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growing in care, love and service.*



# The Grapevine

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



## A Very Significant Synod

*Brian McMillan, Synod representative*

The Synod of the Diocese of the Murray met at the new Bridgeport Hotel in Murray Bridge on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022. As usual, our Bishop, the Right Reverend Keith Dalby, presided at the Synod Eucharist: Deacon Peter Chapman was his Deacon.

The Bishop's Address at the Synod can be found on both the Diocesan web site and the parish web site.

What the Bishop said about two matters demonstrates that the winds of change are blowing through our Diocese. He referred to the necessity for existential flexibility, saying: "This is about the willingness and ability to change direction, to move in a new way, with new purpose to be flexible to the changing environment ...".

Of the most radical change in direction the Bishop said, "... today I am announcing that **I am opening a discussion on the Ordination of Women in this Diocese.** During the next twelve months this diocese will have an opportunity to discuss this issue at length... To further facilitate a good listening discussion in the next twelve months I will call the Synod together, not to be Synod, but to come together and discuss the issue in a combined workshop day. Ample time will be given to allow maximum involvement. If parishes wish to facilitate discussions I will be supportive...

I will then allow appropriate legislation to come forward to the next Synod to permit the adoption of the General Synod Canon which enables women to be

priested in the Diocese, and we will have a full debate at the next Synod on that, and I will allow a vote. The Synod will have the opportunity to debate it, and to vote on it at that Synod. Whatever the decision of Synod I will support that decision. If it passes, I will not block it ..."

Of the other change in direction the Bishop said, "... A second existential flex we have to make is about becoming intentionally more welcoming and inclusive to the people which Jesus identified in his sermon in the Synagogue in Nazareth, the poor, the stranger, the single person, the broken-hearted, the downtrodden, those who feel excluded by society and by us as the church... We need to be welcoming to our LGBTQIA+ brothers and sisters in Christ for they along with all the other people Jesus mentions in his sermon, are made in the image and likeness of God and therefore they have value and worth in the eyes of God, and therefore we must look on them in no less a way. We cannot simply have a note on our sign board or our web site saying all welcome if we do not truly welcome all into our faith communities. I understand that this will be a huge challenge for some of our people, but we must do this for we need to be loving and caring and kind and compassionate to those who come through our doors to seek the solace and comfort of our loving God."

The Bishop covered the reality of the necessity for local commitment to implement this: "... So, to follow the example of General Synod, **I also wish to apologize to the LGBTQIA+ community and to their families and their friends, many of whom have left our churches, but many have remained.** I am sorry for our Diocese and church's role in ostracising, demonising and refusing to recognise you all as loved and precious children of God who have been

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Hi all,

I would like to introduce you to a book by Richard Rohr, a Franciscan Priest, *The Universal Christ*. In fact, this is the book he gave to Pope Francis on June 20<sup>th</sup> this year at a private meeting.

This book contains so many spiritual insights that help us to have a

language to share faith with those outside the church or who have rejected the church that it would take time to soak it in. Here are some highlights so you can get a taste. (Page numbers are based on the electronic Kindle edition.)

- “When Christians hear the word ‘incarnation’, most of us think about the birth of Jesus, who personally demonstrated God’s radical unity with humanity. But in this book, I want to suggest that the first Incarnation was the moment described in Genesis 1, when God joined in unity with the physical universe and became the light inside of everything.” (*The Universal Christ*, p. 12)

- “The Incarnation, then, is not only ‘God becoming Jesus.’ It is a much broader event, which is why John first describes God’s presence in the general word ‘flesh’ [John 1:14]. John is

speaking of the ubiquitous Christ that Caryl Houselander so vividly encountered, the Christ that the rest of us continue to encounter in



other human beings, a mountain, a blade of grass, or a starling.” (p. 12)

- **Everything visible, without exception, is the outpouring of God.”** (p. 12)

- “For you who have loved Jesus...do you recognize that any God worthy of the name *must* transcend creeds and denominations, time and place, nations and ethnicities, and all the vagaries of gender, extending to the limits of all we can see, suffer, and enjoy?” (p. 36)

- “When you look your dog in the face, for example, as I often looked at my black Labrador, Venus, I truly believe you are seeing another incarnation of the Divine Presence, the Christ.” (p. 51)

- “Our inherent ‘likeness to God’ depends upon the objective connection given by God equally to all creatures, each of whom carries the divine DNA in a unique way.” (p. 60)

- “God loves things by becoming them.” (p. 113)

- **“When Jesus spoke the word ‘This is my Body,’ I believe he was speaking not just about the bread right in front of him, but about the whole universe, about every thing that is physical, material, and yet also spirit-filled. ... His assertion and our repetition resound over all creation before they also settle into one piece of bread.”** (p. 131)

- “Honestly, and without any stretch, my dog Venus taught me more about ‘real presence’ over a fifteen-year period than any theological manual ever did.” (pp. 131-132)

- “The bread and the wine together are stand-ins for *the very elements of the universe*, which also enjoy and communicate the incarnate presence.” (p. 133)



those willing to meet Reality through him. Many do meet Divine Reality without this shortcut, and we must be honest about that. I cannot prove that Jesus is the shortcut, nor does he need me to....” (p. 178)

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After this brief sharing of quotes from the book I pray that we all will find our own incarnational language and stories about our faith in God that we can use to share our faith authentically with those around us.

Cheers Br Simon

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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but also find a number of pages of  
extra photos.**



## July

<b>Fri 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>COMING OF THE LIGHT (Torres Strait Islands)</b>
<b>Sun 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Gold Coin Collection</b> for CPS workers ("Chaplains")
<b>3<sup>rd</sup>—10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>July NAIDOC Week</b>
<b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mothers' Union</b> St Ann's, Aldinga, 9.30 am
<b>Thurs 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Yankadelly</b> 4 pm
	<b>Soup and Chat</b> , Christ Church, 4.30—6 pm
<b>Fri 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Nicholas' Luncheon</b> 12.30 ( <i>Bookings</i> 8392 4508) and <b>Fellowship</b> 1pm ( <i>Changed date</i> )
<b>Sat 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saturday Night Out at Willunga</b> 7 pm <i>Bookings 0410548040</i>
<b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>ACH Yankalilla service</b> , 2 pm
<b>Tues 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>WFA Council</b> St Margaret's 7 pm
<b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Maggie's Mates</b> 11.15 am
<b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Soup and Chat</b> , Christ Church, 4.30—6 pm
<b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Friends of St Ann's</b> 6.50 for 7 pm
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Contemplative Prayer</b> , Christ Church 6 pm
<b>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Soup and Chat</b> , Christ Church, 4.30—6 pm
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>MARY MAGDALENE</b>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup>—24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Visit of Bishop Keith</b> ( <i>next column</i> )
	<b>Family Tea</b> , St Ann's 6.30 pm
<b>Sun 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>ABM speaker</b> , Meagan Schwarz, at St Ann's (9 am) and St Nicholas' (10.30 am)
	<b>Healing service</b> , Christ Church 11 am
<b>Tues 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>JAMES, ANN</b>
	<b>Prayers for Peace</b> , St Nicholas', 1 pm
<b>Thurs 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Soup and Chat</b> , Christ Church, 4.30—6 pm
<b>Sat 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Contemplative Prayer</b> , St Stephen's 5.30 pm
<b>30-31<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Almond Blossom Festival</b> , Willunga
<b>Sun 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Fifth Sunday Combined Service</b> ( <i>next column</i> )

## August

<b>Mon 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Mothers' Union</b> St Ann's, Aldinga, 9.30 am
<b>Thurs 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Yankadelly</b> 4 pm
	<b>Soup and Chat</b> , Christ Church, 4.30—6 pm
<b>Sat 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>TRANSFIGURATION</b>
<b>Sun 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Gold Coin Collection</b> for CPS workers
<b>Tues 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mary Sumner Day</b> (Mothers' Union) ( <i>see p. 10</i> )
	<b>WFA Council</b> St Ann's 7 pm
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<b>Sun 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>ACH Yankalilla service</b> , 2 pm
<b>Mon 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD</b>
<b>Tues 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Friends of St Ann's</b> 6.50 for 7 pm
<b>Wed 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Contemplative Prayer</b> , Christ Church 6 pm
<b>Thurs 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Soup and Chat</b> , Christ Church, 4.30—6 pm
<b>Fri 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Nicholas' Luncheon</b> 12.30 ( <i>Bookings</i> 8392 4508) & <b>Fellowship</b> 1 pm
<b>Tues 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Prayers for Peace</b> , St Nicholas', 1 pm
<b>Wed 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>BARTHOLOMEW</b>
<b>Fri 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Family Tea</b> , St Ann's 6.30 pm
<b>Sun 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Healing service</b> , Christ Church 11 am



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

## Prayers for Peace

in July will be at  
**St Nicholas', Seaford,**  
**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July, at 1 pm,**  
instead of St Ann's

## Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July

**Contemplative Prayer Service 5.30 pm**  
at St Stephen's, Willunga  
*See p. 5*

## Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July

**Combined service 10.30 am**  
at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale  
**Shared lunch to follow.**  
*Details p. 4*

## Each Wednesday

**9 am Holy Communion** St Margaret's  
**10 am Bible Study** in the Sunday  
School Room, St Margaret's  
Enquiries: Ted Sandercock  
0410548040 or sanderwt@bigpond.com



**Bishop Keith's visit to WFA** had to be postponed until July. He will now be with us from **22<sup>nd</sup>—24<sup>th</sup> July.** His programme will be:

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

3-5 pm Meet with Parish Council, at St Ann's  
6.30 pm St Ann's Family Tea

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

2-4 pm Workplace Health & Safety Workshop  
(Local Church Wardens, clergy and invited others) St Margaret's schoolroom  
5.30 pm Vigil Eucharist, St Stephen's

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July

9 am Eucharist St James, Delamere  
11 am Eucharist Christ Church, Yankalilla  
Lunch

## News from St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

A quiet wintertime, with lower attendances as we prefer to stay warm at home. Some home visits from Judith Wells ensure that those who are house bound are still connected with our Christian community...thankyou for keeping us in touch, Judith.

Thanks also to Michael Drought who changes the church banners for each celebration. Behind the scenes jobs are just as important as front-of-house activities...

Curtis took over playing the organ while Greg John went on a fund raising mission trek in central Australia. We enjoyed Curtis' music. Thankyou Curtis.

Maggie's Mates had a meeting, but no decisions were made as numbers were down... we can't tear ourselves away from those warm fires at home!  
Blessings and keep warm.

*Julia Drought for Wardens: Judith Wells, Greg John*

St Margaret's congregation looks forward to welcoming parishioners from our other faith centres at the **Combined Service on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July** (fifth Sunday of the month) **at 10.30 am.**

Choirmaster Brian McMillan invites you to nominate your favourite hymn to be considered for inclusion in the service. Those whose hymns are selected will be invited to speak, during the service, about why they chose their hymn and what it means to them.

Please convey your nomination to Brian on [bmcmill@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bmcmill@bigpond.net.au) (or 0409 635 277), on or before 17<sup>th</sup> July.

Bring food to share in the Sunday School Room after the service.



*Above: St Margaret's celebrating Pentecost: Doreen Rushbrook, Leonie & Greg Pettman, Piquet Copeland, Fr Brenton (back), Brenda Dew, Roger Dew (back), Rupert & Di Best, Judith Wells (back), Sue Russell, Adrian Dingle, Frank Thomas, Jan Dingle, Curtis Antram, Sue Thomas. Below: Greg (second to right) on the Larapinta Trail.*



### **Synod, cont'd from p. 1**

made in His image and likeness, and have value and worth in that createdness. While I cannot undo what has happened in the past, and I cannot promise I or the Diocese will get our restoring of relationship with you right straight away I can promise you we will try. I also recognise that you will, with justification, be somewhat sceptical and wish to see real change. I get that. I also get that me saying this is one thing, where the real change will need to occur is at the grass roots of the Diocese, and that is in the parishes. Clergy and lay people together will need to have a commitment to this change. I am committed to starting the journey, and encouraging it in the parishes. I acknowledge it will take time, and there will be fits and starts and there will be frustration on both sides."

In closing the Bishop said "...Here is what I think we need to do as a diocese, as a bishop, as clergy and as parishioners. We must be deliberate and obvious

disciples of Jesus. It is as simple and as complex as that... We can only be a restored Diocese by truly being imitators of Jesus the Christ. Exhibiting love, compassion, kindness, empathy to those who are careworn. We need to be parishes and a Diocese that is able to say to the people we encounter, *Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light, and you will find rest for your souls.* In this we will be a church that is a sanctuary and a refuge, a place where inclusion, kindness, empathy, love and compassion are to the fore, and our missionary activity will be effective because people will see in us the person of Jesus who first spoke these words..."

Other matters discussed at Synod such as reviewing and pastoral supervision of clergy, and issues of family violence, may be covered in a later issue.

*For some photos of Synod see p. 15 in the online supplement.*



## News from St Stephen's, Willunga

In the June edition of the Grapevine, we said that we would speak about Taizé Music; where did it come from?

It emanates from the Taizé Community, which is a monastic fraternity in Burgundy, in France. There are more than 100 Brothers, both of Catholic and Protestant traditions.

The Taizé Community was founded in 1940 by Br Roger Schulz-Marsauche who was Swiss. The Community of Brothers was considered to be a safe haven during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, not only for Christians but also for Jews and atheists. It was because of this that silent prayer in private places was encouraged. Out of this grew a new form of worship, with the worship style developed into short hymns sung over and over again. The phrases are now usually lines from Scripture, with the repetition aiding meditation.

And so, at St Stephen's (as at Christ Church, Yankalilla on Wednesday evenings) we are able to experience this very peaceful means of worship known as Contemplative Prayer. Please join us on the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays at 5.30 pm. The next will be the 30<sup>th</sup> July, then on 29<sup>th</sup> October and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

As usual, drinks and nibbles follow each service at St Stephen's except on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday when it is

**Saturday Night Out** at the Middle Pub. The next will be **9<sup>th</sup> July**. Please book by letting Ted Sandercock know on 0410548040 or [sanderwt@bigpond.com](mailto:sanderwt@bigpond.com), providing your menu choice.

Don't forget to use the St Stephens' car park if you are in Willunga, especially if you are going down to the market on Saturday morning. You could also use St Stephen's as a place of quiet contemplation on a Saturday morning, away from the hustle and bustle.

One final thing: Brian Macmillan plays the organ on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays and so we can have a sung Eucharist on these days. The St Stephen's family is very grateful to Brian for this.

Until the August issue.... *John Strachan, Warden*



*All are invited to stay after the Saturday evening service for wine, cheese and fellowship in a relaxed atmosphere. Clockwise from the left: Anne, Lorraine, Charisse, Trish, Wendy, Bob, Susan, John, Joan, Brenton, Ted, Stephen, Julie.*

### What is pastoral care? Who does it? How?

A workshop on Pastoral Care at the Uniting Church, Willunga, led by the Rev. Jensi on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, was attended by three parishioners from WFA. Beginning with a discussion on what pastoral care is—and what it isn't—it provided an opportunity to consider some of the issues involved, and ways of meeting them. It was good to have an opportunity to spend time with the church up the road! A



Small jars are always needed for jams etc, but if there are any left over when you have done your bottling, the Christian Care Centre would be glad of them. **Small** jars only please. Leave them at St Ann's.



### Willunga's Almond Blossom Festival

will be on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>-Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022  
A great weekend to leave your car in the car park at St Stephen's—and come on to the Contemplative service at 5.30. pm.

## News from St Ann's, Aldinga

### *Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen*

To conclude our service on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022, the Sunday nearest to the celebrations in Great Britain of the more than 70 years of the reign of the Queen, we gave thanks using the following words:

God of all nations, on this day of Pentecost we praise you for the power of your Holy Spirit, equipping each of us for our life's work.

We celebrate especially the wonderful work of our Queen, who has put loyalty before her royalty through all the ages of her reign, and who, day by day, has served you her God and Christ her King with humility, resilience and grace.

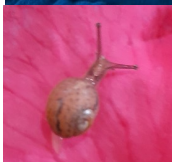
Thank you for all she is and all she has done to your glory.

We then sang, heartily, two verses of *God Save The Queen*.

### *Family Service*

Red was the colour of the day for Pentecost, and our Family Service on 5<sup>th</sup> June was led by Trish Frith, whose headgear (a red wide-brimmed picture hat) and jewellery (a necklace comprising two strands of pearls) put us in mind of the celebrations to which reference is made above. The principal reading for the Feast of Pentecost was from Acts 2, 1-21, telling of the coming of the Holy Spirit, breaking down boundaries of fear and difference between the disciples and the crowds in Jerusalem. As Bishop Keith said in his Synod address, Pentecost was "where God did indeed do a new thing as He empowered and transformed the disciples of Jesus from a frightened bunch of men and women into a group of people empowered by the Holy Spirit willing to take risks and even risk their own lives to further the Good News of Jesus."

In delivering the message Julianne Bates explored how we too, now, might be filled and fulfilled by the same Holy Spirit.



*It wasn't just parishioners who warmed to the colour red—Trish was entranced by a visitor who came to church on a camellia.*

### *Prayer, Praise and Proclamation*

For our Prayer, Praise and Proclamation Service on 19<sup>th</sup> June, led by Deacon Peter Chapman, the first Reading was from 1Kings 19, 1-18, the story of Elijah's encounter with God. This was reflected in the Hymn by Charles Wesley which included:

Open, Lord, my inward ear, and bid my heart rejoice;  
bid my quiet spirit hear your comfortable voice;  
never in the whirlwind found, or where earthquake  
rocks the place,  
still and silent is the sound, the whisper of your grace.

The Gospel, from Luke 8, 26-39 told of the encounter with Jesus of the man possessed by demons who was healed: an event which made the local community so fearful that they asked Jesus to leave. The healed man sought to accompany Jesus, but was told "Go home and tell everything God did in you." Deacon Peter in delivering the message invited us to keep doing just that.

### *Church and Churchyard improvements*

On 18<sup>th</sup> June the area between the Church and the Room was levelled and, in part paved, by a team recruited by, and including, Bob Smith. We are grateful to Space Landscape Construction for providing machinery for the project free of charge. The paving is elegant and practical – the only part of the churchyard not under water with the most recent rains – and demonstrates the experience and skill of the team, to whom we tender our grateful thanks. *(More photos p. 13 of the online supplement)*





In addition to the paving work, some repairs have recently been done. With some of the rocks in the porch wall crumbling, Robert Taylor, the Stonemason, did a masterful work of removing the broken rocks and repairing the wall.



### *Golden Wedding Anniversary*

Recently Margaret and Bill Cale celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary. On the 19<sup>th</sup> June some friends gathered after church at Agostino Wines, our neighbour at Lot 40 Stonehouse Lane, to share the celebration. A toast to Margaret and Bill was given by Barbara Walter, whose well-chosen words and sentiments expressed to perfection how fortunate we are that we have Margaret and Bill amongst us with their many and varied contributions to the life and work of St Ann's, of the Parish, and of the Diocese.



### *Family Tea*

On 27<sup>th</sup> June we gathered for Family Tea. After the last three intimate gatherings, it was good that seventeen people came together to share great food, drink and conversation. A lively night was had by all with much merriment, and recipes and varied stories were exchanged. The night concluded with a sudden downpour of rain of which no-one was aware until we opened the door to leave and negotiate the puddles!

### *Vale Cynthia Owens*

Following Cynthia's sudden death in May, her sister Linda wishes to thank her friends at St Ann's for their love and support over the past months. Linda plans to share a little more about Cynthia's life in due course and this will be circulated when available.



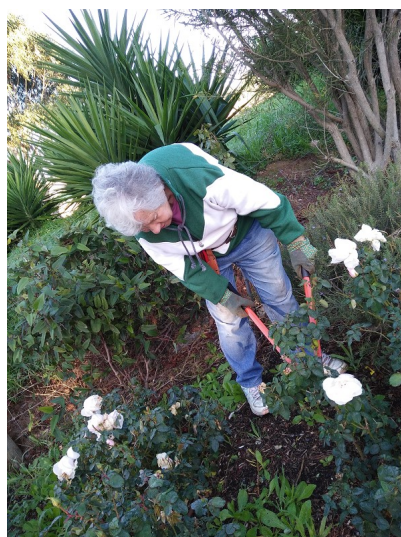
### *Raffles*

Conscious of the ever-pressing need for parish funds, Barbara Walter has run another of her marvellous raffles, this time with 11 prizes! It was drawn after church on the 26<sup>th</sup> June with much hilarity and delight, and raised \$300. She promises another in Spring. Well done, Barbara!



### *Roses*

Trish Frith and her band of helpers are engaged in pruning roses around the district. As well as the money they raise for the parish their visits are a means of connecting, not only with parishioners, but with people outside the church who need their help and appreciate their visit.



### *Wetland revegetation*

International Christian conservation organisation Rocha SA and the Onkaparinga Council are holding a revegetation event at the Aldinga Hart Road wetland on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 2 pm**. If you are interested in joining them, please contact Sally Shaw, [sallyashaw@gmail.com](mailto:sallyashaw@gmail.com)

### *Bees!*

Dr Katya Hogendoorn\* will talk about native bees, the difference between them and honeybees, the reasons they're so important and why they're in decline—and what we can do in our gardens to stop this happening.

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2-30—4 pm at  
Aldinga ArtsEco Village Sharing Shed**

Reply to [sallyashaw@gmail.com](mailto:sallyashaw@gmail.com) or 0418154195 by 11<sup>th</sup> July

\* School of Agriculture, Food And Wine, University of Adelaide



## News from Christ Church, Yankalilla



Last month we reported on painting the hall. This has made a huge improvement to the look of the room. There was just one spot that defeated the painting team—although Fr Brenton got pretty close!!



A wild, wet winter has forced everyone indoors, though thankfully our church attendances have not dropped as much as we feared would happen. This may have been because some of the resident snowbirds have been unable to travel due to the ongoing COVID situation.



The Contemplative Prayer Services and the Thursday afternoon prayer meetings are still being well supported. Starting the Contemplative Prayer Services at 6 pm for the winter instead of the usual 7 pm seems to have made a difference.

Our new kitchen has been christened, though not by us directly. The local men's shed in conjunction with 5CY puts on a community lunch which is mainly aimed at the 5CY clients but open to anyone, and they have been given the use of our hall and kitchen. The first one was a success and we look forward to more.

Fr Brenton has started a Soup & Chat meeting from 4:30-6 pm on Thursdays. This is open to the entire community and a sign outside the hall invites all to attend. It is hoped to run this for the next 6 – 8 weeks of winter. The first one was on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June and about twenty people enjoyed a choice of vegetable or pumpkin soup with a warm crusty roll. (below, left) Just the thing on a cold winters day!

Ron King

(More photos p. 14 of the online supplement)





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

### Our services

At our combined service on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>, Rev John Madden preached an enlightening service on the importance of Love. Love for God, for each other, and for the world. It was great to join with our brothers and sisters from the Uniting and Church of Christ in worship and also to enjoy fellowship over morning tea afterwards.



Combined service

We celebrated Pentecost on the 5<sup>th</sup> June with Br Simon presiding and Ian Richter accompanying the service with music. Our Healing Service on the 12<sup>th</sup> June was lay led with Father Ted leading the prayers and anointing those who came forward. Deacon Peter (L) led our Family Service and presided over the reserved sacrament. It was wonderful to have Heather and Peter with us on the Sunday and Peter gave a Wonderful message entitled 'Go Home and Tell' based on the Gospel reading. The month ended with Br Simon leading us on the 26<sup>th</sup> and staying for morning tea



Titi Sujiwora reading the Epistle

and fellowship with the congregation.

We have missed Sunara for some of the month as she has been unwell. We all miss her smiling face and wonderful artistic contribution to our services.

**Fellowship** Our meeting in June continued our planning for the Anniversary Service, now moved to Sat 10<sup>th</sup> September to avoid clashing with other events. The congregation will be asked to suggest favourite hymns and to reflect on special memories of their time at St Nicholas'. We will add these to a memory board displayed at the service. Our meeting in July will be one week earlier – 8<sup>th</sup> July 1pm – when we will be putting together the Giving Envelopes for those in the parish who requested them. Helen is away travelling for the next couple of months but will keep in touch with things via email.

**Prayer chain and pastoral care** Our prayer chain has been busy this month with several members on the sick list, and so continues to be busy with requests for prayers and thanksgiving. Father Ted and others offer Home Communion to those housebound, and regular visits and phone calls keep everyone in touch. Sunara has been in our thoughts and prayers and we hope to see her back at St Nicholas' soon.

**SCC.** The Ecumenical Services Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was very successful, with members from all congregations attending. It was a wonderful time of reflection, prayer, praise, and togetherness followed by afternoon tea. The theme of the service was "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship Him" (Matthew 2:2) and during the service we all placed stars on a blackboard.

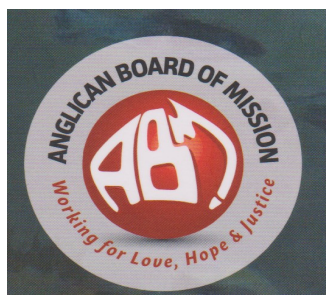
World Refugee Day, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June, was another SCC Ecumenical service, with guest speaker Julie Krause (below) sharing her experiences with refugees. Julie works for the Australian Lutheran World Service, the aid agency of the Lutheran Church of Australia. The work of ALWS involves long term sustainability, responding to emergencies and working with refugees. She shared several stories from refugees leaving Ukraine, from the Kakuma Refugee camp in Kenya and Bangladesh. A beautiful service with thoughtful prayers and wonderful singing led by Cathy, John, Sr Bernie, and Caroline on the Piano. There was also a lovely morning tea and time of fellowship afterwards.

God Bless

Helen Cook  
& Jane Cuthbert



**The Anglican Board of Mission is the national mission agency for the Anglican Church in Australia**



It is the channel through which Australian Anglicans participate in mission, both in church-to-church projects and in sustainable communities projects.



On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July Meagan Schwarz, previously a teacher in Dogura, PNG, and now working for the Anglican Board of Mission, will be guest speaker at the services at St Ann's and St Nicholas'.

## **ABM's Pentecost Projects this year support Myanmar and Gaza.**

Ordinary people in Gaza live with poverty, foreign blockades, frequent border closures, chronic power shortages, limited health access and sporadic political conflict. In Gaza, the Ahli Hospital, one of the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem's many outreach operations, is addressing malnutrition issues. The hospital has already trained ten community mobilisers, to go into the homes of mothers of malnourished children to teach nutrition, breast-feeding and women's rights.



In Myanmar, over 800,000 people have become displaced because of conflicts and the loss of previous informal work opportunities. Their challenges include increases in new COVID cases, and the difficulty of daily life under the military regime. With the help of ABM, the Church of the Province of Myanmar is providing water to people in remote villages.



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After the cold wintry weather experienced recently, on 6<sup>th</sup> June we all appreciated meeting in the comfort of St Ann's hall for coffee, cake, companionship, prayer and reflection. Cake was provided to celebrate the recent birthday of Joanie Rawlings, while Queenie's daughter had kindly made muffins to share. Thank you!

In addition to 5 other knitted "beanies", Lucy Creed had kindly knitted a beautiful baby jacket and bonnet for Genesis - thank you again Lucy.

A project was initiated last meeting to raise awareness and donations to support those suffering in the 40 year drought in Madagascar (see *Grapevine* June 2022, p. 10). From members and friends donating the cost of their breakfasts in the past month, and donations given by others through church notices etc, MU Southern Vales had raised an amazing total of \$602 in the past 4 weeks !

To help keep the plight of Madagascar in our prayers, Trish F had brought cuttings of succulents to the meeting for members to take home, to remind each of us of the plight of women in Madagascar who were having to survive on cactus and water, and to give us a visual focus for our midday prayer and meditation.

It was noted that ABM supports the work of the MU in PNG in tailoring the Positive Parenting Manual to the cultural context of supporting families in PNG.

The prayer below was read from the MU's *Mia Mia*:

### **The 'Reverse St Francis Prayer'**

Lord, make me a channel of disturbance  
Where there is apathy, let me provoke;  
Where there is compliance, let me bring questioning;  
Where there is silence, may I be a voice;  
Where there is too much comfort and too little action, grant disruption;  
Where there are doors closed and hearts locked, grant the willingness to listen;  
Where laws dictate and pain is overlooked...  
When tradition speaks louder than need...  
grant that I may seek rather to do justice than talk about it;  
Disturb us, O Lord,  
To be with, as well as for, the alienated;  
To love the unlovable as well as the lovely;  
Lord make me a channel of disturbance.

Author Unknown

*Next meeting at St Ann's, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 9.30 am*

**Mary Sumner Day (in honour of MU's founder)**  
**Christ Church, Strathalbyn, 11 am Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August -**  
**with refreshments at 10.30 am.**

**Please bring your own Savoury lunch**  
**The 130<sup>th</sup> celebration cake for the MU of Australia will be provided as sweets**



## Snippets from WFA Council meeting,

### National Church Life Survey

A summary profile of our parish as shown in the NCLS was discussed.

It was not surprising to find that the average age of our congregation was 76, or that 72% were female. Approximately one third of our congregation were “new” arrivals, which emphasised the importance of being a welcoming church. Experience of worship was positive, and 13% want to be more involved in the local church. Our music was much appreciated.

However, only 18% felt at ease talking about faith with others and looked for opportunities to do so, while only 8% believed that reaching out to those who do not attend church was important.

(To see the full report of the NCLS profile, ask your Wardens.)

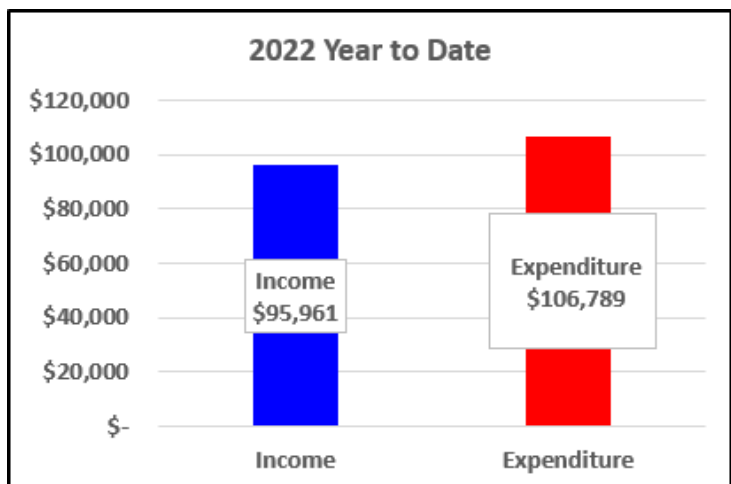
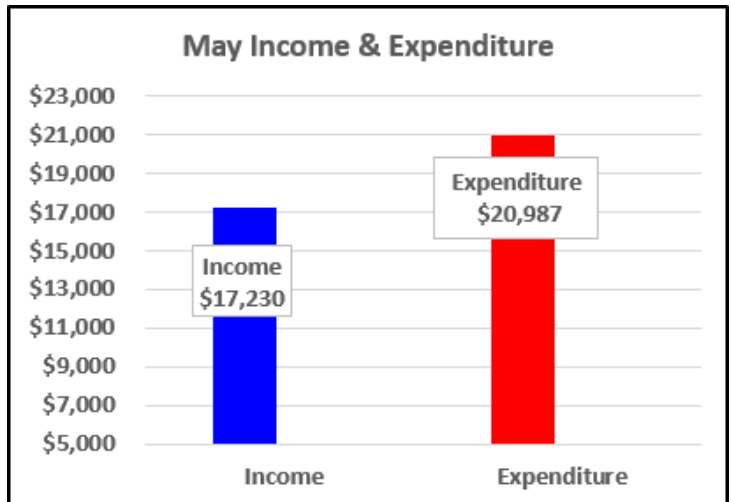
**Clergy team report:** Br Simon reflected on the way God creates wonderful things in the midst of whatever is going on. The Table Service, for example, was started in response to the COVID crisis. Based on the Franciscan Third Order, it was a way of being together, and doing the same thing, in different places. We did that for 18 months and now continue, using that format, with Peter Chapman writing the reflection. It goes on the website, and some people print and deliver it to people who can't attend church for one reason or another. *In this way we have an extended congregation, we reckon, of 25 people who are part of us although not physically with us.*

**The roles of the Wardens:** there has been some confusion over the roles of the two Wardens for each church. Stated simply, the People's Warden is

responsible for parish issues, while the Local Warden is responsible for issues relating to his/her faith community.

Donna Jones has announced her resignation after 35 years of invaluable service as Registrar of the Diocese. She will be greatly missed.

*Next meeting Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, St Ann's 7 pm*



*Homeless Jesus* is a life-size bronze sculpture designed by Timothy Schmalz, a Canadian sculptor and devout Catholic. It sits, on rotation, outside various churches in the United States, depicting Jesus as a homeless person, sleeping on a park bench. His face and hands are obscured, hidden under a blanket, but crucifixion wounds on his feet reveal his identity (see inset). It was mainly influenced by Mathew 25.35-45 but also resonates with the Gospel reading on the 26<sup>th</sup> June: “the Son of God has nowhere to lay his head”. The statue is so realistic that it has been reported to police as a person in need.

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Do you ever get a bit curious about what goes on in here between Easters?

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](mailto:machit5@bigpond.com.au), preferably by the 15<sup>th</sup> of July.

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:**

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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<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:**

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 in this month) service times are likely to be different.**

**Please check pewsheets, noticeboards and website for details.**



*The Grapevine*  
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***A new look for St Ann's, Aldinga***  
*(see p. 6)*



Bob Smith and Tony Young prepare the site:  
equipment from Space Landscape Construction.



The team: Jarrod, Mark, Dave and Bob



Craftsman at work!



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**Christ Church, Yanakalilla** (see p. 8)



With the painting finished, the hall takes on a new life!  
Below, Soup and Chat.





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**Synod 2022**  
(see pp. 1, 4)



Thanks to Julia's excellent candid camera we are able to share these informal moments at Synod 2022.

A: Helen Cook, Barbara Walter

B: Lynn King, Susan Smith

C: Wendy Sandercock, Joan Dare

D: Deacon Peter Chapman, Helen Cook

E: Fr Brenton, Susan Smith, Brian McMillan, Lynn King

