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*Proclaiming Christ in word and action;  
growing in care, love and service.*



# The Grapevine

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

## **Combined Service July 2022**

*What do our hymns  
mean to us?*



*Back: Bill Cale, Brian  
McMillan, Susan Smith  
Front: Judith Wells,  
Sylvia Francis, Julianne  
Bates*

The eucharistic combined service at St Margaret's on the 29<sup>th</sup> July was, as Br Simon said, a celebration of our journey of faith, both collectively and individually. With hymns chosen and introduced by members of the congregation, they were an exploration of which hymns touch us particularly, and why. Several speakers paid tribute to hymns they had known in their younger days but found them just as relevant today as they were then.

Judith Wells chose the hymn "St Margaret of Scotland", which was appropriate in the church dedicated to St Margaret. Not her favourite hymn, she said, but her favourite saint—her loving kindness, whose faith in action was an inspiration.

Bill Cale chose "It is well with my soul", written by Horatio Spafford, remembering the tragedies suffered by Spafford, and in spite of all, his steadfast belief in the soul.

"Be still, for the presence of the Lord is moving in this place" was chosen by Julianne Bates and Susan Smith.

Julianne saw it as a recognition of the glory and majesty of God. She would choose it as her funeral hymn, she said, because she would like that to be her legacy to her children. Susan had also chosen that hymn, thinking of how the church of St Philip & St James at Old Noarlunga had seemed to call her back to the church after she had turned away from it in her teenage years.

Brian McMillan chose the hymn by Charles Wesley, "And can it be", the tune of which had resonated with him since attending the Methodist church as a child with his grandmother. The last two verses of the hymn expressed Wesley's personal experience in 1738, "I gave myself to Christ", linking his conversion experience with that of Peter's deliverance from the dungeons (*Acts 12:6-10*).

The final hymn, a "happy hymn", was chosen by Sylvia Francis, "I danced in the morning when the world was begun". She had loved dancing with Harry. Her dancing days were over now, she said, but she still loved music, and we can all dance with the Lord in our hearts. (*See also p. 5*)

## Bishop Keith Dalby's visit to Western Fleurieu Anglicans



We were very pleased this month to have a visit from Bishop Keith, which involved times of work and times of relaxation, interaction and friendship.

Arriving on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, he stayed with Wendy and

Ted Sandercock, and met with the WFA Parish Council at St Ann's from 3-5 pm (*see p. 11*) before joining the Family Tea that evening (*see pp. 6-7*).

The next day he participated in the Workplace Health and

Safety Workshop at St Margaret's, led by Ted Sandercock. This was the initial such workshop for the Diocese, for local Wardens, and would be repeated later for other Faith Communities' Wardens. Bp Keith is keen for the Diocese to adopt a culture of health and safety. He participated in the Saturday evening service at St Stephen's, where he was the preacher and enjoyed their regular drinks and nibbles after the service (*see p. 4*).

From there he moved to the southern end of the parish, staying with Lynn and Ron King and preaching at St James' Delamere (9 am) (*see p. 8*) and Christ Church, Yankalilla at 11 am.

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*For over fifty years as a Franciscan priest, Father Richard Rohr worked to reawaken Christians to the radical and transformative message of Jesus. It's a message that is often distorted by culture and even by the Christian tradition itself. Br Simon commended the following reflection of Rohr's for our consideration.*

Our religion is not working well: suffering, fear, violence, injustice, greed, and meaninglessness still abound. This is not even close to the reign of God that Jesus taught. And we must be frank: in their behaviour and impact upon the world, Christians are not much different than other people.

**Many Christians are not highly transformed people; instead, they tend to reflect their own culture more than they operate as any kind of leaven within it. I speak especially of American Christians, because I am one. But if you are from another country, look at the Christians where you live and see if the same is true there.**

Let's be honest: religion has probably never had such a bad name. Christianity is now seen as "irrelevant" by some, "toxic" by many, and often as a large part of the problem rather than any kind of solution. Some of us are almost embarrassed to say we are Christian because of the negative images that word conjures in others' minds. Young people especially are turned off by how judgmental, exclusionary, impractical, and ineffective Christian culture seems to be.

Most Christians have not been taught how to plug into

the "mind of Christ"; thus, they often reflect the common mind of power, greed, and war instead. The dualistic mind reads reality in simple binaries—good and bad, right and wrong—and thinks itself smart because it chooses one side. This is getting us nowhere.

Perhaps we need to rely on the mind of Christian mystics now to offer any kind of alternative—contemplative or nondual—consciousness. We need practice-based religion that teaches us *how* to connect with the Infinite in ways that actually change us from our finite perspectives.

### *Time to begin again?*

Perhaps we must rediscover what St Francis of Assisi (1182–1226) called the "marrow of the Gospel." It's time to rebuild *from the bottom up*. If the foundation is not solid and sure, everything we try to build on top of it is weak and ineffective. Perhaps it's a blessing in disguise that so much is tumbling down around us. It's time to begin again. In the year 1205, Jesus spoke to Francis through the San Damiano cross: "Francis, rebuild my church, for you see it is falling into ruin." If Jesus himself says the church is falling into ruin, I guess we can admit it also without being accused of being negative or unbelieving.

Maybe we *have to* admit our tradition's faults for anything new and good to happen. Take our journey of faith in God and being reminded that God is in us. Let us never forget that loving God is loving our neighbour as ourselves.

## 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 (chaplains)
<b>Tues 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mary Sumner Day</b> (Mothers' Union) (see p. 10) <b>WFA Council</b> St Ann's 4 pm ( <i>changed time</i> )
<b>Thurs 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Prayers for Peace</b> , St Ann's 11.15 am <b>Soup and Chat</b> , Christ Church, 4.30—6 pm
<b>Sat 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saturday Night Out at Willunga</b> 7 pm <i>Bookings 0410 548 040</i>
<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>Maggie's Mates</b> 11.15 am ( <i>changed date</i> ) <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 8392 4508</i> ) & <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>BARTHOLEMEW</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

## September

<b>Fri 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>MARTYRS OF PNG</b> (see p. 10)
<b>Sun 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Gold Coin Collection</b> for CPS workers
<b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mothers' Union</b> St Ann's, 9.30 am
<b>Thurs 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Prayers for Peace</b> , St Ann's 11.15 <b>Yankadelly</b> 4 pm
<b>Sat 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Nicholas' 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration</b> 3 pm. Music, memories & favourite hymns, followed by afternoon tea <b>Saturday Night Out at Willunga</b> 7 pm
<b>Sun 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>ACH Yankalilla service</b> , 2 pm
<b>Tues 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>WFA Council</b> Yankalilla 4 pm
<b>Wed 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Maggie's Mates</b> 11.15 am
<b>Thurs 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Death Café</b> , McLaren Vale 12.30 (see p. 11)
<b>Fri 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Nicholas' Luncheon</b> 12.30 & <b>Fellowship</b> 1 pm ( <i>Bookings 8392 4508</i> )
<b>Sat 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Jumble Sale</b> , St Ann's
<b>Tues 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Friends of St Ann's</b> 6.50 for 7 pm
<b>Wed 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>MATTHEW</b> <b>Contemplative Prayer</b> , Christ Church 7 pm
<b>Fri 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Family Tea</b> , St Ann's 6.30 pm
<b>Sun 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Healing service</b> , Christ Church 11 am
<b>Tues 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Prayers for Peace</b> , St Nicholas' 11.15 am
<b>Thurs 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>MICHAEL &amp; ALL ANGELS</b>

### 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

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*

## Snippets from WFA Council meeting, 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022

The **Registrar of the Diocese**, Donna Jones, has resigned after 35 years of invaluable work. In gratitude from this parish, a card with thanks was to be sent, and as a gift, a Drive in a Rally Car experience (a 3-lap race at Taillem Bend) - she enjoys "petrol driven items of speed". Congregations might like to contribute to this.

Mrs Christina Lubcke has been appointed as Assistant Registrar. A Murray Bridge resident, Christine's last role was as a Financial Adviser for 17 years specialising in pre- and post retirement, Centrelink and Aged Care.

**Safe Ministry** will be run by the Province, not the Diocese, once it is all set up.

**The Anglican Creation Care Network** (Diocesan participants Sally Shaw and Margo Holt) has been endorsed by the Diocese. [The Creation Care Network will

be meeting at St Ann's on the 4<sup>th</sup> November.]

### Treasurer's Report:

**Income \$15,676,**  
**Expenses \$22,282**  
**Deficit \$6,606**

Nothing out of the ordinary in this month's expenses which remain close to our budgeted figures. Giving is down for the year to date and the closure of the Op Shop at Normanville (see p. 8) will leave a noticeable hole in our income.

### St Stephen's Cemetery

Julie Studdart, who has been Curator of the cemetery for many years, is moving to the Riverland with her husband, and the Peacock Farm where we have held many parish Christmas lunches, has been sold.



## News from St Stephen's, Willunga



On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> of July we were lucky enough to have Bishop Keith as preacher at our regular service. And afterwards he joined us in the sharing of nibbles and wine before heading off to Yankalilla for the evening. He was to preach there and at Delamere the next day.

We are glad that Ted and Wendy have had a chance to

have a holiday at last. We look forward to their return.

It is with sadness that we accept our good friend John Strachan's decision to step down as a Warden at St Stephen's, and as Priest's Warden, to look after his dear wife Wendy. We keep them both in our prayers and hope that John can return one day to continue to fill those roles. **STOP PRESS Wendy Strachan departed this life 4<sup>th</sup> August. May she rest in peace.** AC

We now have Brian McMillan coming to play the organ on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month, and continue to have our Saturday Night Out at the Willunga Hotel on the 2<sup>nd</sup> week. The next will be on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August. Do join us: *to book ring Ted on 0410548040*. We have a good old chat following the other services, with nibbles and wine, and cordially invite everyone who would like to join us please to do so.

Love and blessings to all

*Susan Smith, Warden*

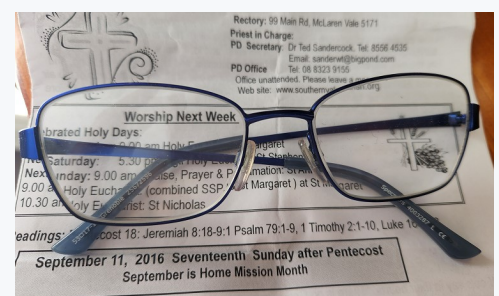
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July was once again a Fifth Saturday, which was celebrated with a contemplative service led by Fr Brenton. Candles were lit with prayer, and the service concluded with a meditative pause while Pachelbel's Canon played.

At the end of the service, as the customary drinks were poured, the Almond Blossom Festival on the oval erupted in brilliant fireworks, sounding rather like a canon of a different kind!

The next Fifth Saturday contemplative service at St Stephen's will be on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October.

On a personal note - I had lost a pair of glasses a while ago, and obviously hadn't worn a particular winter coat for a while either. When I put on the coat and put my hand in the pocket, I found the lost glasses with a pew sheet indicating when I had last had worn both — it was 6 years ago on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016!

*Susan*





## News from St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

Brrr! It's a chilly old winter, but the warmth of friendship and fellowship keeps us smiling, in spite of the cold. Being thankful for what we have in our beautiful part of the world is always worth remembering, we are very blessed. We need the cold to bring out our pretty almond blossom...it must be a parallel with life: difficulties bring strength and new growth... (until parrots get stuck into the developing almonds!) The Jonquils have put on a beautiful display around the steps of the church... now called Lyn's Jonquils as she planted them a couple of years ago.

As always, we have enjoyed weekly mini organ recitals from Greg John, until he got the dreaded lurgy and needed to isolate. Curtis came to the rescue and we were treated to different, but still melodic, recitals. Thankyou Curtis, for stepping into the breach. We have some very talented musicians in our midst!

We also have a talented teacher in our midst. Remember paper "chatterboxes", carrying hidden messages? To develop the theme of prayer in the Prayer, Praise and Proclamation service, Jac made "chatterboxes" which when opened, revealed prayers and texts (*see p. 14*)

On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July wardens from all centres attended

a Health, Safety and Risk Management meeting in St Margaret's Church as the church hall was not available. Ted set up for the session and ran the session with the Bishop. It was informative and helpful. Jane assisted setting up the afternoon tea and helped clearing up afterwards. An interesting point: the priests' safety driving between churches after consuming any left over wine in the chalice was discussed. Jane and Judy were pulled over by a breathalyser on their way home. Prophetic?

We have been looking forward to the combined service and shared lunch on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>. It's been a very long time between shared meals!

Thankyou to those who continue to support the Aldinga outreach centre who supply struggling families with food. The centre has no government funding and relies entirely on public donations, so please continue to bring either groceries or cash and Rupert Best will deliver to the centre.

A verse to remember:

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. (Philippians 4:6) *Julia Drought*

### Combined Service, 31<sup>st</sup> July (*see p. 1*)



St Margaret's altar was decorated with almond blossom, and the singing of the favourite hymns was rousing and wonderful. Br Simon was not able to escape recognition of his birthday the previous day - which was the occasion of a different kind of singing!

Following the service, there was shared lunch in the Sunday School Room, with tables cheerfully decorated with blue tablecloths and yellow flowers.

*L: Bill Cale tells his story*

*Below L: Sylvia Francis and Fran Pettigrew*

*Below R: In foreground L—R: Trish Frith, Peter Filsell, Chris de Vries, Gail Filsell. (More photos p. 14 in the online supplement.)*



### NAIDOC Week

At the beginning of our Family Service on 3<sup>rd</sup> July Sally Shaw led our Commemoration of NAIDOC Week, which began on that day.

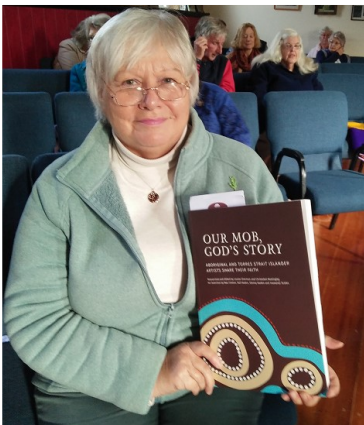
NAIDOC originally stood for "National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee". NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life.

As well as the usual Acknowledgment of Country we added the Prayer,

Lord, we acknowledge our responsibility to care for and bring healing to Country and our nation. Forgive us for the times when we have failed to do so. Increase our capacity this NAIDOC Week to humble ourselves and listen afresh to truly hear the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

### Family Service

For our Family Service on that day, led by Doug Shaw,



the Gospel was from Luke 10:1-24, *Lambs in a wolf pack*. The address by Jo Parsons combined the themes of giving and receiving blessings, and the recognition of the stories of our Indigenous people, taking an example from the book *Our Mob, God's Story*.

In our Sending Out Prayer we asked,

Where there is conflict, let there be peace. Where there is fearfulness, let there be peace. Where there is anger, let there be peace. Where there is violence, let there be peace. May God's peace rest on our homes and all who live in them.

After the service we said goodbye (for now) to Jo's husband Neil, who had to return to the UK. We look forward to his return next year.

### Memorial Service

On 10<sup>th</sup> July 2022 we gathered, with her neighbours, to Celebrate the Life of Cynthia Owen MD (Colorado) (21 March 1949-15 May 2022) in a Service led by Deacon Peter Chapman. The tribute



provided by her sister and family in America, to whom a recording of the Service has been provided, stated that, after her move to Morphett Vale in 2017, she "began attending St Ann's" and "found a warm, caring community" and "deeply enjoyed the spiritual inspiration and nourishment she experienced in St Ann's peaceful sanctuary, and the special friendships she developed at the church's social events".



### Prayer, Praise and Proclamation

For our Prayer, Praise and Proclamation Service on 17<sup>th</sup> July, led by Deacon Peter Chapman, the Gospel was Luke 10:38-42, *Jesus in the house of Mary and Martha*. In our Sending Out Prayer we asked,

Lord, send us out into the world, you have equipped us to serve you, alert to whatever nudges us to hear you calling, or whatever points us in your way. Make us bold to resist those who would keep us in the comfortable well-trodden paths, so that – like Mary – we can break free from time to time, to sit at your feet and receive all that you have for us.

As recorded in the Minutes of the Meeting of the Friends of St Ann's on 19<sup>th</sup> July,

The recent PPP conducted by Deacon Peter Chapman was much appreciated, with many favourable comments made: its peaceful, tranquil nature was particularly noted. That the Congregation continued to sing, unaccompanied, the first verse of the last Hymn while the Organ was, suddenly, temporarily out of commission, was duly Noted.

### Family Tea

In the evening of 22 July 2022 we gathered for Family Tea. The Parish Council had met with Bishop Keith at St Ann's Room during the afternoon, so we were able to welcome him, as well as some members of other Faith Communities,





and, of course, those from our own Church Family. It is such a pleasure to enjoy their company, informally, and the fruits of their culinary skills and, on this occasion, to spend time with our Bishop. (*More photos p. 16 in online supplement.*)

### Anglican Board of Mission (ABM)

Meagan Schwarz, Key Relationships Manager, Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) spoke at our Service on 24<sup>th</sup> July. Her theme was *ABM and Western Fleurieu Anglicans: Partners in God's Mission*. As she pointed out, Rowan Williams (Archbishop of Canterbury 2002-2012) had said: "Mission is finding out what God is doing and joining in". We were referred to *ABM's 5 Marks of Mission*:

1. Witness to Christ's saving, forgiving and reconciling love for all people
2. Build welcoming, transforming communities of faith
3. Stand in solidarity with the poor and needy
4. Challenge violence, injustice and oppression, and work for peace and reconciliation
5. Protect, care for and renew life on our planet.

Meagan reminded us that ABM is the national mission agency for the Anglican Church of Australia, locally and abroad. Anglicans in Development (AID), wholly owned by ABM, operates ABM's sustainable communities program, to deliver, with church partners, community-driven development, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leadership, and disaster preparedness and

response.

Examples of this work were given, in particular in West New Britain.

Her presentation, which was very well received, both informed and challenged us: we plan to review the *ABM Project Book 2022* to see how best we can contribute to ABM's work, particularly now that we have in hand the proceeds of the outreach by way of Rose Pruning, led by Trish Frith.

Further information about the work of ABM and AIM is available at [www.abmission.org](http://www.abmission.org). [The Executive Director of ABM, the Rev'd Dr John Deane, will be in Adelaide next month for Martyrs' Day, and an afternoon tea to meet him will be hosted at St Margaret's McLaren Vale on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 2 pm (see p. 10)]

Brian McMillan & Julianne Bates, Wardens



"It's important that the music flows with the same theme as the sermon... Know any popular hymns about eternal damnation?"

It's ironic that I should be so moved by the photo contributed by Ron King last month, of the bronze "Homeless Jesus" (p. 11) then within three weeks find myself "homeless" when, on travelling through Cairns, and unwell, I tested positive to Covid.



It was understandable that no hotel wanted to take in someone in my situation, as Queensland was at the height of a Covid scare, but as the day wore on and it began to get dark—and after searching all day I still had no place to go—I seriously began to think of a park bench as my likely destination.

In the end, with assistance from Queensland Health, I was able to find a solution, and I concluded my quarantine in comfort. However, it has alerted me to the plight of so many people who are *truly* homeless and in need of help.

**August 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> is Homelessness Week. Through Anglicare, or through Mission Australia, we can help those who are without a roof over their head in this cold weather.**

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We were pleased to welcome Bishop Keith to Delamere on July 24<sup>th</sup> not only to preach but also to celebrate our Patronal Festival. During his homily the Bishop said that he enjoyed coming down to St James' Church and he made passing reference to the fact the church was about four times the size of the Diocesan Cathedral in Murray Bridge. This comment was not lost on those present and during the notices it was pointed out that we have been exploring the future of our Church and Hall at Delamere and that we would willingly support exploring the option of the relocation of the Diocesan Cathedral to Delamere. Perhaps, the Warden suggested, the News from St James should be headed:

### **THE FUTURE OF ST JAMES', DELAMERE "HAVE OUR PRAYERS BEEN ANSWERED?"**



On the previous day, the WFA had held a Work Safety & Health Workshop which was led by Bishop Keith and Ted Sandercock to discuss what we need to do to identify any risks within our Faith Centres, and also to ensure that we have a safe environment and that our people are adequately informed of their responsibilities and know what to do in case of emergencies. In view of what we had been told at the workshop we decided that the last Hymn on Sunday would be renamed "The Evacuation Hymn" so as we could practice our evacuation procedures. Consequently everyone left the Church in an

orderly fashion and assembled in the Hall for a cuppa with the Bishop to discuss the plans for the consecration of the new Cathedral.

Pictured (Below L) is Bishop Keith doing a WH&S audit on the bell assisted by Fr Brenton (could he be the Dean Elect of St James' Cathedral?)

### **A blessing of a different kind at Delamere**

Recently David Shreeve, one of our parishioners at Delamere, turned up to our service in his newly acquired car, complete with a sunroof. Pictured below is Fr Brenton blessing the "new set of wheels" watched on by Rob Ryan, David Cooling and Trevor Gowling.

*Peter Filsell, Warden*



### **Christ Church, Yankalilla**

At a recent clean up, the frontals on the altar were removed exposing some very nice timber framing behind them. Judy Zacharias then made new frontals which actually sit behind this frame and gives a very different look to the whole altar.

*Ron King*

### **Op Shop closing.**

The op shop at Normanville is going to have to close. They have been asked to vacate their premises by the end of August to make way for development of a wine bar/restaurant, and no suitable space has been found. Another difficulty has been fewer volunteers. The closure will cause financial hardship to both of the churches involved.

### **Outreach**

The Soup & Chat gatherings on Thursdays at Yankalilla, in partnership with the Men's Shed, are going very well. There were 18 at the last one. There is no particular agenda from the faith community attached to the soup and chat – it's not about the formal institutional church – but a way faith can work through action with the wider community - just a great example of the Holy Spirit working through us and showing the love of God to all. Although many people do not identify as "religious" – it does not mean they do not believe in God, they just don't trust or have faith in the formal church. The monthly contemplative prayer service is also going well with many attendees who are not part of the regular Sunday worship.





Service taken by Fr Ted, with Ian Richter at the piano

### Our services

Our services this month followed the usual pattern, our only glitch being the absence of our pianist, Cathy More, for a couple of weeks, in isolation with COVID! Ann Wilson was also missing in action as she and her family contracted COVID, so we were looking like a sad lot, with the possibility of no music and no birthdays for a few weeks. Fortunately, Ian Richter who plays the organ/piano for us on the first Sunday of the Month, kindly volunteered to play for us on the third Sunday. So really, we only had one week with YouTube Hymns and a said Great Thanksgiving Service.

This month we again had a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday with a combined service at SCC with the Uniting Church and Church of Christ congregations. Rev Anne Butler led the service with Fr Ted Newing giving the message on the Old Testament reading from Hosea. Fr Ted presided over the communion service with a choice of grape juice or wine on offer at the Lord's Table. It is always a wonderful experience joining together in worship, with lots of great singing, prayers and reflection points followed by tea, coffee and fellowship in the café.

**Fellowship** Our meeting in July saw a small group putting together the giving envelopes for the Parish. As many are now giving directly by EFT to the Parish Account, we only have about 35 lots of 52 envelopes to add stickers to and date!! We will finish them all at our next fellowship meeting in August.

**Prayers for Peace** We have now held two gatherings with the focus of praying for peace in the world, our community and our family and friends. The group comes together for a quiet time of prayer, reflection, and music, sharing their thoughts and concerns – giving all to God in Prayer. Suggested prayers and focus points for reflection are printed out in a small booklet, which then can be given to others or placed on notice boards as a way of

spreading the word in the wider community.

### Prayer chain and pastoral care

Father Ted has been kept busy giving home communion to those who are unable to attend services. We have had quite a few prayers on our prayer chain this month, mostly for those who have contracted and

those recovering from COVID. We sent special prayers for Frank and Sue, St Margaret's congregation, and continue to add them to our prayer points in the weekly pew sheet. Finally, one of our congregation has suffered a broken leg and is slowly mending in Flinders before going into rehab once she is stabilized.

**SCC.** We celebrated **NAIDOC Week** at SCC/SEM with an Ecumenical Service honouring and praying for our First Nations People on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00 am**. A great service, planned and run by Sr Bernie Soltrop from the Catholic Community. Those who attended enjoyed a cuppa and chat following the service. There was a focus on Volunteering at SCC during our services on the 31<sup>st</sup> July. Representatives from the Op Shop, Café, Seahawks, Breakfast Club and Community Dinners each spoke for a few minutes about the need for volunteers and the importance of continuing/maintaining/recommencing the mission outreach to the wider community.

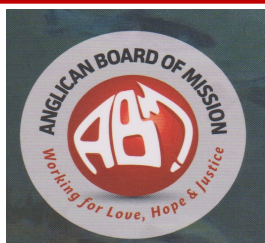
**Our Annual Ecumenical Service** to celebrate SEM/SCC birthday was to be held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August, but in light of the ongoing outbreak of Covid, it has been decided to cancel the scheduled combined service. Instead, each congregation will be given a power point reflection on the SEM/SCC story to be shown at some point during our services on that Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> August.



God Bless  
Helen Cook & Jane  
Cuthbert, Wardens

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Fr David Hampton  
Smith would have  
been 100 on the 9<sup>th</sup>  
July 2022. His  
family sent  
special flowers  
in remembrance of  
him.



We have recently been blessed by the visit of Meagan Schwarz who spoke about



ABM at St Ann's and St Nicholas' on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July. (see p. 7). Now find out more!

### INVITATION!

We are invited to afternoon tea with the Executive Director of ABM, the Rev'd Dr John Deane, on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale.**

Meet the Director and hear updates about ABM and its partners in God's mission.



Fr John will also be at the annual Martyrs Day service at St Cuthbert's, Prospect, 6 pm, on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, with a shared supper to follow.



### STAMP STAMPEDE



As many people already know, one way you can support ABM is by giving them your used stamps. Thank you to all those who have been giving them to Anne Chittleborough to forward over the years. This year the Diocese is having a Stamp Stampede! Fr Wayne Corker has requested that used stamps, envelopes, post cards and other postal items be taken to the ABM table at the next Synod.

*Paddy was driving down the street in a sweat because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. Looking up to heaven he said, "Lord take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of me life and give up me Irish Whiskey!"*

*Miraculously, a parking place appeared.*

*Paddy looked up again and said, "Never mind, I found one."*



### Mary Sumner Day Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August

Celebrate at  
**Christ Church, Strathalbyn**  
**11:00 am**

Speaker: the Rev'd Margaret Holt  
*All Welcome*

BYO lunch in the hall after the service,  
with birthday cake, to celebrate  
**130 years of Mothers' Union in Australia**

### Who was Mary Sumner?

Mary Sumner, the founder of the Mothers' Union, would be amazed to see what had grown from her first nervous meeting at the old Alresford Rectory in 1876 to affirm the importance of motherhood, hoping to call women of all social classes to support one another.

Mothers' Union now has more than four million members in 84 countries. There have been huge changes in society since Mary Sumner's day, and the nature of MU has also changed, but it continues to support family life while at the same time upholding families affected by homelessness, imprisonment and relationship breakdown. With its global membership it is able to maintain a constant chain of intercessions.

Mothers' Union in Australia was formed in 1892; among the first nations to adopt Mothers' Union outside of the UK. Today, by supporting marriage and family life, especially through times of adversity, more than 6,000 members of Mothers' Union in Australia are tackling the most urgent and pressing needs that are challenging relationships and communities.

If you would like to know more about Mothers Union Australia, contact Trish Frith (8556 2604), or come to a meeting. Next on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at St Ann's.

At the meeting on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August it was reported that knitted items had gone to Genesis Pregnancy Support, and a number of articles had been donated to assist homeless people and those in need, and would be forwarded to Anglicare. They included boxes of essential items (toiletries etc) given to Fr Brenton by the McLaren Vale RSL.

As well as the regular worldwide Wave of Prayer, we prayed for the Lambeth Conference which was meeting at that time, and those affected by the NSW floods.

Anne's recent experience as a traveller in trouble prompted discussion on how such experiences give insights into what others in the community have to deal with on a daily basis, and could provide a basis for further outreach activities.



## WFA Council meeting with the Bishop



During the afternoon of 22 July 2022 members of the Parish Council met informally with Bishop Keith at St Ann's Room. He stressed the importance of continuing the discussion on the Ordination of Women, and of being welcoming and inclusive, and he also referred to the continuing necessity to be flexible to the changing environment, as he had said at the June 2022 Synod, but, at the same time, scrupulously to observe accountability for funds and for safety.

The Parish results of the Church Life Survey (of which a copy was later provided to Bishop Keith) and of the 2021 Census (which showed that in Aldinga 70% of respondents ticked the No Religion box –the highest such response in South Australia) were discussed, as was the

effectiveness of the arrangements in the Parish for Lay Led Services and the positive responses to them.

Bishop Keith indicated that he strongly supports a teams-based environment in Parishes, which would enhance the well-being of clergy, and he described the various new measures, such as Supervision, Professional Development and Ministry Review also in that regard. He trusts the Parish Council and Clergy to manage the Parish under and pursuant to the *Parochial Administration Ordinance 2021* and to seek such assistance in that respect as may be needed.

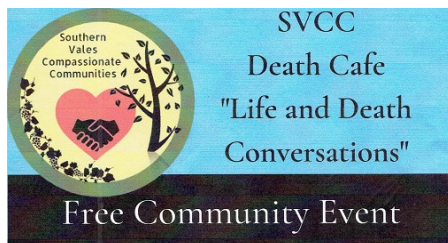
Bishop Keith pointed to the reference, in *Romans 2:4*, to the kindness, forbearance and patience of God, quoted "Do you not realise that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?", and pointed out that repentance leads to a change of direction (which reinforced his earlier reference to flexibility in accordance with his Charge to Synod).

Bishop Keith shared some valuable precepts: "Be kind." "Love as Jesus loved". "God is at work – collaborate with him." "Engage with people where they are at."

Those attending this meeting were most grateful to have been enabled to engage with our Bishop, to appreciate his support for what we are doing in this Parish, and, in turn, to let him know of our support for him.

*Brian McMillan*

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[www.southernvalesparish.org.au](http://www.southernvalesparish.org.au) , under Newsletter.  
You can not only read it in colour, but also find a number of pages of  
extra photos.**



### DEATH CAFÉ

Yes folks,  
"Death Café".  
I have been  
involved in  
Death Cafés in  
the McLaren  
Vale, Willunga

people make the most of their finite lives. Individuals can discuss their understanding, their thoughts, dreams, fears and all other areas of death and dying at these events.

These cafés create a nurturing and supportive Environment, where there is an opportunity to share and experience the expectations of participants. At my first Death Café I was encouraged by how the people were open with their thoughts and experiences.

There will be a Death Café on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 12.30 pm to 3.30 pm at the Institute Hall, McLaren Vale, and on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 6 pm to 9 pm at The Hub, Willunga. For more information, and to book, go to Eventbrite and type in "Death Café". *Fr Brenton*

area for over 18 months with the Southern Vales Compassionate Communities.

These Death Cafés are organised for people to be able to have an open conversation about life and death. They are run by an energetic and professional group of volunteers with palliative care expertise. The official objective of a death café is to help

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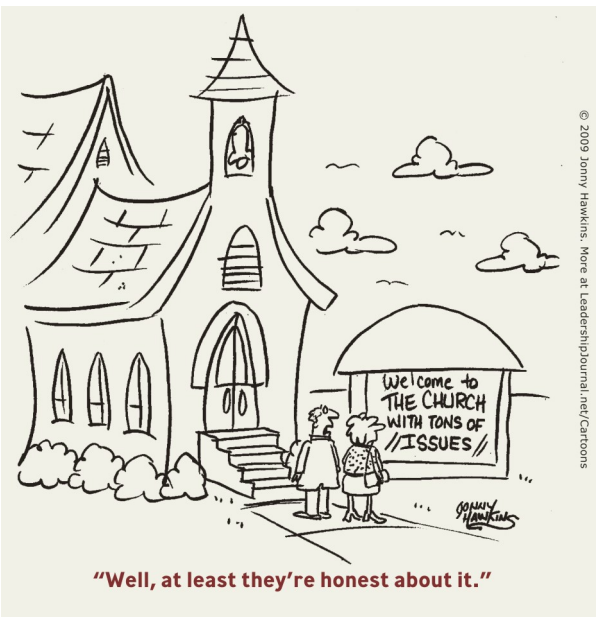
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If you have news of coming events or noteworthy happenings in the Western Fleurieu Anglican area to share with the rest of the parish, please contact the Editor, Anne Chittleborough, at 23 Esplanade, Pt Willunga 5173, ph 8556 5078 or email [machit5@bigpond.com.au](mailto:machit5@bigpond.com.au), preferably by the 15<sup>th</sup> of August.

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

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  
service times are likely to be  
different. The next will be in October.  
Please check pewsheets, noticeboards and  
website for details.**



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**Bishop Keith visits St Stephen's**  
*See p. 4*



Heather Chapman, Bob Smith, Fr Brenton



Bishop Keith



Christi Banner, Bob Smith, Susan Smith (looking away), Br Simon, Susie Waters, Patrusca Birkett, Trish Frith



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## *August 2022*

### *Colour Photo Supplement*

#### **Combined service at St Margaret's (see p. 5)**



Above: Jac's "Chatterboxes".

Below: Lorraine Gibbons, Doreen Rushbrook, Fran Pettigrew



Heather Randle,  
Fr Brenton,  
Lorna McGaffin,  
Fr Peter Randle

Bob & Susan Smith, Lorraine de  
Fredrick, Trevor Gowling, Peter  
Filsell, Pam Gowling, Belinda  
Rosser, Lynn and Ron King





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**Combined service at St Margaret's (cont'd)**



Lorraine Eyles,  
Patrusca Birkett,  
Kaye de Vries,  
Susie Waters



Rupert and Di Best,  
Bill and Margaret Cale

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Serious matters discussed over the washing up!  
Stephen Carthew and Jack Warrington

**Family Tea at St Ann's, with Bishop Keith**  
(see pp 6-7)



Wendy Young, Patrusca Birkett

Ted Sandercock

Brian McMillan admires the meal

