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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



*When it turned out that our planned Parish Christmas Luncheon would clash with the Bishop's visit for the ordination of Deacon Alison, it was deferred to January 29<sup>th</sup> and celebrated at the Aldinga Hotel after a Combined Service at St Ann's, Aldinga. And who's to say that January isn't a better month to celebrate Christmas fellowship anyway?*



**If you are reading this in black & white,**  
perhaps you didn't know that you can find this newsletter in colour  
(with a photo supplement which can't be included in the printed copy,  
but which includes many more photos of the Parish Lunch, )  
on our website,  
[southernvalesparish.org](http://southernvalesparish.org).  
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## Fr Brenton Writes...



From the book: *The Existential Jesus* by John Carroll: "The waning of Christianity as practised in the west is easy to explain. The Christian churches have comprehensively failed in their one central task – to retell their foundation story in a way that

might speak to the times. They have failed at what the ancient Jews called *midrash* – the art of reworking stories so as to bring them up to date. The church is a wooden residue of tired doctrine about a benevolent and omnipotent Lord God up above, the Trinity, the forgiveness of sins, Holy Communion, resurrection from the dead, and so forth – little of which has cogent mainstream resonance today. The churches have not wanted anything to do with Jesus the teacher of the deep truths about human identity. They have made him superficial and boring, a backdrop prop for their own creeds, ritual, and power. This history of denial and falsification has finally caught up with the clerical elites and their priesthoods."

I have just finished the book from which this quote is taken. It is reproduced here to provide you with some time to reflect on how we as a church are bringing the message to those that have no church background – the so called "unchurched" – a term I dislike but I can find no

other way to describe. As we continue to invite other people to attend church for the very first time, I think that we have to consider telling the story "in a way that might speak to the times".

A quote from Bishop Keith – "I want us to be a thriving Diocese, and for that to happen we must have thriving parishes, and for that to happen we have to be bold, and willing to try new things. The world has changed and while the Gospel remains the same, the context in which it is proclaimed will continue to evolve. This does not mean, however, that we allow the culture to shape the Gospel, rather we have to discover how the unchanging Gospel can speak into a society that may no longer want to hear it, or may even be antagonistic to it, even though it needs desperately to hear and respond to its message. We need to take risks, and we may need to challenge certain closely held understandings. I also get that there may be a variety of factors that limit capacity for change, and that is fine. What I simply want you all to know is that as long as you sit within the boundaries you are free to experiment and explore how we might bring the Gospel afresh to our communities".

Try this – read Matthew 5:1-12 NRSV and then read the same passage from *The Message* – that is the story that speaks of the times. I would give any new comer to church two Bibles. One the NRSV and the other – have a guess. Pray, reflect and do. Blessings. *The Vicar.*

## Dea Alison Writes...



Dear friends

As I write this, we still remain firmly entrenched in Epiphanytide, with its lingering memories of a bright star hovering over that sacred place where Mary gave birth to a beautiful baby. As we gradually shift our gaze from star to cross, we are encouraged to start

thinking about our Lenten journey, and what we might be doing at this very special time.

Lent arrives early this year, so we are already starting to prepare for our series of Lenten Studies commencing at 10 am on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February at St Margaret's of Scotland, straight after our lovely 9 am mid-week service, which you are also most welcome to attend.

If you can't make it to St Margaret's on Wednesdays, we are also offering studies with our friendly group at St Ann's, Aldinga on Thursdays at 7 pm.

This year, we are excited to be studying the latest offering from ABM, which is a short text titled *The Imaginary Doorway*. This text provides us with seven close studies of some of the great stories of the Gospel, written from the perspectives of the people Jesus

encountered. Along our Lenten journey this year, we meet these characters with fresh eyes – Legion, the haemorrhaging woman, Lazarus and Martha, the woman accused of adultery, Zacchaeus, the paralysed man let down through the roof – and celebrate with those at a post-resurrection BBQ breakfast on the beach.

This series of studies focuses on building an inclusive church where everyone is welcome, and dovetails nicely with Bishop Keith's address to Synod last year which states: "*One of the primary tasks of the Diocese is to... make our Parishes safe places for everyone to come and be a part of. For if people do not perceive that we are a safe inclusive place, then they won't come no matter how compelling our evangelistic efforts are.*"

You are most welcome to attend our Lenten Studies, and I look forward to spending this special time with you in a friendly, safe space where we can share thoughts and ideas and build our faith together.

With blessings as we start this Lenten journey together,

*Deacon Alison.*



## February 2023

Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	PRESENTATION OF Christ IN THE TEMPLE
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	Gold Coin Collection for PCW* workers
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Mothers' Union 9.30 am, SCC (see p. 11)
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	Maggie's Mates 11.15 am
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	Prayers for Peace, St Ann's 11.15 am Yankadelly 4 pm
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-vestry meeting, St Stephen's after the service
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	ACH Yankalilla 2 pm Pre-Vestry meetings after Sunday services
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	WFA Council St Margaret's 4 pm
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	Friends of St Ann's 6.50 for 7 pm
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	Contemplative Prayer, Christ Church 6 pm
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	HOLY INNOCENTS (see p. 11) St Nicholas Luncheon 12.30 (Bookings 8392 4508 ) & Fellowship 1 pm
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	TRANSFIGURATION
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	SHROVE TUESDAY (see Pancakes, below)
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	ASH WEDNESDAY 9.am St Margaret's 7 pm St Ann's
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	MATTHIAS 6 week Lenten Bible Study, St Nicholas, 1.30 Family Tea, St Ann's 6.30 for 7 pm

## And each Wednesday

9 am Holy Communion St Margaret's

## March 2023

Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	Gold Coin Collection for PCW* workers Clean Up Australia Day
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	MU 9.30 am, SCC
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	Maggie's Mates 11.15 am
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	Prayers for Peace, St Ann's 11.15 am Yankadelly 4 pm
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday Night Out (see p. 8)
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	VESTRY meeting St Margaret's 2 pm ACH Yankalilla 2 pm
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	WFA Council St Ann's, Aldinga, 4 pm
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	Contemplative Prayer, Christ Church 6 pm
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	St Nicholas' Luncheon 12.30 (Bookings 8392 4508 ) and Fellowship 1 pm <b>Making Palm Crosses for the Parish.</b> All welcome to join in this task.
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	Jumble Sale St Ann's** 8.30-12.30
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	Friends of St Ann's 6.50 for 7 pm
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Family Tea St Ann's 6.30 for 7 pm

\*Pastoral Care Workers In our schools

\*\* Conditions permitting

For more information about regular parish events,  
see p. 11.



### BIBLE STUDIES in LENT

St Margaret's Wednesdays, 10 am,  
St Ann's Thursdays 7 pm

See "Deacon Alison writes" (opposite  
page). Enquiries: Deacon Alison  
Ph. 0421 108 194

Also Ecumenical Lent studies, St Nicholas', 1.30 pm Fridays  
(see p. 9)



## MEETING NOTICE!

Parish Vestry Meeting  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March,  
St Margaret's, 2 pm



Help make Palm Crosses  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March  
St Nicholas', 1 pm

Seaford Christian Churches  
Learn a new skill—and see if  
you can remember it!

## SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKES IN THE PARK!

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 5:30 pm  
Ellis Park, McLaren Vale

Coffee and Drinks available for purchase  
Pancakes and Toppings provided  
(Gluten Free Option available)

Come and enjoy a sing-along

### The Future of St James'

In the latter part of 2021 we started to broach the realities of what the future is for the St James' Church, Hall, and Cemetery at Delamere. In November 2021 the WFA Council met at Delamere to look at the site and to discuss how we can utilise this as an asset rather than it being a burden to the Pastoral District. During the early part of 2022 we explored the options that had been suggested, and in April 2022 the following recommendation went to the WFA Council meeting from the Yankalilla/Delamere Management Committee – "That we no longer look at the commercialisation of St James".

The outcomes of all of these discussions are ongoing and we are mindful of the legacy that we have been given by our predecessors and how we can honour that legacy going forward. We have been told by Br Simon and Bishop Keith to "hasten slowly". There may be some merit in this process, but it does not address the fact that our numbers are dwindling and that it is costing us money to maintain the property, and if our numbers dwindle more, this burden will fall onto an extremely small number of people, who may not be willing to carry that burden. During 2023 we will need to examine seriously where we are going and what processes we need to go through.

### January Visitors

During January we have had numerous visitors join with us for our Sunday Services.

In early January we had a carload of visitors from St Ann's and St Stephen's join with us for our 11 am Service. This was much appreciated to help swell our numbers. Please be advised that if you wish to come to our 11 am Service on the Second Sunday of the month, you are most welcome to turn up at 10.30 am and join with us for morning tea in the Hall before the Service.



In late January we were joined by the Very Reverend Chris Chataway (Dean of St George's Cathedral, Perth) and his wife Heather who were on holidays at Second Valley. Heather and Chris have been worshipping with us at St James' for many years when they stay at Second Valley, but the last few years with Covid and their move to Perth have made their visits a bit less regular.

### Yankalilla and Delamere Anglican Cemeteries

The St James', Delamere cemetery has about 120 leased cemetery plots and 15 plots in their Memorial Garden. The Christ Church, Yankalilla cemetery has about 400 leased cemetery plots and 20 plots in their Memorial Garden. These plots date back to the 1870s. We have maps and records that are up to 150 years old, and these are all paper based. In 2011 the Yankalilla & District Historical Society scanned our records so that we do have a digital copy of the records up until that date. In conjunction with the Anglican Cemeteries at Aldinga and Willunga we have engaged Chronicle Rip Pty Ltd to produce a Digital map and database solution for each of our Cemeteries. This will give us an extra level of safety and preservation of our records and make it easier for our Curators to maintain the records.

The Chronicle software has the added benefit that the public can access the information via their phones and other devices. This will allow the general public to look up information on ancestors buried in the cemeteries, eg plot location, photographs of headstones and inscriptions, and historical information. It can also be used to set up virtual history tours through the Cemetery



of notable pioneers and other people of interest from the area. This would be very useful as we can link it with a lot of the information that has already been collected and collated by the Yankalilla & District Historical Society. The initial cost for our two cemeteries to set up the Chronicle software (and associated databases and maps) is \$3828 plus a further \$300 for signage.

I have recently been notified that we were successful in obtaining a Community Grant of \$2064 from the District Council of Yankalilla to help fund this project. We also contacted the Yankalilla Community Op Shop and they have very generously provided us with the rest of the funds for this project. This means that we do not need to draw on our Cemetery Trust Funds.

*Peter Filsell – Cemetery Curator*



## News from Christ Church, Yankalilla (cont'd)

### A first for Christ Church!

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January was a special day in the history of Christ Church. The service was a Prayer, Praise and Proclamation service led by Belinda Rosser with Deacon Alison Dutton assisting.

Alison, who was deaconed in December, has assisted in several services at Christ Church but this time she had a reserved sacrament which had been blessed earlier in the week, and led us through a short and simple but very moving communion service, and then with Belinda's assistance offered communion to those who wished to partake. Everyone did.

This was Alison's first solo eucharist and it was also the first time a woman has presented communion in Christ Church—which to us is a big deal, and one which will go down in the history of our church.



### Our historic font

Some of you may know that the white alabaster font at Christ Church was a gift to us from Salisbury Cathedral in England, brought over by Bishop Short just after Christ Church was built. (There has been discussion in the past about whether the font was gifted to us, or whether Bishop Short purloined it.)

I received a phone call last week from a lady named Louise Fountain. Louise is a tour guide at Salisbury Cathedral and had heard of the font being here, so asked if she and her husband, Sean, could visit and see it whilst on holiday in Australia.

Louise and Sean came to Christ Church for a brief visit and I met with them along with Alison, our deacon. They were delighted to see the font still in place in the church, though a little disappointed, as are we, that it is not used often as we don't have many christenings. They did take a lot of photographs of the font and the church.

Their visit was short as they had to go elsewhere but we have exchanged email addresses and will keep in touch. It would be nice to set up a link with such an established church, over 700 years old.

Ron King



Louise Fountain & Dn Alison, with the font

Below: Louise Fountain, Ron King, Dn Alison



Yankalilla Christian Meditation Group meets weekly at 9.15 - 10.00 am Christchurch Yankalilla, South Rd. All welcome. For more info contact Sandy Andrews, 0421 504 396



## News from St Ann's, Aldinga:

January has been a relatively quiet reprieve from the hurly burly of the final months of 2022.

It is to our long-term advantage that Brother Simon's first Message of 2023 gave an insightful outline of the history behind the writings of the Gospels, putting all into the context of the day.

In recent times we have been pleased that the state of health of two of our congregation has improved sufficiently to allow them to attend Services. We have been very pleased to have been able to welcome back Trish McDonald and Barbara Walter, who have been missed.

### Family Service

The first Sunday of 2023 was New Year's Day, so in our Family Service, led by Trish Frith, we were asked to consider what it was time to do now. The Message by Julianne Bates used the readings of the day, but much of it came from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 with the challenge of accepting God in each season and seeking Him in it, whether good or bad.

Challenges were there to be considered too.

***"A time to kill and a time to heal".***

We know from Jesus' words that it is wrong to kill someone physically or kill them with our words, but what about killing that addiction that harms us, and instead allow healing to come into our lives through prayer, therapy, friends and family help. Being kind to ourselves helps too.

***"A time to plant and a time to uproot"***

How about planting ideas or activities with our children or grandchildren that create long lasting memories and uprooting the things that invade our wellbeing and peace; the things that are noxious or poisonous in our lives, like holding grudges and nursing hurt.

***"A time to build and a time to tear down".***

The New Year seems a good opportunity to consider prayerfully where we are as a church community. Are there things we need to stop because they are no longer fruitful? Are there things that have been started that could and should grow, that need to be built up?

### Second Sunday after Epiphany

Our Prayer, Praise and Proclamation Service on 15<sup>th</sup> January was led by Julianne Bates who, with Brian McMillan, delivered the Message. Our theme was "Come, see, tell, repeat", based on John 1:29-42 where Jesus asked Andrew and John, before they could speak to him, that question fundamental to them – and to us all: **What are you looking for?** and where, after those disciples ended up spending the day with Jesus, Andrew went and found his brother Simon (Peter) and brought him to Jesus.

Having selected several images of Jesus for projection, Julianne asked for consideration of three questions:

- \* Which of the images of Jesus are you most drawn to?
- \* From that image, if Jesus looked at you right now, and asked you "What are you looking for?", what would you say?
- \* Which image would you use to show Jesus to someone else?

Several people contributed to discussing those questions.

### Jumble Sale

We are planning to host a Jumble Sale on 18<sup>th</sup> March. As we know, "jumble sale" means "a sale of miscellaneous, usually second-hand articles, especially for charity"; in contrast to a white elephant sale where "white elephant" means "an item or property that is no longer useful or wanted, especially one that is difficult to maintain or dispose of". Accordingly we are also planning to review our holdings, so as to separate genuine jumble from any white elephant which may have been introduced. If you can help, we'd love to see you at St Ann's. We are planning to hold our Services and Events as usual, despite the effects on access to St Ann's of the duplication of Main South Road.

### Lenten Bible Study

We are planning to begin our ABM Lenten Bible Study, on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at St Ann's at 7 pm (see p.2-3).

### Friends of St Ann's

At our 17<sup>th</sup> January meeting we agreed to hold our February meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> February so as to enable us to be available to assist at St Margaret's Pancake Day celebration in McLaren Vale on 21<sup>st</sup> February.

### Duplication of Main South Road

Works are progressing at the intersection of Main South Road and Port Road, with new arrangements for traffic to and from Aldinga/Port Willunga controlled by temporary traffic lights, and the removal of the Port Road roundabout. In Stonehouse Lane, outside St Ann's Aldinga, excavations for re-alignment of services are being undertaken, resulting, initially, in the closure (Monday to



*What was Br Simon doing here?*

*No—not dancing!  
In telling the story of Jesus' baptism by John he connected the story with the congregation by sprinkling each person with water.*

*(But as captured in this photo, he got a bit carried away when he came to Fr Peter and the camera!)*



### **Vale Anne Lear**

Born in Balaklava in 1933, Anne Lear had a quiet, deep faith throughout her life. She was always ready to care for those around her. Where there was a need, she was there, offering good, practical help.

She and Alf moved to Aldinga in the early 1980s, where for many years they ran a deli on the seafront where the Indian restaurant is now. Anne was part of the backbone of St Ann's, back before the Room was built, and always in the centre of activities. She produced countless numbers of sandwiches, sausage rolls, slices, jams, marmalades and chutneys from her kitchen, and provided simnel cakes for Mothering Sunday for many years.

She was a staunch supporter of the Christian Care Centre, OzHarvest and Bush Church Aid. Her home was known as a "drop off centre" for huge amounts of food for the Care Centre over many years. She felt so blessed in her own life, and she had an open heart, open arms and an open house where all comers were welcome.

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023 she and Alf reached 67 years of a real marriage partnership, and she died on the 27<sup>th</sup> January. Hers was truly a life to be celebrated.

*Helen Davies*



Friday) of the current entrance to the churchyard, and, later, in the similar closure of the current exit. Access during the week will be through the entrance/exit that will be left open: both will be open on Sundays. Concept Plans for the duplication, South of St Ann's, of Main South Road to Sellicks Beach have recently been published and are under consideration. (See photo p. 19)

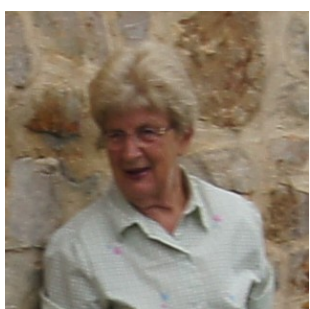
#### **Family Tea**

On the evening of 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023 we gathered for the first Family Tea of 2023, following the more general gatherings elsewhere on 26<sup>th</sup> January for Australia Day. Although there was not a large attendance, possibly on account of the heat of the day, the capacity, inventiveness and culinary skill of those contributing food was much in evidence. The sad news of the death of Anne Lear was broken by Father Peter Chapman, who led us in a toast to the memory of our old friend.

#### **Combined Service**

On 29<sup>th</sup> January we at St Ann's were more than happy to welcome visitors from elsewhere in the parish for a Combined Service, this being the fifth Sunday in the month. The service itself comprised an unusual Combination: following a period of tranquil contemplation involving songs, oral prayers and meditation, based on a visual presentation on the Beatitudes, people placed written prayers, composed on the spot, on the altar. Then Brother Simon, assisted by Deacon Alison Dutton, led the Eucharist. We concluded with the song "Shalom My Friend" (in Yiddish and English).

Afterwards the buzz of multiple conversations could be heard, inside and outside the Room, over morning tea, before we repaired to the Aldinga Hotel across the road for our Parish Luncheon.



### **Friends & Helpers**

We are blessed at St Ann's to have people who, while not normally worshippers in our church, are constant friends and helpers to us and to the church.

While members of the congregation are responsible for the Room, **Margaret Park** (top) with her husband Patrick, has cleaned the church for over a decade, and cleans homes and in many ways cares for many among us who need help, always looking for ways to make things better for us.

**Pepper Boulton** (centre) joins us regularly at our jumble sales as our book stall convenor, cheerfully being involved in the setting up and packing up, and never asking anything for the work she puts into it.

**Rhonda Gawley** (bottom photo) and her friend Margaret regularly bring

their plant stall to the jumble sales, giving a donation to the church from their proceeds.

These people, with their friendship and loyalty, are part of the "behind the scenes" fabric of our church. We love them and thank them. AC

## News from St Stephen's, Willunga

Happy February everybody.

The waters of the Murray have peaked and are slowly receding, I see. The said receding waters are now starting to reveal the utter devastation they have caused. We pray hard and long for the people impacted and hope they get all the help financially and physically that they need. God bless them and their helpers.

Bob and I have started to attend St James's church at Delamere for the 11 o'clock service. What a delightful little church it is, great acoustics. We fill our back seat with other folk happy to have a drive "down south" and afterwards go to the Yankalilla pub for lunch. I think it's nice that we visit our sister churches and our other church family from time to time when can.

I was gardening away one Saturday morning and I noticed the cat from next door keeping me company. Apart from the occasional meow at me, he/she was keeping a careful eye out for any movement in the foliage of the garden.

There will be no Saturday Night Out on this February 11<sup>th</sup> as we will be having our pre-vestry meeting. A good opportunity for us I think to share our ideas for our church, what we like about what is happening at St Stephen's and also, what we don't.

Once again on behalf of the congregation and myself we would like to invite you all to join us one Saturday, whether for our normal 5.30 pm service or to come on the night we all go out for dinner, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month (contact Steve Banner on 0404 163 940 to book or to have a menu emailed) or to our peaceful contemplative service on 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays in the months where there are 5 weeks. Regardless, after our services we have a drink and nibbles and a good old chat.

And again, on behalf of the congregation of St Stephen's and myself, we wish you a happy, and not too hot February, and look forward to your company soon.

Love and blessings.

*Susan Smith, Warden.*



*Lunch at Yankalilla after the service at St James'.*

*L-R Bob Smith, Lynn King, Trish Frith, Patrusca Birkett, Ron King, Susan Smith, Anne Chittleborough*



## Retrospective :



With so much news about Christmas in the January issue of *The Grapevine*, another special event was overlooked.

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December was the fifth Saturday in the month, and therefore was the occasion of another of the popular Contemplative Services at St Stephen's, as well as recognition of St Stephen's Day (28<sup>th</sup> December). The service was well-attended by parishioners from our

churches, and by visitors (in fact, we are going to have to get a bigger tray for the lighted candles!).

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 15<sup>th</sup> of February.

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



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

January started off more quietly at St Nicholas', as several of our parishioners were away holidaying or visiting with family and friends. The centre was also quieter than usual with the office, café and many of the outreach programmes taking a well-earned break in the first few weeks of January.

Our first service for 2023 was a combined ecumenical service with the Uniting and Church of Christ congregations. The service was organized by the UCA with participation from all congregations, and Father Ted gave the sermon. It was a great way to welcome in the New Year with praise and worship as well as a time of fellowship with fellow Christians at SCC.



*Sunara illustrates the baptism of Jesus*



*Fr Peter leading the Communion Service*

Father Ted took the healing service on the 8<sup>th</sup> January but with a short message, for which we were all grateful. Fr Peter was supposed to take the service on the 15<sup>th</sup> January, our family service, but was called away to Mt Gambier. The service had already been prepared and was ably led by Helen Cook and Joan Dare. Fr Peter's pre-prepared message was read by Helen Cook. By Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> most of our congregation had returned from trips and visits, so we were in full voice. Fr Peter led the communion service giving a thought-provoking message on following Jesus.

January having five Sundays, saw us once again combining with the Uniting and Church of Christ Congregations for an ecumenical worship service. This time the service was Anglican led, with Fr Ted and others from both congregations reading the lessons and prayers. Rev John Madden read the gospel and gave the message based on Mark 5, the Beatitudes. A shared time over morning tea and biscuits made a welcome time of fellowship following the service.

Sunara has been busy each week with her delightful artwork reflecting on the week's gospel message. She also leads us in a short prayer as she presents her craft to the congregation.

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January there was an Australia Day Ecumenical Service, led by the Lutheran Community with participation from all the congregations at SCC. The service centered on reflecting on everyone's role as stewards and caretakers of this "Great Southern Land" and respect for all who are blessed to live here. Pastor Kevin gave the message emphasizing our role as God's caretakers of this world, and how we must acknowledge our mistreatment of it, accept responsibility for it, and move forward with God's help to heal it. The music was all via Youtube which gave the opportunity to listen to the words and continue our reflections. The service was followed by refreshments in the café, with tea, coffee, lamingtons and Anzac Biscuits.

Planning is on the way for our Bible Study in Lent. We will again



*Australia Day:  
Pastor Kevin, Lutheran Church*

join with the Catholic Community and run an ecumenical Bible Study based on the coming Sunday's readings. Studies will be held on Wednesday and Friday Mornings at 10.30 am beginning on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

The prayer chain has, unfortunately, had to be active in January, with prayers for people involved in local accidents, falls, illness and with ongoing health issues. Prayers are offered through the chain and added to our pew sheet, so all can pray and support those in any kind of need.

Our pre-vestry is to be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> February, in preparation for the WFA Annual General Meeting on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Despite our congregation being mainly on the wrong side of 70 or even 80, we all look forward with optimism to the coming year, sure that our God is with us and his plan for us will be just right! Blessings

*Helen Cook and Jane Cuthbert  
Wardens St Nicholas Seaford*

## News from St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

Hi everyone,  
January has been a fairly quiet time at St Margaret's, with numbers down due to illness, holidays here and away with families and of course, grandparent duties.

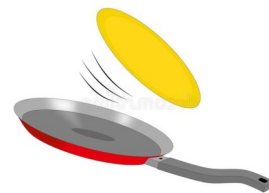
Unfortunately, following Christmas we had an outbreak of Covid affecting various families. However there were no serious effects except for a lingering tiredness, and most of those affected are now back in church.

With the commencement of Epiphany, the crib, Christmas tree and gold decking were removed and packed up ready for next year. The church may have lost some of its celebratory highlights, but walking into the church remains like walking into a pool of quietness and peace, anticipating what is to happen next.

We are now preparing for the coming year, commencing with the pre-vestry meeting to be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> February. Our list of tasks both ongoing and once-off does not seem to get any less, however we have already completed the first two—a pest inspection of the church,

Lent commences on Ash Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, with the imposition of ashes for those who wish it at the 9 am service.

The day before, Shrove Tuesday, we are back in the Park for pancakes with the enthusiastic leadership of Julia Drought. She has her lists of "things to do" and some of you will already have received phone calls. The park is Ellis Park, McLaren Vale, the time is 5:30 pm. Coffee and drinks will be available for purchase: pancakes (gluten free available) and topping will be provided free of charge. I hear there will also be a sing-along! Donations of lemons, jam, cream (pre-whipped), honey and sugar are welcome.



L-R : Lorna McGaffin, Sue Briggs, Judith Wells, Jo Davidson, Di Best, Rupert Best

hall and rectory, and cleaning the chairs in the Hall. The Sisters of Abundance choir will be practising weekly at St Margaret's, and we are grateful that choir members Sue and Jo volunteered to assist with cleaning the chairs. This year's tasks will also include many health and safety issues as we continue to bring the church and the hall up to standard.

Br Simon and Fr Brenton continue to provide for our spiritual needs with assistance from Fr Peter and our new Deacon Alison, who assists at the Wednesday 9 am morning service and joins with Br Simon and Fr Brenton in the Bible Study (10 am) and morning tea or coffee in the hall afterwards. A Lenten study is already being prepared (see pp. 2, 3) and as always, everybody who wishes to attend is welcome.



Jac Hocking has a wonderful talent for making gifts to help make the Sunday message memorable. And she's not the only one to be creative in the kitchen—R: Greg John makes an excellent rum ball!



Time passes so quickly now. It feels as if Christmas is just over and we are already beginning preparations for Easter. Thank you to everyone who assists in the ongoing tasks and activities involved in the spiritual and physical maintenance and growth of our Church.

May you all have a blessed and happy coming year  
*The People and Wardens of St Margaret of Scotland  
Anglican Church McLaren Vale*



## Some of our regular parish happenings ...



### Mothers' Union Australia:

sharing Christ's love by encouraging, strengthening and supporting marriage and family life. We look forward to our first meeting in February, which will be at Seaford Christian Churches, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 9.30 am  
Enquiries: Helen Cook 0427 679 787

### PRAYERS FOR PEACE

Join our prayers with prayer around the world.  
St Ann's, Aldinga, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month.  
Next: 9<sup>th</sup> Feb, 9<sup>th</sup> March  
11.15—12.15, with refreshments



### CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

"Resting in God's presence."

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month

6 pm Christ Church, Yankalilla

Candle-lit worship with a meditative form using music, chants, silence, prayers & scripture.

Open to all, from all backgrounds

Next: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February

Enquiries: Fr Brenton 0417 831 880

### SATURDAY NIGHT OUT

Following the 5.30 pm service at St Stephen's, Willunga on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month, repair to a meal at a local hotel, enjoying a "night out" together.

Enquiries and bookings: Steve Banner

0404 163 940



### FAMILY TEA, ST ANN'S



4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month, 6.30 for 7 pm

No need to book. Bring food & drink to share, and bring your friends. Relaxed atmosphere.

Next: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Enquiries: Julianne Bates 0422 817 169

### WEDNESDAY MORNING

#### EUCCHARIST

Every Wednesday morning

St Margaret's, McLaren Vale, 9 am

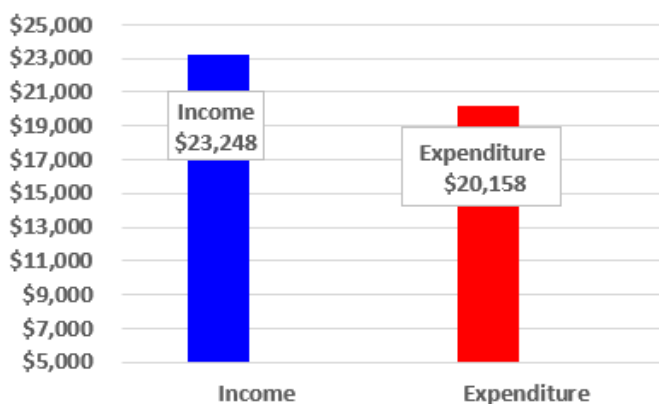
A service loved for its calm, peaceful atmosphere.

Followed at 10 am by a Bible Study in the Sunday School Room for those who like to stay

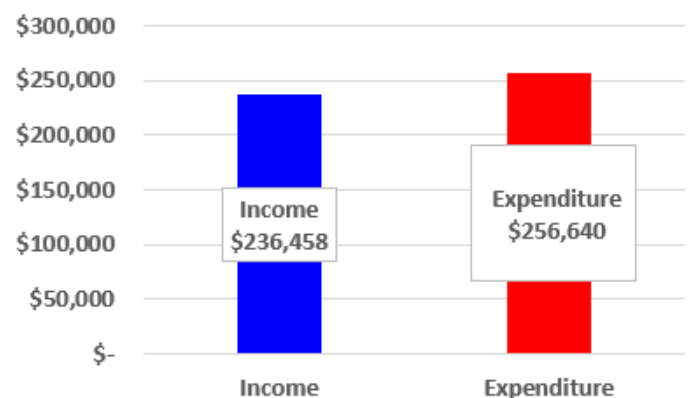


## Our parish finances to date

### December Income & Expenditure



### 2022 Year to Date



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

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## Service times & contact details

St Margaret's, 99 Main Road McLaren Vale

Sunday: 10.30 am

Wednesday: 9:00 am

**Wardens:**

Judith Wells 0411 502 218

Greg John 0405 053 331

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

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



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***Parish Lunch, 29<sup>th</sup> January***  
*(see p. 1)*



*Anne Vincent, Trish Frith, Margaret Park*



*Patrusca Birkett, De and John Badgery, Lorraine Eyles,  
 Julie Bennett, Stephen Carthew, Jack Warrington*



*L: Helen Blake, Paul Bell; R: Susie Waters, Heather &  
 Peter Chapman*



*Fr Brenton & Lyn Dick, Heather & Fr Peter Randle*



*L: John & Margaret Morgan, Elizabeth Gordon Mills, Br Simon  
 & Susie Waters, Fr Peter & Heather Chapman R (from front)  
 Terry Cole, Peter Filsell*



*Brian McMillan, De Badgery, Dn Alison  
 Dutton*



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*Jack Warrington, Heather Chapman (standing), Felicity Warrington,  
 Gillian Clampett, Frank Vincent, Judith Golobokov*



*Bob & Sue Smith*



*Gail & Peter Filsell*



*Susie Waters*



*Anne Chittleborough*



*Susan Smith, Margaret Cale, Lorraine de  
 Fredrick, Barbara Walter*



*Andrew Hayward, Fr Peter, Jane Hayward*



*Some serious matters to discuss! Ron King &  
 John Morgan*



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**St James, Delamere**



*Peace prevails at the morning Eucharist at St James' Delamere.  
Fr Brenton Dick, Dn Alison Dutton*



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**St Nicholas', Seaford**  
**Seaford Christian Churches**



In the Large Worship Space: silent reflection during the ecumenical Australia Day service



In the smaller worship space: Sunara offering prayers.



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**St Ann's, as seen by Julianne on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January**

