

September 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

In the Western Fleurieu should we commission any  
of the following people for mission growth?

A youth &/or  
children's  
worker?



An older  
person's  
worker?

What is your answer to this question?

A University of South Australia Study found that people over 60 had been away from church for at least 10 years. Within the last 5 years some have been coming back to church and attend a church service at least once a month. Why?

Br Simon and I went to a clergy conference in Hahndorf earlier in the year and there was a presentation on the older retired generation including data from the National Church Life Survey. This survey prompted a discussion on what we could do in our area where there are a significant number of retired people, namely, in the McLaren Vale/Willunga areas. Over the years many drifted away from the church or grew disillusioned or had a crisis of faith. But the survey found that some are "drifting" back, they are reconnecting. They are making a conscious decision to re-engage with the church.

We can help. So how do we engage with these people? I would suggest we do it gently and remind them that we are there as a church community with an open invitation to engage with us. Br Simon and I would like to show this presentation to the wardens of St Margaret's and St Stephen's and any other interested parishioners. I am sure you would find this enlightening about what we can provide for the retired communities.

So, here's the big question – What might happen if we actively "identified" and "invited" these older possible returnees?

We will present this on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at St Margaret's, at 1.30 pm after Bible Study. All are welcome. There will be time for discussion and questions.

We look forward to seeing you there and hearing your views and ideas. Please call me to advise of your attendance.

## Snippets from WFA Council August 2021

**McLaren Vale site:** a sub-committee had met and prepared a first draft of a presentation to Diocesan Council in September, and the Bishop. Meanwhile, residential property prices were rising steeply. WFA will need to get a formal property valuation.

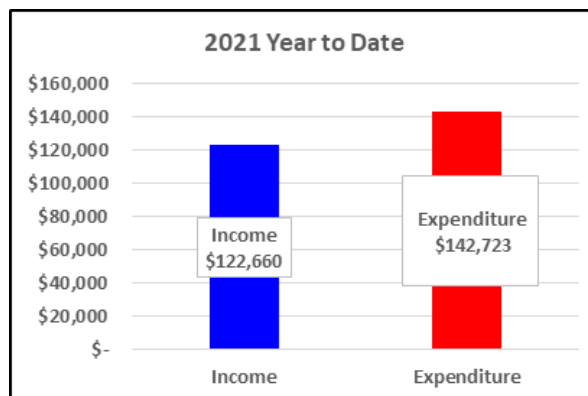
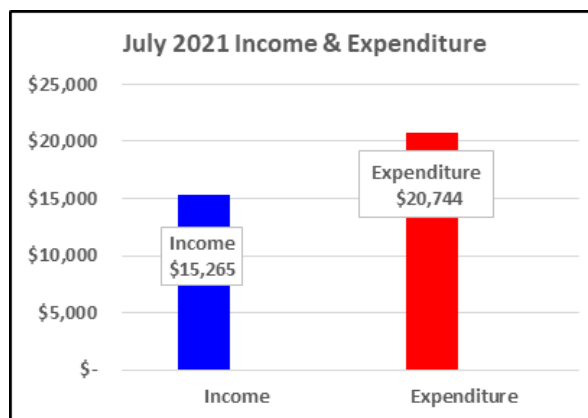
**Priest's report:** Churches were doing well in developing a system of having one service a month led by lay people. In years to come, this would probably be seen as a normal arrangement. People were finding that they had the skills needed to lead services, and it wasn't as hard or scary as they had thought. The parish is now less dependent on PTOs, which had previously cost us around \$18,000 p.a.

Our way forward would depend a great deal on the sale of the St Margaret's property. Two stages of development were needed: first, meeting the needs and opportunities of recently retired people, and in future exploring ministry in an on-line environment.

**Secretary's Report:** Jane was following up on the last remaining names that should have been on the list of those compliant with Diocesan regulations. Safety issues re ministry to vulnerable people was a subject attracting increasing scrutiny these days.

**NCA surveys** were to be done by all individuals in the parish on a day that was to be set – to be done in the sermon slot – a chance to reflect on what it is to be Church here and now, through use of the survey.

**Finance report:** Margaret reported that collections were down in July, with churches closed for one week. We are running at a deficit of about \$20,000. Paperwork has been done to get an EFTPOS device – we hope to have one by the time of the Jumble Sale.



**A good way to support the ministry of our parish is to arrange our weekly offering as a direct debit. This gives a steady commitment to our church even when we miss a Sunday—and takes the worry out of finding cash on a Sunday morning!**

**Details as follows:**

**ACC Name: The Anglican Parish of Southern Vales**  
**BSB: 105 071, Acc no. 029112440**

*Next meeting Tuesday 14th Sept, 7 pm, St Ann's*

### ***From the Aldinga Christian Care Centre***

*Many thanks to all the generous Anglicans in the Fleurieu for their contributions over the past year. The total amount raised was \$2,531.00, 50% of the ACCC's income. In addition, the food contributions have been considerable and much appreciated.*

*The ACCC did receive a \$5,000 grant at the end of 2020 to spend on food. This was done and the storeroom is well stocked with non-perishable items, mainly tins. Perishable items (fresh fruit/veg, meat, butter, cheese, milk etc) still need to be bought so monetary donations go towards these items. Other items such as UHT milk, spreads, cereal, biscuits, snacks, pasta sauce, flour, sugar, toilet paper, soap etc, remain much in demand so your donations of these items would be well received.*

*Our customers are single people, single parent families and pensioners. Some are on low wages or pensions, and a few are homeless. During the Government COVID payments, ACCC saw fewer customers because the extra money was*

*helping them to be self-sufficient. Since the end of the payments, the numbers are increasing, as rents and utility bills are a challenge for our clients.*



*The ACCC committee does an enormous amount of work. Most of the committee have been doing this for many years and some are hoping to reduce their commitment and/or retire. The tasks include: ordering food from Oz Harvest and collecting it, collecting bread daily from the Home Grain bakery and weekly from Baker's Delight (on a Wednesday), opening up the office on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9.00 am, packing bread on Wednesday evenings and handing it out on Thursday mornings. And as with all charitable groups, there is also a good deal of paperwork. If you think you would like to offer some of your time and expertise, please speak to Victoria McKee or Bill Cale.*

## For your Diary ...

*A reminder! Dates and events listed here may be subject to changes and conditions due to COVID regulations, so please keep in touch with your church for updates.*

### September

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> **MARTYRS OF NEW GUINEA**  
 Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Home Group Seaford Rise 6 for 6.30 pm  
 Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Gold Coin Collection for Pastoral Care Workers  
 Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Southern Vales Mothers' Union  
 McLaren Vale Info. Centre, 9.30 am  
 Wed 8<sup>th</sup> "Maggie's Mates" 12.15 (*changed time*)  
 Presentation at St Margaret's 1.30 (*see p. 1*)  
 Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Yankadelly, 4 pm  
 Fri 10<sup>th</sup>-Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Council  
 Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Saturday Night Out  
 Sun 12<sup>th</sup> ACH Yankalilla service 2 pm  
 Tues 14<sup>th</sup> WFA Council St Ann's 7 pm  
 Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Prayers for Peace, St Ann's 11.15 am  
 Fri 17<sup>th</sup> St Nicholas' Luncheon 12.30  
 & Fellowship 1.pm (*Bookings 8392 4508*)  
 Family Tea, St Ann's 6.30 pm  
 Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Yankalilla/Delamere MU  
 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Clergy Retreat  
 Tues 21<sup>st</sup> MATTHEW  
 Friends of St Ann's 6.50 for 7 pm  
 Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Jumble Sale, St Ann's (*see below*)  
 Wed 29<sup>th</sup> MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

#### Every Wednesday,

at St Margaret's, 99 Main Rd McLaren Vale,  
 Holy Communion 9 am  
 Bible Study "Handling the Bible" 10 am to 12 md  
 All welcome.

### Quiet Day

at St Ann's Aldinga Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 9.30—3.00  
 Leader: The Rev'd Philip Carter  
 All welcome.  
 9.30 Eucharist at St Ann's, followed by morning tea  
 10.30 first address and beginning of silence  
 12.30 Second address, followed by BYO lunch  
 2.30 final address and time for questions and comments.  
 Please book in (8556 5078)

### BONFIRE !

Fri. October 8<sup>th</sup>  
 from 6 pm  
 St James Delamere  
 BYO chairs, nibbles & drinks



### October

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Home Group Seaford Rise 6 for 6.30 pm  
 Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> (Daylight saving)  
 Gold Coin Collection for Pastoral Care Workers  
 Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Southern Vales Mothers' Union  
 McLaren Vale Info. Centre, 9.30 am  
 Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Yankadelly, 4 pm  
 Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Bonfire at St James' Delamere, c. 6 pm (*below*)  
 Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Quarry Market Sausage Sizzle  
 Saturday Night Out  
 Sun 10<sup>th</sup> ACH Yankalilla service 2 pm  
 Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Quiet Day at St Ann's (*see below*)  
 Tues 12<sup>th</sup> WFA Council St Ann's 7 pm  
 Wed 13<sup>th</sup> "Maggie's Mates" 11.15 am  
 Fri 15<sup>th</sup> St Nicholas' Luncheon 12.30  
 & Fellowship 1.pm (*Bookings 8392 4508*)  
 Home Group Seaford Rise 6 for 6.30 pm  
 St Catherine's visit to Yankalilla  
 Mon 18<sup>th</sup> LUKE  
 Yankalilla/Delamere MU  
 Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Friends of St Ann's 6.50 for 7 pm  
 Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Prayers for Peace, St Ann's 11.15 am  
 Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Family Tea, St Ann's 6.30 pm  
 Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> SIMON & JUDE  
 Sun 31<sup>st</sup> (fifth Sunday) Blessing of the Fleece

#### October—November Bible Study:

A Voice in the Wilderness—*see p. 11*



### St Ann's Jumble Sale

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Sept.

8.30-12.30

*A Pandora's Box of treasures!*

*&, of course, Sausage Sizzle & Devonshire teas*

(COVID-appropriately served)

### BLESSING OF THE FLEECE Oct 31st

Details t.b.a.



## Gospel Theme in August 2021

A theme which emerges from Gospel readings this month may be readily discerned from the following quotations from Jesus' own words:

*I am the Bread of Life. The person who aligns with me hungers no more and thirsts no more, ever.*

John 6: 35

*I am the living bread that came down from heaven.*

*Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.*

John 6:51

*This is the Bread from heaven. Your ancestors ate bread and later died. Whoever eats this Bread will live always.*

John 6: 58.

The response of Peter to this teaching was:

*You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.*

John 6:68.

## Hymns

With the re-opening of the church following the COVID lockdown, regulations prevented the singing of hymns for some weeks, but we found that with the words of the hymns read aloud by individuals to the accompaniment of the organ, it was an excellent opportunity for a re-evaluation of the words, and enjoyment of the talents of the organist.

## Spring 2021

Hymn writers have celebrated Spring in various words; for example:

... *spring unlocks the flowers to paint the laughing soil.*

Right Rev' Reginald Heber (1783-1826); and

*Springtime of hope from out of winter's clutches,*

*warm us to witness, woo us to see--*

*beauty will break through rotted leaves and ashes,*

*joy will erupt and life will leap free!*

Shirley Erena Murray MNZM FRSCM (1931-2020).

We look forward to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September, the first Sunday in Spring: we plan to celebrate the change of season by



recognising those who, in many ways, ensure that, through their devoted work in the grounds of St Ann's, and through their outreach activities in institutional and individual private gardens, the beauty of the earth is made apparent.

A nasty fall at the church by Trish Frith has led us to check our incident and hazard procedures, but Trish battled on to complete her pruning commitments with help from her friends. (See online Supplement p. 15)

## Schools Ministry

Like the other Western Fleurieu Anglican congregations, as part of our community outreach we support the Christian Pastoral Support Program through Gold Coin Donations made on the first Sunday of each month, and we look forward to assisting with the Sausage Sizzle at the Quarry Market in October and November. Ted would be glad to know of volunteers to help with these.

The **Schools Ministry Group** is involved in helping young people in South Australian schools through that Program (formerly called Chaplaincy).

## Christian Care and Support Centre



Like other local congregations, as part of our community outreach we support the Christian Care and Support Centre which operates out of the Aldinga Community Centre and which provides assistance to those in need (see

p. 2). Every week members of our congregation come forward, on arrival for the service, to give their financial support, and/or to donate food and other items, placing these in a basket located before the Altar. These gifts are duly acknowledged as part of the Offertory.

**Bread**, which has already been mentioned as the theme of the Gospel readings, is also involved in one of our outreach activities. Saturday's surplus bread is kindly

donated by Home Grain Bakery, Aldinga, and is taken by parishioners in exchange for donations which go to the Christian Care & Support Centre. Volunteers from St Ann's are also involved in collecting surplus bread from Bakers' Delight (Noarlunga) for distribution through the Christian Care Centre.

It is always a joy to welcome newcomers, holiday makers and visitors to St Ann's, and this month we were particularly blessed by a visit and a chance to hear stories from the bikers group Six Brothers. The club was formed specifically for awareness in men's suicide and mental health, giving men an avenue to relate with other men, and providing a network where men can call on help if needed.

To see the array of gleaming black bikes outside the church that Sunday, see colour supplement p. 14

## What's a deacon doing in a bikie group? Peter Chapman's answer...

I was invited to be Chaplain to the Six Brothers, and they call me "Chappy". My role is support and guidance in these areas and to provide spiritual and religious ritual input when and where requested. This could be baptisms or funerals as well.

I have been thinking about what's happening and how Six Brothers is forming. It is men who are unafraid to say they love their Brothers and others—they are actually saying "you're accepted as you are." Our words of encouragement and support are words of hope for the best for each other. When we say these things from our hearts, that is prayer without "religion".

I was just doing a recount on Jesus' background and the people he hung out with. OK, so he was born in a stable. Actually it was a cave that sheltered animals and it would have smelt pretty bad. He grew up in Nazareth, a place which could be called a boganville. One person asked, "What good comes out of Nazareth?"

Despite all this Jesus left carpentry and became a teacher of the Jewish faith. But he did things that upset his religious superiors and their traditions. He recruited a bunch of blue collar workers and the racially and socially unacceptable, and taught them. He often talked with people whom the church said were unacceptable; healed lepers, touched dead people, and met in the homes of Roman collaborators, talked to prostitutes and made friends with Samaritans, enemies of his people. He deliberately challenged some church rules and criticised the over-religious.

All the time he preached a nonconformist message, to be in the world but not of the world. God was their hope, not religion or politics. He spoke up when he saw that people's concept of peace, love and God's grace was all wrong. He warned people that if they followed him others would try to kill them, mock them and give them trouble. He said that eventually he would leave them and be killed too. Not the best recruitment tactic! A number of people left him.

The Jesus I know is not limited to church, and the God I know is uncontainable and uncontrollable but chooses

to be in the middle of humanity and all its mess. God is not about "doing good" or hanging out with nice Christian people, but he makes us righteous, and he tells us we are worthy. He is about being with us all. Ask him anything we like, but say, "Father, your will be done, your kingdom come."

If people simply read the New Testament Matt, Mark, Luke and John, and look only at the person Jesus was, they would see a rebel with a cause—to give back the true meaning of words like faith, salvation, sin, forgiveness and belief, that religion stole in his day. He made them down to earth so that the average bloke can understand. When he told Nicodemus "You have to be born again" he was talking to the highest religious teacher in Israel. And what he meant was, "Scrap everything you know and have learnt and start again." But he never said that to someone down on their luck! To them he said, "I can give you life. Just follow me."

I could not do what I do in Chaplaincy and being a Deacon Minister if I didn't go through the church protocol and training. But I am not limited to religious traditions. I belong to Jesus because I choose to live like him, with his Spirit. And Six Brothers is just as much my church as St Ann's Aldinga. I won't judge, or bible bash. I don't try to prove God. He can adequately do that for himself. But I do invite his presence into my life wherever I am. That may not make sense, but it's amazing what has happened in my life when I asked God to take over. It is risky stuff, but what I've discovered that way I wouldn't swap for all the world.

*"Chappy"*



A priest giving a children's talk on vestments, asked, "Why do you think I wear this collar?" One boy suggested, "Because it kills ticks and fleas for up to 30 days?"

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**[southernvalesparish.org](http://southernvalesparish.org)**



## St Stephen's, Willunga

Evening Prayer on the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday (31<sup>st</sup> July) went well. The service book had been re-written for more participation by the congregation.

The distribution of the guide for a *Sunday Table Service* was especially useful during the COVID-19 shut-down and as a pastoral communication.

**Car Park.** The use of the church car park has much diminished due to the shift of the Farmers' Market to the Willunga High School (see *photos, R*). There has been a consequent decrease in donations toward the reconstruction of the car park, and proposed future development is now on hold! However, the church 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 still encouraged to park in the grounds. There is a shuttle bus from the Willunga Market Square to the market in the High School grounds.

**The Saturday Night Out** dinner was held on August 14<sup>th</sup> at the Willunga Hotel. An enjoyable evening after the 5.30 pm Eucharist. The next Saturday Night Out will be held on September 11<sup>th</sup> at the Willunga Hotel. *Bookings and menu choice by Thursday September 9<sup>th</sup>*. Copies of the menu by return email.

**Music.** While the provision of music has been absent or "maskful", we tried recorded music for a selection of hymns from *Together in Song* with some success. An alternative has been recorded hymns played before the service and at the end of the service and during drinks and nibbles.

We were sad to hear of the death of Kathy Chigwidden who sometimes visited St Stephen's with her organist husband Graham. It's only such a short time since we celebrated their marriage with a cup of tea in the church's best teacups one Saturday morning...

During August St Stephen's was host on Saturday mornings to the MU *Quickest Warmth Project* donations of blankets, rugs, quilts, queen sized bed sheets. The varied donations were to be delivered to the project at St Luke's, Modbury at the end of August.

Wendy Sandercock, Joan Lunn and with help from Anne Duguid continue to prepare the church for the Saturday service. Bob Davis regularly mows the grass to keep the front aspect of the church grounds tidy.

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.

*Ted Sandercock & John Strachan, Wardens*



### Keeping the church door open.

Saturdays come and Saturdays go, and some are more rewarding than others. One special Saturday, though, and one special little girl, will always stay in my memory.



Bella was her name. She was 7¾ years old, and she was visiting from Sydney. She hovered outside the church door with her plastic cat (a boy cat, she told me) called Catty. She was clearly curious about what happened inside, and with her grandmother's permission, we went in to explore the church.

Bella was bursting with questions. Her grandmother had told her that a church was where you go to talk to God. So, she wanted to know, is God real? If we talk to God, does God talk to us back? How? What happens at the front of the church? Why did Jesus die? Who killed him? Why? Who's the boss here? What's a service? Who sits in these seats?

It was exhilarating! We were off in a world of our own, jumping from one thought to another.

God only knows if Bella will make anything of all this in the future, but I thank God today for a little girl who was an inspiration to an old woman. *Anne Chittleborough*





Our August meeting for Mothers' Union, held at the McLaren Vale Information Centre, was well attended despite the changeable weather and the observation of COVID restrictions (social distancing and the wearing of masks). We were pleased to welcome Gail Filsell from the Yankalilla/Delamere Mothers Union as well as Gail Barrett as a friend to our meeting. We celebrated the birth of Trish Simon's first grandchild in New Zealand.

As an exercise focusing on the importance of communication, Trish Frith posed members a variety of questions from an article in the Winter edition of the MU magazine, *Mia Mia*, tailored to encourage children and young adults to interact more effectively and avoid the frequent monosyllabic "yes/no" response from younger people. Some questions included: "If you had the chance to travel in time - would you prefer to travel to the past or to the future?"; "If you were going to spend 3 months on a space station, what 3 items would you take?"; and "If you were given \$1,000 to help someone, what would you spend it on?". It provided much food for thought!

Trish Frith reported on her attendance with Helen Cook at the opening of Meliora House at 17 Davenport Terrace, Seaview Downs on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July, (photos in the August *Grapevine*). The facility provides a live-in parenting program for new mums under the auspices of the Christian based Genesis Pregnancy Support Inc. (see: <https://www.genesispregnancysupport.org.au/parenting-program>). It is inspiring to see younger people becoming involved in such a worthwhile project to support young mums. Perhaps the Mothers' Union could provide an intergenerational dynamic where young mothers may be lacking the "grandmother" figure in family life? It was suggested that the work of Genesis could be the subject for prayers or provision of information at church services.

The issue of staying in touch with the families of babies baptised in the parish was raised... noting that an up-to-date list of baptisms would be required.

The Diocesan Mary Sumner Day celebration commemorating the founder of the Mothers' Union was held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August at 11 am at Christ Church, O'Halloran Hill. Members attending met first at the McLaren Vale Information Centre at 9.30 am for coffee and to share transportation. Despite the necessity to mask, it was good to meet with members from other Parishes—and catch up with Betty Leske. Guest speaker was the Rev'd Cliff Greaves (Parish of Southern Suburbs), who spoke about the White Ribbon movement, including work he had been involved in in a multicultural parish in Melbourne. *Next Meeting: September 6<sup>th</sup>, 9.30am at the Visitor Centre McLaren Vale*

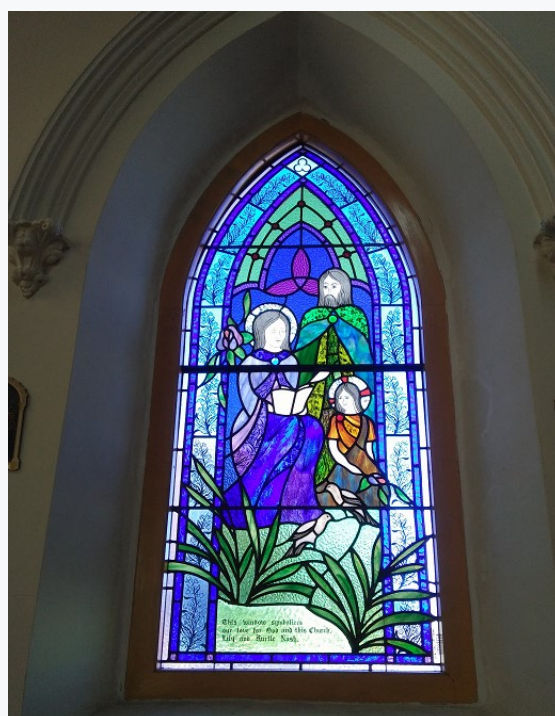


The MU support for the Quickest Warmth Project could hardly have been held at a worse time!

Promoted with a collection point on Saturday mornings at St Stephen's, Willunga, the church in the parish with the most "shopfront" position, and where people parked on Saturday mornings to go to the Willunga Market, it invited people to contribute warm blankets, sleeping bags, sheets etc, for homeless people.

Sadly, the day the project was opened was the day the Market moved from the Market Square to the Willunga High School, apparently taking most of the car parking with it. Nevertheless, a satisfactory collection of warm bedding was donated, one way or another, and was taken to the Project's base at Anglicare, Elizabeth.

*Photo above: Trish Frith, Jo Parsons and Anne Chittleborough with the donated goods.*



One of the beautiful windows at Christ Church O'Halloran Hill



## St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

Hi everyone,

The Church at St Margaret's continues to worship, work and play quietly. With COVID 19 remaining an ongoing problem and mutating into more dangerous channels of spread, future planning remains uncertain. Use of the hall has dropped with COVID regulations. We are however trying to reconnect with friends living at the Backpackers Hostel in McLaren Vale.

We have had the pleasure of renewing our acquaintance with Curtis Antram, a student of Greg John's who has occasionally played the organ for us previously. He played this week at the combined service with St Ann's and will play for us again next week. Curtis was/is and will be covering for Greg who was to participate in the Larapinta Challenge to raise money for homeless children. Greg has been training for this for two years now, however it was cancelled last year and has been cancelled again this year. Greg intends to put his training to use hiking in the Flinders Ranges over the next week.

Maggie's Mates continues to meet once a month and we have several activities in planning. Watch this space.



*The parish visit to Kalyra Aged Care continues as allowed by COVID restrictions. Greg John and Fr Brenton.*

The testing time continues for us, so please continue to keep us in your prayers and may God use it, to strengthen our faith and trust in him.

Keep safe and God be with you

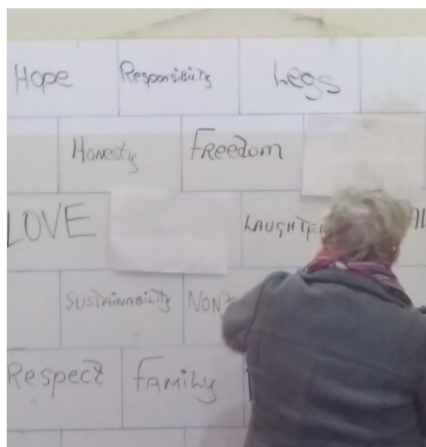
Greg John and Judy Wells (Church Wardens)

### Combined service

Today as it was the fifth Sunday in the month we held a combined service at St Margaret's with St Ann's.

Representatives of both congregations met to plan the

service with all members of the congregation involved in one way or another. It was an uplifting experience enjoyed by all. Although we had to sing with masks in place the hymns were well known



oldies enhanced by organ interludes and choral harmonies. Most people stayed to enjoy Curtis' postlude. Julianne Bates provided the message, again involving all the congregation, and challenging us to reflect on the values we hold, and whether they create a healthy, supportive community of disciples. Then we looked at what happens if these values are eroded, and what can take their place if they are. An open mic was made available at the end of the general intercessions for those who wished to make more specific intercessions. Morning tea was available at the end of the service, complicated by COVID 19 restrictions and the fact that all three of our urns went on the blink. However it was a great time of fellowship to catch up with those not seen for a while.

*Judy and Greg*





## Yankalilla & Delamere

### Construction work

It was decided at our recent parish management meeting that we needed to have two ramps into our hall; one to go from the car park onto the veranda and another from the veranda to the hall itself. Initial discussion led us to thinking that the one from the car park should be in concrete and the other a steel plate.

Work started on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> but we realised that the hall would be needed by a group on Friday so concrete would not have enough time to dry. Also there was further discussion about the size and positioning of handrails, so that ramp was put on the back burner for now and we proceeded with the ramp from the veranda to the hall.

This consists of four beams cut at the correct angle laid on the ground, with a steel plate screwed on top. Several angles had to be cut in both the timber beams and the steel to fit round the door frame and steps, but with a bit of trial and error the finished product is, in our considered opinion, a work of art.



*A job well done! Peter Filsell, Fr Brenton, Ron King.  
(See also online supplement p. 13)*

### Fifth Sunday Combined Service

As usual on a fifth Sunday Christ Church and St James' had a joint service. This month was no exception, with St James' taking a turn to be hosts, which they do so very well. After a service attended by 25, including some members who have moved away from the district, we retired to the hall where a huge log fire was ready to take off the chill of the day. Fr Brenton assisted by Gail Filsell led the service. The ladies and gentlemen of St James' had prepared pots of soup and nice crusty bread, and meat pies which in some instances ended up in bowls with pea and ham soup on top as pie floaters.

*Ron King*



### ***I asked Fr Brenton to reflect on outreach at Yankalilla & Delamere. His reply:***

Outside the Church we have opportunities for outreach in a number of ways.

The Shrine at Christ Church provides a quiet time of prayer and contemplation both in Christ Church and at the Shrine of Mary under the new arbour in a tranquil setting. I have had some very interesting conversations with some of the visitors about their faith and heard some amazing stories.

The Op Shop in Delamere is run between the Anglican and Uniting churches and is a good focal point of

outreach to the wider community. We recently installed EFTPOS and this has generated some increase in sales.

We have a monthly service at Yankalilla ACH where we have a small service and old fashioned sing-along which brightens up the residents' day.

We continue to promote Community Prayers in Christ Church on a Thursday fortnight afternoon while there is school. The school chaplain, Wendy Lindsay, gives us a rundown of what has happened during the fortnight in and out of school and the needs of those who are doing things a bit tough.

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## St Nicholas', Seaford

For this month's *Grapevine*, the churches were asked to include information on their outreach into the community. Seaford Ecumenical mission, of which St Nicholas' Anglican congregation is a member, has some wonderful examples of caring and outreach. See below.

Sometimes life can throw us a curve ball and we find ourselves in need of a little extra help. Seaford Christian Churches helps and supports the local community in a variety of ways. Volunteers from all the churches as well as the local community help run and maintain these services



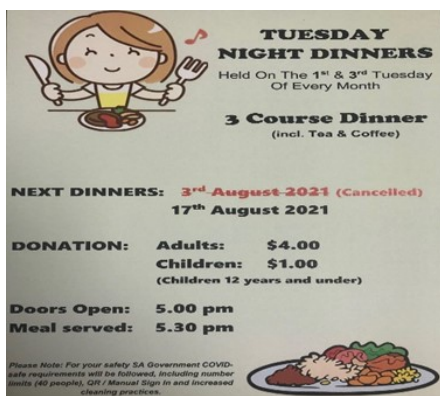
**Emergency Food** are here to offer support, providing Emergency Food Hampers and "User Pays" Foodbank Vouchers. Food Items are donated by all congregations at SCC - calls are often put out to them for specific items and they always receive a swift response. Cash donations are also given and used to purchase items not available at Foodbank.



**Our Emergency Relief Fund** often has items of clothing and gifts donated from large commercial concerns. These are sorted and offered to those in most need in the local community.



**The Op Shop** offers cheap pre-loved clothing at very reasonable prices, helping those in the community who need it most as well as being part of the recycling regime for the re-use and re-purposing of items rather than putting them in landfill.



**Tuesday Night Community Dinners** offers a 3 course meal on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month for a donation of \$4 for adults and \$1 for children. Foodbank is sourced for some of the food items and bread, fruit, vegetables are usually offered as free giveaways at each meal. Children receive any "special" items that are available that week from Foodbank – chips, lollies and muesli bars are often on the list.



...And at the regular Sunday worship:

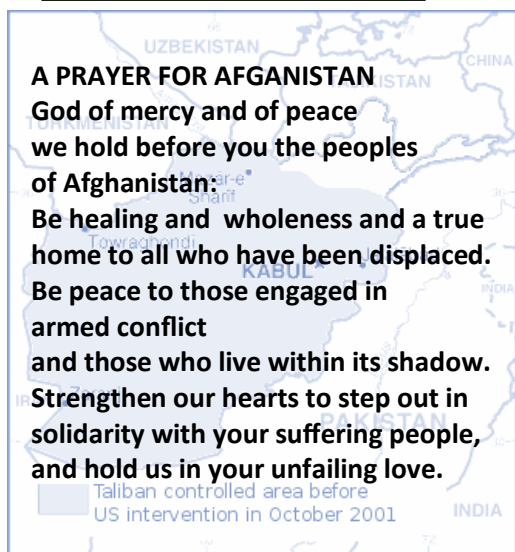


St Nicholas' Healing Services have resumed.  
Above: Fr Ted Newing leading the service.



Cathy More singing "Come to the water" at the Family Service.

*More photos p. 16 of the online supplement.*



**STOP PRESS :  
BCA boxes are due now!**

### *Fr Brenton reflects (cont'd from p. 9)*

The need here is much the same as other places.

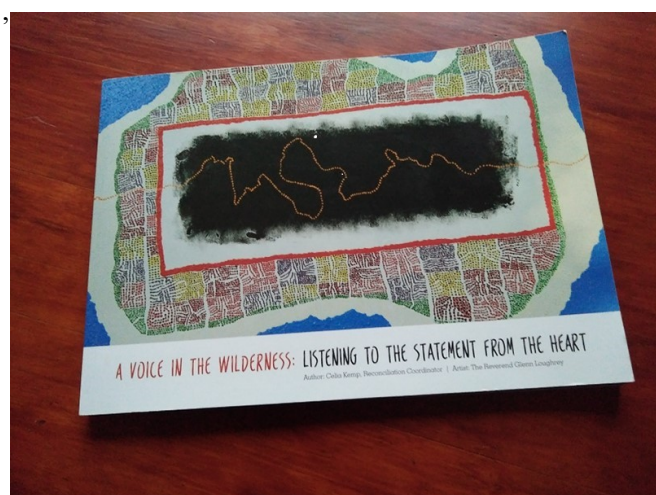
We have started a basket of much needed goods in the foyer of Christ Church . It is generally full Sunday to Sunday and we bless these goods when the offertory is bought to the altar. These goods are then given to the community pantry for distribution.

Once a month there is a market on the Village Green in Normanville where I loiter with intent and meet and talk with people.

I poke my head into the men's shed on a regular basis both in and out of uniform. They have got to know me and I stay for a cuppa and a chat. I met with George who is Jewish (I call him George the Jew) and he invited both Lyn and myself for a Shabbat eve Friday evening service where we broke bread and shared a cup of wine.

It is in lots of different places outside the church where we are all able to witness to our faith with people who are a little curious but do not come to church. Be gentle and understanding to them and show them that it is indeed special to be one of God's children.

*Fr Brenton*



### **A Voice in the Wilderness: Listening to the Statement from the Heart**

An 8-part study to open up conversation about the church's theological response to Australia's history, listening to what Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are saying right now, and grappling with the question of what it is to be a truly Australian church. The book is available in electronic format free at [www.abmission.org/voice](http://www.abmission.org/voice) , or books can be ordered for printing. Please let Anne Chittleborough know (8556 5078 or [machit5@bigpond.com](mailto:machit5@bigpond.com)) asap if you are interested in taking part and whether you would like to have a book ordered. (The first print run, at \$16.50 is sold out. We are advised that the new printing is likely to cost \$20-25). Studies to start in October. Times t.b.a.

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## 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

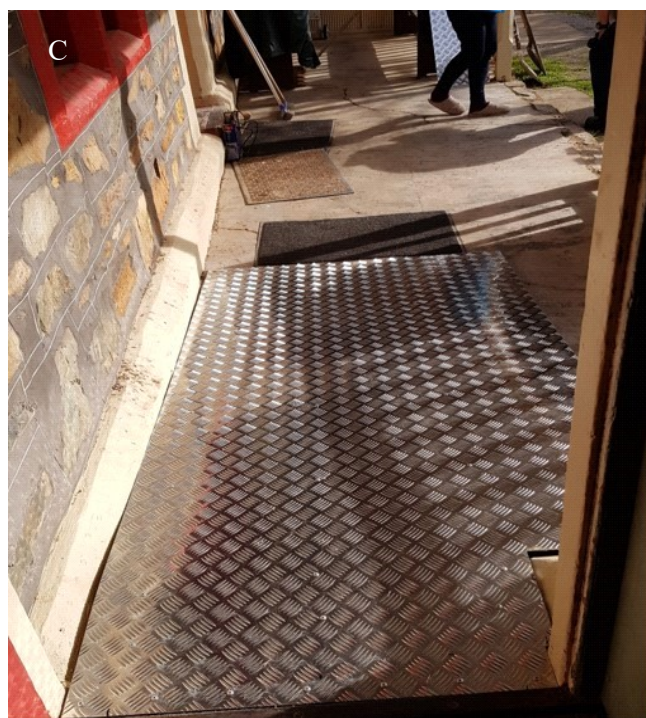
Ann Ryan - 8598 0227

*Where there is a Fifth Sunday in a month, as in August this year, service times are likely to be different. Please check pewsheets, noticeboards and website for details.*



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**Yankalilla & Delamere (see p. 9)**



A, B and C: The making of a very fine ramp!  
D: The combined service at St James', Delamere



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**St Ann's, 15<sup>th</sup> August (see p. 5)**

Jo Parsons sent this photo, She writes:  
*My favourite photo is Peter in his biker leathers giving his message from the lectern, with Yvonne [Dixon's] beautiful statue of the Good Shepherd behind him in "Gillian's corner".*

*What is fascinating is the amazing contrast of the iconic imagery of the statue of the loving Good Shepherd and the gritty contemporary world where the Spirit is at work - God is in all of these places.*





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#### **Rose pruning at the Waite**



With Trish Frith injured by her fall, others including amateurs were called in to help with the commitment to rose pruning at the Waite.

*Members of The Adelaide Group [Heritage Roses in Australia] were joined by Anne, Jo and Gail to make up an enthusiastic and jolly crew of seven people. We worked in the “garden room” formed by heritage roses whose introduction dated from the late 19<sup>th</sup> to early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries... Members also gave impromptu classes in the basics of the art of pruning older roses to the three ladies, who were enthusiastic learners.*

*Lexie Mincham*

*Above: Relaxing over lunch: Gail Filsell and Jo Parsons with members of the Adelaide Group (L-R) Trish Frith, Colin Lehman, Clive Waters and Paul Lindon.*

#### **Any excuse for a party!**

On this occasion, it was Margaret Cale's birthday, with family and friends gathering at the McLaren Vale Information Centre for lunch.

*Photo by Susan Smith*



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**Sunday worship at St Nicholas', Seaford**  
**(see p. 11)**



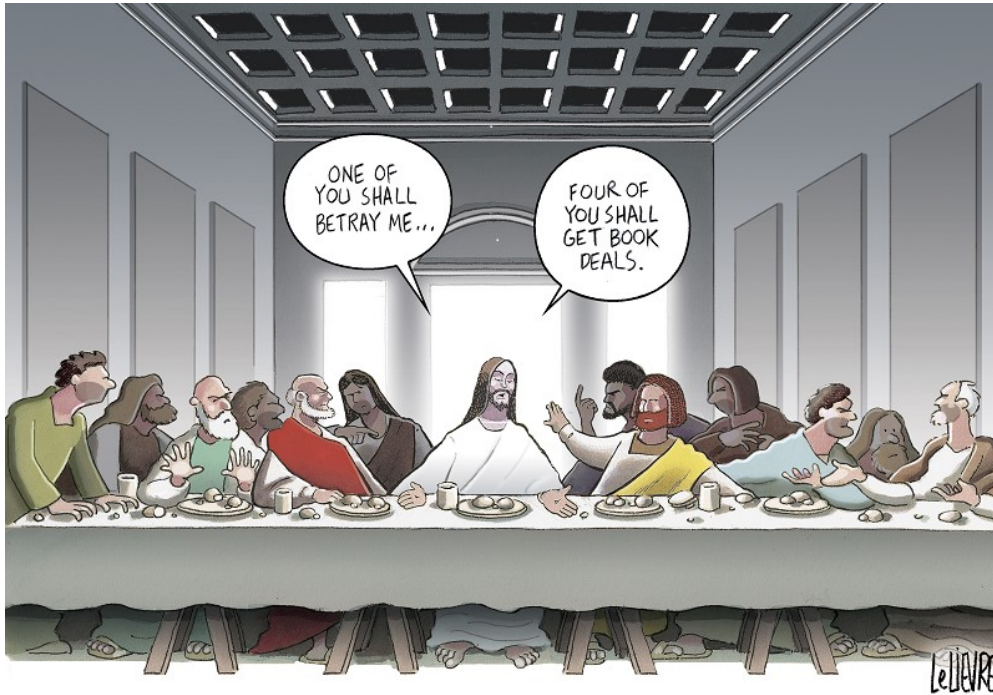
The Bread of Life  
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Reading the prayer at the  
Healing Service



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