 6th June we had two families who joined us in our service and afterwards one of the groups— mum dad and three grown children—joined us for coffee. They were originally from India and have made a new life here in Australia. Today was mum and dad's 22nd wedding anniversary.

During the service mention was made of an appeal for food donations to 5CY (5 Churches of Yankalilla—see opposite page) for food and cash to help local families in need. A few minutes after they left, the parents came back and gave me a large donation towards 5CY. This was the first time they had been to our church and they obviously saw how much we care about our local community.

Was it a coincidence that they came today and were in a position to help?

Worship

On Sunday 20th June Christ Church had its first Powerpoint service. It was a Prayer, Praise and Proclamation (PPP) service led by Ron King and Gail Filsell, and considering the pre-show nerves, was a success with all of the slides coming on as and when they were supposed to. Sadly the numbers were a little light on but those who attended were all happy with the style of service. We plan to have another two PPP services with Powerpoint and then start to present the regular services this way.

It has been decided to try having a new hymn every month. This will be played as the Introit at every service for a month to enable the congregation to learn and get used to it. The hymns will be selected by Elizabeth Gordon-Mills and Belinda Rosser.

Op Shop

The Combined Churches Op Shop in Normanville needed to have the floor recovered, so a decision was made to splurge on new vinyl. Several quotes were received and, after some deliberation, a choice was made and the order given to Noarlunga Floor Coverings.

On the day before the laying, Monday, a group of volunteers came in and the stock which could not be stored off the floor was taken to the home of one of the volunteers, Elaine Eichler, and stored in the garage. The old vinyl came up quite easily and was taken to its new home, and the floor was thoroughly cleaned. On the following day the layer came in and the new floor was down in a couple of hours. By Wednesday lunch time the shop was ready to open again. A terrific effort by all concerned. The new floor looks and feels like laminate but is vinyl, and really lifts and brightens the shop. *More photos p. 13 (online supplement)*



Above: The old vinyl was rolled up and taken to the Yankalilla museum where it will cover the floor of the storage shed. L-R: Graham (a Lions club member who came to help), Ann Ryan, Peter Filsell, Trevor Gowling and Fr Brenton.

The shop is currently working reduced hours for the winter but is still managing to get a good number of customers . In May the Op Shop deposited \$7000 with WFA.

Ron King

Looking ahead

29th August (5th Sunday) Proposed service at St James' followed by lunch – to be confirmed.

Early Oct – dinner and bonfire at St James.

31st October – Blessing of the Fleece service – to be confirmed.

Fr Brenton to talk to the Indian community about a special service for them, possibly in September

From St Ann's, Aldinga

Once again, our month began with our well attended family service. Jo Parsons gave her first address which was about creating the community of Christ, something she has an interest in. She titled her talk "Reflections of

an Outsider". For those who don't know Jo, she is a pint sized pocket rocket, full of cheer (even if she may not feel like it) and wisdom. COVID 19 restrictions have kept her here with us for the last 16 months as she has been unable to return to the UK to be with her husband, but her mother and Australian family,



natural born and spiritual, have been the beneficiaries of her presence. Jo linked gems from each of the readings that day that helped us see what helps, hinders and enables us to be a Community of Christ. Anecdotes from her past had us intrigued and her recitation of the names of members of the congregation had us spellbound—should have been set to music!

Jo talked about Samuel and Eli, King David and Jesus, fear and relationship. One thought-provoking image of fear she mentioned, was that of looking through a window that doesn't have any light behind it...like an empty shop front where we most likely see only our reflection. Our focus is on ourselves...but when the light goes on, we see more than ourselves. The light (of Christ) drives out fear and this is when we see many things...including people and their needs. This, she argued, was the springboard for moving from self to community.

After the service, we were privileged to have an exhibition of Margaret Hobby's handmade quilts. The exquisite workmanship was stunning! A gold coin entry and a raffle raised much needed funds. We thank all involved in the preparation and implementation of this event. (*More photos p. 14*)



We are also blessed in this parish to be encouraged to use the gifts and talents God has given us. An idea was conceived by David and Lorraine Nitschke and in the hands of our organist Brian McMillan, an "Afternoon of

Song" was birthed. Many filled the church on Sunday 13th at 2.30, coming from all parts of the parish, to sing their favourite hymns (*photo p. 1*). These were submitted in the weeks prior to the event and eighteen were chosen. Brian framed each hymn with an informative explanation of its background, and readings from the Book of Psalms were read intermittently to enhance the beauty of the words sung.

The hall was abuzz afterwards as people came over for a soup supper and fellowship. The afternoon was well received, angelic voices resounded, tears flowed and praises to our God were exclaimed from the hearts of Godly hymn writers down the ages to the blessed recipients of our congregations.

Julianne Bates, Warden

In leading the Prayer, Praise and Proclamation service on 20th June Trish Frith repeated the question posed by Jessie Larman in the Winter 2021 edition of *Mia Mia*, the Mothers' Union Magazine, in her poem "Are You a Ripple on a Pond?"

Are you a Ripple on a Pond?
Do you see what I see?
Can you pray for those who cannot pray?
Will you pray for those who cannot see?
For the entire Poem, see that Edition of Mia Mia.

Another question was raised – and answered – during that service, through the singing of the 1882 gospel song which begins

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life, when the clouds unfold their wings of strife? When the strong tides lift and the cables strain, will your anchor drift, or firm remain?

The answer was provided by the Chorus

We have an anchor that keeps the soul

steadfast and sure while the billows roll,

fastened to the Rock which cannot move,

grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love.

Priscilla Jane Owens (1829–1907), the author of the song, was a Sunday school teacher at the Union Square Methodist Episcopal Church in Baltimore, and, for that answer, referenced Chapter 6 of St Paul's Letter to the Hebrews, verses 18- 19(King James Version)

... we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil . . .

The tune was composed by William James Kilpatrick (1838-1921) of Philadelphia, also a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a prolific composer of hymn tunes.

Brian McMillan, Warden

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 is available to visitors on a Saturday morning.

The Saturday Night Out dinner was held on June 12th at the Willunga Hotel, and the next will be on July 10th, also at the Willunga Hotel. Book and make your menu choice by Friday July 9th by email or ring 0410 548 040.

Thank you Brian McMillan for providing music at the second Saturday service. Wendy Sandercock and Joan Lunn, and with help from Anne Duguid, continue to prepare the church for the Saturday service. Silk flowers will be purchased for display during winter months, when few flowers are available to decorate the church. Special thanks to Trish Frith for the loan of a magnificent potted plant.

Wendy, Anne Chittleborough and Ted welcome visitors on Saturday mornings, keep the garden in order and finish any preparation for the service. Additional help would be appreciated for cleaning, providing flowers, setting up for services and for opening the church on a Saturday morning.

Recent visitors on a Saturday morning included the grand-daughter of George Sara, the builder of St Stephen's. She and her husband from Perth were visiting the several George Sara buildings in Willunga.

Arrangements have been made to deliver and spread contrasting gravel 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. Again, help with these tasks will be much appreciated.

St Stephen's continues to be open on **Saturday mornings** for prayer or a chat, and visitors sometimes buy jam at the door. The grounds continue to be available for safe parking. Market shoppers & visitors are encouraged to park in the grounds, and have appreciated the improved parking conditions.

Ted Sandercock & John Strachan, Wardens



News from St Ann's, cont'd



The St Ann's Gardening Team took a day out, and together with friends, discovered the inspirational native garden at Nangawooka. They followed this with coffee and chat at Pt Elliot, then went to the plant nursery, gathering plants for home. L-R: De Badgery, Patrusca Birkett, Wendy Young, Victoria McKee, Trish Frith, Barbara Hill (back), Lorraine Eyles, Barbara Walter, Susan Smith, Tony Young. Not in photo: John Badgery. See also p. 15(on-line supplement).



To improve the safety and security of people going and coming from the Room, especially those using wheelchairs or walkers, a ramp and extension of the cement path has been installed with the assistance of a grant from the City of Onkaparinga, and volunteer work by members of the congregation. *Above: Tony Young and Barry Bates level the cement*.

A ramp from the church porch would require further negotiation, as the church is heritage-listed, so the portable wooden ramp will continue to be used for the time being. See also p. 15(on-line supplement).

News from St Nicholas', Seaford

Ministry: After conversations with Br Simon and members of St Nicholas', we have decided to alter our services somewhat. The first and fourth Sundays will now be Holy Communion Services with Br Simon, the second Sunday will be a Healing service taken by Fr Ted, and the third Sunday will be our Prayer, Praise & Proclamation (PPP) Family Service led by the laity and Deacon Peter, whenever he can join us. We have missed having the Healing services each month and the congregation is happy to have them re-instated as part of our regular worship.

Sunara and Bella have been busy this month adding to the St Nicholas' Youth Board in the Narthex. We have had a



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trio of hearts reminding us to Love God with all our Heart, all our Souls and all our Minds, we have planted Seeds of Faith - and are hoping for a good harvest!! We have had images of storm-tossed boats on the high seas, and reflected on a YouTube message, that in faith, Jesus can calm all our inner storms as well as the odd boats at sea.

Fellowship: This month the fellowship group has been tracking down people to invite to SCC's 25th Anniversary celebrations in November this year. We have had a few trips down memory lane trying to remember names and possible contacts for those involved in the early

years of SEM. Invitations are on their way to those farthest away. As we have to work to the current COVID restrictions, only 200 can attend the celebration in November. It is hoped that representatives from local churches and other centres in the parish can be included but we will have to wait for numbers to confirm that.

Sadly, we also farewelled Fr Ted Newing's sister Heather on Friday 18th June. Some of the family being interstate meant that we had to put things together via email and at the last minute. However, everything was organised, and all the musicians and the soloist had practiced on the Grand Piano, and the PowerPoint with musical interludes and photos presentation was all set to go.

I am sure you have heard the quote "the best laid plans of mice and men" – well, where to begin!! John, Heather's husband, arrived by access cab from the residential care home, as he is wheelchair-bound. They dropped him off, in the rain, at the wrong entrance! The family hastily rushed to dry him off and get him a hot cup of tea to ward off any chill.

On to the Baptistry – but his wheelchair would not fit through the doorway. The care home had put him in a different wheelchair from his own, for comfort probably, but it was much wider. We spent 30 seconds like stunned mullets, then – thanks to the help of our catholic congregation – we moved into the other worship space. The mourners all moved on, with several of them forming a line, taking flowers, candles (extinguished for the trip), photos, presentation table, cover, and of course Heather's ashes, into the Large Worship Space. The musicians and soloist had to move quickly from the Grand Piano to an electric piano—a challenge, you must admit—we had to find and plug in the microphone, transfer the PowerPoint to another computer system the list went on, until after a few false starts the service began.

Just when you'd think nothing else could go wrong, John, Heather's husband, started slipping out of the wheelchair, slowly sliding down util he was lying on the floor – did I mention his mending hip? As everyone rallied round to support him with cushions, coats, anything we could, someone rang for the ambulance. While waiting, as you would we continued with the funeral service, John interjecting from the floor as needed. The hymn we all sang, "He who would valiant be...'gainst all disaster", took on a new meaning for us all. As the mourners all enjoyed light refreshments following the service, taking turns to check up on John, of course, we all watched as the ambulance finally arrived. After sending for extra equipment and helpers, John was finally moved onto a bed and whisked away to hospital. He spent the night in Noarlunga Hospital, just to be safe. He is now fine and back in his care home.

A service that will not be forgotten, if only because we had to clean TWO worship spaces after everyone had gone!

Helen Cook & Jane Cuthbert, St Nicholas' Wardens

An exercise to keep you fit during COVID shut-downs!

Stand on a comfortable surface where you have plenty of room. With a 2 kg potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your side and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, then relax.

Each day you'll find you can hold this position for a little longer. After a couple of weeks move up to 3 kg bags, then try 10 kg bags. Eventually try to get to where you can do it with 25 kg bags and hold your arms straight out for more than one minute.

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag.

News from St Nicholas', cont'd

St Nicholas' pianist and singer, Cathy More, writes:

Righteous among Nations

My older daughter Rowena lives in Hobart with her husband Derek and son Marcel. Their family name is Zwart. Derek's late father was Dutch.

family name is Zwart. Derek's late father was Dutch. During the war, under the Nazi occupation of Holland, Derek's grandparents, Christians who lived in a small town, worked with members of the Resistance to hide Jewish people. They moved them around from place to place, using whatever methods they could, such as false walls, cavities under floorboards and so on.

Their daughter, Cornelia Zwart (Derek's aunt) was only a young woman at the time. She was working as an au pair in another town, and managed to hide a young Jewish girl named Bella van Praagh for two months in the house where she worked. Then she walked with Bella across the fields, dodging Nazi patrols, and took Bella to her parents' place where they kept her hidden for another two and a half years until the war ended.

After the war, Bella trained and worked as a nurse until she married and had children. She would visit elderly Jewish people in her own time. In later life after her husband died, Bella went to live in Israel. She is still alive and has seven grandchildren.

Bella and Cornelia had become good friends during their perilous journey, and it was Bella who put Cornelia's name forward to the Holocaust Memorial team in Israel for recognition. Sadly, Cornelia died 40 years ago, but

she was honoured on Thursday 13th May in Sydney at a special ceremony at the hall of Emanuel Synagogue. Her two daughters, Derek's cousins, attended.

The Israeli government and the Holocaust Memorial team give an award called Righteous among Nations to non-Jews who risked their lives to save Jews during the war. Their names are enshrined on a wall in a memorial garden in Jerusalem, and each is given a tree bearing their name. These brave non-Jews are also made honorary citizens of Israel, the highest award Israel can give. Cornelia's parents and the Resistance members had already been honoured.

The Israeli ambassador and another member of the embassy in Canberra attended the service. Each is the son of a Holocaust survivor. They believe we must keep telling the Holocaust story and continue to give these honours to those who risked their lives to save others. Cornelia de Reuver, (née Zwart), is now *Righteous among Nations*, along with 35 other Australians previously honoured. The Israeli ambassador said, "He who saves a life saves the world."

So my grandson Marcel is related to these heroic Zwarts.

Cornelia de Reuver honoured as Dutch-Australian holocaust hero





Ann Wilson celebrated her 92nd birthday COVID-style! (Joyce Newing looking on.)



On Trinity
Sunday (21st
May, the 5th
Sunday in the
month) an
ecumenical
service was
held at
Seaford
Christian
Churches (see
the June
Grapevine.)

Rev. Ann from the Uniting Church greeted the congregation.

News from St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

Hi everyone,

Here at St Margaret's we have been having a quiet period following the work and exhilaration of Christmas, Lent, Easter and Pentecost. We continue to find joy and community in the Sunday and Wednesday services, with every member of the congregation assisting as they are able. The Bible Study sessions are still run in the Parish Hall led by Ted (or a stand in) every Wednesday and are open to all. The discussions can be wide ranging and are always inspirational.

We celebrated our patronal festival on the 13th of this month with the church decked out accordingly and special hymns and intercessions included, and then cupcakes for morning tea. St Margaret of Scotland's day is usually in November, with June being an alternative option. Last year we celebrated in June as it was the first Sunday back after lockdown, and we continued again this year. However next year we will revert back to November.

Maggie's Mates continues to meet once a month; and although future planning is limited we continue to look after the day to day management of St Margaret's. At the last meeting we decided with the agreement of our congregation to cease our Friday night suppers until daylight saving recommences in October, as it is too dark and cold for most of our people to attend. We have also decided to organise a raffle to raise money towards our Parish's commitments to various mission funds. We will let you know details as they arise.

We continue to provide bi-monthly services at both Colton Court and Kalyra, and Greg John runs a "singalong" once a month next door at the Retirement Village.

Please keep us in your prayers and may God use them to strengthen our faith and trust in him.

Keep safe and God be with you,

Greg John and Judy Wells (Church Wardens)





You can't beat St Margaret's for creativity!

With the Gospel being about healing, Jac Hocking made everyone a little First Aid kit, the contents of which they had to match up with scriptural references.

e.g.

"He heals the broken-hearted and bandages their wounds." (Psalm 147:3):

This matched a Band-aid.

This was followed by First Aid shortbread and cupcakes!

In the photo (L-R): Greg and Leonie Pettman, Sylvia Francis, Di Best, Judith Wells, Mallee, Heather and Peter Chapman, Rupert Best, Fran Pettigrew, Greg John



Snippets from WFA Council June 2021

Synod

During Synod apologies were made for the excesses of the past administrations with special mention of Naracoorte Parish and Peter Carlsson.

A lot of legislation had to be dealt with all at once to keep things up to date. A lot was achieved along with healing for many. The Bishop spoke about how priest roles have had to change over the years and the difficulties involved in that. The Bishop has appointed a Chaplain and a Complaints Officer for the Diocese. There is to be a better balance of people on the Diocesan Council, with a range of skills and experience.

St Margaret's Site

There were still matters needing to be resolved regarding the sale of St Margaret's. Face to face discussions with the Bishop and Diocesan Council were planned.

Priest's Report

Time is needed in prayer and reflection to see how best we can proceed in the current situation, ministering to our current congregations, the retirees in the parish, and engaging with the unchurched in our Parish. Br Simon has been spending time with young families/people in the area who won't connect with church in the traditional manner. Most have a different way of looking at faith and lifestyle, have unstable environments, are very mobile but time poor. There is uncertainty over future work, housing etc. Simon has performed baptisms in the sea and ministered where and whenever needed. This of course does not add to the life or income of the Parish but perhaps seeding in this group could lead to better connection with church in the future.

It was noted that Holy Trinity is planning a church plant in the Aldinga Area.

School Chaplains: The state government will fund 1 or 2 chaplains for the new Aldinga School. St Ann's plans to

meet with the new chaplains and form a relationship with them and the school.

Secretary's Report

The Events group has put together a few ideas regarding outreach events in the parish – notes have been circulated, and will be looked at later in the year for action when events can be out of doors, making it easier when numbers are limited by COVID.

Treasurer's Report

Our income to date is still up from last year and our deficit is running at just under \$4000 for the YTD.

Our commitment for the Diocesan Home Mission Fund and Ministry Training Fund is \$1500 for each. We will need to plan extra fundraiser/functions to raise funds towards the cost of these. It was suggested that each church could organise an event to support them.

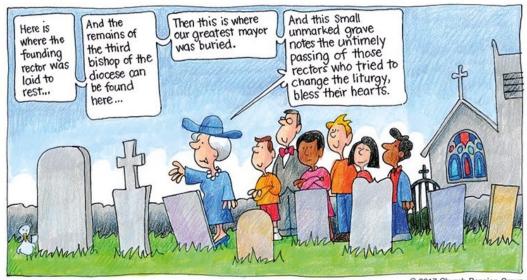
St James'

150th Anniversary History Book is available for anyone who wants one. Thank you everyone who helped out on the day. It was a highly successful event. Unfortunately, the Heritage Grant applied for has not

been approved but we are on a reserve list in case any other project does not go ahead.

EFTPOS has been used in the Op shop for the past few months and is working well: once trained, people find it easy to use. The WFA should think about getting a machine for events e.g. jumble sale etc, and for use at Christ Church. The one used by the Op Shop does not cost, but a small percentage is taken from sales. (However, this has probably been recuperated in increased sales as people are not carrying cash at the moment, with everyone paying by card.)

Aldinga Care has surplus goods which they have kindly donated to the Community Pantry at Yankalilla.



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"Prayer is no longer allowed in churches because it discriminates against non-believers"

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:

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, as in May this year, service times are likely to be different. Please check pewsheets, noticeboards and website for details.

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A new floor in the Op Shop, Yankalilla (see p. 5)





Goods were stacked anywhere to clear the floor. Trevor Gowling watches Fr Brenton.



The floor was pretty dirty where the shelving had stood and we emptied the vacuum cleaner several times— that is Mary, the cleaning lady did.





Job completed. Looking good!



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Beautiful quilts on display at St Ann's (see p. 6)



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St Ann's Gardening Team at Nangawooka (see p. 7)



With fine weather at last, the ramp goes in at St Ann's (see p. 7)