

January 2023

*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

“Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart”

Western Fleurieu has had a second ordination this year!



On Sunday 11th December Bishop Keith Dalby ordained Alison Dutton and Dr Rodney Fopp as Deacons, at Christ Church, Yankalilla.

Deacon Alison will serve as Deacon in our parish as well as continuing her work as a lawyer, and Deacon Rodney, formerly on the staff of St Barnabas' Theological College, Adelaide, has been appointed Director of Formation for the Diocese and will be working with the Bishop and Diocesan Council in identifying, training and deployment of lay and ordained leaders in the Diocese. (See also pp. 2 & 4)



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Dear friends,

It was wonderful to share Christmas worship with you throughout the parish. We had a total of eight services in four days celebrating the incarnation of God in the world. For those of us attending there was comfort in the celebration of our tradition and perhaps the euphoria of experiencing the gamut of emotions that come from our own Christmas life experiences.

Though it is wonderful to be immersed in this nostalgia it is important for us to explore how we can articulate what this core part of our faith means in—and to—today's world. How do we talk with our friends and family about God coming into the world in human form to dwell amongst us, and being the word made flesh? This is our calling. It is hard but we together with all others of faith are the only ones left to do it. It is up to us!

The work we have to do, however, requires all of us to reflect on our faith and find new words, narratives and symbols to describe it, in ways that current and future generations can relate to. "Where to begin?" I imagine you are asking. Perhaps by reading and pondering on this Christmas reflection from the sisters of the order of Julian of Norwich we may have a guide as to where to start.

"In the beginning there was no Christmas tree. There was no liturgy, no vestments, no candles, no central heating,

no cookies, no poinsettias. There were no carols, and nobody was singing Silent Night. There was nothing that could be called Christmas.

There was instead a young mother who had to give birth far from home, without the support of friends or family. It was some men, years later, who perhaps knew nothing of infants, who made the semantic leap that this infant called Holy was the same as that concept of God they called Word: this child and what he became was what God communicated of himself into the world. That Word which nobody would ever have been able to hear is translated into a language of earth.

But he will be heard and understood only to the extent that he is welcomed with quiet and listening hearts. More complicated still for adults, this Word is an infant, with the language of infants. They must learn anew, as those who know nothing, how to be attentive to what he has to tell them; not to surround him with more words but to let this Word speak in their idiom of flesh and blood the vaster things of the spirit that they are called to beyond every word they already know.

And this Word, this Image, is the same poor one, the same infant who comes with nothing and surrenders everything, who, like any infant, will accept only love, and will rearrange everything in them if they want to take Him in. All he asks for is a home with them. This is Christmas."

Travel well my friends, as we discover what it means to respond to our great commission in 2023.

God Bless You All,

Br Simon

Deacon Alison writes



I had the privilege of being ordained a Deacon in The Diocese of the Murray at 11 am on 11th December at Christ Church, Yankalilla. It was a joyous day for me, with a wonderful turnout of family, friends, and supporters.

Given that we were holding the ordination service outside on the lawns behind the church, we were somewhat concerned by the gathering clouds and light rain early in the day! Fortunately, Father Brenton kept the faith, held the line, and the clouds cleared just in time for the service to start. During the service itself, we were blessed with rays of sunshine that timed perfectly with the kneeling of the ordination candidates, and the Bishop's laying on of hands!

It was my pleasure to welcome the Reverend Jean Housley from The Diocese of Willochra who acted as Eucharistic Assistant as well as the Reverend Margaret Holt who acted as Bishop's Chaplain. I am most grateful to these women who have supported me with loving kindness and prayers throughout my ordination training and studies. I am also grateful for the love and support of Brother Simon and Father Brenton.

Thank you to all those who attended and offered prayers in support. I would also like to thank Aleecia Murray and Sylvie Cleret who read beautifully, as well as Brian McMillan and the choir for the lovely singing.

It was truly a very special day that I will never forget.

Dn Alison

January 2023

Sunday 1st NAMING & CIRCUMCISION
Gold Coin Collection for PCWs*

Fri 6th EPIPHANY

Sun 8th ACH Yankalilla service, 2 pm

Mon 9th BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Sat 14^{th**} Saturday Night Out (see p. 8)

Tues 17th Friends of St Ann's 6.50 for 7 pm

Wed 18th Contemplative Prayer, Christ Church 6 pm

Sun 22nd Healing Service, Christ Church

Thurs 26th AUSTRALIA DAY
Ecumenical Australia Day service SEM 8 am
with breakfast to follow

Fri 27th Family Tea, St Ann's 6.30 pm

Sun 29th FIFTH SUNDAY
COMBINED SERVICE, St Ann's, 10.30 am
Parish Luncheon, Aldinga Hotel 12.30 pm
(see below)

~ And each Wednesday ~

9 am Holy Communion St Margaret's
Bible Studies 10 am St Margaret's

February 2023

Thurs 2nd PRESENTATION OF Christ IN THE TEMPLE

Sun 5th Gold Coin Collection for PCW* workers

Mon 6th Mothers' Union 9.30 am, SCC

Wed 8th Maggie's Mates 11.15 am

Thurs 9th Prayers for Peace, St Ann's 11.15 am
Yankadelly 4 pm

Sat 11th Pre-vestry meeting, St Stephen's after the
service

Sun 12th ACH Yankalilla 2 pm
Pre-Vestry meetings after Sunday services

Mon 13th WFA Council St Margaret's 4 pm

Wed 15th Contemplative Prayer, Christ Church 6 pm

Fri 17th HOLY INNOCENTS
St Nicholas Luncheon and Fellowship 12.30
(Bookings 8392 4508) & Fellowship 1 pm

Sun 19th TRANSFIGURATION

Tues 21st SHROVE TUESDAY
Friends of St Ann's 6.50 for 7 pm

Wed 22nd ASH WEDNESDAY
9 am St Margaret's
7 pm St Ann's

Fri 24th MATTHIAS
Family Tea, St Ann's 6.30 for 7 pm

*Pastoral Care Workers In our schools

Combined Service and Parish Luncheon



Sunday 29th January

**Following a Combined Service at St Ann's, 10.30 am,
Parish Lunch at the Aldinga Hotel 12.30 pm**

\$30 plus drinks. Trio of roasts with veg; pavlova to follow.

Book early—maximum 40

Bookings SMS Jane Cuthbert 0407 651 606

**Payment direct to parish account with your surname as reference,
or cash in named envelope given to Parish Wardens.**



**MEETING
NOTICE!**

**Parish Vestry Meeting
Sunday 12th March,
St Margaret's, 2 pm**

A Tour to Sri Lanka & A Pilgrimage To The Holy Land

Pilgrims from Australia and Sri Lanka could join the Pilgrimage.

Under the spiritual guidance of Fr. Neil Fernando,

Parish priest, Christ Church, Mount Gambier, South Australia.

Phone 0478085894

Email frneilfdo@gmail.com

5th – 16th July, 2023 (Sri Lanka), 16th - 25th July (Holy Land)

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

On Sunday 11th December Christ Church was the venue for the ordination of two new Deacons. (see pp 1 & 2, and p.13 in the online photo supplement).

Alison Dutton was ordained as a Deacon in our parish and Rodney Fopp will be working in a formations role at Murray Bridge.

Approximately 90 people attended the service, which was held in the grounds of the church, despite some light rain immediately before the service and a very light shower during it. Interestingly, at the moment that Bishop Keith presented Alison and Rodney as Deacons

the sky brightened, and the sun came through. Well, Christ Church is known for its *happenings*.

The service went through without any dramas, except that the candles on the altar and Advent wreath would not play the game so we went without.

Following the service a shared lunch was provided with enough food to cater for the whole town, Alison and Rodney providing some wine for the occasion.

We feel very blessed to have Alison working in our parish and believe that she will bring an enormous number of new ideas to assist us.

Ron King



I found church outside today.

On the 6th December 5CY (5 churches of Yankalilla) Food Pantry gave out the Christmas food hampers to families that need a little help along the way. The Yankalilla Men's Shed provided a BBQ for all who came and collected their hamper. It was a glorious day in sunshine in the back garden of Christ Church where we all came together and broke bread. Everyone enjoyed the hampers and the meal provided where we joined together as a caring community to support one another in our different ways. 5CY do a magnificent job quietly going about their business with no fuss or fanfare to reach out to those in our community that need a little help and support. **MISSION.** That's what it is all about. This year do your little act of mission and reach out to someone, maybe a stranger and do a RAOK – Random Act Of Kindness. That's my church, a church where we engage with our communities and help one another.

May you all have a most blessed and happy new year. *The Vicar*



The annual **Carols In Your Car** event was held on Sunday 18th December. It is organized annually by the Yankalilla Ecumenical Events Committee which consists of members from each of the five churches in the Yankalilla, Normanville and Delamere area and is run by a committee comprising members from all of the churches in the district. The welcome and acknowledgement of country was given by Peter Filsell.

The Yankalilla Community Church Band provided the music from a mobile stage set up on the Yankalilla Memorial Oval, and the Second Valley Choir led us in many of the traditional and some not so well known Christmas songs including several Aussie ones. The Christmas message was given in three parts by Rev'd Shelley Alexander, the newly minted (3rd Dec.) head of the Uniting Church in the area.

A coffee truck was in attendance as was the Lions Club BBQ which provided sustenance for the approximately 100 people who attended. Some sat on chairs or blankets whilst others sat in their cars and tuned in via the radio.



Our **Prayer, Praise & Proclamation** service on the 19th December was well attended with several visitors, both locals and pilgrims. Ron King gave a message about Joseph as an unsung hero of the Christmas story and included a fairly newly minted hymn called "O how Tender was the Man", written in 2018 by Michael Anthony Milton, an American Presbyterian minister in Chattanooga, specifically about Joseph.

Ron King

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



We had 18 people attend our 7 pm Christmas Eve Service at St James' Delamere. Following the service they all gathered in the hall for Chompers and cake, and some enjoyable Christmas Fellowship.
Peter Filsell

R above: St James' Delamere mini Nativity in the foyer

R below: St James' organist Anne Petch with Deacon Alison

Below: Christ Church Yankalilla "dressed for Christmas"



The Christmas Eve service at Christ Church was well attended with about 30 people including a few regular holiday makers who come each year. Both services were led by Fr Brenton with Dn Alison attending. As a finale we had a Power Point presentation of John Lennon's "So this is Christmas", which went down very well with all joining in. Fr Peter Randle also sang a couple of solo hymns during the service.

On Christmas Morning at 07:35 I received a phone call – from an unknown mobile. Surely these telemarketers and scammers were not working today?

I answered rather tentatively, and an Indian voice asked, "Is that Ron?" Again I answered with a rather tentative "Yes", at which the voice said, "Can you tell me, please, what time is the service at Christ Church today?" Guess how small I felt...

Ron King

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 January.

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

Sadly, the idea of using the Uniting Church at Myponga as an op shop is a non-starter. The presbytery is looking at restarting a congregation in the church. A meeting of the committee was planned for Tuesday 13th December to wind up the constitution and divide any remaining funds.

Advent

The season of Advent is the season of preparation for the Nativity of Christ at Christmas.

During Advent we anticipate and prepare for what the hymn writers - the Reverend John Lamberton Bell (1949-) and Graham Alexander Maule (1958 - 2019) – summarise thus:

*God surprises earth with Heaven
Coming here on Christmas Day.*

So momentous an event indeed requires preparation: for the physical nativity of Christ in Bethlehem; for the reception of Christ in the heart of the believer; and for His Second Coming – hence the Advent Bible study series, recently completed, and the content of our Advent Services, including the lighting each week of an Advent Candle.

Christmas

On a perfect, sunny, clear Australian morning we gathered at 9 am on Christmas Day to celebrate Christ's birth. We were outdoors, in the fresh air, in the area between St Ann's Church and Cemetery.

The Nativity story was told again in the words of the carols sung ("Once in Royal David's City", "Away in a Manger", "Joy to the World", "The First Noel", and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"), of the readings, from Isaiah (read by Michael Drought) and from Luke's Gospel (read by Brother Simon, who conducted the Service), of the intercessions (led by Julia Drought); and the "single truth" – as the Poet Laureate wrote in *Christmas*, "that God was man in Palestine and lives today in Bread and Wine" – was further demonstrated in Communion.

We were pleased to have a congregation of 90, including several children, who received a Christmas activity pack created by Anne Chittleborough. As a practical and amusing response to the breezy outdoor setting, the collection was taken up in Christmas stockings.

The King's Speech

King Charles III continued what is now a tradition, initiated by his great-grandfather, continued by his grandfather, and duly observed by his late mother, of making a broadcast on Christmas Day.

Speaking of his mother, the late Queen Elizabeth, King Charles said: "My mother's belief in the power of [the everlasting light in the words of the carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem"] was an essential part of her faith in God, but also her faith in people and it is one which I share with my whole heart.

It is a belief in the extraordinary ability of each person to touch, with goodness and compassion, the lives of others, and to shine a light in the world around them.

This is the essence of our community and the very foundation of our society...

"While Christmas is, of course, a Christian celebration, the power of light overcoming darkness is celebrated across the boundaries of faith and belief.

So, whatever faith you have, or whether you have none, it is in this life-giving light, and with the true humility that lies in our service to others, that I believe we can find hope for the future.

Let us therefore celebrate it together, and cherish it always."

New Year's Day 2023

On Sunday 1st January 2023 at 9 am we will be celebrating the New Year.

Our Call to Worship will be

Come, old or young – or somewhere between!

Come and worship the Lord.

Come if you are sorrowful or rejoicing.

Come, all who are ready to build and develop.

Come, all who are searching or needing to let go.

Come to share in the silence and the singing.

Come everyone and worship the Lord.

We invite all to respond.

Duplication of Main South Road

14th December 2022 saw the installation of the system which monitors the extent, if any, at St Ann's historic church building, of vibrations from the Main



South Road construction work as it approaches ever nearer, and which automatically reports back when there is a level of risk: this will allow, if and when necessary, suspension of such work whilst such risk is assessed and addressed.

Future Vision Workshop

On 20th December 2022 Bishop Keith issued invitations to the Diocesan *Future Vision Workshop*, to be held at Sevenhill between 2nd and 5th February 2023. In his invitation the Bishop stated that "The Workshop will explore ideas on how we structure our future and provide a framework for discussion at the June 2023 Synod and beyond.". To assist participants – invited members of Diocesan Council from Western Fleurieu Anglicans are Wardens Sue Smith (St Stephen's Willunga) and Brian McMillan (St Ann's Aldinga) - it is expected that local congregations and the Parish Council will take the opportunity during January to express their ideas on these topics: and it is hoped that individual parishioners might consider whether they could assist in the same way, and, if so, to make appropriate direct contact.

Brian McMillan, Warden



Other news:

Birthdays crop up from time to time, sometimes in close proximity. Victoria McKee's and Barbara Hill's were celebrated over a morning tea after gardening on 6th December. The spectacular cake (*see photo supplement p. 19*) was made by Tony & Wendy Young's daughter Kerry.

Victoria has done a marvellous job heading the team at the **Christian Care Centre** at the Aldinga Community Centre this year. As well as weekly provision of food for people who find themselves in difficulties, this December the Centre packed 27 Christmas Hampers for distribution.

Barbara, together with Victoria and others, collects surplus bread and buns from the Home Grain Bakery on Saturdays, for parishioners to take on Sunday in exchange for a donation which, together with food gifts, is given to the Centre.

Advent Retreat at Willunga

On 3rd December Western Fleurieu parishioners from St Ann's and St Stephen's joined the Willunga Uniting Church congregation in an Advent retreat led by David and Sue Woods, who have moved to Aldinga from their ministry facilitating a life of prayer and hospitality in the Campfire in the Heart Retreat and Conference Centre at Alice Springs.

It was a day of prayer, song and silence, and a refreshing preparation for the activities of Christmas.

David hopes to hold more retreats in 2023.



Fr Peter reflects on the year to come



A new year is upon us and new challenges are ahead. Who you are and how you practice your faith can and will make a difference.

Often though, we think, "What can I do?" We may compare ourselves to others who seem to have influence and be effective, and we think we'll

never match that kind of faith.

The beautiful thing in God's Kingdom is that He gives us faith that meets us where we are. He doesn't expect us to jump over mountains or to be sublimely eloquent with words.

All we need to do is honour God with little drops of grace to others, and eventually a bucket is filled. When we reach out with these drops of grace God takes them and turns them into golden beams of hope or encouragement, peace or assurance, affirmation or joy in someone's heart and soul.

What difference can we make, we ask?

Let God show you.

Fr Peter

News from St Stephen's, Willunga

So here we are at the beginning of a brand new year, and summer has finally made an entrance. During the celebrations of Christ's birthday I'm sure your thoughts, like ours, were with the flood victims of the mighty Murray and the people of Ukraine. God bless them all.

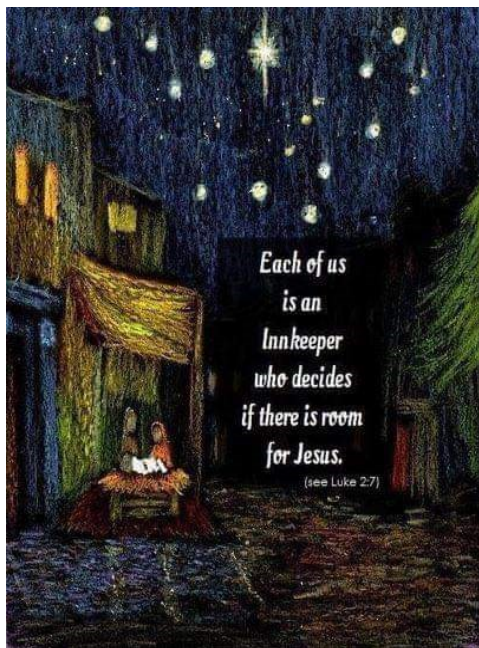
On Christmas Eve we had a truly lovely service led by Fr Peter. The prayers encouraged us to think of people who are homeless, in danger, suffering depression and anxiety, and the folks who work tirelessly to help them. God bless and keep all of them too. We had a good range of visitors and we encouraged them all to come again. Some said that they would!

Following the service we all trailed outside under and around our beautiful peppercorn tree. (The gardens are starting to look really nice thanks to Bob's hard work with lawnmower, strimmer and chainsaw.) We had some mince pies, bubbly and good fellowship. Thank you to all who contributed.

When everything was cleared away, and everyone had gone, Christi, Steve, Bob and I sat on the bench under the peppercorn tree with a nice glass of red, and wished everyone walking by a merry Christmas. One couple walking by with one of their mums and dogs had recently moved to the area, and were thrilled to see the church doors open. They were really happy to be asked if they'd like to go and have a look inside, and did so, with dogs. They said that they would like to come to church, and would attend a service soon.

I would like on behalf of the congregation of St Stephen's to wish all of you, our precious church family, a very happy new year.

Love and blessings,
Sue, Warden



St Stephen's Nativity set (below), was made by Christi Banner's mother, Mary Anne Hauser, in Omaha Nebraska.



Under the peppercorn tree is a lovely site for gathering. Above: Warden Sue, organist Brian McMillan, Br Simon. Below: Christi Banner (R) with her sister-in-law Cathryn Banner

There will be a Saturday Night Out meal at the "top pub" on the 14th of January after the 5.30 pm service. Please contact Steve Banner on 0404163940 with your menu choice if you wish to attend.

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

December was a busy month beginning with our Patronal Day on the 4th December and ending with a combined service with the Uniting and Church of Christ on Christmas Day, as we celebrated the birth of Jesus.

On our Patronal day, 4th December, we welcomed back Gail Barrett from her lonnnnnng trip to the UK, and also welcomed Chris Gunn's granddaughters as visitors for the day. The girls joined in the service by lighting the Advent candles and reading prayers along with Sunara. The St Nicholas' Day service was led by Bro Simon and instead of a sermon we watched a You Tube presentation on the life of St Nicholas, the Real Santa Claus, (<https://youtu.be/C1Wq4mb2Sbg>)



The documentary tells us that through the centuries many stories and legends have been told of St Nicholas' life and deeds. These accounts have helped us understand his extraordinary character and why he is so beloved and revered as protector and helper of those in need – and why he is the inspiration behind Santa Claus. One story tells of a poor man with three daughters. In those days, a young woman's father had to offer prospective husbands something of value – a dowry. This poor man's daughters, without dowries, were therefore destined to be sold into slavery. Mysteriously, on three different occasions, a bag of gold appeared in their home -providing the needed dowries. The bags of gold, tossed through an open window, are said to have landed in stockings or shoes left before the fire to dry. This led to the custom of children hanging stockings or putting out shoes, eagerly awaiting gifts from Saint Nicholas.

Although we did not put out shoes at our service, we did provide everyone with a bookmark depicting St Nicholas prayer and we all enjoyed a very tasty cake, prepared and decorated for us by Helen Cook (see p. 17, *online supplement*).

Our Christmas services started with a service of 9 Lessons and Carols on Sunday 18th December. The service began with lighting of the 4th Advent Candle for Love and then

continued uninterrupted as we retold the story from the fall of Adam to the birth of Jesus and the promise of eternal salvation in Him. Our pianist Cathy More, once again gave a wonderful and moving performance of "Holy Night". We concluded the service by singing the Christmas Blessing.



The service was repeated again in the afternoon but as an Ecumenical Service, with readers from all four congregations taking part. The service was led by the Lutheran Pastor, Kevin Wood, and the Uniting Church minister Rev Anne Butler read the Gospel and closing prayers.

On Christmas Day our Ecumenical service was at 9 am, an Anglican service to which members from the Uniting and Church of Christ, were invited. A group of over 30 people sang carols and listened to the gospel reading from Luke telling of the birth of Jesus. Rev John Madden from the Uniting Church gave the sermon, giving us "Something to think about" as he spoke about the shepherds, the lowest of the low in Jewish society, who were the first people to hear of Jesus' birth and the first to go and visit the Holy Family. We will do turnabout on New Years' Day, with the Uniting Church leading the service at 10 am, to which we have all been invited. Fr Ted Newing will give the sermon with Rev John Madden leading the service.



Although we still work around the problems of COVID, and people being away or unable to do certain tasks, this year has been a wonderful time of fellowship and worship within our own congregation, our other partners in SCC and within the wider WFA Parish. We are all looking forward to 2023 and the opportunities it will give us all to spread the gospel message in our community.

Helen Cook & Jane Cuthbert Wardens



Hi everyone,
December went so fast with the planning and anticipation of Advent, then the planning for the Christmas Eve service and with an ordination of Deacons at Yankalilla thrown into the mix.

The Christmas Eve service of carols and Eucharist was well attended and enjoyed by all. Thank you Greg for the “playing of the merrie organ”. It was followed by bubbles, strawberries and cherries in the church or outside enjoying the evening air. Thank you to all who assisted with ensuring both the grounds and the church were at their best (the church glowed) and also to all those who assisted with the service, bubbles and berries.

We now walk into the new year with vestry meetings, and preparations for Lent. We want to hold Pancakes in the Park again this year and Julia Drought is already checking her lists. Watch this space.

We continue to have a weekly Wednesday Eucharist at 9 am followed by Bible study in the hall at 10 am. Both are lovely, quiet times of reflection and anyone and everyone are welcome to join us.

Best wishes and blessing for a happy and fulfilling new year.
The Wardens and congregation of St Margaret of Scotland.



Top L: Christmas banners and Nativity set.

Bottom L: Rupert & Di Best handing out bubbles, strawberries and cherries

*Another special event last month was Sylvia Francis' 95th birthday on 11th December, celebrated at the McLaren Vale Information Centre (see also photo supplement p. 15).
L-R: Wendy Sandercock, Sylvia, Glen Jarvis, Fran Pettigrew*





Helen Cook, Anne Chittleborough, Gail Filsell, Trish Frith

Outreach at Community Kids McLaren Vale Child Care and Early Education Centre was a highlight for our group this month. Four members took various fruits, packets of sultanas, biscuits and Icy Poles along to the centre, and set up outside to greet and treat the families as children were collected on Tuesday Dec. 6th. All members contributed to the supplies, but only those with Working With Children Certificates were able to be present. Children were invited to choose things they would enjoy eating. It was great to

see so many eager for the fruit, and of course the icy poles. Gail's homemade biscuits were soon all gone. It was lovely to see mums, dads and grandparents collecting the children. Many of the adults were keen to know why we were there. Our answer was that one of our objectives is: *"to promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children."* All were most appreciative.

Helen Cook

Southern Vales MU December Meeting

On December 5th, seven members and friends gathered at the home of Helen Cook at Seaford Rise. President Trish brought each member an orange candle and camelia leaves, to represent the world around us. Attention was drawn to the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence, 2022. **Next meeting Feb 6th at SCC.**



Trish Frith, Helen Cook, Lucy Creed, Gail Filsell, Queenie Baban

Snippets from WFA Council 12th December 2022

It is good that we have an increase in our parish clergy, and that we have a woman on the team. Fr Peter and Dn Alison are non-stipendiary as Fr Peter's part-time hospital chaplaincy is supported by the Diocese of Adelaide (it includes the Noarlunga Hospital in our Diocese), and Dn Alison is juggling legal practice, study and work. The staff meeting on Wednesdays is part of their training process.

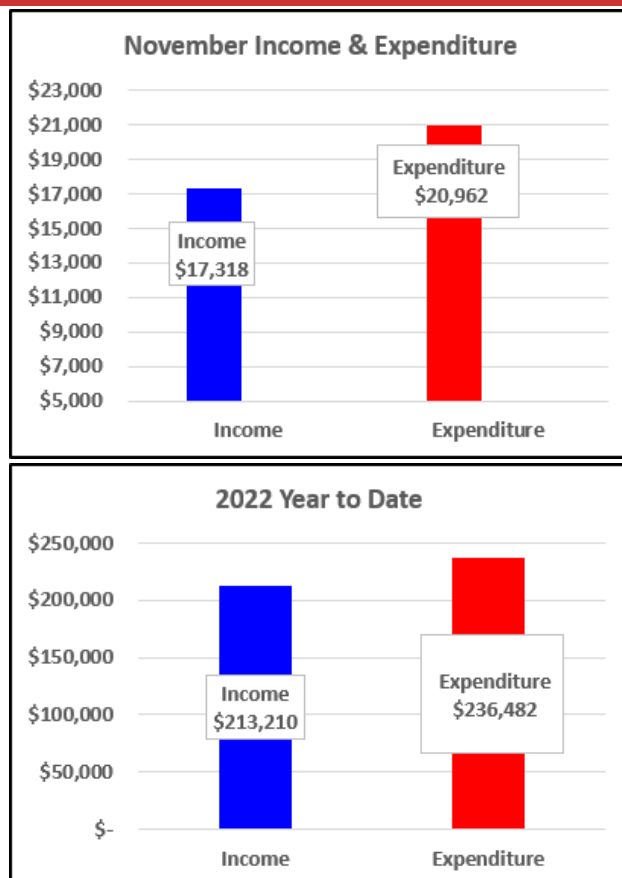
Br Simon and Fr Brenton both have holidays due. It is difficult to get reserve clergy, and the minimum cost of a PTO is \$250. Fortunately each centre now has a strong base of lay-led services, which most people are happy to accept.

The Parish Vestry meeting (the AGM) will be on Sunday 12th March, with pre-vestry meetings on or by the weekend of the 11th-12th February. All reports for the Vestry to get to Jane before Fri 24th February.

A lot of our printing is done on the SCC printer at Seaford, but the old printer at St Margaret's is still convenient. Margaret Cale, Fr Brenton & Judith Wells to consider appropriate printing options.

St James' church had ben broken into, causing \$3-4,000 damage. It had been discovered that the excess was \$5,000 – it had increased and we hadn't been informed of this. The cost of insurance has gone up greatly: we need to give thought to exactly what we insure and for how much.

With clergy stipends also going up across the Diocese next year, the Treasurer warned that we could be looking at a huge deficit next year.



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Sunday: 10.30 am

Wednesday: 9:00 am

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St Stephen's, St Andrews Tce, Willunga

Saturday: 5.30 pm

Warden:

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

1st, 2nd & 3rd 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 in January, service times are likely to be different. Please check pewsheets, noticeboards and website for details.

The Grapevine
January 2023
Colour Photo Supplement

Alison's Ordination (see pp. 1,2, 4)



Before



During



After

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**St Margaret's, McLaren Vale,
Christmas Eve** *(see p. 10)*



Lorraine Gibbons,
Rupert Best,
Jenny Walker,
Di Best and the
strawberries!

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St Margaret's (cont'd)



Christmas is a time when families gather, some coming from interstate, as in this family, together enjoying the worship and refreshments at St Margaret's on Christmas Eve.



Greg the gardener.
“...But I thought he was the organist?”



Celebrating Sylvia's 95th birthday at the Information Centre. (see p. 10)

From the L: Greg John, Doreen Rushbrook, Greg Pettman, Rupert Best, Judith Wells, Piquet Copeland, Felicity Warrington, Wendy Sandercock, Glen Jarvis, Sylvia, and (standing) Fran Pettigrew.

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**Christmas Eve,
St Stephen's, Willunga**
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Fr Peter, Steve Banner



Margaret Cale, Griselda Nelson

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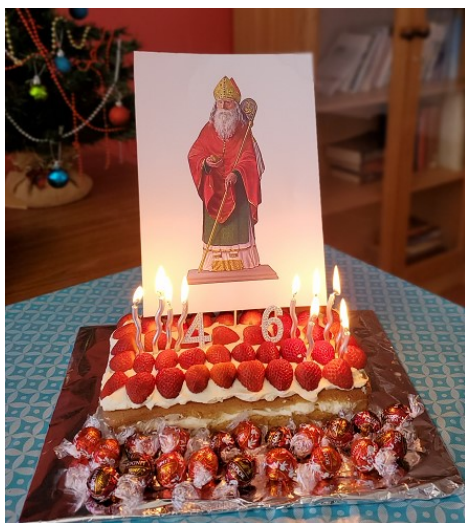


Memory Tree, with Sunara's Nativity set

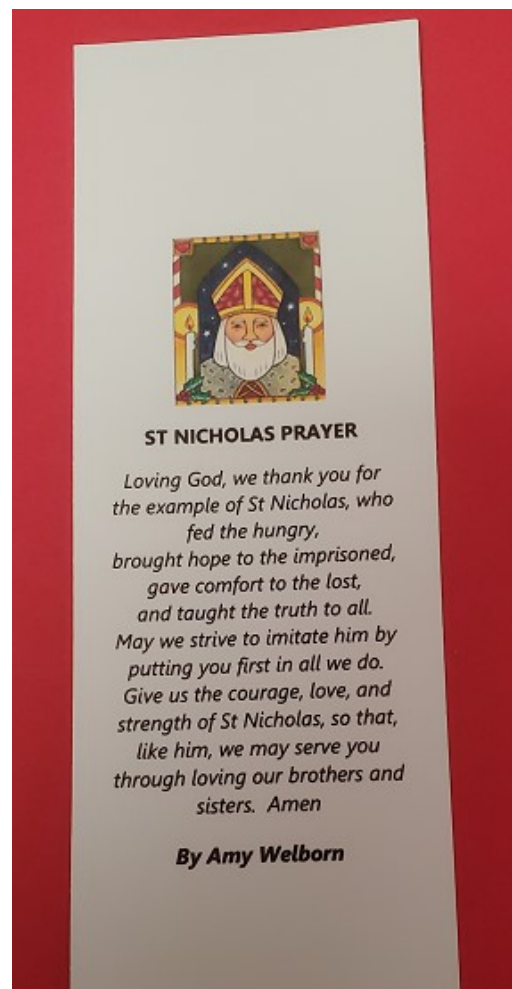
St Nicholas', Seaford
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Welcome back, Gail!



Cake for St Nicholas' Day



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Rev Anne Butler (UCA Minister) at the
ecumenical Nine Lessons and Carols service



Sunara's Advent Wreath ready for
Christmas



In full voice for the Advent Carols and Lessons service

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St Ann's, Aldinga
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Christmas—celebrated indoors

... and outdoors



Wendy Young & Victoria
McKee, with the cake made by
Wendy's daughter.