

# The Grapevine



Fifth Sunday Combined Service
A chance to gather together for worship and fellowship.



See pp 9,17

## A word from Deacon Peter



#### His Love Is Alive.

I can hardly believe it; we are nearly halfway through the year. In the first few months a number in our parish have been ill or had accidents and some have had to go to hospital. Working in hospital I have seen this firsthand. Fr Brenton, Br Simon and I have visited those we can, but what a

joy it is to see so many people reaching out to those in need. It is not just in visits but the kind words, a signature in a card, or in the prayers we offer. What is so special is that there is no set roster, as if it was a duty that must be fulfilled: when news goes out that there is someone in need, people have simply reached out in a natural organic way. I would even be tempted to say that it is God's love at work in our hearts, for one another.

Over our Easter season, the predominant message has been to love one another as Christ loves us. This is the love that testifies to others just how real our Father in heaven is. This is a church that is living the life of Christ. This is the Spirit of God that opens our hearts as we listen to His leading. This is what draws others to want to know what it is we have and what makes a fellowship strong and unified.

I truly believe that a Church's strength is in its people who actively live out God's word through His love. It is not in how good a sermon is, or how well the liturgy is said. We say that the sacraments are an outward and visible sign of God's inward and spiritual grace, but to make this real we have to be the evidence of that in our own lives, and in this parish there is that reality that makes church a healthy place to belong to.

### Priestly Prattle from Fr Brenton Dick



As Christians we are called to action through our faith with good works. The key two words here are "good works". We are to be fired up by the Holy Spirit to love our neighbour.

One way of doing this is what's happening in Yankalilla with the

combined efforts of The Men's Shed and 5CY (5 Christian Churches) and the wider community in feeding the needy. Last year we had a barbecue in the grounds of Christ Church, and it was a joint effort in meeting these needs.

There is another planned meal in our hall after installing a new kitchen. Once again this is a joint community effort bringing us all together for a common cause. Our Church does not have to be a "lone ranger" and do it alone as a "Church" function. We need to go from the safety of the church building and connect with the

community as our faith instructs us to do. "They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts."

This planned meal is scheduled for the 16<sup>th</sup> June 12.30 pm in Christ Church Hall, where we come together as a community to care for our poorer brothers and sisters.

Starting the following Thursday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> June, we plan to start a "Soup and Chat" from 4.30 pm to 6 pm for six weeks, and everyone is welcome to have a bowl of soup, a bread roll, a cuppa and a chat. A place where we gather in human fellowship as a loving caring community. "If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?"

We are Christ's light in this world; it shines far better out in the wider community. We have our faith, let's put it into ACTION.

Blessings, the Vicar.

Deacon Pete.

#### The Basics of Pastoral Care

There will be a free training session at the Uniting Church, Willunga, for anyone who is interested in the skills needed to offer pastoral care to others. We will explore listening, non-verbal communication, acknowledging and affirming others in their grief, loss and stress.

Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1 pm – 4.30 pm in Bethany Hall (inc. afternoon tea).

Corner of St Andrews Tce and St Jude St, Willunga.

Led by (Rev) Jenski from Willunga Uniting Church

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# For your Diary ... A reminder! Dates and events listed here may still be subject to changes and conditions due to COVID

June		July	
Wed. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Prayer for Christian Unity, SCC, 1.30 pm	Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gold Coin Collection for PCWs (Chaplains)
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> —Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Diocesan Synod, Murray Bridge		Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	MU: 9.30 am St Ann's Room
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	PENTECOST	Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	Yankadelly 4 pm
	Gold Coin Collection for Pastoral Care		Soup and Chat, Christ Church 4.30-6 pm*
	Workers (Chaplains)	Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday Night Out at Willunga 7 pm
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Mothers' Union 9.30 am St Ann's Room	Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	ACH Yankalilla service, 2 pm
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	Maggie's Mates 11.15 am	Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	WFA Council St Ann's 7 pm
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	Prayers for Peace **	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Maggie's Mates 11.15 am
	Yankadelly 4 pm	Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	Prayers for Peace, St Ann's 11.15
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	BARNABAS		Soup and Chat, Christ Church 4.30-6 pm*
	Saturday Night Out Willunga 7 pm	Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	St Nicholas' Luncheon 12.30 (Bookings
	Bookings 0410 548 040		8392 4508 ) <b>&amp; Fellowship</b> 1.pm
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	ACH service, Yankalilla, 2 pm	Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	Friends of St Ann's 7 pm
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Queen's Birthday holiday	Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Contemplative Prayer, Christ Church 7 pm
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	WFA Council, 4 pm Christ Church	Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	Soup and Chat, Christ Church 4.30-6 pm*
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	Contemplative Prayer, Christ Church 7 pm	Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	MARY MAGDALENE
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	Community Meal, Christ Church Hall, 12.30*		Family Tea, St Ann's
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	St Nicholas' Luncheon 12.30 (Bookings	Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	ABM speaker Meagan Schwarz
	8392 4508 ) & Fellowship 1.pm		for services at St Ann's & St Nicholas'
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	World Refugee Day service SCC 11 am		Healing service, Christ Church 11 am
	Friends of St Ann's 6.50 for 7 pm	Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	Prayers for Peace, St Nicholas', 1 pm
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Soup and Chat, Christ Church 4.30-6 pm*	Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	Soup and Chat, Christ Church 4.30-6 pm*
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST	Sun 31 <sup>st</sup>	Fifth Sunday Combined Service at St Margaret's,
	Meeting, Bp Keith and WFA Council, 3 pm		McLaren Vale (see p. 9)
	Family Tea St Ann's 6.30 pm		•
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	Healing Service, Christ Church 11 am		

Christ Church, Yankalilla. see Priestly Prattle, p. 2

**PETER & PAUL** 

Prayers for Peace, St Nicholas', 1 pm

Soup and Chat, Christ Church 4.30-6 pm\*

Tues 28<sup>th</sup>

Wed 29<sup>th</sup>

Thurs 30<sup>th</sup>

\*\* Prayers for peace at St Ann's has had to be cancelled for this month. However, you may like to join the Prayers for Peace at St Nicholas' on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June





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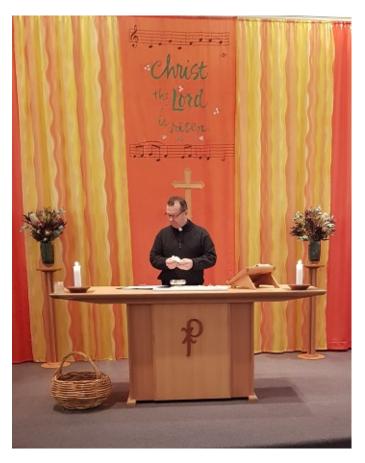
perhaps you didn't know that you can find this newsletter in colour (mostly with additional pages of photos which can't be included in the printed copy) on our website,

southernvalesparish.org.

Try it—you'll love it!

## News from St Nicholas', S.C.C., Seaford

**Our services** Our services are continuing as normal this month, with the added service on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in May being a combined service with the Uniting Church (UCA) and the Churches of Christ. It was great to have



Deacon Peter and Heather at our Family Service on the 15<sup>th</sup> May and be able to share with Peter in communion using the reserved sacrament. As usual his sermon was down to earth and to the point. We were blessed to have the opportunity to share with them both over morning tea following the service.

Fr Ted is still taking the Communion and Healing portion of our service on the second Sunday of each month. The laity have increased their input on that day, allowing Ted to take more of a back seat except when needed. Joan has taken on the task of preaching at our healing services, bringing her knowledge and personal testimony as part of her ministry to us.

At our combined service on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May, Rev John Madden will preach the sermon, with Fr Ted presiding over the Communion. We have begun to meet before our Combined Services with representatives from St Nicholas' and the UCA planning and running the services together. So far this seems to be working well and we look forward to sharing more ecumenical services in the future.

Sunara continues to add to our noticeboard each week

with art that reflects the gospel readings: fishing nets, hearts, and a basket of gifts for peace. (See p. 13, online supplement)

**Fellowship** We met on the third Friday in May and continued with our forward planning for our anniversary in August and also for a possible concert later in the year. We have been collecting donations for the raffle at the Biggest Morning Tea to be held at SCC on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May. We also discussed holding a Peace Service once a month, similar to the one held at St Ann's:

**Prayers for Peace** We plan to hold our first service on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 1 pm in the Baptistry at SCC and see how we go. All welcome.

**Bible Study** We have been invited to attend the ecumenical study held fortnightly on a Wednesday, studying the coming week's Gospel. We plan to run with this and hold our own studies for Advent and Lent each year.

**Prayer chain and pastoral care** Our prayer chain continues to be busy with requests for prayers and thanksgiving. Home communion is offered to those who wish it, with Fr Ted and others visiting as needed.

scc The Car Boot Sale planned for May was cancelled and will instead take place in September with a broader scope of activities. Ecumenical Services are planned for Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> June at 1.30 pm, and on Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and World Refugee Day, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June, at 11.00 am.

We are truly blessed with our congregation and their willingness to share their time, talents and gifts with us and the wider community at SCC.

God Bless

Helen Cook & Jane Cuthbert, Wardens



Joan Dare preaching at the Healing Service

## St Margaret's, McLaren Vale



Beautiful autumn weather made celebrating our most important church season a real pleasure. The earth heaved a sigh of relief as the temperatures cooled, although our summer was less dramatic this year. As temperatures continue to drop, it is a joy to soak up the sun after church as did Lorna McGaffin and Doreen Rushbrook (above).

Fr Brenton and Br Simon have continued to minister to our congregation, imparting words of comfort, reassurance and wisdom. We give thanks to God for their loving care of us and for their supportive families who also minister to us in small, but no less important, ways.

Looking back to the Easter season: Palm Sunday, owing to the age of many in the congregation, was celebrated without the parade, but with palm branches and enthusiastic singing. Thank you to Ted Sandercock for supplying the palm branches, and thanks also to Michael Drought for arranging the palm fronds. Thanks also to Doreen and Judith for their cleaning and tidying the church for both Palm Sunday and Easter Day.... We are so grateful for our faithful behind-the-scenes workers .... They make these special days sparkle that little bit more.

Reflective safety tape has been added to the driveway entrance posts as it had become difficult to see the driveway entrance at night. Now it's much easier to see where we're meant to be going. Bushes overgrowing the walkway into the church grounds have been removed to allow safe walking and clear access for mobility scooters. Visitors from Melbourne, Linda and Patrick Bromilow, as well as Br Simon, Tom, Julia and Michael Drought all pitched in to help with the removal, a much bigger task than first anticipated, as is often the case! Two large trailer loads were removed with great efficiency. Thankyou work team!

There will be no social suppers during the winter months, with many folk being reluctant to go out on colder nights.

Snuggling by the heater or fire is a much more attractive option! Please pray we find other ways to maintain social contact amongst ourselves and the wider community.

A little reminder that our Sunday school room is available for any functions or social activities. It is a large and comfortable place to celebrate, meet, create friendships, learn new skills or simply be together. We have been able to employ a cleaner once a fortnight to do the vacuuming in both the church and the Sunday school room, as these tasks can no longer be done by members of the congregation. Special thanks to those who have so faithfully wielded vacuum cleaners, dusters and brooms for so many years. Our little church always looks cared for...and will now continue to do so.

Maggie's Mates continues to meet monthly. Many years ago this group was called the Ladies' Guild. Their job was to maintain the smooth running of the practical part of church life such as cleaning, business, fund raisers, social events and care of the church community. The job description hasn't changed all that much, but we have kept up to date with gender equality and care of one another as well as wider community participation, when virus conditions allow.....Please consider joining this important group and bring your ideas with you for keeping our church life lively and God-centred. Fresh ideas and folk all welcome!

In the meantime, please continue to pray for our church community and the guidance and courage to reach out to those in the wider community who need help and the touch of Jesus' love through us. We may be their only means of knowing God's love. What a privilege!

Julia Drought



St Margaret's celebrated Rupert Best's 86<sup>th</sup> birthday at the McLaren Vale Information Centre

## News from St Stephen's, Willunga

#### Four baptisms in two days!

On the Friday after Easter the Bishop of The Murray, the Rt Rev'd Keith Dalby, baptised three children at St Stephen's - George Sandon Vinnicombe and twins Matilda Anne Morgan and Henry Guy Morgan, and in the Saturday Vigil service Fr Brenton baptised Ava Jade Walker.

#### **Contemplative Prayer Services**

At the time of writing this news sheet the St Stephen's Faith Community have had two Contemplative Prayer Services. These have been well received and a sign has been made, to make it known to the Willunga locals. These Services are held on the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month at 5.30 pm in place of the Eucharist. Such a service is also held at Christ Church Yankalilla at 7.00 pm on the third Wednesday of each month. Taizé music accompanies the service and is an added joy and an aid to prayer.

What is Contemplative Prayer? It can be described in a number of ways; maybe it is simply taking time to be alone with Our Blessed Lord who, we know, loves us. It follows Christian meditation and is said to be the highest form of prayer, which aims to achieve a close Spiritual Union with God. It has the potential to increase our knowledge of Christ. Maybe it is simply listening or it is simply silence. Above all it could be described as a simple awareness of the presence of God, which surely must be a gift.



A quote from John of the Cross; "Contemplation is nothing other than a secret, peaceful, loving inflow of God. If given room, it will fire the soul in the spirit of love".

Please consider joining us at St Stephen's when there is a fifth Saturday. The next ones will be on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July, 29<sup>th</sup> of October and 31<sup>st</sup> December.

There will be more in the next issue of the *Grapevine*, about the Taizé music which accompanies Contemplative Prayer. We thank Fr Brenton for introducing us to this form of service.

Drinks and nibbles follow the service as they do on each other Saturday evening except on the second Saturday of the month when it is "Saturday Night Out". This is a meal held at the Middle Pub. The next will be on the 11<sup>th</sup> of June. Please book by letting Ted know on 0410 548 040 or sanderwt@bigpond.com, providing your menu choice.



Welcome to the Church family!
Above: Bishop Keith with George
Sandon Vinnicombe and twins Matilda Anne
Morgan and Henry Guy Morgan.
Below, with Steve Banner assisting,
Fr Brenton baptises Ave Jade.



If you frequent the Willunga markets on a Saturday morning you can still park your car in the St Stephen's carpark and walk down to the High School, and on your return you can spend some quiet time in the church.

Finally, it is indeed a great joy to have Steve and Christi Banner with us. Christi is Wendy Sandercock's successor as Sacristan and Steve has been licenced as a Eucharistic Assistant but has also assumed the role as a cleaner for the weekend Service to assist Ted Sandercock.

Until the June issue .....

John Strachan and Susan Smith Wardens

(More photos of St Stephen's in the online supplement, p.14)

## News from Christ Church, Yankalilla

The newly renovated kitchen at Christ Church is now finished and open for business. On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May after our church service Fr Brenton said a prayer of thanks for the work done and thanked those who had been involved in the work

The main cast who partook this challenge were Rob & Ann Ryan who spent a considerable amount of time finding our new benches, and Rob Ryan and Peter Filsell who took out the old cupboards and fixed the wall and floor ready for the new benches. (It was discovered that the old cupboards were inset about an inch below the rest of the floor so this had to be concreted to bring it up to level. This caused a few days delay.)

As Rob and Peter were working on this Fr Brenton was wielding his trusty paintbrush and transforming the whole room whilst making it look bigger and cleaner, and at the same time Ann Ryan and Lyn Dick were

continually sweeping up the mess and cleaning the room. Ann also made new curtains for the windows.

All of this would not have been possible without the work of the (now defunct) Women's Guild, who worked hard at raising the funds to pay for this work.

At the opening ceremony a couple of members of the Guild who no longer lived in the area attended: Ann Gardiner and Margaret Morgan, now both living in other parts of Adelaide joined Yvonne Scrutton and Belinda Rosser, both of whom are still active in Christ Church.

Fr Brenton now has plans for using the kitchen, including providing "get together" meals on an occasional basis for the families who are cared for by 5CY. These meals are in conjunction with the Men's Shed of Yankalilla (see Priestly Prattle, p. 2).



Ladies from the Guild in the newly renovated kitchen: Belinda Rosser, Ann Gardiner, Margaret Morgan and Yvonne Scrutton



Fr Peter Randle, Marlene Stone, Ann Ryan & Ann Gardiner, and, behind them, Margaret Morgan

Work has started on the painting of Christ Church Hall for the first time in 20 plus years. Father Brenton has scrounged some scaffolding and in this picture is washing the walls with sugar soap prior to painting. The job is expected to take almost a week as the hall is used by groups during the week.

Ron King

(More photos in online supplement, p. 15)

#### A never-to-be forgotten sermon

"Dear Lord," the minister began, with arms extended toward heaven and a rapturous look on his upturned face. "Without you, we are but dust...."

He would have continued, but at that moment a little girl who was listening attentively leaned over to her mother and asked quite audibly in her shrill four-year-old-girl voice, "Mummy, what is butt dust?"



## News from St Ann's, Aldinga

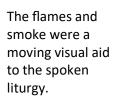
#### **Family Service**

We give thanks to our God for the variety of our services and for our extensive parishioner involvement. For our Family Service on 1<sup>st</sup> May the reading from John 21:1-19 told of the disciples, returning from fishing, meeting with Jesus on the shore of the Sea of Galilee after his Resurrection. We referenced this in the Confession, as follows:

Lord of life, we come to you now and sit in the warmth of your love, just as the disciples sat with you by the fire on the shore. We say sorry, Lord, for all the times we've knowingly done wrong. We say sorry for all the times we've failed to recognise you or your hand on us. We come now and lay before you all that we are sorry for.



Following this General Confession, we were each invited to write on a prepared "fish" cut-out, a sin we were holding on to and for which we were sorry. We were invited to place it in a BBQ kettle, (OHS approved) where they were all set alight.



Our Collection Hymn, Teach me, my God and King, in all things Thee to see, with words by the Reverend George Herbert (1593-1633),



includes verses which may surprise the modern reader but which express a simple truth:

All may of thee partake; nothing can be so mean which, with this tincture, For thy sake, will not grow bright and clean

A servant with this clause makes drudgery divine; who sweeps a room, as for thy laws, makes that and the action fine.

#### Prayer, Praise and Proclamation

For our Prayer, Praise and Proclamation Service on 15<sup>th</sup> May, led by Deacon Peter Chapman, the reading from John 13:31-35 included the challenging words, said by Jesus to his Disciples (except Judas), but equally applicable to us, today, wherever we are:

"Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other."

As always, the Prayer, Praise and Proclamation Services, like the Communion Services, are times of comfort and joy and have given much food for thought.

#### *Jumble Sale*

Another month has flown by and activities haven't seemed to slow up! Some of our well organised parishioners have managed to book lengthy holidays in warmer climes and overseas, sending photos to show how great a time they've had! A number of others have been unwell or in hospital. Sadly, they missed out on our Autumn Jumble Sale on 21<sup>st</sup> May, but although we had fewer helpers, a small but steady stream of buyers raised \$1,500!

Kudos goes to our newest saleswomen, Jo, who could sell snow to the Eskimos, and Kate (below), who braved the chill cold wind nearly all morning and navigated sales over multiple tables of bric-a-brac. It was poetry in motion watching them in action! Thanks go to Susan who looked after the clothing; Lorraine (jewellery), Pat,



Ann Vincent and Barbara (Devonshire Teas and produce stall), Anne (children's stall), Tony and Jack (tools), Bob and Margaret (barbecue), Pepper (books), Rhonda and Margaret (plants), and Bill, (keeper of the container and organiser of set up and clean-up!). Others too roved and helped where needed. Thank you to all (including a number from our other churches) who contributed goods for sale. Thank you too to those who came to help with set-up—including Kirsty (from Kalangadoo) and Alex (from Henley) and those who came to help

## News from St Ann's, cont'd



clear up—always the most exhausting part of the day, as Julia dramatically Illustrated (L)! (For more photos of the Jumble Sale and Combined Service see pp. 16-17 in the online supplement).

*Family Tea* On 27<sup>th</sup> May we

gathered for Family Tea, which was, as ever, a time of fellowship and refreshment.

#### **Combined Service**

Following the sale, in preparation for the Combined Service on 29<sup>th</sup> May, and taking advantage of the flexibility that the exchange of pews for chairs provides, Brother Simon asked to have the Altar brought forward to sit in a more central position in the aisle, and to be laid bare. Candles are under the Cross against the Eastern wall and, when lit, the visual image of our prayers and Christ's



Above: Organist and Choir Master, Brian McMillan Below: Christine Gunn with Rupert and Di Best sacrifice for all tell a powerful story. Thank you Brother Simon for reminding us of the simplicity of the Gospel.

It was very encouraging to have fellow-worshippers from our WFA churches from Delamere to Seaford coming together for the Combined Service; to participate in worship and in the fellowship of a shared meal to follow.

And with the whole choir present, the singing was magnificent! In his

message Br Simon spoke about seeking the truths expressed in the books of the Bible, and not using the Bible as a "weapon" of exclusivity.

The BOM's predicted "deluge"

held off and the sun shone, which meant that some people were able to wander outside to eat their lunch.

Brian McMillan and Julianne Bates, Wardens ( & AC)



Contact

Trish Frith

for rose pruning,

from the end of June.

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This year has several Fifth Sundays. The next will be in July 31<sup>st</sup> when the Combined Service will be held at St Margaret's, a chance to celebrate together for their Patronal Festival.

#### South Road developments

With the latest solution to the South Road traffic Problem at Aldinga, a grade separation is proposed, which will mean six lanes of traffic past St Ann's, instead of the original plan of four. The proposal now is to move the footpath inside the church wall. This will mean foot traffic through church property, but we gain 1.5 metres' distance between the church building and the traffic.

St Ann's will have a single entrance/exit, but there will be parking for 13 cars on the other side of Stonehouse Lane. Anyone leaving St Ann's will need to turn left. There will be no right turn.

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022 Brian McMillan attended at St Ann's Aldinga while the Property Condition Assessment for Fleurieu Connections was undertaken. He writes:

The interior and exterior of both buildings, and the headstones in the Cemetery, were all inspected and photographed by the engineer who recorded such information as he required.

This Assessment will show the condition of the buildings and of the Cemetery before any work on the Road commences, so that any untoward effect during the work may be readily discerned, and monitored and addressed appropriately.



St Ann's **Prayers for Peace** has had to be cancelled for June. However, it is hoped that people might attend the new Prayers for Peace at Seaford Christian Churches, planned for the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

of the month at 1 pm, with the first being on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

The regular Prayers for Peace at St Ann's will resume in July (Thursday July 14<sup>th</sup> at 11.15am).



#### Southern Vales Mothers' Union.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> May, members of the Southern Vales Branch of Mother Union and visitors met at the McLaren Vale Information Centre under the brilliantly coloured glory vine.



L-R: Gail Filsell, Trish Frith, Anne Chittleborough, Dorothy Milde, Joan Lunn, Helen Cook, Joan Dare, Queenie Baban and Doreen Rushbrook. Photographer: Jo Parsons

#### **Prayer and reflection**

Following a companionable coffee and social chat, the meeting commenced as usual with the lighting of the candle and an invitation to participate in prayer and reflection. A thought-provoking article from Mia Mia was read, on how Mary, sister of Martha and Lazarus, was so eager to learn from Jesus that she was prepared to radically defy the traditional role of the woman in the culture of her times, and adopt the position usually reserved for male disciples - at the feet of the teacher.

Prayers were offered in respect of those known to us to be experiencing illness and those experiencing loneliness and other hardships.

#### A helping hand ...

A personal handwritten letter of thanks from Genesis Pregnancy Support for the \$100 donation raised by MU members at Yankalilla had been received.

Among other matters discussed was possible ways to support the work of the schools' chaplains in our area.

#### **Support For Madagascar**

President, Trish Frith, spoke of the recent letter from the Australian President of MU Australia (6<sup>th</sup> April 2022) which described the very serious plight of women in

Madagascar, suffering from the effects of famine because of a 40-year drought in consequence of climate change.

In making a submission to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, Jocelyn Razafiarivony, MU Provincial Coordinator from Madagascar, used a graphic example to demonstrate the relationship between climate change and gender inequality: "while the men of Madagascar were free to leave the drought-ridden land and look for work elsewhere, the women had no option but to stay behind as caregivers, eating only cactus and water and walking tens of miles each day to reach food camps."

In response to this crisis MU was able to act as agents of change, providing immediate help to families in desperate circumstances - initially feeding them and then providing them with the materials, skills and tools to develop self-sufficiency, resilience and the encouragement to become agents of change themselves.

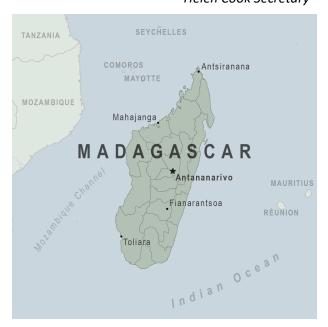
Following a request from the Provincial President, it was proposed to donate to AMUA's Overseas Target Fund, with members each donating the cost of a breakfast. Donations to be in by next meeting. It was suggested that the donation be accompanied by handwritten letters expressing personal support.

Donations may be made by non-MU members. If you would like to contribute please give your donation to a Mothers' Union member in your area.

The plight of the women in Madagascar was raised at the conclusion of the Combined Service at St Ann's, and it is wonderful that \$270 was raised on the spot by donations.

Our next meeting is on MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022 at St Ann's Room, South Road, Aldinga.

> Please note the change of venue. Helen Cook Secretary



## Snippets from WFA Council Meeting, 10th May 2022

**Bishop Keith** will visit the parish from 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> June. He will meet with the WFA Council on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm, and attend the Family Tea at St Ann's that evening. He will attend the Diocese's first WHS Workshop for local Churchwardens and clergy on Saturday, and will attend our parish worship.

**Priest's report:** Br Simon commented that it was encouraging to see new people taking up roles — speaking in church, service preparation, powerpoints etc. This was good and was in line with our policy of encouraging active participation. Our contribution to the National Church Life Survey had shown positive signs, with more than 50% of the people taking up active roles.

Secretary's Report: Website: Jane had spent time with Lorraine Nitschke in preparation for taking over control of the website. Back numbers of the *Grapevine* will be archived; they will still be available but no longer coming up on the initial newsletter page. The Wardens were asked to check the information on their church page, that it was correct and up-to-date.

**Treasurer's Report**: (see graphs) WFA still has Diocesan targets to raise. Margaret asked if each church could find a way to raise some money towards these targets, which, together, total \$3000.

Next meeting 14<sup>th</sup> June, 4 pm, Christ Church, Yankalilla

# Would you be prepared to make a donation towards the printing of the Grapevine?

To cut down costs and as a contribution to the parish's financial situation, our parish Council has asked if people would be prepared to make a donation towards the cost of printing *The Grapevine*. Each paper copy costs about \$1. A donation of \$15 from those who could afford it would cover a year's printing and a contribution towards copies for those unable to do so. St Nicholas' congregation has already started to do this. Would you?

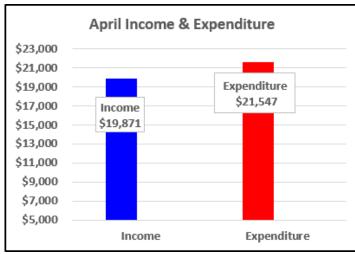
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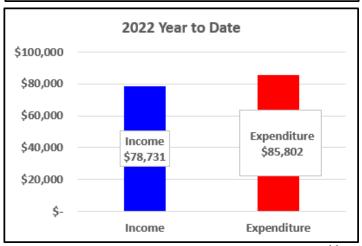
A good way to support the ministry of our parish is to arrange a weekly offering as a direct debit. This gives a steady commitment to our church even when we miss a Sunday.

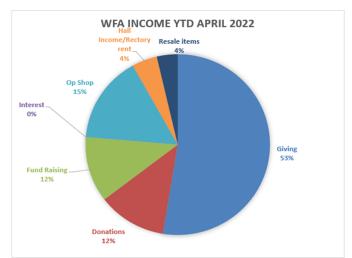
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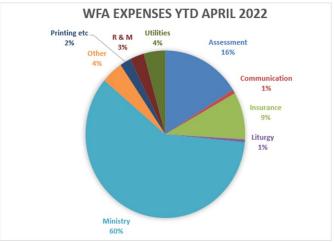
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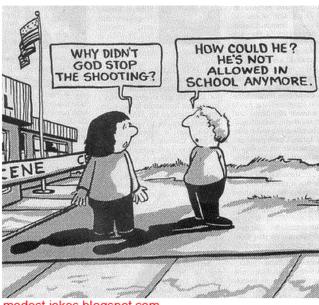
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Please notify the Editor if you wish to avoid the chance of being mentioned in this newsletter.

## Service times & contact details

St Margaret's, 99 Main Road McLaren Vale

Sunday: 10.30 am Wednesday: 9:00 am

Wardens:

Judith Wells 8186 1296 Greg John 0405 053 331

St Stephen's, St Andrews Tce, Willunga

Saturday: 5.30 pm

Wardens:

Susan Smith 0416 799 965 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

 $1^{st}$ ,  $2^{nd}$  &  $3^{rd}$  Sundays – 9.00 am

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – 11.00 am

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Combined Service

Wardens:

Ron 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

Warden:

Peter Filsell 0427 534 095

Where there is a Fifth Sunday in a month (as again in July) service times are likely to be different.

Please check pewsheets, noticeboards and website for details.

# St Nicholas', Seaford: (see p. 4) Sunara's illustrations of the Gospel readings



The New Commandment heart



A peace gift



Sunara's fishing net

St Stephen's, Willunga (see p. 6)

Bishop Keith baptises twins George and Matilda





Below: At the service of Contemplative Prayer

## Christ Church, Yankalilla (see p. 7)



What a transformation! With the work done, the kitchen is now smart and operational.

Below: Pam Gowling washing up, Marlene Stone drying, and Ann Ryan, in the refurbished kitchen.





And the work goes on ... now they're working on painting the hall (see p. 7). The man who's usually behind the camera, Ron King (L), is one of the workers.

# St Ann's Aldinga Jumble Sale (see p. 8)



The men take a breather: Jack, Simon, Bill and Tony



Rhonda and Margaret and the plant stall



Lorraine D and Jane with the jewellery stall



Susan tidying the racks in the clothing stall



Kate and Julianne at the bric-a-brac stalls



A cup of tea and a scone gives energy to keep buying!

Combined service at St Ann's (see p. 9) Thanks largely to photographer Julia Drought, we have a number of photos of this all-parish occasion.

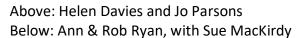


L: Bob Smith reads the First Lesson

R: Susie Waters and Lorraine de Fredrick



Joan Lunn and Susan Smith





Thanks from us all: Anne Vincent and Stephen Carthew doing the dishes.

# **Combined Service** (cont'd)



Above: Lorraine Eyles and Julianne Bates L: Heather Chapman with Joan Lunn



Above: Tony & Wendy Young L: Ron King, Fr Brenton, Fr Peter Randle



Cathy More, Christine Gunn, Margaret Cale



Pat Roper, Julianne Bates