

July 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

## ***Br Simon writes:***



Dear friends,

The 2023 Synod has been an event of interest for the broader Diocese. The main legislative highlights were women's ordination and the election of future bishops by the synod. However of most importance for the Diocese's future is the Bishop's 2023 address.

Here is a summary.

Bishop Keith firstly identified that the world has dramatically changed since 1970 when the Diocese came into being. The Church itself has changed, although not as dramatically as the outside world within which our churches exist and operate.

He referenced Isaiah 58 where the prophet is correcting the nation, citing what happened for Israel as happening for us: worship being turned into an act of self-indulgence and a way to gain advantage with God; worship becoming an instrument, a means to an end; a way to manipulate God. In our Church as in Israel there is emphasis on getting worship right, having Eucharist at every opportunity; doing things in the way we have always done things, being self-serving and wondering why our faith communities are not flourishing.

The Bishop identified our need to see how we exist as a Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and to explore how we can change and adapt without jettisoning core beliefs of our faith.

God doesn't need to be flattered in the temple, he said. God is out in the neighbourhood working among the poor, while what we have been doing in church is not working and does not connect with people's spiritual needs. After all, many people who do not darken the doors of our churches do have a yearning for the divine, or for some sort of spiritual experience. We need to continue opening our hearts to the leading of the Holy Spirit in this space.

Only through loving as Jesus loves will we avoid the trap of simply seeking to grow our churches so we can have a replacement for ourselves on our rosters and increase the number of financial givers—if this is our purpose, then we will be found out, and our churches will not grow.

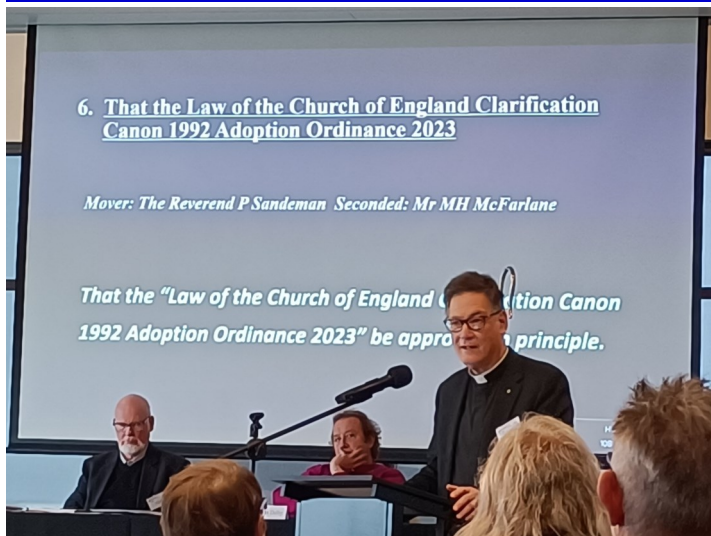
The Bishop then suggested ways to proceed which can be seen in his full address online.

I pray that this summary will be helpful.

*Br Simon*

***See the Bishop's Presidential Address in full on our website, [southernvalesparish.org](https://southernvalesparish.org)***

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



The adoption by Synod of the *Law of the Church of England Clarification Canon 1992* means that it is now open to the Bishop to ordain women to the Priesthood. Above: Fr Peter Sandeman moves the motion.

A number of our representatives from WFA had specific roles in the 2023 Synod. Brian McMillan was elected Deputy Chancellor in the absence from Synod of the Chancellor. Susan Smith was appointed Assistant Secretary to the Synod. Dr Sally Shaw from WFA and Dn Margo Holt were appointed as representatives of The Murray on the Provincial Anglican Creation Care Network.



At Synod from our parish: (L-R) Julia Drought, Wendy Sandercock, Heather Chapman, Susan Smith, Margaret Cale, Fr Peter Chapman, Br Simon Waters, Brian McMillan, Fr Brenton Dick, Bob Smith, Anne Chittleborough. Doreen Rushbrook, Synod representative, was still recovering strength after Covid but with the help of her daughter was able to attend as an observer one day.

## What is a Church Warden?

John Strachan explains.

The Church Wardens fulfill a vital function in the life of our Church. There are two kinds of Wardens in our Diocese. One is those Wardens elected by the members of the Faith Community (the Local and People's Church Wardens) and the other is the Priest's Warden. The role of the People's Wardens and Local Wardens will be dealt with in a subsequent *Grapevine*. In this issue I shall deal with the duties of the Priest's Church Warden (or as he or she is known more commonly "the Priest's Warden").

At section 42.3 of the Parochial Administration Ordinance 2021 the duties of the Priest's Warden are set out. In this new Ordinance there is only one Priest's Warden for the whole of the parish whereas prior to 2021 there was a Priest's Warden in each church in the parish.

The duties are:

- To be an integral part of the leadership of the Parish co-operating with the Priest in Charge in the initiation, conduct and development of the work of God and his Church within the Parish.

- To be on Parish Council and help fulfill roles assigned



to the Parish Council.

A support person for the Priest in Charge and any other Clergy servicing in the parish.

To perform such duties as are prescribed by this or any other ordinance.

In short, the Priest's Warden fulfills a vital function in the leadership of the Parish and co-operates with the Priest in Charge in the development of God's work within the Parish. The Priest's Warden is automatically a member of the Parish Council and assists in ensuring that the Parish Council functions as it is expected that it should.

In addition to the above, the Priest's Warden has a duty to be a support person for the Priest in Charge. The Ordinance clearly states that he or she shall also support any other clergy serving in the parish. So, in our case, Father Brenton, Father Peter and Deacon Alison.

If there should be a matter of serious neglect or failure on the part of the Clergy in their pastoral duties or liturgical responsibilities, it is the duty of the Local and People's Warden to report this to the Bishop, but any member of the Parish can approach the Priest's Warden and discuss any matter in absolute confidence. I would add that I do not think that such an approach is likely to be made as we are singularly fortunate in this Parish to have clergy of the utmost integrity.

John Strachan WFA Priest's Warden



## July

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> THE COMING OF THE LIGHT #  
 2<sup>nd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> July NAIDOC WEEK  
 Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Gold Coin collection for PCW\* workers  
 Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> THOMAS  
 MU 23 Esplanade, Pt Willunga, 9.30(changed)  
 Wed 5<sup>th</sup> NAIDOC service SCC Seaford, 11am (see p. 4)  
 Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Yankadelly 4 pm  
 Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Saturday Night Out, Willunga (see p.5)  
 Sun 9<sup>th</sup> ACH Yankalilla, 2 pm  
 Mon 10<sup>th</sup> WFA Council, Christ Church 4 pm  
 Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Maggie's Mates 11.15 am  
 Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Prayers for Peace, St Ann's 11.15 am  
 Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Friends of St Ann's 4pm (note time)  
 Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Contemplative Prayer, Christ Church 6 pm  
 Fri 21<sup>st</sup> St Nicholas' Luncheon 12.30 (Bookings  
 8392 4508 ) and Fellowship 1.30 pm  
 Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> MARY MAGDALENE  
 Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Healing Service, Christ Church 11 am  
 Tues 25<sup>th</sup> JAMES  
 Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Family Tea St Ann's 6.30 for 7 pm  
 Sat 29<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Contemplative service  
 St Stephen's, 5.30 pm  
 Sun 30<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Combined service St Nicholas,

## August

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> STEPHEN  
 Sun 6<sup>th</sup> TRANSFIGURATION  
 Gold Coin collection  
 Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Maggie's Mates 11.15 am  
 Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Prayers for Peace, St Ann's 11.15 am  
 Mary Sumner Day Service, Mt Barker 11 am,  
 and shared Lunch (see p. 11)  
 Yankadelly 4 pm  
 Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Saturday Night Out, Willunga  
 Sun 13<sup>th</sup> ACH Yankalilla, 2 pm  
 Mon 14<sup>th</sup> WFA Council, St Margaret's 4 pm  
 Tues 15<sup>th</sup> MARY  
 Friends of St Ann's 4 pm  
 Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Contemplative Prayer, Christ Church 6 pm  
 Fri 18<sup>th</sup> St Nicholas' Luncheon 12.30 (Bookings  
 8392 4508 ) and Fellowship 1.30 pm  
 Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> BARTHOLOMEW  
 Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Family Tea St Ann's 6.30 for 7 pm  
 Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Healing Service, Christ Church 11 am

# The Coming of the Light  
 commemorates the adoption  
 of Christianity  
 across the  
 Torres Strait  
 Islands.



### And each Wednesday

9 am Holy Communion St Margaret's  
 followed by Bible Study

### and each Friday

Meditation at Christ Church 9.15—10 am

\*PCWs: Pastoral Care  
 Workers (chaplains) in our  
 schools.



### A PRAYER FOR NAIDOC WEEK

God of all creation,  
 as we journey together in this  
 Great Southern Land,

We pray for healing, forgiveness, and unity,  
 creating a path of good will, with justice and compassion.

Jesus, through the power of your love,  
 you have given us the courage, wisdom, and strength  
 to share our gifts and talents in humility.

In peace and understanding may we reconcile with  
 each other.

Creator Spirit, may we come together in prayer and  
 thanksgiving

for the many blessings we have received.

Allow your Spirit to wash over us  
 and give us strength to walk together as one.

### July is a Five-Sunday month!

Join fellow parishioners in a  
**Combined Service**  
**St Nicholas', Seaford,**  
**Cnr Main St & Grand Blvd, Seaford**  
**10.30am**

**Followed by a shared lunch**





Our Services have continued to run smoothly for the congregation despite little gremlins in the sound system which caused a few hassles. Thankfully we have a few technically minded people at SCC and the problem, hopefully, is now solved.

We finished May with our service for Pentecost, led by Father Peter, and followed by our first shared lunch since the beginning of COVID. Those who attended all enjoyed the opportunity of spending time sharing with each other and enjoying a lovely lunch.

Our service for Trinity Sunday was a Family Service and lay led, with several members of the congregation taking part. As part of the prayers, we used a responsive version of the Lord's Prayer, which gave a wider meaning to the familiar words. Sunara made a beautiful trefoil emphasizing the trinity of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Our Healing Services continue to be popular and allow Fr Ted to assist Fr Peter with the anointing and laying on of hands for requested anointings.

We have been spoiled by our musicians with both Ian Richter and Helen Cook sharing the music when Cathy More has been away, and have benefitted from both the piano and the organ leading us in our worship.

**Fellowship** Our first shared lunch went very well, with lots of amazing food provided by those attending. We all went home well fed after enjoying such a great time of fellowship. The monthly shared lunches are definitely back on our agenda.

The Loose Change Jar is working well as an additional way of raising funds. It is amazing how many coins people can still collect even though we have moved into a much more cashless society.

**SCC** Our break-in some weeks ago is taking time for the insurance to assess and agree to the replacement of the broken window on our door.

**Prayer Chain** The Prayer Chain has seen prayer requests

for Ann Wilson and prayer thanks for Patricia Vercoe's return home. It has been very active over the last month, with people housebound after falls, and other concerns.

**SCC** The Café hosted a Big Morning Tea which raised over \$1000 for cancer research. Everyone who attended had a great time and

enjoyed the wonderful spread put on by the Café.

There is a service planned for NAIDOC week to be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 11am. It will be followed by a shared cuppa and chat or you can even take advantage of the café and stay for lunch.

**Meanwhile, we look forward to welcoming you all to St Nicholas' for the Parish Combined Service on 29<sup>th</sup> June.**

Blessings.

*Helen Cook and Jane Cuthbert*

### **Responsive Lord's Prayer**

#### **Our Father**

you are our father and mother,  
**in heaven,**

though invisible, your love embraces all.

**hallowed be your name,**

May your name be known throughout the nations,

**your kingdom come,**

bringing justice, joy and peace,

**your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Unite our wills in your will,  
that we may see your face in the face of our brothers  
and sisters,

**Give us today our daily bread,**

the bread of justice and compassion,

that we may be content with the things that we  
need.

**Forgive us our sins,**

our arrogance, our greed and our  
hardness of heart.,

**as we forgive those who sin against us,**

that we may be bearers of your  
forgiveness.

**Lead us not into temptation**

to condemn and to judge and to destroy.

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are  
yours now and for ever.**

May your kingdom be in us and around us.

**Amen.**





Happy July everyone.

The cherry picker I've talked about previously was hired and used by Bob, with help from Tony, to clear the gutters. A little bit more work needs to be done yet regarding the down-pipe. The huge branch was cut down and dispatched to Barry and Julianne's, and this has really opened up the area it was in. Bob then took the machine to St Margaret's and did some work with it there.

So, we had the jumble sale and all in all it was a great success. We had it on the same day as the Willunga markets so there would be a lot more folks around. So many of the local residents said that they had walked past a lot, but had never been in before, and they loved the inside. One lady wanted to know if she could buy it! Others told us of their links to the church in previous generations. We hope that they join us one Saturday evening.

Brian McMillan writes on the subject: *We discovered that opening the building for the Jumble Sale enabled many local residents and passers-by to enter for the first time, thus emphasising further the capacity in our parish for local outreach. Interestingly, we noted, at the Evening Service on that day at St Stephen's, that when, as in Winter, the sound and light spills out from the Church building at Service time – especially if the doors are left open – potential participation is subtly invited.*

Numbers of people walked in off the street to the sale, some accompanied by their dogs. A charming horse which could move, neigh and crunch carrots caused considerable interest, and intrigued the dogs—all of whom, fortunately, treated it with caution and respect. Another sale has been considered for later in the year, perhaps with the barby going, and maybe a coffee truck.

There are going to be a few of us away in July overseas or interstate. We wish all the travellers a happy and safe trip. The next Saturday Night Out will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> July, at the top pub. Please contact Steve Banner to book or receive a menu (0404 163 940).

There will be a contemplative service at St Stephen's led by Fr Brenton on the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month, the 29<sup>th</sup> July, at the usual service time of 5.30 pm. All are welcome.

As always, on behalf of the congregation of St Stephen's I would like to invite you all to join us in one of our lovely ambiance-filled Winter Evening services.

See you soon.  
Love and blessings,

Susan Smith,  
Warden.



Sue MacKirdy and Jane Hayward



Warden Susan with Buttercup, the horse, and a worried dog.



### Family Service

On 4<sup>th</sup> June, Trinity Sunday, our Theme was *Worship and Witness*, and our Service was led by Barbara Walter.

Tony Young gave the Message, sharing his own personal journey of faith.

Part of the Second Reading for the Day was what we know as The Grace (2 *Corinthians* 13 verse 14) which is so familiar to us, as we say it together so frequently: thus, a slightly different version can be thought-provoking. The version from *The Message* is

*The amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God, the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you.*

### Jumble Sale

On 10<sup>th</sup> June a Jumble Sale was held at St Stephen's Willunga, involving preparation, participation and packing-up by members of both congregations.

Thankfully the rain stayed away for most of this process! St Stephen's has the advantage of being located close to the High Street, in St Andrew's Terrace, Willunga, and is readily accessible by people passing by on foot or in vehicles. The morning was a great success and another has been considered for later this year. (see p.5)

### Second Sunday after Pentecost

On 11<sup>th</sup> June our Service was led by Brother Simon. At the conclusion of his Message Brother Simon reminded us of the last verse of the hymn which we had sung before the Gospel, and of its significance:

In Christ now meet both East and West,  
in him meet South and North,  
all Christlike souls are one in him,  
throughout the whole wide earth.

The words were written by William Arthur Dunkley (1852 -1941) under the pen name of "John Oxenham" for *The Pageant of Darkness and Light*, which was staged in 1908 by the London Missionary Society to celebrate Christian Missions. (The name "John Oxenham" came from a sea-dog in Charles Kingsley's *Westward Ho!* which Dunkley's Sunday school teacher had given him to read in his boyhood.) Dunkley was ultimately a Deacon of Ealing Congregational Church, and as "John Oxenham" had significant success as a writer, including books on the life of Christ.

### Third Sunday after Pentecost

On 18<sup>th</sup> June our Prayer, Praise and Proclamation Service was led by Bill Cale. Felicity Warrington, who gave the Message, shared her life history and aspects of her faith. to great and empathetic appreciation by the congregation. She chose to follow her Message with the hymn "Father, I know that all my life" (501, AHB) on the basis that the words so aptly reflected the essence of her Message. The words include:

Father, I know that all my life  
each day can prove anew  
that, in your hands, I will not fear  
the changes that ensue:

I simply ask a present mind  
intent on pleasing you . . .

...a work of simple love to do  
for you on whom I wait . . .

...content to serve in humble ways  
if you are glorified

Those words were written by Anna Laetitia Waring (1823-1910) who, as Professor Wesley Milgate states in *Songs of the People of God* (1982), was born a Quaker, and "was drawn by her desire for the sacraments into the Church of England, and was baptised 1842 . . . and in 1850 published her *Hymns and Meditations*, by ALW".

In the course of her Message, Felicity Warrington also referred to aspects of the painting, *The Light of the World*, by William Holman Hunt (1827-1910) :

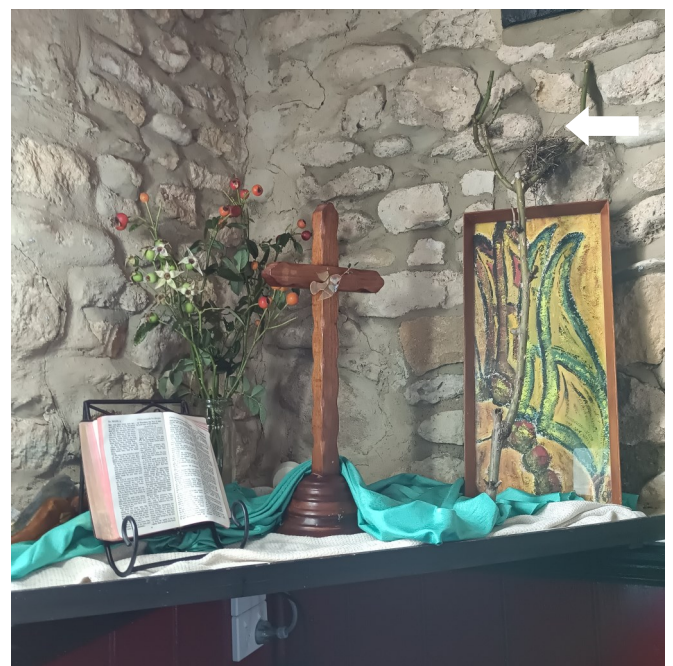
"Behold! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come into you and eat with you, and you with me." (Revelation 3:16)

### Second Sunday after Pentecost

On 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023 our Service was led by Brother Simon. The Gospel included (from Matthew 10 verses 29-31)

. . . Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father's consent. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows . . .

In "Gillian's Corner" the display included a branch of a rose in which a sparrow had built – and left – a nest.





### **Family Tea**

On the evening of 23<sup>rd</sup> June we gathered for our Family Tea. Fewer people attended due to the bitter cold and wet weather, but it worked to our advantage as it this made it easier to converse with people we hadn't met or had a chance to get to know.

The Aldinga/Sellicks area is small community and many of our congregation are discovering the connections we have with members of 6 Brothers and their families through work, school and, believe it or not, cooking! Please come along if you haven't yet been to our Family Tea nights. We have many common interests to share.



*Felicity, Lorraine, Bill, Dexter and Nary*

### **Visit to St David's Burnside**

On 25<sup>th</sup> June a group from St Ann's visited St David's Burnside. While the weather was wild and woolly at Aldinga and surrounds, although it was cold it was quite calm at St David's. Following a fine message and Eucharist, we were greeted with the warmth of a working fireplace and coffee and toast for morning tea, and for those who stayed, a BBQ, sides, dessert and wine for lunch. It was lovely to catch up with those with whom



we have begun to form bonds and to learn more of the trials they face in this post modern world with dwindling congregations and enormous financial dilemmas. They have many options and are working through them. We are not alone!

### **Duplication of Main South Road**

Work has continued in the former North-Western corner of the Churchyard for Stage One of the Duplication of

Main South Road Project. Depending on weather it was anticipated that between 25<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> June South Road would be closed from 7pm to 6 am, at Port Road with traffic diversions in place, and that from 5am on 30<sup>th</sup> June a traffic switch would occur at the new signalised Main South Road and Port Road intersection, where traffic would be diverted over the new surface road bridge.



However we have been advised that due to weather conditions the works can now not be expected to be completed until Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July. Local access to St Ann's will continue. Our main concern at the moment is drainage of water from all the rain. After a downpour, water sits nearly everywhere around the premises and recently had to be pumped from the site. As a consequence, our septic has been affected as its contents cannot escape. Hopefully this will all be resolved sooner rather than later.

### **Roses**

The days of rain are also making life difficult for the Prickle Team as they tackle their annual rose pruning outreach and fundraising. However, if you are still hoping to have your roses pruned, please contact Trish Frith.



### **Prayer Chain**

St Ann's Prayer Chain Co-ordinator is Wendy Young. If you have a request for prayers, contact Wendy via SMS or phone 0492909697. Wendy will ensure that members of the prayer group (including, if desired, other church congregations) receive requests.

If you would like to be part of our prayer group and pray for others, please send Wendy your name and contact details.



### **From St James', Delamere**

A crack above the door between the porch and the nave of the church is a matter for concern. The Filsells and Fr Brenton cleaned up the fallen plaster and those attending the Retreat held at St James' by Dn Alison on the weekend of 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> June were asked to use the vestry door. The pews at the back of the church were roped off.

We have been in touch with Peter Russell to come down and give us an assessment of how we proceed with trying to rectify the issues. Peter has done a lot of work on both St James and Christ Church over the past 30 years so he is well acquainted with the building.



### **From Christ Church, Yankalilla:**

We have been grateful to receive a donation of \$1,800 from the Yankalilla Community Op Shop which will allow us to replace the exterior door on the kitchen at the Christ Church Hall. The door has suffered from the ravages of the weather over many, many years. We have got a quote from Stansfield Joinery at Hackham to do the work, and we have accepted it.

*Peter Filsell*

## **Cemeteries of the Western Fleurien Anglicans**



### **Peter Filsell writes:**

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 350 leased cemetery plots and 20 plots in their Memorial Garden. St Ann's, Aldinga has about 400 plots and a Memorial Garden, and St Stephen's,

Willunga has about 540 plots. 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 late 2022, we 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 in 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, e.g. plot location, photographs of headstones and inscriptions, and historical information. It can also be used to set up virtual history tours through the Cemetery highlighting 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 for the cemeteries at Delamere and Yankalilla.

Three of the cemeteries are now available for the public to view online. Go to [map.chronicle.rip](http://map.chronicle.rip) and zoom in to the cemeteries to view them.

We still have some work to do on them to update some of the records. If you believe that any of the information is incorrect, please pass it onto the Cemetery Curator.

We are very appreciative of obtaining a Community Grant from the District Council of Yankalilla and funding from the Yankalilla Community Op Shop which funded this project for the Delamere and Yankalilla Anglican Cemeteries.

**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  
BSB: 105 071, Acc no. 029112440***



## News from St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

Hi everyone,

The services at St Margaret's both on Sundays and Wednesdays continue to provide opportunities for worship, fellowship and learning. We are all strengthened in our lives by our participation. This month Br Simon presided at the service on the first Sunday of the month as Fr Brenton went to St Ann's. Curtis played the organ for one service as he often does and Brian for two as Greg was in Sydney singing at the Opera House for one Sunday and came down with Covid before the next. However he is back at the organ now and planning the music and lesson for this week's service of Prayer, Praise and Proclamation. We are blessed with the quality of music we receive each Sunday and the added depth it gives to our worship. Thanks to all who assist.

The cherrypicker hired by St Stephen's was brought to St Margaret's afterwards and this meant that we could place chicken wire in two openings where electrical wiring leaves/enters the church under the roof, to prevent birds accessing and stripping the wiring. This was what caused our blackout a few weeks back. The work was timely as galahs have been observed pecking at the plaster and bricks trying to make a nest. Thanks to those from St Stephen's who assisted us.

Finally, the Jonquils in front of the church are in bloom giving us joy and the promise of spring to come, and the new life it brings.

*The People and Wardens of St Margaret's*



*A thousand thanks to Michael Drought from all those who use the Sunday School room, including the sewing group in the background, for fixing the fire alarm and stopping that annoying "chirp" sound.*



*It's not clear who's taking whom for a walk, but Miss Ellie and Greg John seem to be enjoying the outing.*

**If you are reading this in black & white,**

perhaps you didn't know that you can find *The Grapevine* in colour with a photo supplement which can't be included in the printed copy, on our website, [southernvalesparish.org](http://southernvalesparish.org).  
**Have a Look/ Newsletter**

***Try it—you'll love it!***

St Margaret's wardens and congregation continue to thank all contributors to our



**Bottles and Cans**  
collection towards  
**MISSIONS.**

We raised \$106.10 last year.  
Already we have made \$100 for 2023!  
Please keep up the great collecting work towards the parish target. *Di Best*

## Snippets from Parish Council, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023

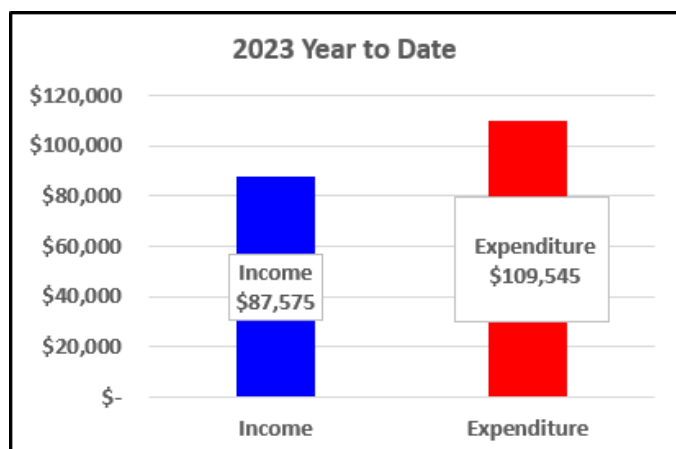
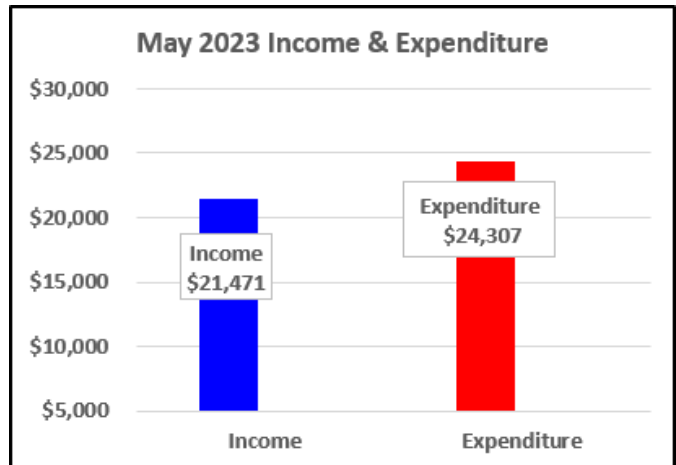
Brian McMillan in the Chair tabled two documents for discussion: Diocesan Statistics on parish numbers 2022, and a report on Synod 2023.

It was noted that the diocesan statistics do not truly reflect our worship as they record acts of communion at church services. They don't, therefore, record our Family Services, Prayer, Praise & Proclamation, or services at ACH or Eldercare.

Synod 2023 (see pp 1-2, 13) had been positive in tone and the Bishop's charge had been well received. Adoption of the legislation to allow and recognise the ordination of women in our diocese was passed overwhelmingly, by secret ballot.

Br Simon and Fr Brenton reported that "swapping services" for a Sunday had been a positive experience. Dn Alison is taking one service a month at Yankalilla. Fr Peter is taking services at St Nicholas' and at Eldercare, Seaford. Instead of parishes licensing people to particular roles, the Bishop will now be issuing the licences. People without licences can still fulfil roles if supervised, and Br Simon will continue to provide supervision and support to those leading services. We will be moving to 1.5 clergy in eighteen months and will need to work on the practicalities of this.

Finance: The deficit for the year, to date, is \$21,970, compared to \$11,000 last year. The loss of op shop income is noted, and our expenses are unable to change. Electricity prices will rise. We have an ongoing question of how to fund our expenses.



## Fr Brenton reflects...

People don't find clergy funny.

In a recent survey of Christians, only 2% of people said that they liked it when clergy told jokes in sermons.

Two percent?

So **98% of you don't find me funny?**

How can you *not* find clergy funny? We are all so comical.

Clergy are just odd, and we know it. It's why we can't stop ourselves telling lame jokes all the time. Because the big joke, is us.

In us, people can see that God reaches out to everyone. If clowns like us can be Christian, anyone can. It's why we wear these vestments. Yes, they are ancient and holy symbols.

But they also make us look, just a bit, clownish. I like that. We are clowns for God. With empty hands I pray, Come Holy Spirit.

Because here's the thing: I'm a priest, and I'm not remotely religious. Most of the time I'm not even sure I want to be a Christian. On a good day, I can say, 'I want to want to love like Jesus.' But most of the time, I can't even manage that.

And I'm not the only one. I remember reading the words of a fantastic nun who said, "what I've learnt from all my prayers is this: I'm selfish to the core."

Most of us clergy, thank God, are not very religious, and that is comical. It could be sad or tragic, but for one glorious truth:

Christianity, in it's heart, is not a religion.

Amen to that.





**Southern Vales Mothers' Union**

On June 5<sup>th</sup> 6 members met at St Ann's at 9.30am to carpool for travel to Christ Church Yankalilla, where we were welcomed by Gail Filsell with the kettle boiling and lovely morning tea ready for us.

We were delighted to be joined by Lone Member, Ann Krichauff from Delamere, and extended an invitation to her to join us whenever we meet in Yankalilla.

The Filsells and the Cooks shared highlights of their travels—Gail and Peter flying over the Arctic Circle, and Helen and Colin on mobility scooters in Darwin!



Bernice Elford, who makes all the banners for the Baptistry at SCC, had made a banner for our MU.

Next meeting at 23 Esplanade, Pt Wiullunga, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 9.30 am



**Mary Sumner Day Service  
and**

**Visit by Australian President, Dr Robin Ray**  
Christ the King, Hutchinson Street Mount Barker

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August**

**10.30am refreshments**

**11.00am Eucharist**

**Bp Keith Presiding**

**Shared Lunch**

**followed by informal time with Dr Robin Ray**

***Do you believe in the resurrection – life eternal?????***

An extract from *Jesus: The Man Who Lives* by Malcolm Muggeridge.

“Eternity rising in the distance, a great expanse of ineffable light – so placed, Jesus words ringing triumphantly through the universe, spanning my two existences, the one in Time drawing to a close and the one in Eternity at its glorious beginning. So at last I may understand, and understanding, believe; see my ancient carcass, prone between the sheets, stained and worn like a scrap of paper dropped in the gutter, muddy and marred with being trodden underfoot, and, hovering over it, myself like a butterfly released from its chrysalis stage and ready to fly away. Are caterpillars told of their impending resurrection? How in dying they will be

transformed from poor earth-crawlers into creatures of the air, borne on exquisitely painted wings? If told, do they believe it? Is it conceivable to them that so constricted an existence as theirs should burgeon into so gay and lightsome a one as a butterfly's? I imagine the wise old caterpillars shaking their heads – no, it can't be; it's a fantasy, self-deception, a dream. Similarly, our wise ones. Yet in the limbo between living and dying, as the night clocks tick remorselessly on, and the black sky implacably shows not one single streak or scratch of grey, I hear the words: “*I am the resurrection, and the life,*” and feel myself to be carried along on a great tide of joy and peace.

So, do you believe in the resurrection – life eternal?????

*Thank you, Fr Brenton. Your reading enriches us all.*

***This Month's Readings: Year A***

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST- 2nd July 2023 - Genesis 22:1-14 - Psalm 13- Romans 6:12-23 - Matthew 10:40-42**

**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023 - Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67 - Psalm 45:10-17 - Romans 7:14-25 - Matthew 11:15-19, 25-30**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – 16<sup>TH</sup> July 2023 - Genesis 25:19-34 - Psalm 119:105-112 - Romans 8:1-11 - Matthew 13:1-9, (10-17), 18-23**

**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 - Genesis 28:10-19a - Psalm 139:1-11, 23-24 - Romans 8:12-25 - Matthew 13:24-30, (31-33), 36-43**

**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023 - Genesis 29:15-28 - Psalm 105:1-11 - Romans 8:26-39 - Matthew 13:44-58**

**TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – 6<sup>th</sup> August - Genesis 32:22-31 - Psalm 17:1-7, 16 - Romans 9:1-8 – Matthew 14.13-21 Or, celebrating the Transfiguration: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 - Psalm 97 - 2 Peter 1:16-19 - Mark 9:12-10**

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"Due to our failure to secure a holiday-relief organist, the next hymn will also be sung to the tune, *Chopsticks*."

Cartoon by Noel Ford

## 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  
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

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

**Warden:**

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,  
as in July this year,  
service times are likely to be different.*

*See "For Your Diary" (p. 3) and/or check  
pewsheets/noticeboards/website  
for details.*



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**Synod 2023**



*Susan Smith & Deacon Margaret Holt*



*Doreen Rushbrook and her daughter Jayne*



*Anne Chittleborough, Wendy Sandercock, Bob Smith, Margaret Cale*

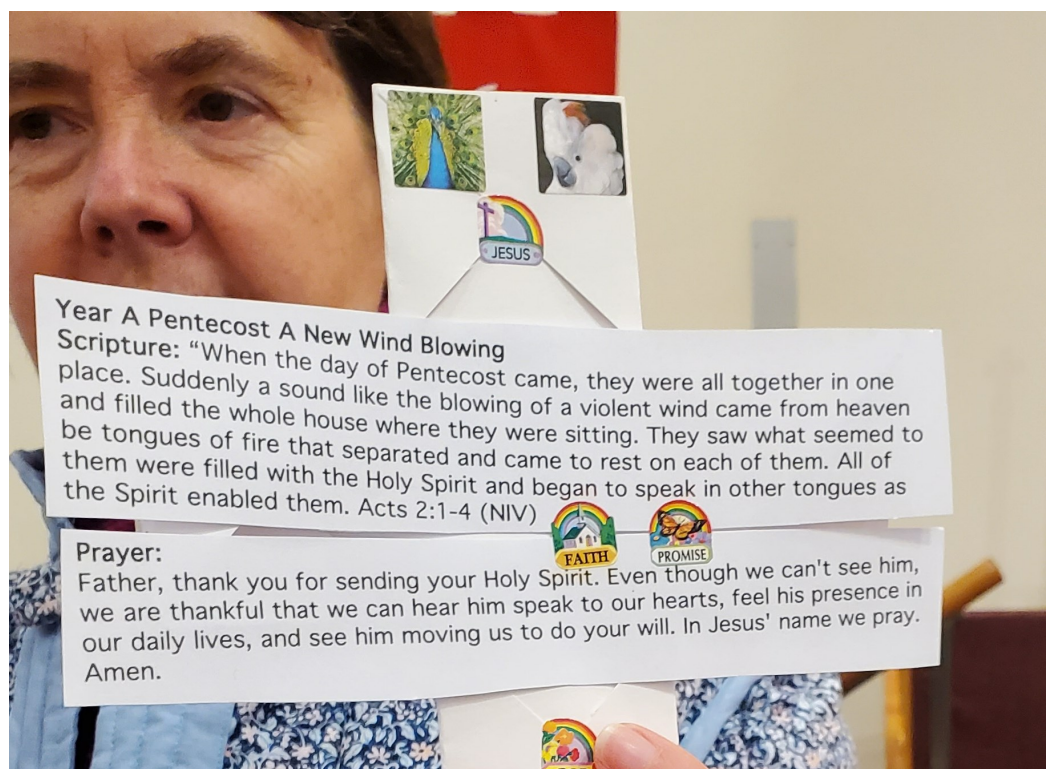
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**St Nicholas', Seaford**

*(see p. 4)*

*Sunara's work on Pentecost's "Winds of change"*





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**St Stephen's, Willunga**

*(see p. 5)*



*Bob Smith and the cherrypicker. With the gutter and the drainpipe cleared it is hoped that the wet walls of the church will soon start to dry out.*



*At the Jumble Sale there was something for everyone, from the youngest to the oldest.*

*Tristan Simon sold his hand-made crosses and drink mats and Trish Simon her hand-made cards.*





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**Family Tea and the Six Brothers**

**St Ann's 23<sup>rd</sup> June**  
*(see p. 7)*



*Julianne, Declan, Charlotte and Hunter*



*Margaret and Caveman*



*Fr Peter says Grace  
Felicity, Rosemary, Fr Peter, Nary, Barry, Dexter*



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**St Ann's visits St David's Burnside.**

*Fellowship, good food and a warm fire.*

*(see p. 7)*





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**Road works at St Ann's**

25<sup>th</sup> June 2023

(see p. 7)

and the church reflected (L)



*Parishioners Bill and Val Higginson celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at St Laurence's church, Lanzarote.*

