

The Grapevine

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

As we mourn the death of Queen Elizabeth, we give thanks for her faith and steadfastness with which she has fulfilled her titular role of Supreme Governor and Defender of the Faith of the Church of England.

A hymn of tribute and thanksgiving, written by Andy Flanagan and Sam Hargreaves, and sung to the tune of Dim Ond Iesu/ Cymraeg, can be found on https://licc.org.uk/resources/tears -and-celebration/. It gives thanks for her life and faith, speaks of her example of discipleship, and prays that each of us may be able to make a difference through Christ in the same way. It includes the verses opposite:

Vale Queen Elizabeth



We beheld her sure compassion, For the last and for the least, Straddling races, tribes and nations, Forging bonds of family. May this commonwealth now echo, The wide kingdom of our King. Reconciled through Christ who suffered.

All our stories we will bring.

When our days are at their dimming, And our work on earth is done, May we hear as does our sovereign, 'Faithful servant, welcome home.' May we rise with Christ to witness, A new heav'n and earth displayed, Ours a robe that will not tarnish, Hers a crown that will not fade.













Clockwise from top L: St Ann's, Aldinga; St Nicholas', Seaford; St Stephen's, Willunga; Christ Church, Yankalilla;

St James', Delamere; St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

These are our church buildings. But there's more to Church than buildings...(see inside)

Well done, good and faithful servant.



Dr Ted Sandercock 16.8.1939—24.9.2022

It was a shock to us all to hear of Ted's sudden death on Saturday 24th September, and it will take a long time for us to try to fill all the gaps that his death will leave.

Dr Edward Sandercock, "Ted" to us all, grew up in McLaren Vale, in a family very involved with St Margaret's church, and attended Willunga High School and the University of Adelaide. He was awarded a PhD in Physics, was a Harkness Fellow, and later gained a degree in Human Resource Management, studying online while working as a school principal. He and Wendy were married in 1979.

It will be for others to tell of his achievements in the field of education at SACAE, UniSA, the Institute of Educational Research, the Anglican Board of Christian Education, as

Education Consultant and later chairman of the Board of Investigator College, his volunteer work with Scouts as a leader trainer, and with the National Trust, Willunga... and so the list goes on.

After many years' involvement at St George's Goodwood, where Ted was Warden, he and Wendy became mainstays of St Stephen's church, Willunga when they moved to Willunga in 2003. For Ted it was like a homecoming to move back to the area. He was Warden of St Stephen's for many years, Secretary of the parish 2014-2018, and until his death continued printing the parish pewsheet, circulating weekly prayers, and preparing studies for the Wednesday Bible Studies he led at St Margaret's.

Ted was on Diocesan Council for six years, his latest role being to head the WHS Policies and Procedures group, which involved trialling the AIRS Activity Risk Assessment template.

He has been a great encourager of our Pastoral Care Workers, and was Secretary of the Southern Vales Schools Ministry Support group. Our parish, through him, has been a regular participant in the sausage sizzle at the Quarry Markets to raise money for the PCWs.

We will miss Ted in innumerable ways, and know that the parish has been the richer for his life and work among us.

His funeral will be at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale, Wednesday 5th October, at 2 pm

A reminder that the next **Death Café** (see August issue) will be at The Hub, Willunga, Tues. 18th Oct. 6-9 pm. Book at Eventbrite.

Volunteers needed



to help with the Sausage Sizzle at the Quarry Markets, 8th Oct. & 12th Nov. If you volunteered for 8th October please contact Anne Chittleborough 8556 5078

Enquiries for November 12th, Susan Smith 0416 799 965 Proceeds to the Southern Vales Schools Ministry.

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

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

Contemplative Prayer services

Christ Church, Yankalilla Wednesday 19th October, 6 pm St Stephen's, Willunga Saturday 29th October, 5.30 pm



Sat. 22nd October 10 am—2pm SCC Car Park, Seaford Plants, Sausage Sizzle, Devonshire Tea...

Bookings essential. To book, call 0427 679 787 Mon-Sat 10-12.

For your Diary.

October		November	
Sunday 2 nd	Gold Coin Collection for PCW* workers	Tues 1 st	ALL SAINTS
Mon 3 rd	Mothers' Union St Ann's 9.30 am	Wed. 2 nd	ALL SOULS
Thurs 6 th	Yankadelly 4 pm	Thurs 3 rd	Yankadelly 4 pm
Sat 8 th	Sausage Sizzle, Quarry Market, (see p.2)	Fri 4 th	Shared Tea, St Margaret's 6 for 6.30 pm
	Saturday Night Out, Willunga 7 pm		Creation Care Network meeting, St Ann's
_	(Bookings 0407 605 152 See p. 4)		1-3 pm
Sun 9 th	ACH Yankalilla service, 2 pm	Sun 6 th	Gold Coin Collection for PCW* workers
Tues 11 th	WFA Council St Margaret's 4 pm	Mon 7 th	MU: St Ann's 9.30 am
Wed 12 th	Maggie's Mates 11.15 am	Tues 8 th	WFA Council St Ann's 4 pm
Thurs 13 th	Prayers for Peace, St Ann's 11.15 am	Wed 9 th	Maggie's Mates 11.15 am
Tues 18 th	LUKE	Thurs 10 th	Prayers for Peace, St Ann's 11.15 am
	Death Café Willunga (see p. 2)	Fri 11 th	Remembrance Day Service SCC 10.30 am
	Friends of St Ann's 6.50 for 7 pm	Sat 12 th	Sausage Sizzle, Quarry Market (see p. 2)
Wed 19 th	Contemplative Prayer, Christ Church 6 pm		Saturday Night Out at Willunga 7 pm
Fri 21 st	St Nicholas' Luncheon 12.30 (Bookings	Sun 13 th	ACH Yankalilla service, 2 pm
	8392 4508) & Fellowship 1.pm		St David's Burnside visit to St Ann's
Sat 22 nd	Car Boot Sale, Seaford (see below)	Tues 15 th	Friends of St Ann's 6.50 for 7 pm
Sun 23 rd	Healing service, Christ Church 11 am	Wed 16 th	Contemplative Prayer, Christ Church 6 pm
	Pizza Extravaganza (see below)	Fri 18 th	St Nicholas' Luncheon 12.30 (Bookings
Tues 25 th	Prayers for Peace , St Nicholas' 1 pm		<i>8392 4508)</i> & Fellowship 1.pm
Fri 28 th	SIMON & JUDE	Sat 19 th	Jumble Sale, St Ann's
	Family Tea, St Ann's 6.30 pm	Sun 20 th	CHRIST THE KING
Sat 29 th	Fifth Saturday Contemplative Service,	Tues 22 nd	Prayers for Peace, St Nicholas' 11.15 am
	St Stephen's, 5.30 pm	Fri 25 th	Family Tea, St Ann's 6.30 pm
Sun 30 th	Fifth Sunday Combined Service (see below)	Sat 26 th	Strawberry Fete, Yankalilla
	Blessing of the Fleece, Delamere	Sun 27 th	Healing service, Christ Church 11 am
		Mon 28 th	MU Commissioning, Mt Barker

*Pastoral Care Workers

~ And each Wednesday ~

9 am Holy Communion St Margaret's 10 am Bible Study, St Margaret's



Sunday 23rd Oct. 1-4 pm

Home made, wood oven,

Pizza Extravaganza!

Includes pizza, dessert & complimentary glass of wine 12 Matthew Lane, Willunga South

Wine available \$5/glass

Proceeds contribute to parish needs and to the

B4U Uganda Education Project (see p. 5)



LIMITED PLACES: BOOKING ESSENTIAL 0401 122 704 or

jdbadgery@internode.on.net

Sunday 30th October, 10.30 am Parish Combined Service

Blessing of the Fleece

Watch a sheep being shorn as we bless this time of shearing @ the Ryan Families' shearing shed

236 Tent Rock Road, Delamere (directions on p. 5)

BBQ lunch - meat, salad, tea & coffee supplied (\$5 donation to cover the costs) BYO sweets, drinks, glasses and chair

RSVP by 23/10/2022 to your Wardens

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Ann Ryan 8598 0227



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News from St Stephen's, Willunga

It was with great sadness and shock that we learned that our brother in Christ Ted Sandercock died on Saturday morning 24th September at his beloved St Stephen's. Our thoughts and prayers are with Wendy and Ted's family. We did not have drinks and nibbles after the service on that day as a mark of respect. There will be more to say in the next edition of *The Grapevine* about Ted's untiring work for the faith community of St Stephen's and the wider parish.

Drinks and nibbles after the service will resume again on the $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$ October.

Please pray for Wendy, and for Ted Sandercock that he may rest in peace and rise in glory.

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We are encouraged that the numbers continue to increase at the St Stephen's Saturday service. We remind you that on the second Saturday, the next being 8th of October, we dine out after the service. On 8th October we will dine again at the Alma Hotel. Would you please ring John Strachan on 0407 605 152 with your order. You may still have the menus Ted provided at the last dinner; if not, ask John.

At the service on Sunday 11th September the church's decorations included a wreath in memory of Queen Elizabeth.

We remind you that the next Contemplative Prayer Service will be on the 29th October, 2022 at 5.30 p.m. These services are always well attended, providing another means of worship. In this busy world the opportunity to contemplate and spend some quiet time with our brothers

and sisters in Christ and listen to Taizé music is a great privilege and we sincerely thank Father Brenton for having introduced us to this form of worship.

John Strachan & Susan Smith, Wardens

Out to dinner at the Alma (L-R) Trish Frith, Jo Parsons, Fr Brenton with his banana split (see p. 13 in the supplement), Brenda Dew, Wendy Sandercock and Ted, Christi and Stephen Banner, Roger Dew, John Strachan, Anne and Phil Duquid

Ted's spade.

On Saturday 24th September Ted was, as usual, doing chores around the church, with the church doors open to welcome visitors. He had been digging weeds from around the toilet, and returned to the church, stood his spade against the church wall—and died of a



massive heart attack on the church doorstep.

Anne Duguid had been on her way to take morning tea to a working bee at the Coast and Vines church when she saw what had happened. They were not expecting her at Coast and Vines,

so no-one was let down when she didn't turn up. Instead, she was able to be at St Stephen's, to contact Wendy and stay by her side. Moreover it happened that she had in her car a clean blanket and pillow on which they were able to lay Ted's body while they waited for the undertaker.

In his very moving sermon at the evening service, Br Simon stood the spade by the altar, where it was blessed as one of the day's offerings.



News from St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

Another month has whizzed by and we are well into Spring, though the temperatures have remained cool. The countryside is so beautifully green, and so are the weeds...

Attendance has been steady at church... fellowship is so important to the life of our church and we treasure the times spent together worshipping our Lord. Sylvia Frances has spent time in hospital, but we're pleased to report she is now back home and able to join us at church. Stay well dear Sylvia!

ABM had a get together at St Margaret's and we supplied afternoon tea. Thankyou to those who contributed to the food, which we enjoyed the following day as well.

There are so many "behind the scenes" things which are done which keep our community safe and clean. Judith diligently disinfects chairs and tables, but hopefully this will no longer be necessary in the near future. We really appreciate the extra care being taken, especially during the pandemic. Thankyou Judith.

Bible study on Wednesdays is well attended and we have some lively discussions with all kinds of different aspects of our faith being challenged. It's really good to tease out scriptures that are so familiar and find out more about historical context, political opinions of the times and authors of the writings. We are grateful to Ted for running the studies for so many years and for supplying background reading material which gives further perspective to the readings.

[Since writing this for the *Grapevine* we have just heard the sad news of Ted's sudden death We will really miss his steady and diligent leadership in this and the many things for which he took responsibility.]

On the fourth Sunday we celebrate Prayer Praise and Proclamation and we look forward to hearing more testimonies from different members of our congregation. It's really inspiring to hear how each of us has met and followed Christ. We've found out all sorts things we never knew about our parishioners. This month the message

was given by Sylvia Francis, whose life story showed that Jesus had been at the centre of her life. She had been very ill in recent times, and she ended her story by saying that she didn't really know why she was still here—except perhaps that it may be so she could be here for her friend Wendy Sandercock.



We very much appreciate our organists and the contribution they make to our worship. On the 12th September Greg John played an elegy by Fauré in honour of the Queen, and on the 25th September, to

commemorate Ted Sandercock, Greg played the beautiful elegy by George Thalben-Ball as a postlude while the congregation sat in contemplative silence.

Julia Drought for Wardens Judith Wells and Grea John

R: Julia's granddaughter Oakley at church with Grandma.

on the right.



DeBadgery (see Pizza Extravaganza, p. 3) writes:

B4U is a project set up by a couple of local Christian ladies who saw a need (education) and set out to assist by baking goods for sale (biscuits etc). They have been raising money for some years now and have sponsored young people through school. They have also set up a loan system—money lent for a project (e.g. buying a sewing machine) which when paid back is then lent for another project.

See The Grapevine
on the website
www.southernvalesparish.org.au
under Newsletter.

You can not only read it in colour, but also find pages of extra photos.

Blessing of the Fleece: how to get there

<u>Directions from Delamere Shop</u> - Travel south along Cole Road for 3kms, turn right towards Cape Jervis and travel for 1km until `T` junction. Go straight ahead and down the hill and up to the double 'T' junction. Go straight through this junction and follow this road for about 2k (ignore the first two side roads) until you come to a 'Y' junction. Veer left and head along for about 500m. Ryan's shearing shed is the second driveway

News from St Ann's, Aldinga

I can't believe this month has gone by so quickly! Early September began with a glitch in our organ. As Brian was midway through a verse with the congregation heartily singing along, those closest, heard a pop and then silence! Just as well we at St Ann's love to sing, so we kept going while a very perplexed organist tried to work out what was happening. As the next verse approached, all was rectified and the service continued unblemished. However all was not well and for the next two weeks Brian brought in his electronic piano; a different sound but under his skilled musicianship we were spared the ordeal of trying to sing *a cappella*! After a thorough check up and a new fuse installed, all has been well.

We must thank Brian for all of the work he does behind the scenes. Not only is he on Diocesan Council and liaising with the Project manager for the South Road duplication, another of his endeavours is, under the Holy Spirit's guidance, reviewing and choosing our hymns. Before embarking on his trip overseas for a month, he prepared the hymns for each Sunday of his absence. We pray for a blessed and relaxed time for Brian while he enjoys God's creation elsewhere.

We had planned a jumble sale for this month, but due to the impending inclement weather, decided to cancel it. It was a difficult decision, but rain and wind proved it to be the correct one. We hope to have the next jumble sale on the third Saturday in November.

A great deal of preparatory work goes into each Jumble Sale, not to mention the clean up afterwards. Aging bodies are feeling the strain, and so different fundraisers have been mentioned. De and John Badgery have offered a wood fired oven pizza extravaganza for the 23rd October (see *p. 3*) and other ways to keep our parish afloat financially are being considered. We are always open for God to show us the way.

This month has also brought lovely spring rain, which is great for the garden and filling tanks and dams, but detrimental to the driveway around the church. It is hoped that the flooding around the church will be



remedied by the new drainage works to be installed when the South Road Duplication is constructed. In the meantime, the gardening team have been moving trees and other plants in readiness for the works. Many thanks go to them for an amazing job. They keep the garden—and the cemetery— looking lovely. (*More photos online p. 16*)

As we all know, the Queen's passing this month was an incredibly moving event and has reached into the hearts of the churched and beyond. We thank God for her wonderful commitment to service and duty, her humility in changing direction to meet the needs of her people and her love for her Lord and family. Our service began with five minutes' spontaneous silence when the photo of the Queen was put on the screen, and concluded with the Queen's favourite hymn, "I vow to thee, my country" followed by "God save the king". God does indeed move in mysterious ways and a recent Sunday service, with scripture readings and prayers prepared long before, fitted perfectly as we reflected on Her Majesty's long reign and now King Charles' instalment. Margaret even had a request for the prayers that day.

On that note, we are pleased to announce that Peter Chapman is moving forward towards Ordination in the near future and I'm sure there will be a great celebration in the parish to accompany it.

We are delighted to hear that members of the St David's, Burnside congregation plan to visit us again, on Sunday 13th November, and will join us for a BBQ after church.

Trish McDonald has been in hospital for six months, after falling and breaking her thigh and wrist. To celebrate her birthday a few friends gathered with her family at the Noarlunga hospital, to wish her a happy day and share the magnificent birthday cake made by Wendy and Tony Young's daughter for the



occasion. Julianne Bates, Warden

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Peter and Heather have just had a phone call from our much-loved friends in the U.S, Jon and Morgan Brown, who were married at St Ann's in 2019. They are expecting a baby at the end of October—a boy. Peter said, "We prayed for them and that God's special anointing will be over this child. When we spoke those words, the baby did a big kick inside Morgan. (Just like Elizabeth with John.)" Wonderful news!



On the 3rd September WFA hosted a visit from the Rev'd Dr John Deane, Executive Director of the Anglican Board of Mission, and ABM's Key Relationships Manager, Meagan Schwarz, accompanied by Fr Paul

Devenport from SA's Provincial Committee. It was a shame that the visit co-incided with the Sisters of Abundance concert, with which many were involved, but

a sumptuous afternoon tea had been prepared by St Margaret's and others.

Dr Deane spoke about the recent Lambeth Conference, and about the work of ABM. When challenged with the question, "Why, among the many overseas aid programmes, do we support ABM?" he explained that ABM, the official mission link of the Anglican Church of Australia, worked through the Anglican dioceses, who are able to make decisions about what is most urgently needed in their area.

ABM supports **Church to Church programmes** such as supporting ministry priorities of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglicans in NQ and the NT, and

theological education in PNG and Zambia. It also runs AID (Anglicans in Development) which works with church partners in Australia & overseas, providing grassroots, community—driven development, humanitarian relief and disaster preparedness & response.



L-R: Bob Smith, Judith Wells, Fr Paul Devenport, Rev'd Dr John Deane, Meagan Schwarz, Susan Smith, Lorraine de Fredrick, Jac Hocking

For more information see their website, www.abmission.org



At the meeting at St Ann's on Monday 5th September we were pleased to welcome Helen Cook back from her travels, as well as a new visitor, Kay de Vries. We were also very pleased to see Eileen Binns back with us after her extended absence for health reasons.

Over tea, coffee and refreshments visitor Kay was given some background to the Mothers Union, explaining its purpose and the use of the Prayer Diary and Wave of Prayer - held daily at midday for different locations across the world. From our recent involvement in raising awareness of the effect of drought in Madagascar and from Anne's personal experience of MU

in PNG, there is no doubt that that MU plays a significant and practical role in supporting families worldwide.

Trish Frith also informed those present of the proposal to do more "outreach activities" to raise awareness of MU

among young mothers and child carers through contact with two childcare facilities (one in Aldinga and one in McLaren Vale).

Our branch had received an invitation from Genesis Pregnancy Support to a morning tea to be held on Tuesday 27th September at 10 am at Meliora House, in Seaview Downs. More about Meliora House next month.

For our next gathering (9.30 am, 3rd October, St Ann's), Queenie, a musician and music teacher, has been invited to speak to us of her life as part of the Christian minority in Muslim Iran. All are welcome to join us.



L-R: Trish Frith, Jo Parsons, Doreen Rushbrook, Queenie, Kay de Vries, Eileen Binns, Helen Cook.

If you would like to join the Mothers' Union, or find out more about it, contact Trish Frith (0419 964 795) or Helen Cook (0407 056 780).

News from St James, Delamere & Christ Church, Yankalilla:

Fr Brenton writes:

Joan Thomas, a keen gardener, has volunteered to lead a group of like minded people to spruce up the rose garden. We have replanted some roses and removed an ugly shrub. The back half of the garden will be returned to lawn and a ornamental pear tree planted in its place. Along with Joan, Judy Zakarias, Rosemary Ayles, Lyn Dick, Ron King, Peter Filsell and yours truly we got the job done just before the rain. With flowers planted between the roses and the lawn it will be a very neat and tidy area. (*More photos in supplement p. 17*)



The church continues its outreach programmes that just seem to happen when you get out and about in the community. The association with the Men's Shed and the 5CY Food Pantry has seen a community barbecue, Soup and Chat nights during winter and lately a group of school children using the hall for choir practice led by choir master Rebekkah. There are about 15 children that will practice for the next 5 weeks. It is very much appreciated.

And that's all we have to do sometimes. Just get involved in your community and say where you are from and what you do and things just happen. Also the Community Prayer meetings alternate Thursdays during school term, the Contemplative Prayer once a month, and Friday morning meditation in the church. These are just some things that are going on in our area.

From little things big things grow.

Blessings

The Vicar.

Christ Church, Yankalilla

The quiz night held in August was very successful and raised \$1600 for 5CY (the Five Churches of Yankalilla), and a BBQ is planned for 23rd September by the Men's Shed. The 5CY pantry is in great demand and spending \$2,000 monthly on vouchers on top of the hampers. More about this in the next issue.

The bench near the shrine at CC has been repaired. The Op Shop is now closed. It was decided to wait six months before winding up the constitution in case premises become available. Shelving from the shop has been stored at CC hall.

Strawberry Fete. It has been decided to order 50kg of strawberries this year as we ran out in 2021. The cake stall needs an injection of bakers. Many of the ladies who previously baked for the Guild have now retired and we need fresh bakers and ideas to help out. Ideas are sought for new games particularly for the children.

St James' Delamere reports that St James will have a baptism on the 10th October, Matt & Jacki Fisher's grandchild. We see that the elm beetles are back. We had a Fellowship evening last Friday night with about 20 people gathering in the St James for a meal of pizzas and sweets. We were entertained with a slide presentation from Rob and Ann Ryan about a couple of their trips to South America to visit her brother's property and Anne Petch shared some slides about a trip to Cuba.

A family fun day is planned at the skate park on 30th October with the theme "It Takes A Village" (see below). Unfortunately it clashes with the Anglican Church's Blessing of the Fleece on the same day.

It takes a Village to raise a child" (African proverb)

This is the theme of an exciting Community Family Day hosted by the Yankalilla District Inter Church Council. This unique event is happening on the 30th October, 2022 and links in with SA Children's Week.

What started as an idea to acknowledge the work of our two Pastoral Care Workers (School Chaplains) has grown into a full day event to share with the community.

School chaplaincy has been a part of our local community for over 20 years. *It takes a Village ...* is a day to acknowledge, participate in and celebrate the close connections between School Chaplaincy, the local Christian churches, Yankalilla District Council, the school communities and the broader community.

Sunday October 30th 11 am—3 pm

News from St James, Delamere & Christ Church, Yankalilla cont'd

Ron King reflects on lost opportunities

"When God closes a door, he opens a window, right?" The idea is that If God says "no" to one opportunity, you can be sure he's got another one waiting in the wings.

That's comforting. But like many other biblical-sounding phrases, this one isn't actually in the Bible. Both Alexander Graham Bell and Helen Keller are credited with similar statements about life's doors closing and opening; however neither included a direct reference to God. Given its pervasive use in the church, you'd think it came from some pseudo-theological work or apocryphal book. But no. Apparently, it comes from *The Sound of Music*. As Maria is leaving the convent to go to the Trapp Family home she says "When the Lord closes a door, somewhere he opens a window."

A few years ago I was working for a company which lost a contract with the government and as a result I was out of work. A door was closed on me. For several months we survived on Lynn's pay and some part time work I was able to pick up. After several months and right out of the blue I received a phone call from one of the many agencies I had sent my résumé to and was offered a position which paid a lot more than the one I had lost. A window had opened for me (though at the time I did not see it that way as I was a bit depressed about losing a job which I had thought was safe, and about the length of time it took to find another position).

The window may not always open immediately after the door closes, and this could be God testing our faith. It's possible that God may, for a time, leave us in a room with the door firmly closed—without the refreshment of an open window. When God closes a door, he may leave us in the dark for a season until he speaks to us out of the heavens and opens another door, or window.

We have made much of the Op Shop being closed recently by forces outside our control, when the door to a large part of our funding and a source of help to many people in the community was closed. Many of the volunteers have become dispirited and have given up, but there is a small group who are holding off from disbanding the organisation because they are hopeful



that a window will open, either in the shape of another shop, or an alternative fundraising venture. We all need to be mindful that, although the door of the Op Shop has closed God is waiting in the wings with a window for us. We just need to have faith that He will do whatever is needed to continue His work here. We need to submit our lives humbly to God's sovereign control and accept that our disappointments don't make Him any less good, loving, or faithful.

Sometimes He closes a door because He wants us

Sometimes He closes a door because He wants us right where we are.

Even though the Op shop is closed I would ask you to keep it in your prayers and ask God to show us the window.

Jo Parsons was very pleased to accompany her mum, Gwynne Gray, to a Sunday afternoon service at ACH Yankalilla Centre recently. The service, taken by Father Brenton Dick and kindly aided by Gail and Peter Filsell, is a monthly

occurrence at this community-focused residential care facility.

All in attendance enjoyed a relaxed heart-warming service which included many well-known hymns, bringing back fond memories of Sunday School days long past.

The ACH Centre was built in 2002 at the invitation of the District Council of Yankalilla to meet the needs of Fleurieu residents and facilitates monthly services offered by the local Anglican and Uniting churches.

We remain very grateful to those who voluntarily provide such essential support to the emotional and spiritual well-being of our loved ones in care.



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

I feel I should begin this "news" with a loud shout - **HELEN AND COLIN ARE BACK FROM THEIR TRAVELS!** And, just as I thought—things will be easier now.

Our services followed their usual pattern for the month, with Brother Simon leading us on the first and fourth Sundays, Fr Ted presiding over the healing service and Dn Peter leading us on the third Sunday. Our Healing Service had an added component this month as, following the death of Queen Elizabeth II, we added a thanksgiving at the start of the service, with prayers and reflection followed by singing "I vow to thee my country". A short but sincere and touching tribute to Her Majesty. For most of us she is the only Queen we have known, and she will be missed by many the world over.

Sunara has been busy, as ever, and produced some wonderful art and prayers for our noticeboard. One special item was a beautiful Father's Day Card with prayers and quotes from scripture about our earthly and heavenly Father.

Fellowship Our meeting in September saw us very busy finishing off the giving envelopes for the Parish. It was a shock, as we began dating the envelopes, to realise that 2023 was a lot nearer than we thought. They are all completed now, with Ted Sandercock collecting them to deliver round the Parish.

Prayers for Peace A small but regular group come together each month, giving all our hopes and concerns to God in prayer. We have a quiet time with reflection, and music. The prayer booklet each month is taken away and placed in and on notice boards around the community. Our next service is on Tuesday 25th October at 1 pm. All are welcome to join us.

Prayer chain and pastoral care We still have one member of our congregation recovering from a knee injury, but we are hopeful she may be home soon. Joyce had another trip with the local ambulance boys as she was unwell at the beginning of the month. She is fine but needs to take care and ensure she remains well hydrated! Our prayer chain is a vital link with those aged members of our congregation, ensuring they hear information and updates and also allows for all to pray and give thanks as needed.

SCC On Thursday 1st September at 11 am a "Season of Creation" Ecumenical Service was held in the large worship space. It was well attended as usual and was a wonderful









beginning to Spring as we gave thanks for the wonder of God's creation. There is a car boot sale planned for Saturday 22^{nd} October 10-2 pm. The Ecumenical Services group is already ahead with planning for a Remembrance Day Service on Friday 11^{th} November at 10.30 and a Nine Lessons and Carols service in the afternoon of Sunday 18^{th} December (time to be confirmed).

God Bless Helen Cook & Jane Cuthbert, Wardens St Nicholas Seaford

Snippets from Western Fleurieu Parish Council, 13th September 2022

With Br Simon delayed by temporary closure of the rail service, Fr Brenton chaired the meeting.

The clergy team was giving thought to a training programme for lay people—what we do in our services and why we do it. A work in progress.

Dr Rodney Fopp had been appointed Formation Director for the Diocese.

The new **Parochial Administration** booklet (replacing the previous pamphlets) should go to all Wardens and office holders (it can be sent electronically), and a printed copy to be available in each church.

Finance The situation remains serious. The deficit (see graphs) was just over \$22,000 and Margaret had no money in the bank to pay bills. Money would have to be taken from the Shirley Garfitt bequest. The closure of the Op Shop (see pp 8-9) would mean a loss of \$23-35,000 p.a. With an increasingly cashless society, further consideration was given to the use of an Eftpos device for collections.

Work Health and Safety (Church Health and Safety)
Ted had circulated some sample forms for comment
and these were discussed. It was suggested that each
site needed a list of emergency contacts. A workshop
on filling out the forms would be helpful.

Aldinga Christian Care Centre: Our parish had given donations of over \$4,000 as well as food for people in need. A good effort.

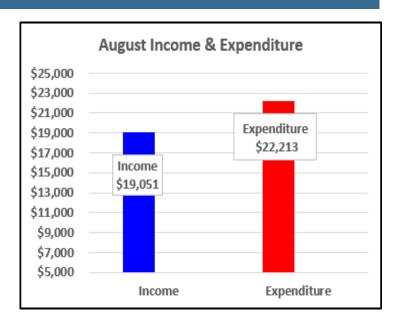
Meals on Wheels: it was noted that Meals on Wheels was calling for new volunteers as it expanded its service delivery with the My W.I.S.E Choice programme (Well, Independent and Socially Engaged), helping older people live independently in their homes and Communities. This provided new opportunities for pastoral care.

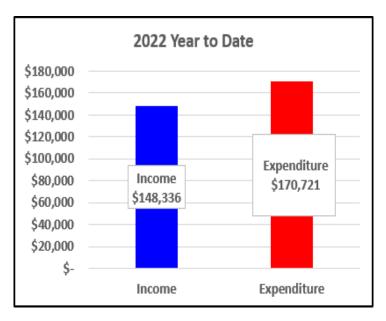
A good way to support the ministry of our parish is to arrange a weekly offering as a direct debit. This gives a steady commitment to our church even when we miss a Sunday.

Details as follows:

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"At this point in the meeting we'll open a discussion of whether or not we needed to have this meeting."

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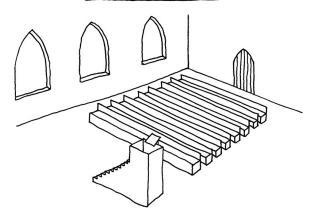
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Service times & contact details

St Margaret's, 99 Main Road McLaren Vale

Sunday: 10.30 am Wednesday: 9:00 am

Wardens:

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

4th Sunday – 11.00 am

5th Sunday – Combined Service

Wardens:

Ron King 0421 332 399 Belinda Rosser 0411 591 628

St James, Delamere

2nd Sunday – 11.00 am

4th Sunday – 9.00 am

5th Sunday – Combined Service

Warden:

Peter Filsell 0427 534 095

Where there is a Fifth Sunday in a month as there is this October, service times are likely to be different.

Please check pewsheets, noticeboards and website for details.

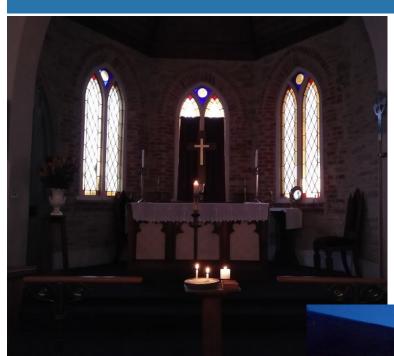
St Stephen's (see p. 4)
Dinner at the Alma after the 5.30 pm service



Subject of next week's sermon, Is gluttony a sin?



St Ann's (p. 6) Mallee: faithful Parishioner.



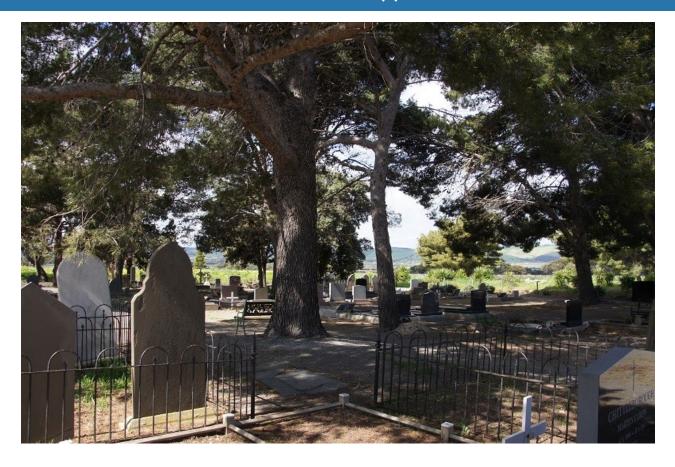
St Stephen's by night: photos by Jo Parsons



ABM Visit to St Margaret's (p. 7) the National Director was most impressed by the afternoon tea! St Stephen's, St Ann's and St Margaret's enjoyed it later.







St Ann's Cemetery (p. 6)





Rose Garden Reno, Yankalilla (see p. 8)



St Nicholas' (see p. 10) makes up the envelopes for all the parish





HONESTY (Sunara's work)



The Church goes out to ACH, Yankalilla. (see p. 9) Fr Brenton, Peter and Gail Filsell lead worship at ACH

