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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



Archdeacon Simon Waters

In a letter which was read out in our churches last weekend, Bishop Keith Dalby thanked Br Simon for accepting his invitation to become the Archdeacon for The Fleurieu.

In accepting this, Br Simon is taking on an additional level of service to the Church in our Diocese, using in a wider field the skills and administrative experience he has already shown in the parish. He will need our prayers and support.

Congratulations on your appointment, Brother Simon!

In an AD CLERUM to the Diocese on 27th February, Bishop Keith wrote that he had

...created three Archdeaconries, Limestone Coast, The Murray and Fleurieu.

The Limestone Coast Archdeacon will be Fr Neil Fernando, and he will be responsible for the whole of the Limestone Coast of Mount Gambier, Lower Limestone Coast, Upper Limestone Coast, Kingston-Robe and Tatiara. In addition, in accordance with the Vision Weekend at Sevenhill he will head the team to look at reaching out to young families and young people in the Diocese.

The Murray Archdeacon will be Fr David McDougall. He will be responsible for the parishes of Mount Barker District, Onkaparinga Valley, Mannum - Mount Pleasant, The Murray and Riverland. He will also be responsible for setting up a Ministry Development Commission to help us look at ministry and missional initiatives, and prioritise them.

The Fleurieu Archdeacon will be Fr Simon Waters. His area will include Southern Suburbs, Western Fleurieu, South Coast, and Strathalbyn. Consistent with the outcomes of the Sevenhill Conference he will also head up a Commission to look at strategies for deepening our prayer and spirituality culture in the Diocese.

The Archdeacons will also shoulder some of the Administrative workload that the Vicar General had before the position was abolished due to financial restraints.

EASTER SERVICES 2023

Maundy Thursday 6 th April	7 pm Christ Church, Yankalilla 7 pm St Margaret's McLaren Vale (with Stainer's Crucifixion) 7 pm Seaford Christian Churches (SCC) Ecumenical service
Good Friday 7 th April	9 am Christ Church, Yankalilla: Stations of the Cross 9 am SCC Ecumenical service: Journey to the Cross 10 am St Ann's, Aldinga: Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday 8 th April	7 pm Lighting the New Fire, St Stephen's
Easter Day 9 th April	9 am Christ Church, Yankalilla 9 am St Ann's, Aldinga 10.30 am St Nicholas', SCC 10.30 am St Margaret's, McLaren Vale 11 am St James', Delamere

A MAUNDY THURSDAY SPECIAL

The Crucifixion: A Meditation on the Sacred Passion of the Holy Redeemer by John Stainer.

Maundy Thursday 7pm, St Margaret's

Choir: Cantate Dominum

Conductor: Sue Russell

Organist: Rosalind Gallasch

Soloists: Greg John - Baritone

Curtis Antram - Tenor

Followed by

Holy Communion and stripping the altar.



Dear Friends in Christ

Welcome to Lent 2023! Once again, we mark this holy season with the imposition of ashes and our thoughts turn to what we might eschew for forty days.

During this liturgical season, I would like to gently encourage everyone to think about how we can be personally transformed or “transfigured” through our daily prayer life and intercessions with God. Instead of giving up the usual vices such as chocolate or alcohol, let us grow in our relationship with God by spending time in prayer, giving up judgement of self and others, and, to paraphrase the words of a wise person in our Lenten Studies group, by finding “something you can love in everyone”.

The miracle of Jesus’ transfiguration inspires us to ascend our own higher mountaintop where we might find a place apart – a personal prayer space – to deepen our understanding of Jesus, to open ourselves to his total self-giving love for us, to be taken aside by him and to detach ourselves from the mediocrity and vanity of the world. This is an uphill journey as we

ascend to the top of the mountain, and it usually requires effort, sacrifice and concentration, but when we pray, we too can be transformed and changed.

While our external appearance may not become dazzling white, internally something shifts, and our inner being undergoes a process of change and metamorphosis. For Jesus, this transformative experience took place in private, away from the noise and crowds of people, and similarly this can happen to us in our own private prayer space.

God can change and transform us through our prayers and intercessions, which is why maintaining an active dialogue and prayer life with God every single day is so important. We can participate in the transformation that took place in Jesus by reaching out to him – when we are with him, we are with the divine. Jesus’ love, grace, peace and compassion can transfigure and transform us. And then when we look at those around us we can see them from the inside out, as people also capable of transfiguration and transformation.

The transformation of Jesus is our transformation. That is Good News indeed.

With Lenten Blessings

Deacon Alison

And Fr Peter wrote – all the way from Queensland!

Our Bishop is looking at restructuring what mission is in our parishes.

Here is a parable.

There was once a town with a river that ran through it.

It had a beautiful swimming hole and many visitors came to enjoy this special place. Once in a decade the river ran high and in those times the local swimming hole had dangerous currents. So the council of the town put up a sign and it said:

DO NOT SWIM

By order of the Mayor
Dangerous currents
when the river rises to
the 3m mark.



This sign saved many swimmers.

But by and by the sign grew old and rusty. Eventually all that could be read was the first three lines. People stopped visiting the town to swim except those who lived in the town and knew the river. Later the town renewed the sign and put up another sign at its gates that said:

**WELCOME !
Come and enjoy
the most beautiful
pool in the region**

Over time people started to return.

Sometimes our churches have done things in the past that have been caring and considerate, but times change and so do people's expectations.

Sometimes we have done things a certain way to suit the times, and now they no longer suit.

Here is a check list to see if we are up to date:

1. Have we become rusty and unreadable?
2. Do we need to renovate ourselves?
3. Do we need to see how we can be welcoming?
4. Are the currents that run through us safe and caring?
5. Are we seen as beautiful and inviting?
6. Have we stopped caretaking the beautiful things within us?
7. Are we confident that our faith is attractive?

There is both a natural and spiritual component in these questions. Both need to be applied to work effectively. That is— do people see the beauty in us and enjoy the ambiance of God's Holy Spirit among us which is His loveliness?

When this is so, then nothing will stop visitors wanting to come and some will even want to stay.

Fr Peter

There's more in *The Grapevine* online—read it in colour, and see the extra pages in the online supplement.

March 2023

Wed 1 st	Contemplative Prayer, Christ Church 6 pm
Sun 5 th	Gold Coin Collection for PCW* workers Clean Up Australia Day (see p. 7)
Mon 6 th	MU McLaren Vale Info Centre 9.30 am
Wed 8 th	Maggie's Mates 11.15 am Contemplative Prayer, Christ Church 6 pm
Thurs 9 th	Prayers for Peace, St Ann's 11.15 am Yankadelly 4 pm
Sat 11 th	Saturday Night Out, Willunga (see p. 8)
Sun 12 th	VESTRY meeting St Margaret's 2 pm (below) ACH Yankalilla 2 pm
Mon 13 th	WFA Council St Ann's, Aldinga, 4 pm
Wed 15 th	Contemplative Prayer, Christ Church 6 pm
Thurs 16 th	Lenten Supper, St Nicholas' (see p. 9)
Fri 17 th	St Nicholas' Luncheon 12.30 (Bookings 8392 4508) and Fellowship 1 pm Making Palm Crosses (see below)
Sat 18 th	Jumble Sale St Ann's** 8.30 am-12.30 pm
Tues 21 st	Friends of St Ann's 6.50 for 7 pm
Wed 22 nd	Contemplative Prayer, Christ Church 6 pm
Fri 24 th	Family Tea St Ann's 6.30 for 7 pm
Sat 25 th	ANNUNCIATION (See p. 7)
Sun 26 th	Healing Service, Christ Church 11 am
Mon 27 th	Lenten Supper, St Nicholas' (see p. 9)
Wed 29 th	Contemplative Prayer, Christ Church 6 pm

And each Wednesday

9 am Holy Communion St Margaret's

and each Friday

Meditation at Christ Church

9.15—10 am (see p. 4)



MEETING NOTICE!

Parish Vestry Meeting

and afternoon tea

Sunday 12th March,

St Margaret's, 2 pm

This is the Annual General Meeting of our church. Be there!

Reports for the meeting are available from your church.

April 2023

Sun 2 nd	Gold Coin Collection for PCW* workers
Mon 3 rd	M U McLaren Vale Info Centre 9.30 am
Wed 5 th	Contemplative Prayer, Christ Church 6 pm
Thurs 6 th	MAUNDY THURSDAY (see p. 1) Yankadelly 4 pm
Fri 7 th	GOOD FRIDAY Easter services
Sat 8 th	EASTER EVE see p. 1
Sun 9 th	EASTER DAY ACH Yankalilla 2 pm
Mon 10 th	WFA Council, Christ Church 4 pm
Wed 11 th	Maggie's Mates 11.15 am
Thurs 13 th	Prayers for Peace, St Ann's 11.15 am
Tues 18 th	Friends of St Ann's 6.50 for 7 pm
Wed 19 th	Contemplative Prayer, Christ Church 6 pm
Fri 21 st	St Nicholas' Luncheon 12.30 (Bookings 8392 4508) and Fellowship 1 pm
Sun 23 rd	Healing Service, Christ Church 11 am
Tues 25 th	MARK ANZAC Day. Coorong trip (see p. 7)
Fri 28 th	Family Tea St Ann's 6.30 for 7 pm
Sat 29 th	Contemplative Service, St Stephen's 5.30 pm
Sun 30 th	Combined Service t.b.a.

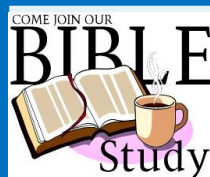
*Pastoral Care Workers (chaplains) in our schools

** Conditions permitting

LENTEN SUPPERS ST NICHOLAS SEAFORD

Thursday 16th March,

Monday 27th March (see p. 9)



BIBLE STUDIES in LENT:

"The Imaginary Doorway"

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

Enquiries: Deacon Alison

Ph. 0421 108 194

Also Ecumenical Lent studies, St Nicholas',
10.30 am Wednesdays



Help make Palm Crosses

Friday 17th March

St Nicholas', 1 pm

Seaford Christian Churches

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

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

On Sunday, 5th February 2023, Father Peter Randle celebrated his ordination to the priesthood 40 years ago. Peter blesses Christ Church with his ministry by leading the service at 9.00 am on the first Sunday of every month. He delivers a stimulating sermon (often illustrated by his fine singing) and celebrates Holy Communion. He is shown in the photo with Marlene Stone who made the chocolate cake.

Few of us realized the financial and personal sacrifices that Peter and his wife, Heather, made originally for him to carry out full time study in theological college. Peter left his position as an accountant and Heather worked as a seamstress to meet expenses. We are now benefiting from those sacrifices, for which we are eternally grateful.

Elizabeth Gordon-Mills



Pancakes in the Park has become an annual event at Yankalilla on Shrove Tuesday, and this year it was bigger than ever as the Uniting Church was asked to join in organising it. As usual, it was held in the Children's Park in Yankalilla in front of the newly extended and refurbished library.

About 30 people were treated to a variety of home made dishes—not only pancakes— and a mobile coffee van dispensed a variety of drinks.

The weather, although forecast to be hot, was pleasant, though a strong wind threatened to make flying saucers of the paper plates. Conversation was lively and the spirit of the occasion was friendly.

A donation box was passed round and funds raised will go to one of the charities helping disaster relief in Turkey and Syria.

Ron King



Friday meditation at Christ Church

From 9-15 am to 10 am every Friday there is a meditation at Christ Church for anyone interested. It is run by Sandy Andrews, a member of WCCM Australia (The World Community for Christian Meditation). It is a prayerful time to be quiet in the presence of the Lord, to be at one and listen. A great way to start the weekend with peaceful thoughts and a clear head.

“Be still and know that I am God”. Meditation is about coming to stillness of spirit and body. But to reach this stillness we have to devote time to the work of silence. In meditation we turn the spotlight of consciousness off ourselves. We are not thinking or talking to God at all. We seek to do something immeasurably greater; we seek to be with God, to be in the mind of Christ. The first task of meditation, therefore, is to bring our distracted mind to attention in stillness, silence and simplicity. Heavenly Father, open our hearts to the silent presence of the Spirit of your Son. Lead us into that mysterious silence where your love is revealed to all who call. Maranatha Come, Lord Jesus.

News from Yankalilla & Delamere (cont'd)

Yankalilla Area School Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club operates during school terms before lessons on a Monday and Friday morning. It provides a basic breakfast of fruit juice, hot milk chocolate drink and toast, to students from Rec to Year 12 who may not eat breakfast at home due to many and varied circumstances. Breakfast Club also provides an opportunity for students to connect with one another before the school day, and with the many volunteers who faithfully provide the program each week.

The program is run by the local churches. The school chaplain uses it as a valuable point of contact with students. Teachers have reported about the positive impact it has on students who take advantage of the meal. There is positive support for the program from the school's Principal, Christine Bell.

Funding comes from the churches, District Council, Community Op Shop, 5CY Community Pantry, and milk donations from the Fleurieu Milk Company. Drakes Supermarket donates loaves of fruit bread each week which gives the students some variety of choice.



Wendy Lindsay, PCW, (chaplain) at Yankalilla Area School receiving a bread donation from Kristy in the Drakes Supermarket store.

Fr Brenton Reflects...



IT'S A CRAZY WORLD OUT THERE, GOD

I sit in front of the TV sipping my cup of tea and eating a TimTam as I watch a real life reality show on SBS – “Mariupol: The People’s Story”, the three-month siege by the Russian forces of the city. This

is the one-year anniversary of the start of the war. War in the comfort of my living room. Listening to those who survived the siege telling their stories.

I remember seeing on the News the bombing of the maternity hospital and pregnant women being stretchered out wounded and bleeding. One of the doctors said that one of the women died and her lifeless baby rested on her breast. In the doctors’ words, “We laid the lifeless baby on her breast and then zipped her up in a plastic bag.”

It’s a crazy world out there, God.

A wide-eyed boy of nine or ten sitting with his mother on the steps of a bombed-out house talking about his grandmother dying. He said she is up in the clouds and maybe she will poke her head around a cloud and talk to us. He then said that they should buy a plane with roll down windows and then they could fly up to the clouds, roll down the windows and touch her hand. His eyes still wide with the horror he has been through.

It’s a crazy world out there, God.

A young wife and mother tells of being told by her husband to find another man and a father for their child as, “I probably won’t be coming back.”

It’s a crazy world out there, God.

I am troubled and feel helpless at seeing all this suffering in the comfort of my living room. I feel for these innocent people and the suffering they are going through. Also, the Russian mothers whose sons will never return.

It’s a crazy world out there, God.

What can I do. We pray. We pray to God for an end to suffering in all the world, where we can all live in peace. I am troubled.

It’s a crazy world out there, God.

I finish my tea and my second Tim Tam and I go to bed with my cat sleeping at the foot of the bed in comfort, peace and safety.

It’s a crazy world out there, God.

Fr Brenton



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

News from St Ann's, Aldinga:

Family Service: Our Family Service on 5th February was led by Kate McKechnie, with the Message by Pat Roper on the theme Salt and Light. Pat began her message with a three lettered word: "Wow!" She was referring to all of the day's readings which were sermons in their own right. Expanding on them helped us see the beauty and wisdom in God's Word. One of the benefits of lay-led services is not only the confidence building in participants but new insights each speaker brings. How thankful we are for these opportunities.

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany, 12th February: The Gospel of the Day, Matthew 5.21-37, was preceded by the Hymn "Forgive our sins as we forgive". Brother Simon concluded his Message by reading the first verse. That hymn is so powerful that the words merit their appearance here, as follows

"Forgive our sins as we forgive", you taught us,
Lord, to pray, but you alone can grant us grace to
live the words we say.
How can your pardon reach and bless the
unforgiving heart, that broods on wrongs and will
not let old bitterness depart?
In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we
dimly knew: what trivial debts are owed to us,
how great our debt to you!
Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls, and bid
resentment cease; then, bound to all in bonds of
love, our lives will spread your peace.

The author of those words was Rosamond Eleanor Herklots (1905-1987) who was born in India. educated at the University of Leeds and ultimately took up secretarial work. Although dissatisfied with her earliest efforts at hymn-writing, she was encouraged to persist and ultimately wrote some 70 hymns. The story of the composition of this Hymn, as set out in *Songs of the People of God* (1982, Professor Wesley Milgate), will resonate with gardeners, particularly those in our Garden Team:

When Miss Herklots was digging out weeds in her nephew's garden one day, the thought came to her that their deep roots and the harm they caused to the flowers were an emblem of the entrenched bitterness, hatred and resentment that can poison our lives and hinder our growth in grace. Hence she wrote this hymn, recognised as the best . . . she has composed.

Transfiguration: On 19th February the Prayer, Praise and Proclamation Service was led by Tony Young and Julianne Bates gave the Message. We were asked to ponder the moments that made us feel close to God and to consider our reactions to them. Challenges were posed too: unlearning misconceptions, not to go racing ahead of Jesus, listening to Him, ensuring our ideas, values and actions come from His words and not somewhere else.



Lent: We marked the beginning of Lent with a Service at 7 pm on Ash Wednesday, 22nd February, which included the Imposition of Ashes.

Lenten Bible Study : We began our ABM Lenten Bible Study, *The Imaginary Doorway*, on 23rd February at St Ann's at 7 pm. Ten parishioners participated in deep yet lively conversations at our first study. The familiar story of Jesus healing the Gerasene demoniac called Legion was turned upside down as we explored the situation from the perspective of the demoniac! A quote from Nardia Bolz-Weber resonated with us when she stated: "Jesus does not just cure people's diseases and cast out their demons and then say Mission Accomplished..., he's always after something more...healing is never fully accomplished until there is restoration to community." If this first study is an indication of what's to come, there will be much to learn.

We are grateful to Tony & Wendy and the Garden Team for the mammoth task they do cleaning up pinecones and pine needles in the cemetery. The heap in the photo was one week's clean-up. Helpers would be most welcome, especially as some of our Easter services will be held outdoors.



News from St Ann's, Aldinga cont'd

Commemorating Anne Lear: On the 18th February the Lear family invited Anne's friends to a lunch at their home to celebrate her life. She had not wanted a funeral, but Fr Paul Devenport, who was among those remembering her, spoke of Jesus' compassion for the woman who had lost her son, and our belief as Christians that Jesus raises up those who have faithfully served him. He gave thanks "for Anne, for her family life and her friends, for her contribution to the community, for her commitment to work, for her leisure activities and other interests, for her personal qualities, for her strength in adversity, for her faith, love and hope and for her ministries in the Church". (Photos in the online supplement, p. 14)

Clean Up Australia: On the 5th March St Ann's congregation will worship in working clothes as we join forces after the service with people around our country cleaning up rubbish along our roads. We will conclude with pizza in the hall.

Family Tea: On the evening of 24th February we gathered for our Family Tea and were very grateful for air conditioning after a 41 degree day. Family Teas are a relaxed social event which anyone can drop in to. Bring your friends!

Duplication of Main South Road: On 21st February the stone wall and the other stonework to the North of and adjacent to the current Entrance to the Churchyard at St Ann's was removed. The stonework has been stored offsite, so that, if it is decided in future to use that stone for any of the replacement walls, that stone will be available. The stone holder that we use to display the Floral Cross on and from Easter Day was removed in one piece, and also stored offsite for possible future use. The stone wall to the South of the current exit was also removed, and this will become the Entrance/Exit. The location of this new Entrance/Exit will be appropriately delineated.

Brian McMillan & Julianne Bates, Wardens

D'you fancy a trip to the Coorong?

For ANZAC Day (25th April 2023) St Ann's will follow



a biennial tradition, and using the excuse of celebrating 80th birthdays, arrange a trip down the Coorong. The boat

leaves Goolwa at 10 am and returns at 4 pm. Morning and afternoon tea and lunch provided; two guided walks. \$128pp
Contact Anne Chittleborough 8556 5078
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MU members gathered in the café at Seaford Christian Churches on Monday February 6th for our first meeting of the year. A welcome cuppa and chat, as always, began our meeting.

President Trish gave us each a seed pod from the *Gomphocarpus fruticosus*, which is also known as Milkweed, or "Swan Plant" (so named because the pods resemble a swan). The Swan Plant originated in South



Africa. The caterpillars of the Wanderer (or Monarch) butterfly feed and lay eggs on the leaves.

Monarch butterflies need milkweed for survival and milkweed is often in short supply. They lay their eggs exclusively on milkweed and their caterpillars are milkweed dependant until they prepare for metamorphosis. With very few emergency food exceptions, they are the only thing that monarch caterpillars can willingly, and safely eat.

Unfortunately, it is a declared weed in Australia but with care it can be grown in your garden to assist in the life cycle of our lovely butterflies.

Our next meeting will be at the McLaren Vale Information Centre on March 6th, 2023, at 9.30 am. All welcome.

Helen Cook Secretary.



Lady Day

(Annunciation)

March 27th, 2023

Christ Church,

24 East Terrace, Strathalbyn

10.30 am refreshments

11 am Eucharist

Fr Daniel Irvine (MU Chaplain) presiding

BYO lunch

Guest speaker's topic: Corneal Implants.

All Welcome

Happy March, everybody.

Our pre-vestry meeting was held recently. We had no new nominations for warden and nothing was raised to go forward to the vestry meeting on the 12th March.



The main concern raised was for our sign in the front: it was the attached thermometer target sign to raise funds for the work that was done on our driveways that was the problem. It was thought very unfriendly by several folks, and although Br Simon thought it important to keep it there, he listened to the majority and allowed us to remove it, which we did at the next service. We then went on to think of ideas of fundraising to raise money and to purchase a completely new sign as the current one is looking very tired. Clever people that we are, we came up with lots of ideas. Fr Brenton designed a new sign and this was shown at the service on Saturday 25th March. It was met with instant and unanimous approval! Next steps are to find out the cost and raise the money.

We continue to have our Saturday night out dinners on the 2nd Saturday of the month, the next one being on the 11th of March. Bookings and menu choices to Steve Banner, please, on 0404 163 940. We have our snacks and drinks at the end of the service and they are proving very popular. And on the months where there are 5 Saturdays we have our Contemplative Service. The next one will be on the 29th of April. Our service on Holy Saturday (8th April) will be at 7 pm instead of 5.30. As in previous years it will be the service of Lighting the New Fire.

Our article in the *Discover Willunga* magazine will recommence this month. In it I have encouraged folks to come and have a look inside St Stephen's on a Saturday morning, to park in our car park while shopping, to

consider us for weddings, baptisms, confirmations and funerals. On Saturday 11th we will have a table to attract passers-by—pots of blackberry jam for sale, and scones with jam and cream to entice passers-by.

I was recently invited as a DC councillor to attend a workshop at Sevenhill, close to Clare, to discuss Bishop Keith's vision for our Diocese. I have never been in a room that was so full of optimism and hope for our future and the love of God. We will in time be sharing this vision for your opinions, input and ideas.



St Aloysius', Sevenhill

Two from this church attended the Lenten Day of Reflection up the road at Bethany Hall, led by David and Sue Woods on Saturday 25th February, involving prayer, meditation, singing, and reflection on the season of Lent.

As always on behalf of all of us here at St Stephen's I invite all of you to come and visit us one Saturday evening. You'll still have time to go to dinner afterwards—and you can have a lie-in on Sunday if you want to!!

Love and blessings.

Susan Smith, Warden

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.

*The Anglican Parish of Southern Vales
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February seems to have gone very quickly and Lent is upon us. We have had a few changes to our services this month. Fr Ted Newing has decided not to lead the healing services at St Nicholas' in the future. He took his last service on the 12th February, and was ably assisted at communion by Titi. As Fr Peter Chapman will be overseeing services and pastoral care at St Nicholas' from March, Fr Ted in consultation with Fr Peter has decided that he will now limit his participation to the 5th Sunday Combined Ecumenical Services and other Ecumenical services. As he is only a few years shy of receiving that card from the King, we suppose we will have to let him start winding down!



*Fr Ted's last healing service.
Titi helping with Communion*

Fr Peter has been away on holiday and visiting relatives so our Family Service on the 19th was led by Helen Cook and Joan Dare, with Helen reading a reflection written by Fr Peter in a spare moment. Our service on the 26th will be our last formal service with Br Simon, as Fr Peter takes over 3 services each month with our Family Service moving to the 1st Sunday in each month. We are all looking forward to working with Fr Peter over the coming months.

Sunara, as usual, has been busy making and creating wonderful art reflecting the weekly message. Sunara also leads the congregation in prayer as part of her "show and tell" at the end of the service.

Our Pre-Vestry meeting on Sunday 12th February, following the services, was well attended by the congregation. Helen Cook and Joan Dare formally

resigned from their positions as Synod Representatives for the parish. This will make it possible for elections to be held at the Annual Vestry. As our congregation is not getting any younger and no one else volunteered to take up the position of Synod Representative, we will have to rely on the rest of the parish to put forward suitable candidates. A vote of thanks with acclaim was given to Fr Ted for all his work.

Lenten Bible Study began on Ash Wednesday 10.30 pm. Our Friday study has been cancelled due to lack of numbers, but we could hold a study at the local residential care facility if needed. The Lutheran community is also running a Lenten study on Tuesday evenings 6-7 pm and all are invited to join for one or all of the 6 sessions.

We plan to hold two **Lenten Suppers** this year, after a long recess because of COVID. We have asked Pastor Kevin Wood from the Lutheran Church to talk on his ministry in Uganda and Fr Peter will be our other guest speaker. Pastor Kevin will speak on **Thursday 16th March** and Fr Peter on **Monday 27th March**. Both suppers will commence at 6 pm with a short service, followed by soup, bread and fruit, tea and coffee. Cost \$5 per head. All welcome.

The prayer chain has been active with prayers for people involved in local accidents, falls, illness and with ongoing health issues. Ann Wilson has settled into Eldercare permanently and has already begun working her magic among the residents there, visiting, talking and sharing the Table Service with a couple of the residents.

Ecumenical Lenten Services are being planned at SCC with a penitential service on the Thursday before Palm Sunday, traditional Maundy Thursday service and Journey to the Cross on Good Friday.

Blessings

*Helen Cook and Jane Cuthbert
Wardens, St Nicholas Seaford*



LENTEN SUPPERS ST NICHOLAS' SEAFORD

A short service beginning at 6 pm followed by Supper and an informed talk by our Guest Speakers

Thursday 16th March with Pastor Kevin, Lutheran Minister at SCC and

Monday 27th March with Fr Peter Chapman.

Share in a lovely supper of soup, bread & fruit, Tea and coffee

Suggested donation \$5 per head
Proceeds are given to the speakers for a charity of their choice

Booking is not necessary.

News from St Margaret's, McLaren Vale



St Margaret's has been busy out in the community. We feel it is important to be seen outside the walls of our church... to make our faith visible in our local community.

We took our Shrove Tuesday pancakes to a public reserve near St Margaret's, both to share our delicious pancakes and to let people know where we are and when Easter services will be held.



It started out a warmish evening, but a cooler breeze arrived to make a beautiful evening. Thank you to St Ann's faith community for their help, Lloyd Russell for bringing his street organ for a little music, and to Maria for her Old Speed coffee. All much appreciated! Thanks also to Briony from the Rotary Club for providing hotplates for the pancakes.

We've had our pre-vestry meeting. All necessary issues were approved by the congregation. We plan to offer afternoon tea to those attending the Vestry meeting on the 12th March. It's a chance for us all from our various churches to get together and chat over a cup of tea.

Lenten Bible Studies have begun, led by Deacon Alison Dutton. The study is promising to be insightful and thought-provoking. The study is at 10 am following the 9 am service on Wednesdays. It's not too late to join us!

Judith Wells has had time away on a cruise around New Zealand, which was somewhat marred by her contracting COVID on the ship. Being isolated in her cabin was not what she had planned, but Judith remained optimistic and

practised gratitude in spite of her circumstances..... 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18: "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." Judith is recovering well and hopes to be in church soon. Get well quickly, Judy!

The grounds around St Margaret's look neat and tidy, thanks to those who quietly maintain the property—it's much appreciated. Thank you to our priestly mob who care, pray and keep our spirits fed with God's words. May God continue to bless us and give us the courage to share our faith with those we meet.

Written by Julia Drought on behalf of Wardens Judith Wells & Greg John



And if you think this (on the left) is just a cartoon, check out the photo on the right!



St Ann's fills from the back forwards, 8:50 am, Sunday



The study group at St Margaret's of Scotland, McLaren Vale, which includes people from St Margaret's, St Stephen's and St Ann's, commenced Lenten Studies on 22nd February, after the imposition of ashes during the 9 am Ash Wednesday service. We were fortunate to have Greg John in attendance. He played the organ beautifully for our service, then read the moving story of "Legion (the Gerasene Demoniak)", with great pathos and sensitivity.

This year, we are working our way through ABM's Lenten Studies book called *The Imaginary Doorway: Stories and Studies from the Gospel of Inclusion*. The reimagined narratives of these gospel stories evoke a range of emotional responses that take us on a journey into the lives of some of the people that Jesus encountered. Written from their point of view, we begin to see these people as "real" people, rather than as mere foils to the Jesus story.

These weekly studies emphasise the radical inclusiveness of Jesus towards those who experience exclusion and isolation and they are complimented by beautiful illustrations. We look forward to continuing our Lenten journey with these stories of people hearing the good news, being released and restored, and stepping into freedom through the love of Jesus.

Dn Alison Dutton

Snippets from Parish Council

A workshop at Sevenhill had been primarily for members of Diocesan Council although Br Simon, Fr Brenton and Margaret Cale from our parish had been invited by the Bishop, making us the most represented parish in the Diocese. It had involved extensive discussion, and was felt to have been a positive experience. When the Diocesan report of the workshop comes out it will be shared with the parish and worked through in each church. Our parish is moving from being passive consumers to being an empowered church, but we need to keep a balance so as not to disengage those preferring familiar and traditional liturgy.

Lent and Easter are approaching. There will be outdoor events at McLaren Vale and Yankalilla – it is a chance for us to make contact with the community. The only way our church will survive is if each member of the congregation invites one other person. Surveys show that of every group of ten invited, one will accept an invitation to come. In our own peer group, one in five could be expected to come. It is up to the local

congregation to do the inviting; not the clergy. The clergy's role is to offer the sacraments, theological education and supervision. It is important that each church in the parish is holding a lay-led service a month.

We don't need to convert people to a doctrinal position. Be welcoming – not just being polite in the church – invite people to something outside the church. Not all things can be done in a day. Focus on what we can do. Don't be afraid to try new things.

In the next month Fr Peter Chapman's ministry focus will be at St Nicholas'. He will continue to be funded by his chaplaincy work. Dn Alison will still be unfunded: the situation for deacons has not changed in 40 years. (See also Fr Peter Randle, p. 4).

I have not included a financial update this month. Come to the Vestry meeting on 12th March and hear from the Treasurer herself!

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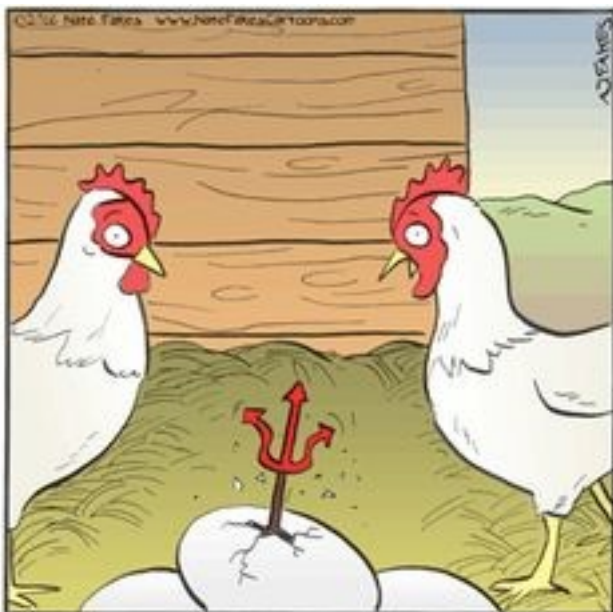
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"I think
I laid a deviled egg."

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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

cnr Main St and Grand Blvd, Seaford

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 April this year,
service times are likely to be different.
Please check pewsheets,
noticeboards and website for details.**

The Grapevine
March 2023
Colour Photo Supplement



**Cooking and enjoying pancakes in the park
at Yankalilla**
(see p. 4)



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Remembering Anne Lear (see p. 7)



Daughter Sally, with Alf Lear and younger members of the family



Fr Paul Devenport, Cath Davidson



Pam & Fr Dean Rowney, with Bill Cale



Julianne & Barry Bates, Jack Warrington, Di Best, Pat Roper

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St Aloysius', Sevenhill, where the Diocesan Workshop was held (see pp. 8, 11)

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St Nicholas', Seaford



Father Ted at the Combined Service



Fr Ted blessed Ann's daughter Lucy Ann before her return to Zimbabwe



Jesus as our shining light—Sunara

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*Pancakes: a Shrove Tuesday gift to the community
from St Margaret's*



Pancake-makers at work: L-R: Julia Drought, Christi Banner, Doreen Rushbrook, Margaret Cale, Emerald Strong



*Trish Frith & Jenny Esots enjoyed the
pancakes*



*R: Bookmarks: Jac Hocking's creative interpretation
of the Gospel of the day, Jesus' temptation.*