

March 2022



The Grapevine

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



God of peace and justice
We pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, guidance, discernment and compassion to
guide their decisions.
Above all we pray for all your precious children at risk and
in fear, that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen
(Archbishops Justin Welby & Stephen Cottrell)

Deacon Pete's story



It has been four years now since I started my Bachelor of Theology Degree. It certainly has been a marathon, especially for someone new to academia. God's grace in this journey has been nothing short of amazing. Having not known if I would be able to manage, I topped my first year and was awarded Commencement Student of the Year. Then in 2019

I received a grant from England that gave me some financial support in 2019-2021. I was able to purchase a range of very good theology books that kept me in good stead with my study. During my first two years of study, I was also doing Formation Training in Adelaide. At the beginning of 2020 I received the Albert Reginald Thrush Award for practical and theological application.

In 2020 when COVID arrived, things went into some sort of turmoil. Study meant online zoom lectures, and library books were hard to get. Then I was asked to stand in for two chaplains at the Flinders Medical Centre, which was my first experience of hospital chaplaincy. After two occasions of filling in at FMC, the Diocese of Adelaide offered me regular employment for 2½ days a week. This helped me financially, and I found chaplaincy a truly

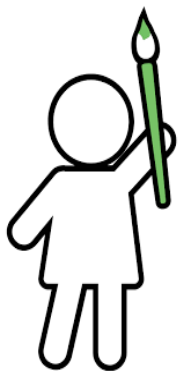
rewarding ministry. As part of my chaplaincy, I am also training this year in Clinical Pastoral Education in Adelaide once a month. During my study I have also been supporting ministry in our parish, doing three services a month and other work as a Deacon in the community, spending time with people in the Willunga Farmers Market and being chaplain to a motorcycle group.

Now this year I am doing Formation Training in Murray Bridge on my journey toward Discernment for Ordination as a priest. This is something I feel God is calling me to so strongly. I have one more subject to complete in my Bachelor of Theology Degree by November and this is when the Bishop will give his decision.

Heather and I truly want to say thank you to all the parish family who have been on this journey with us, which will continue until the Bishop's decision in November. Your prayers, encouragement and support have truly carried us, especially at times when we thought we had come to the end of our tether. I have never felt that I was on my own but knew my church family was on this journey with me. It is what makes us love you all so very much.

Our blessings, *Deacon Peter and Heather*

Bethany Hall in Willunga is seeking artworks for their 2022 SALA Exhibition.



The theme this year is: **Breathe.** As with any of our SALA themes "Breathe" has broad applications and multiple meanings. Many of us have struggled to breathe during COVID times - be it because of the mask situation or otherwise.

Suggested associated events include: silent meditation, retreats, singing/choir, and artist in residence sessions.

Please advise your expression of interest by **March 31st** to: Jenny Esots (Curator) email: j.esots@bigpond.com

As in previous years there is no fee to register, and a 30% commission will apply to all works sold. We anticipate many artists wanting to be involved, so there will be a selection process.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Grace & Peace
Willunga Uniting Church Secretary

Jenny Esots,
0447 839 040

Calling all parishioners!



**PARISH ANNUAL MEETING
(VESTRY MEETING)
SUNDAY 13TH MARCH
ST MARGARET'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM
2 PM**

Your chance to find out more about how the parish works, to ask questions, approve the parish budget, meet people from the different centres, choose a project to support for the Anglican Board of Mission...

Be there!

March

Tues 1 st	SHROVE TUESDAY 6 pm St Margaret's 6 pm Yankalilla
Wed 2 nd	ASH WEDNESDAY 9 am St Margaret's 7 pm St Ann's 7 pm Christ Church
Thurs 3 rd	Yankadelly 4 pm
Fri 4 th	WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 7 pm St Stephen's (p. 7)
Sat 5 th	PeaceWise training (see p. 10)
Sun 6 th	Gold Coin Collection "Clean Up Australia" Day at St Ann's (see p. 9)
Mon 7 th	Mothers' Union 9.30 am McLaren Vale Information Centre (see p. 11)
Tues 8 th	WFA Council 4 pm Yankalilla
8th – 10 th	Diocesan Clergy School
Wed 9 th	Maggie's Mates 11.15 am Contemplative Prayer service Christ Church 7 pm
Thurs 10 th	Prayers for Peace, 11.15 am (changed date – p.8)
Sat 12 th	PeaceWise training Saturday Night Out, Willunga (see p. 7)
Sun 13 th	Vestry Meeting 2 pm St Margaret's (p. 2)
Tues 15 th	Friends of St Ann's 6.50 for 7 pm
Wed 16 th	Contemplative Prayer service Christ Church 7 pm
Fri 18 th	St Nicholas' lunch 12.30 (Bookings 8392 4508) and Fellowship 2 pm (changed time, see p. 6)
Sat 19 th	St Ann's Jumble Sale 8.30-12.30 (p. 9)
Wed 23 rd	Contemplative Prayer service 7 pm
Fri 25 th	"Lady Day" service, St Margaret's 11 am (see p. 11) Family Tea, St Ann's 6.30 pm
Wed 30 th	Contemplative Prayer service 7 pm
Thurs 31 st	Ecumenical Penitential Taizé service SCC 1.30 pm

April

Fri 1 st	Shared Tea, St Margaret's 6 for 6.30 pm
Sun 3 rd	Gold Coin Collection
Mon 4 th	Mothers' Union 10.30 am (changed time— p. 11)
Wed 6 th	Contemplative Prayer service Christ Church 7 pm
Thurs 7 th	Yankadelly 4 pm
Sun 10 th	PALM SUNDAY ACH service, Yankalilla
Tues 12 th	WFA Council 7 pm St Ann's
Wed 13 th	Maggie's Mates 11.15 am
Thurs 14 th	MAUNDY THURSDAY (next column and p. 5)) Prayers for Peace 11.15 am
Fri 15 th	GOOD FRIDAY (next column)
Sat 16 th	EASTER EVE St Stephen's 5.30 pm
Sun 17 th	EASTER DAY (next column)
Mon 18 th	MARK
Tues 19 th	Friends of St Ann's 6.50 for 7 pm
Wed 20 th	Contemplative Prayer, Christ Church 7 pm
Fri 22 nd	Family Tea St Ann's 6.30 pm
Sun 24 th	Healing Service, Christ Church 11 am
Mon 25 th	ANZAC Day SCC service time TBA



It's not too late !

Join a Lent Bible Study

ABM's book, "Repairing the Breach"

Examining what it means to be people of healing in a broken world
Study books \$10

St Nicholas, Seaford: Fridays 1 pm,

Enquiries Helen 0427 679 787
colin.cook8@bigpond.com

St Margaret's, McLaren Vale: Wednesdays 10 am

Enquiries Ted 0410 548 040
sanderwt@bigpond.com

St Ann's, Aldinga: Thursdays 7 pm,

Enquiries Anne 8556 5078
machit5@bigpond.com

EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday (14th April)

Christ Church Yankalilla 7 pm
St Margaret's, McLaren Vale 7 pm
Seaford Christian Churches 7 pm
Ecumenical service

Good Friday (15th April)

Christ Church Yankalilla
Stations of the Cross 9 am
St Ann's Aldinga
Stations of the Cross 10 am
Seaford Christian Churches
Ecumenical service time TBA

Holy Saturday (16th April) Easter Vigil, St Stephen's, Willunga, 7 pm

Easter Day (17th April)

Christ Church Yankalilla 9 am
St Ann's Aldinga 9 am
Seaford C.C. Ecumenical service 10 am
St Margaret's, McLaren Vale, 10.30 am
St James' Delamere 11 am

News from Yankalilla & Delamere

It has been very quiet in the Deep South this month as we are all getting over Christmas and gearing up for Lent and Easter.

A couple of jobs which did get done were the painting of our toilet block by Fr Brenton and Peter Filsell and, at the same time, the various benches and tables plus the shrine arbour were all coated in oil to protect them from the weather. Small jobs in some ways, but they all help the overall appearance of the grounds for visitors. Sad to say our photographer failed miserably, so no pics of this momentous event.

On Sunday 20th February, Channel 7 did a rehash of past incidents concerning the **shrine**. The footage they showed appeared to be from when the event occurred and the story did not appear to slant either for or against the shrine. There appear to have been a fair few visitors during the week since, so the item did not seem to diminish or devalue the shrine.

Our **Op Shop** has been struggling to find volunteers in recent months and has now had to fall back on restricted opening hours, 10 am-2 pm weekdays and 9.30 – 4 pm on Saturdays. We are currently looking at ideas to attract more volunteers, which may include people who are not affiliated with the churches.

As I write we are gearing up for our pancakes in the park, on **Shrove Tuesday**. The weather looks good and we are expecting a good few people. A coffee van will also be there.



"...The trivial round, the common task..."

Meeting COVID requirements for cleaning is an ongoing job. This cheerful clean-up team is Gerry Brown, Lynn King and Fr Brenton, with a bemused Ian Richter at the organ.

During Lent Fr Brenton will continue to hold **contemplative prayer services** at 7 pm on Wednesday evenings. They are run in the style of Taizé and are open to people from other churches as well as those with no religious affiliation at all. He offers these services in the place of Lenten Studies this year.

Ron King



Last month's competition:

Your captions:

The bikie, the Scottie and Dr Who?? (Julia)
The Three Stooges (Julia)
The Three Masketeers (Margaret C)
Our Three Masketeers (Wendy S)
For whom the bell tolls (Claire)
After 1 hour in theatre I think the operation went well.
The patient may survive. (Brenton)
Posing a-Peeling Priests (Helen C)

The matter was taken to an independent judging panel, and the winner of the chocolate frog award is.....(see p. 10)



If you are reading this in black & white,
perhaps you didn't know that you can find this
newsletter in colour (mostly with additional pages of
photos which can't be included in the printed copy)
on our website,
southernvalesparish.org.
Try It—you'll love It!

Hi everyone,

February has been a very quiet month for us with not very much happening. Both Sunday and Wednesday services have continued giving strength to us all, with some increase in numbers as the summer holidays have ended. Fr Brenton has been on leave so Br Simon has been taking most of our services. Greg has also been very busy with his musical commitments, so we have seen more of Curtis at the organ. It is a joy to all of us that our church music is of such a high standard, and even with masks we enjoy singing our hymns, especially as we have Greg, Julia and Rupert to lead us.

Maggie's Mates continues to meet and we are catching up on some cleaning and gardening jobs as well as exploring new ways to provide support and service to our local community. We are also working out the most effective ways of doing all of this as our working members are gradually decreasing through age.

Shrove Tuesday will have a parish communion service at 6 pm followed by pancakes and there will be an Ash Wednesday service the next day. Bible study continues on the Wednesday morning after the service at 9 am and we have already commenced our Lenten studies in order to complete the series prior to Easter. There will be a Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday) celebration at St Margaret's on the 14th April (*see below*).

Our Family Suppers have not been well attended as summer activities took over, and the one in March has been cancelled to allow those who wish to participate in the World Day of Prayer at St Stephen's, to do so. We will re-evaluate the situation after that.

Finally, last month's report was very thorough, thank you Julia. However she failed to mention one happy event, her grandchildren Oakley Lotte and Jesse Alan (parents Lucy and Adam) were baptised on the 2nd of January. It was great to see the family there.

Wishing everyone a thoughtful and meaningful Lent.

Judith Wells, Warden



*Drought family baptism:
Tom Drought (holding Levi), Adam Bennett, Lucy holding Oakley, and behind them, Miriam and Andrew Hage.*



Why MAUNDY THURSDAY?

Maundy Thursday celebrates the events leading up to Good Friday—Jesus' washing the feet of his disciples, and afterwards sharing his last supper with them—the event we have commemorated ever since, in our Communion services. That was the night on which Jesus was later betrayed by Judas in the Garden of Gethsemane.

The name "Maundy Thursday" comes from the old Latin name for the day, "Dies Mandatum," i.e. "the day of the new commandment", referring to the command given by Christ at the Last Supper before he washed the feet of his disciples, that we should love one another.

(In the UK, there is a tradition stretching back to at least the 12th Century, of the monarch giving alms to the poor on Maundy Thursday. In the 6th Century AD St Augustine noted the ceremony also involved the king, queen or their representative washing the feet of the poor. This foot washing tradition continued until the 18th Century. Even today nosegays or posies are still carried in the royal procession—a reminder of when foot odour needed disguising!)



St Nicholas Report February 2022

February has been another challenging month with some activities re-starting at SCC and others still on hold. COVID regulations have eased now so hopefully we will be able to restart several of the programmes.

Our services during February ran as normal, January ending with our combined service with the Uniting Church and Church of Christ congregations. We made a "Joyful Noise unto the Lord" despite our masks, as many voices make it much easier and we sang very loudly! The congregations enjoyed a message from Rev. Ann Butler and some wonderful craft and prayers from Sunara. Brother Simon takes the first and fourth services each month, which are our traditional services with Holy Communion and a more formal setting. The second Sunday is our healing service, when Fr Ted leads us in laying on of hands with prayer and a shorter Holy Communion service.

Our family service on the 3rd Sunday, is lay led, with songs and praise following the chosen theme for the day. This is always based on the current readings although not always on the Gospel. It's a less formal service, enjoyed by everyone.

Ian Richter now plays the organ/piano once a month at St Nicholas'. Its great to hear the organ played and we are grateful for his offer to come each month.

We have had a new member join our congregation TiTilayo Sijuwola—fortunately we can call her Ti Ti. Her husband is a local pharmacist who has studied here. TiTi joined her husband just before Christmas, and has been a regular member of our congregation since then.

Fellowship meets on the 3rd Friday each month with several members having lunch in the café before the meeting. We have organized dates when we will make palm crosses, update, and make giving envelopes, organise Simnel Cake for Mothering Sunday and of course ensure the church is ready for Easter celebrations.

As our Lenten Bible Study is also on Fridays at 1 pm, our March Fellowship meeting will be at 2 pm so members can attend both Fellowship and the Lenten Study. We will be making **palm crosses** at the March meeting.

Our Pre-Vestry Meeting following our Family Service on the 20th of February, was well attended. Time was spent

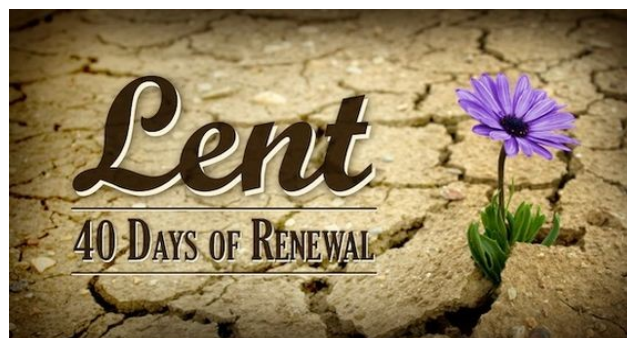
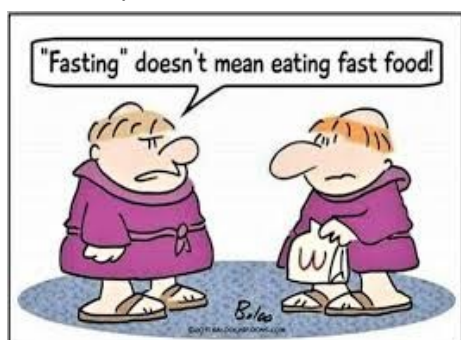


Fr Ted Newing and Rev. Ann Butler with Sunara at the Seaford Christian Churches Combined Service

explaining the new Parochial Ordinances where they affected our congregation. Helen Cook and Jane Cuthbert were asked to retain their Warden positions, with Jane being the Local Warden and Helen the People's Warden, until elections in 2024. As Helen could be away for a couple of months during the year, Joan Dare will be our substitute Warden where and when needed. Joan Dare and Helen Cook are to be our SCC committee Members, to be confirmed at the AGM of SCC later in the year. Cathy More and Christine Gunn will be substitute members on that committee should either Helen or Joan be unable to attend.

Our parish prayer chain and pastoral care visiting is as busy as ever. We are fortunate to have a small but willing group happy to take communion, pray for others, as needed, and generally ensure that all our members, young and old, are connected and assured of our love and care. Wearing masks, checking in and hand sanitising has become a part of our daily lives and worship—although the challenge of singing with a mask is still daunting. We have all had to adapt to the changing ways in which we need to run social activities and connect with others. We trust as always in God's path for us and continue to rely on His steadfast love and strength as we continue this journey.

Helen Cook & Jane Cuthbert, Wardens,





The Special Meeting of the St Stephen congregation (formerly known as the Pre-Vestry Meeting) was held on Saturday February 19th after the Vigil Eucharist. The meeting

began with a brief introduction to the changes to the Parochial Administration Ordinance 2021 that are relevant to the Parish Annual (Vestry) meeting, and the composition of the Parish Council.

The titles of the Wardens have been changed, and so John Strachan (currently Priest's Warden) chose to be the St Stephen's People's Warden (and thus be a member of Parish Council), and Susan Smith was elected as Local Warden, as Ted Sandercock chose not to continue as a Warden. The Local Warden has oversight of local Workplace Health & Safety (WHS) matters.

The meeting suggested the following items for discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday March 13th at St Margaret's Sunday School room:

- A Parish BCA representative appointment
- Queen's Jubilee Tree planting
- St Stephen's car park

The meeting closed at 6.45 pm followed by the usual drinks and nibbles.

The Anglican Church will host Willunga's World Day of Prayer (WDP) at St Stephen's church at 7.00 pm on Friday March 4th 2022. The service was prepared by the WDP women's group of England, Wales and Northern Ireland with the theme *I know the plans I have for you* (God's promise to his people in exile in Babylon) from Jeremiah 29:11 (NRSV), and our service will be led by Julia Drought, with Margaret and Bill Cale addressing the theme with their experiences of life in England previously and now. (More about this next month.)

We are delighted to welcome back Steve and Christie Banner, now returned from California and permanently resident in the area.

Christie and Steve joined the congregation (which is now to be known, as requested by the Bishop, as the faith community) at the February Saturday Night Out, and it was lovely to have Phil Duguid with us as well. The Willunga Hotel has continued to provide evening meals despite having fewer patrons due to COVID concerns, although a few food items have been scarce due to supply issues. **The next Saturday Night Out will be held on March 12th at the Willunga Hotel.** (Bookings and menu choice by Thursday March 10th. Copies of the menu by return email.) There will be no Saturday Night Out on the Saturday before Holy Week in April.

A small team of volunteers keep the church open on

Saturday mornings so people can drop in for prayer or a chat, or just to look around, and the grounds continue to be available for safe parking.

Thank you to Wendy, Joan and Anne Duguid for preparing the church for the Saturday service and to Trish Frith, Anne Duguid and Julie Bennett for providing flowers during February. They will have a break during Lent. We would welcome additional help in cleaning, providing flowers, setting up for services and for opening the church on a Saturday morning.

The COVID Wardens revised the process of setting up the back area of the church and distributing drinks and nibbles after the Saturday service. The new methods appear to be an improvement, using small individual packets of nibbles and centralised serving of drinks.

Ted Sandercock & John Strachan, Wardens



Calling all BCA supporters!

March is BCA box collection month - please hand your box to wardens for collection. BCA has

suggested that we might consider direct debit donating as an alternative so please contact me for details if you haven't received their letter.

I am also seeking a volunteer to collect boxes twice a year. Thank you for your help.

Wendy Sandercock 0414 848 040



Christian Fellowship Tours - touring Australia and meeting BCA Field Staff.

In 2022, tours will be running to North West Australia in August, to Tasmania in October and to Norfolk Island in November.

If you would like to know more about CFT tours, visit their website: christianfellowshiptours.com or call **1300 635 358**.



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News from St Ann's, Aldinga

Another month has quickly passed and events seem to have blurred into one!

Services have continued to amaze, with sound teaching and beautiful hymns and singing inspired by the Holy Spirit. We are constantly impressed by the hymns Brian is led to play that match beautifully with the lessons and liturgy for the day. We have also been blessed with newcomers attending, and always rejoice when people return after illness or holidays.

Worship

The Miraculous Draught of Fishes. The Gospel Reading (Luke 5,1-11) for our Family Service on 6th February, led by Victoria McKee, was the story of the calling by Jesus of Peter, James and John which was preceded by *The Miraculous Draught of Fishes*. A net (thanks to Tony Young) with fish (thanks to Anne Chittleborough and Margaret Cale) was strikingly placed at the front of the Church.

Julianne Bates in her Reflection, *Serving God in the Ordinarity of Life*, raised the question whether we were listening and responding to what God really wants of us. She challenged: "Is Jesus in the driving seat in your life - or in the passenger seat - or in the boot?" and reassured: "God doesn't call the qualified: he qualifies the called." After the reflection those who wished to respond wrote - on a fish - what they felt was their current calling and came forward to attach their fish to the net.



Platinum Jubilee

Noting that on 6th February 1952 Her Majesty The Queen had ascended the throne and, since that day, had lived a life of service, we sang, with fervour, at the conclusion of the Family Service, *God Save The Queen*.

Love your enemies

The Gospel Reading (Luke 6. 27-38) for our Praise, Prayer and Proclamation Service on 20th February began "To you who are ready for the truth, I say this: Love your enemies . . .".

Deacon Peter Chapman, who led the Service, opened this Scripture to us in a powerful and challenging way. Our concluding prayers aided our reflections on this: *Thank you, God, for loving me. Help me to show my love for you by being kind to other people, even when I don't feel like it. In Jesus' name.*

Lord, thank you that we are loved and forgiven by you. We know it is hard to love those who have hurt us. Give us your strength. Help us to love our enemies. Help us to do good to those who hate and hurt us. And help us to know when we have hurt others, and to repent, and to seek only to do good, in Jesus' name.

Prayers for Peace continues to be regularly attended by a small group. The day of meeting has now been changed to the **second Thursday of each month** (still at 11.15 am) and all are welcome, especially at this time of war and aggression in Ukraine.

The Lenten study *Repairing the Breach* has begun and has been well attended. Reading from *The Message* gave further insight into the scriptures, and Kasey Chamber's song, "Ignorance" made its poignant impact. Interesting comments and questions gave us varied discussion and thoughts to review.

Family Tea

On 25th February we gathered for Family Tea: whilst the arrangements were imposed by the Government in relation



to the pandemic, it was pleasant to be served - rather than to help oneself - by those whose culinary skills and expertise had called into being succulent salads and divine desserts. Unexpectedly - to him - the Birthday Boy, John Badgery, his wife De Badgery and friends joined us for cake (designed by De): on cue, as he walked in, the gathering rendered *Happy Birthday*, followed by sustained cheering. One is reminded of what the psalmist said (Psalm 133.1 KJV) *Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!*

It is with a sad heart that we at St Ann's are saying goodbye to dear friends Lorraine and David. We pray they will be led to worship where the Lord would have them and always hope they may return in due course. Both have been instrumental in many initiatives and endeavours at St Ann's and in the parish. Lorraine will continue to help out with our website and hopefully train someone else to take up the reins!

Home group was one of their initiatives, but over the last months it appeared to be coming to its conclusion. Lorraine wrote, and I quote: *'We would like to thank you all for your wonderful support and wholehearted participation in those evenings of fellowship, learning and growth. You have all become very dear to us during this time, and our prayer is that you will continue in your Christian growth. Our door (and coffee machine!) is always open to any of you who come down this way to drop in – we would still love to see you.'*

Both David and Lorraine have expressed that the invitation is open to not only home group participants, but all their friends at St Ann's and in this parish.
PS: David makes a good cappuccino!

Clean Up Australia

We look forward to playing our part in the national Clean Up Australia Day activities on the 6th March, under the direction of Sally Shaw who is taking over from Gillian Clampett. Workers are rewarded with a sausage sizzle as they relax afterwards and swap accounts of what they have found.

Palm Sunday

We are delighted that Shadow the donkey can be with us for our Palm Sunday procession. Thank you Jim Lekkas for Shadow, and Burda Sanders for transporting her.



Jumble Sale

Our next Jumble Sale is on Saturday 19th March - Election Day! Under guidance from the newly formed Jumble Sale team, headed by De Badgery, it will have a new arrangement and a new look including shelters borrowed from Christ Church's Strawberry Fete. We are delighted to be able to include entertainment by the visiting blues group "Def Luggs". Parking will be outside the church grounds on the road and the triangle except for workers and those needing handicap parking.

As ever, there will be books, clothes, jewellery, bric-a-brac, home-made cakes, biscuits and jam, Devonshire teas and a sausage sizzle.

Donations of quality goods welcome—please deliver on Thursday morning, 17th March. *No junk please.*

Julianne Bates & Brian McMillan (Wardens) with editorial insertions

Shelley Philpott Memorial Window

The chorus of a hymn we sang at St Ann's recently included:

Come, turn our love
From a spark to a flame.

I wonder if this thought was in the mind of 23 year old Seaford girl, Shelley Philpott when she prayed at her commissioning in December 1993 as a Captain of the Church Army:

"When I came to Sydney, to college, I had a candle burning inside me. I was full of love for you and I wanted to share it so much, but I didn't really know how and had lots of fear. College has given me the ability to do so, and I even managed to take away a lot of the fear... And the candle has grown from the pale flickering light to a fire in my heart. It'll be so good to get out of college and help light fires in other people, for them to experience the indescribable love I have for God and the love I know He has for me."

Shelley had so little opportunity to do this. The night before her sister's wedding in early 1994, Shelley and her grandmother were hit by a drunk driver on the bridge on Saltfleet Road, Port Noarlunga, and killed.

When the Room was built at St Ann's in 1999, Elizabeth Blades (wife of Fr Jim Blades) made a window as a memorial for Shelley, picking up the theme of the spark growing to a flame. It stands today as a memorial to Shelley and an inspiration to us all.



Diocesan statistics record numbers attending services only as numbers of those receiving Communion. As some of our services are not communion services, these statistics are not a true record of our attendance. E.g. of the four services a month at St Ann's, only two are Communion services. We therefore think it relevant to add another column to our statistics, recording Numbers of Acts of Worship in the parish.

Restructuring matters

With the Diocese of The Murray adopting a new Ordinance, there are changes being made to the way parishes are organised. Each church in the parish will elect two Wardens, who will be known as Local Wardens and People's Wardens. (However, for 2022, which can be considered as a Transition period, the two Wardens elected in 2021 for each church will continue in that office, and will decide which of them will be the Local Warden, and which the People's Warden.) The priest will also elect a Priest's Warden.

Sounds complicated? Leaflets explaining this in more detail are available—ask your Wardens.

Any issues people would like to have discussed at Vestry can be raised at the Pre-vestry meetings.

Work Health and Safety: A workshop will be held in our parish after Easter for Western Fleurieu, Southern Suburbs and South Coast parishes, and at least one Warden from each church will be expected to attend. A date is yet to be set.

Parish Offices : As we currently have three operational centres (Seaford Christian Churches, St Margaret's office and Christ Church Yankalilla), a small group comprising Jane Cuthbert, Margaret Cale, Ted Sandercock and Fr Brenton will review the situation and work out what we really want and where office equipment should be placed.

A worrying word from our Treasurer:



Parish Finances 2022

Alarmingly our audited accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021 show a deficit in excess of \$41,000 and although total income was higher than the previous year notably giving had decreased. There may be many reasons for this and we thank all those of you who continue to contribute on a regular basis in a great variety of ways.

Our budget for 2022 similarly predicts a significant deficit so perhaps it is a good time to review the situation. Do we think about the increasing costs of paying our ministry team and all the other costs associated with running a large parish? Is it reasonable to think that fund raising will cover the shortfall in income? Or is there another way?

Perhaps now is the time for each and every one of us to consider our personal contributions. For those of you who use the Direct Debit method, thank you, however it is easy to "set and forget"; when did you last review?

Please pray about these issues and talk to any of the members of Parish Council if you have any suggestions for a better way to meet our budget obligations.

Margaret Cale

A good way to support the ministry of our parish is to arrange a weekly offering as a direct debit. This gives a steady commitment to our church even when we miss a Sunday.

Details as follows:

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

On Saturday 5th and Saturday 12th March, the Diocese is hosting training for PeaceWise. This will be held at the Christ Church Hall, 1708 Main South Road, O'Halloran Hill from 9 am to 4 pm. Details of the first session are on https://peacewise.org.au/peacewiseyou/events/5-everyday-peacemaking/?event_id=538 and details for the second session can be found on https://peacewise.org.au/peacewiseyou/events/14-heart-of-peacemaking/?event_id=544

The Diocese is covering the cost of these two days. All clergy will be attending.

The purpose of the training is to help us to be people who seek peaceful resolutions rather than conflict.

Your captions: (from p 4)

As determined by an independent panel, two suggestions got equal votes, so the winners of the chocolate frogs are

Julia (The three stooges)

Claire (For whom the bell tolls).

Congratulations!

Frogs are on their way!





With members away and our President in "Lockdown" February's meeting was cancelled.

Our meeting on March 7th, 2022 will be attended by our Diocesan President, Mrs Jocelyn Williamson. It will be wonderful for our members to meet her. This meeting will be at the McLaren Visitor's Centre at 9.30 am.

"Lady Day" or to give it its correct title, "The Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary", is usually celebrated by the Church on 25th March each year. In 1897 the Mothers' Union (MU) formally adopted the Feast of the Annunciation as its yearly day of prayer, intercession and thanksgiving. "The careful positioning of the work and ministry of the MU – in short, its piety – was part of its immense attraction as a platform where so many women of different church parties could meet."

This has continued to this day and the Mothers' Union, both in Australia and around the world, continues to gather despite theological or other considerations. From province to province, members gather in small groups in village churches and large assemblies in cathedrals from England, through Africa and even closer to home in PNG, Fiji, Tonga, Vanuatu and New Zealand. Accounts of this day each year are regularly published in worldwide Anglican press, and now extensive use is made of social media to highlight the day.

As there has not been one for the last couple of years due to COVID, Southern Vales has been asked by the Diocese to hold a service, with St Margaret's being chosen for its central location. (See flyer, next column, for all the details.)

Our meeting on April 4th will be a combined meeting with the Southern Suburbs Branch at the McLaren Vale



ANGLICAN
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AMUA Lady Day Service 11.00am

March 25th, 2022
St Margaret's Anglican Church,
McLaren Vale
Priest: Br Simon Waters

Hosted by Southern Vales Branch
A service with Holy Communion
for Annunciation Day

*Not just a service for MU members. All are welcome – come for the service and stay on or just join us for a time of prayer and reflection.

Tea/Coffee available at 10.30am

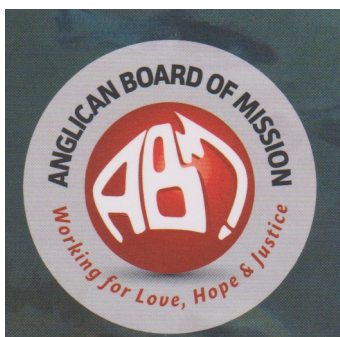
Stay for a BYO lunch - Tea/Coffee available
Offering during the service for outreach

Gold Coin donation at lunch in lieu of Trade
Tables

Visitor's Centre at 10.30am. (Please note change from the usual time!)

Due to a shortage of storage space, Quickest Warmth advises that at the moment they are only asking for beanies for seafarers and baby clothes for Genesis Pregnancy support.

Helen Cook, Secretary



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Torres Strait Islander
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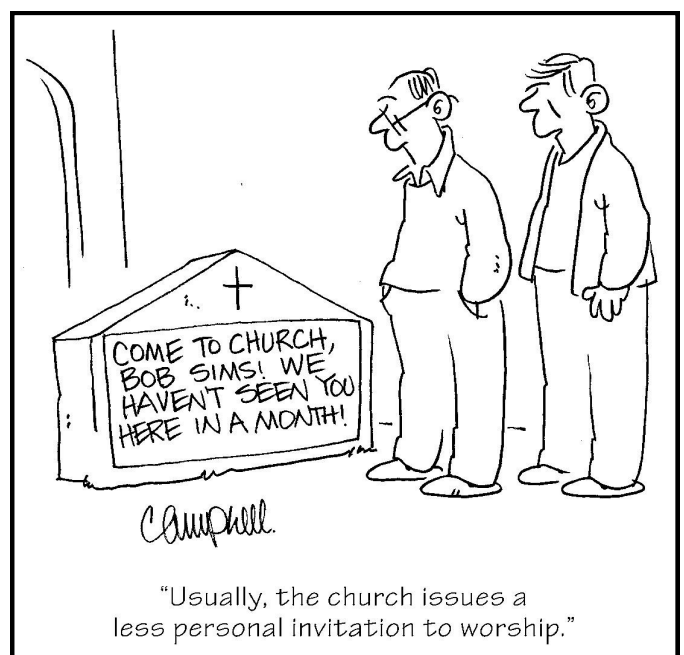
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Nungalinga College

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in the Solomon Islands

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nutrition
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Budget cuts force Pastor Bob to change his vacation plans.

If you have news of coming events or noteworthy happenings in the Western Fleurieu Anglican area to share with the rest of the parish, please contact the Editor, Anne Chittleborough, at 23 Esplanade, Pt Willunga 5173, ph 8556 5078 or email machit5@bigpond.com.au, preferably by the 15th of March.

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

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,
service times are likely to be different.
Please check pewsheets, noticeboards and
website for details.**

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St Ann's Family Tea (p. 8)



Serious matters under discussion here.

Above: Barry Bates and Frank Vincent (Background Brian McMillan and Gillian Clampett)

R: Stephen Carthew and Bill Cale at the all-important task of washing up



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St Margaret's (see p. 5)
Oakley explores the sanctuary.
Nativity scene in the background.

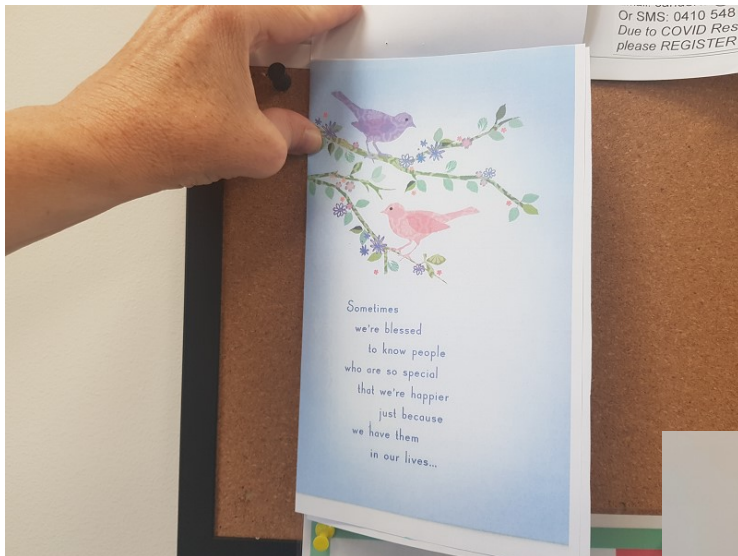


St Ann's (see p. 8)
The miraculous draught of fishes

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St Nicholas, Seaford (p. 6)

Sunara's valentine's Day card to the congregations at Seaford Christian Churches



Sunara: the "Golden rule"

February board of activities