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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



For more about our parish celebrations of the Easter season,
see inside, and in the online supplement!



As I missed the deadline for *The Grapevine* last month (sorry!), I'll now take this belated opportunity to wish you all a loud and joyous Happy Easter! *Christos Anesti!* During this season of the resurrection, I have enjoyed preaching on some of the "empty tomb" narratives such as "the road to Emmaus" and the story

of "believing" Thomas. We find Thomas is often criticised for his doubt, but I believe that his story is actually one of great faith because, in the end, it's not Thomas's "doubting" or demanding that matters; it's his believing.

I have also been travelling the road to Emmaus along with those two dejected and confused disciples. The road to Emmaus is one of those stories where we can find ourselves at every juncture. The Emmaus journey appears only in Luke's gospel and is sometimes called "the journey of every Christian" because it contains all the elements of our Christian life: discouragement, disappointment, doubt, risk, times of deep faith, the spirit of companionship, interpreting the scriptures, the presence of Christ in the sacraments, profound wonder and incomparable joy in telling others the Good News of God made known in the risen Jesus.

Someone else that I have found essential on my own personal road to Emmaus is Julian of Norwich. Mother Julian is one of the most beloved of all the female mystics and is thought to have lived from 1342 until about 1430. Her real name is unknown but she is called Julian as she lived the life of an anchoress in a cell attached to St Julian's Church, in the city of Norwich — in her time an important urban centre of commerce and trade — not far from London. These were turbulent years both for the Church, torn by the schism that followed the Pope's return to Rome from Avignon, and for the life of the people who were suffering from

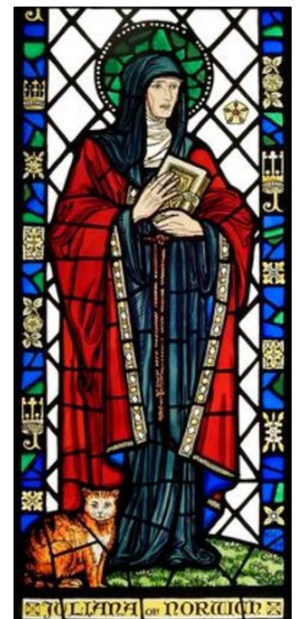
outbreaks of the bubonic plague pandemic as well as the consequences of a long, drawn-out war between the Kingdoms of England and France. God, however, even in such periods of tribulation, did not cease to inspire figures such as Julian of Norwich, to recall people to peace, love and joy.

This year, we celebrate 650 years since Julian was stricken with a very serious illness in May 1373 and received 16 revelations that were subsequently written down and commented on in her book, *Revelations of Divine Love*.

I will be leading a small band of women on an overnight retreat at St James', Delamere where we will be reading *Revelations of Divine Love*, engaging in prayer time and spiritually recharging. We are excited to be trialling this space for alternative uses including retreat groups and church camping (also known as "champing"). Thank you to everyone for your support with this. It is important we consider finding a contemporary application to reconfigure our use of space at churches such as St James', otherwise our buildings (in this instance, supporting over 150 years of Christian faith in this region) will be lost to other purposes.

So I ask that while you are watching the coronation of King Charles III, you would kindly spare a thought and a prayer for us as we engage with Mother Julian and the future of St James', Delamere over our weekend retreat of 6/7 May. I'll be sure to report back in June as to how we get on.

Deacon Alison



Christ Church, Mt Gambier is on a mission to help impoverished families in developing nations.

Christ Church Parish priest Father Neil Fernando is organising a mission trip to Sri Lanka in June through the church's not for profit outreach mission called "We Care". Fr Neil is planning to support children, unemployed women and the poor during the trip. Through generous donations, We Care has provided educational resources such as bags, books & stationery, along with clothing and nutrition and skills development for employment and self-sufficiency to youth and children living in poverty in Africa and Sri Lanka.

Fr Neil writes: "We are planning a mission tour to Sri Lanka at the end of June from 26th June to 7th of July. You are most welcome to join the tour or donate to make a difference. The cut off date for the tour is 10th of June and the cost is \$1780 for 12 days."

They will be taking back packs for the school children, water bottles, pens, pencils, crayons etc. and would be glad of donations to help them buy more.

For more information: frneilfdo@gmail.com

For your Diary

May

- Mon 1st PHILIP & JAMES
Mothers' Union St Ann's, 9.30
- Thurs 4th Yankadelly 4 pm
- Sat 6th JOHN
Synod discussion on Ordination of Women
O'Halloran Hill 10 am—3 pm
- Sun 7th Gold Coin Collection for PCWs*
- Mon 8th JULIAN OF NORWICH (see p. 2)
WFA Council, St Margaret's 4 pm
- Wed 10th Maggie's Mates 11.15 am
- Thurs 11th Prayers for Peace, St Ann's 11.15 am
- Sat 13th Saturday Night Out, Willunga (see p. 10)
- Sun 14th (Mothers' Day)
ACH Yankalilla, 2 pm
- Tues 16th Friends of St Ann's 6.50 for 7 pm
- Wed 17th Contemplative Prayer, Christ Church 6 pm
- Thurs 18th ASCENSION
- Fri 19th St Nicholas' Luncheon 12.30 (Bookings
8392 4508) and Fellowship 1.30 pm
- Friday 26th Family Tea St Ann's 6.30 for 7 pm
Week of prayer for Christian Unity 27th May—3rd June
- Sun 28th PENTECOST
Beachside Brunch (see below)
Healing Service, Christ Church 11 am
Shared lunch at St Nicholas' following the
service
- Wed 31st VISITATION TO ELIZABETH

June

- Fri 2nd Special Session of Synod
- Sat 3rd SYNOD
- Sun 4th TRINITY Gold Coin Collection for PCWs*
- Mon 5th Mothers' Union .Christ Church, Yankalilla,
10.30. Meeting at Ann's 9.30 (see p. 7)
- Thurs 8th Prayers for Peace, St Ann's 11.15 am
Yankadelly 4 pm
- Sat 10th Jumble Sale, St Stephen's 8.30-12.30 (see
below and p. 10)
Saturday Night Out, Willunga (see p. 10)
- Sun 11th ACH Yankalilla, 2 pm
- Mon 12th WFA Council, St Ann's 4pm
- Wed 14th Maggie's Mates 11.15 am
- Fri 16th St Nicholas' Luncheon 12.30 (Bookings
8392 4508) and Fellowship 1.30 pm
- Tues 20th Friends of St Ann's 6.50 for 7 pm
- Wed 21st Contemplative Prayer, Christ Church 6 pm
- Fri 23rd Family Tea St Ann's 6.30 for 7 pm
- Sat 24th BIRTH OF JOHN BAPTIST
- Sun 25th Healing Service, Christ Church 11 am
Shared lunch at St Nicholas'
following the service
- Thurs 29th PETER & PAUL

July

- Sun 2nd Gold Coin collection for PCWs *

**Pastoral Care Workers (chaplains) in our schools*

And each Wednesday

9 am Holy Communion St Margaret's
followed by Bible Study at 10 am

and each Friday

Meditation at Christ Church 9.15—10 am

There's more in *The Grapevine* online—
(QR code on p. 1 or look in parish website)
Read it in colour, and see the extra pages in the
online supplement.

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

Bottles and Cans collection towards MISSIONS.



Following our sum of \$106.10 raised
last year we have added another \$40
this month, making \$70 so far
for 2023. Please keep up the great collecting work
towards the parish target. *Di Best*

\$20

(Parish
fundraiser)

BEACHSIDE BRUNCH Sunday 28th May

23 Esplanade, Port Willunga
11 am



Bookings essential:
Anne Chittleborough
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JUMBLE SALE

A St Stephen's/St Ann's Collaboration

SATURDAY 10th JUNE

From 8.30 am

*Basically a sale of goods already in storage at St
Ann's—If you bring new items please be prepared to
take home afterwards anything you brought that did
not sell.*



Easter is over for the year, although not in our hearts. Beginning with Palm Sunday, Holy Week was very full, with services most days and all the excitement and joy of the resurrection of our Lord.

Fr Brenton commenced the Palm Sunday Liturgy at the back of the church before proceeding to the front so all members of the congregation were included. Once the palm crosses were blessed Jenny Walker's granddaughters, who were present for the service, distributed them. Again extra palm crosses were taken out to those unable to attend on the day.

The Maundy Thursday service was celebrated with the solemnity due the actions and activities being remembered. Local choir, Cantate Dominum, directed by Sue Russell, presented *The Crucifixion: A Meditation on the Sacred Passion of the Holy Redeemer* by John Stainer, with soloists Curtis Antram and Greg John. Greg introduced the first parts of the service with Br Simon leading us through the foot washing, Communion and stripping of the altar. The congregation left in silence and the church was left open for a while for those who wanted time to meditate. Once everyone had left, Greg and Br Simon put the church back to rights ready for Easter Day as extra chairs had been brought in from the hall and pews shifted to accommodate the choir and congregation. 72 people attended with only 2 people leaving before Communion.

Members of the congregation who wished to do so attended the Good Friday service at St Ann's and/or the Lighting Of The New Fire at St Stephen's, and on Saturday the church was cleaned and dressed for the Easter Day Service.

The Easter service is always powerful with the blessing of the Pascal Candle, the renewal of baptismal vows, the wonder of the resurrection and the loud joyful liturgy and hymns. We had an unexpected call out for an ambulance during the service and the attendants stayed for quite a while ensuring everything was okay before leaving. With them and young children outside, Br Simon took communion outside for those who wanted it. It was a very exciting service, with Simon changing the order of events as required. We had 36 attendees.

One of the extra actions needed on Easter Day was reserving the Sacrament, as Fr Brenton was going on holiday and Deacon Alison was covering both Wednesday and Sunday services as required. The services have been quieter since Easter, but we have had the pleasure of Alison's company and the benefit of her fresh outlook and thoughtful sermons.

Thankyou Br Simon, Fr Brenton and Deacon Alison for your time and support, and all who assisted with planning, participation in services, cleaning, dressing the church, making palm crosses and everything else required for the deep and meaningful worship of God.

Thankyou God for your many gifts, your mercy and blessings.

Judy, for the wardens and congregation of St Margaret of Scotland

*Top: Maundy Thursday: Washing feet (Heather Chapman, Br Simon)
Centre: Stainer's "Crucifixion" soloists, Curtis Antram and Greg John
Below: Easter Day: Br Simon, Judith Wells. The solemn Lenten hangings are changed to the triumphant gold of Easter.*

More photos: Colour supplement p. 13)



Our Services for Holy Week began with Palm Sunday on the 2nd April, with an Ecumenical Liturgy of the Palms included in our service. Holy Week continued with an Ecumenical "Washing of the Feet" service on Maundy Thursday at 4 pm and the Journey to the Cross Service at 9 am on Good Friday. Both events were well attended with the Large Worship Space being almost full on Good Friday. This service ran with no added introductions, just pauses for readings, reflection and prayer, begun and ended in silence. A very moving service.



Our Easter Day Service was well attended as we loudly proclaimed the Risen Saviour, in song, word and prayer. The Easter eggs were blessed and shared among those present, the hollow eggs being reminders of the now empty tomb, as Jesus had risen. As usual part of our Easter service included the renewal of our Baptismal vows during which Fr Peter lavishly sprinkled us with water as a sign of our baptism.

Our services on the 16th and 23rd April continued our journey with the disciples as they were confronted by the Risen Christ, and with them we rejoiced in the Resurrection of our Lord and the promise of new and everlasting life in Him.

Easter gave Sunara a multitude of ideas, which she generously continues to share with us each week. On

Easter Day Sunara brought in a dozen plastic eggs, each one with a scripture reading and a small token to represent



the readings. It begins on Palm Sunday -Matthew 21: 9-11 – with a palm frond, and ends with an empty egg to represent the Risen Christ (Matthew 28 1-10).

A beautiful collection which enchanted all who saw it.

Bible Study

Our Lenten studies went well, and going forward we are always welcome to attend the ecumenical study held fortnightly on a Wednesday, studying the coming week's Gospel.

Fellowship

Our online Safe Ministry training has been completed by just about all those who are required to do so. Greg John has kindly offered to transpose Fr David Hampton Smith's music for the Kyries, Gloria etc, which are now a little too high and tricky for our congregation to give them full value. As we have had a few new people attend recently we have decided to put together Welcome Packs for those who start to attend more frequently.

The Planning Group meets with Father Peter each month to plan our services and to talk over any issues that may have arisen or areas of concern with our congregation. Starting in May we plan to re-commence our monthly shared lunches following our service on the 4th Sunday of each month. Our first shared lunch will be on May 28th, Pentecost, which is a great place to start!

Prayer Chain

Our prayer chain continues to be active with prayers and thanksgiving for prayers answered sent along the phone lines, by SMS, phone or email. The Prayer Chain is now being extended to the whole parish, with messages for the prayer chain sent via each congregation's warden or appointed person. Beverley Stone, wife of Fr Alex Stone, a long time locum at St Nicholas, has been unwell and is in need of our thoughts and prayers as she seeks medical advice.

SCC

The Café has new tablecloths which look very snazzy. The café is now open only Tuesday to Friday as volunteer numbers are low at the moment.

The Car Boot Sale has been cancelled. It was hard to find a suitable date so it will be moved to later in the year. We have new lighting in both worship spaces which is proving beneficial to all of us.

This month we farewelled Dorothy Day, a long time and probably the oldest member of SCC. A memorial was held for her at the UCA service on Sunday 23rd April with a private funeral with her family being held elsewhere. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

Blessings,

Helen Cook & Jane Cuthbert, Wardens



Maundy Thursday, Christ Church.

At the end of the service on Maundy Thursday the altar is stripped and the sanctuary left bare, but for a linen cloth lying there: "A certain young man, dressed only in a linen cloth, was following Jesus. They tried to arrest him, but he ran away naked, leaving the cloth behind." (Mark 14: 51)



Good Friday saw us doing The Stations Of The Cross in the grounds of Christ Church. Luckily the weather held though it was a bit blowy. A group of about 20 went from station to station with different members offering a prayer at each one. The final 2-3 stations were a challenge to voices and hearing as we were getting close to the road and it is always busy on holidays. Fr Brenton led the service assisted by Dn Alison. (See also p. 14 on-line supplement.)



The arrangement of the altar at Christ Church (above) symbolised the events of Easter.

Easter Sunday at Christ Church saw a congregation of about 25 enjoying a service which included a video of the discovery of the empty tomb and the events that followed as Jesus appeared to the disciples. The service was followed by Hot Cross buns in the hall, with tea & coffee.

On Easter Sunday at St James', Delamere, members of the congregation were greeted by the cross in the church which had been lovingly adorned with flowers and foliage by some of our wonderful members (p. 1) .

Prior to the Service a lot of us were able to meet in the Hall for hot cross buns with morning tea - it is our custom on the days when we have an 11 am service that we have morning tea *before* the Service.

Damage

Following the unfortunate break-in at St James' back in November we have been informed by the Diocese that we can go ahead and repair the damaged doors. We have received a quote from Stansfield Joinery at Hackham (they made up new doors for the Hall and Church in 2011).

Sadly, Christ Church has suffered from a failed attempt to break into the church. A large boot print can be seen on the front door and the metal bar which reinforces the door was knocked out of its bracket and bent. There has also been some vandalism with slashed garden hoses. We will be installing solar powered sensor lights above the doors in an attempt to deter this behaviour.

Parish Combined Service at St James', Delamere

Despite occasional heavy rain thirty eight people from all over the Parish of the Western Fleurieu converged on St James' for a combined service on 30th April.

These occur whenever there is a fifth Sunday in the month and give members of the parish the opportunity to gather together for worship and to socialise at lunch afterwards.

St James' is a beautiful old church in Delamere and it really looked its best for this occasion. The service was led by Bishop Keith with Dn Alison assisting. Judy Wells was the standard bearer.

Readings were given by Anne Chittleborough and Sue Smith, and prayers led by Fr Peter Randle. A well thought out sermon about Jesus the good shepherd was given by Dn Alison. The WFA choir led the singing, including (the second hymn during Communion) a hymn with three of its four verses written by Julia Drought (see p. 9)

Following the service a lunch was provided with lots (and lots) of sandwiches and other finger food together with a glass of bubbly or tea/ coffee for those who wished.



The Editor apologises for the fact that, so plentiful and so delicious was the luncheon, that she quite forgot to take photos of this part of the day. It was a wonderful opportunity to relax and chat with people from other parts of the parish. Sincere thanks to the tiny congregation of St James' who worked so hard to set it up. AC

Mothers' Union



As reported briefly in the March *Grapevine*, our MU branch joined others from the Diocese at the Lady Day service (27th March) at Strathalbyn. The service was led by Fr Daniel Irvine (Photo in the online supplement p. 15).

At our April meeting the highlight was the celebration of two birthdays, Doreen Rushrook (90) and Anne Chittleborough (80) (see online supplement).

President Trish Frith is full of ideas! Our meeting on 1st May included coffee at de Rosa's and a visit to the Environment Centre at Willunga, learning about their recycling programmes and seeing how they make use of "unwanted" materials to make attractive items for sale.

Secretary Helen Cook writes: ***What a magnificent set-up! If you have not visited you must, especially if you are keen to recycle and care for the environment.***

Our next meeting (5th June) will be at Yankalilla. We will gather at St Ann's at 9.30 am for car pooling.



News from St Ann's, Aldinga:

Palm Sunday

2nd April was Palm Sunday, so our Service began with the hymn "Trotting, trotting through Jerusalem, Jesus sitting on a donkey's back": the advice of Professor Wesley Milgate in *Songs of the People of God* that this "should be sung . . . with a jubilation like that with which children and adults greeted the Lord on the first Palm Sunday" was duly observed.

In the course of the Service Palm Crosses were blessed:

Lord Jesus, these palms are our prayers for those we love, for those we care about, for those in need. We pray also that all we and everyone would know the blessing of hope, joy and peace in their lives, today and every day.

Then, carrying Palms and Palm Crosses, the congregation processed out of, around and back into the church, singing the traditional "All glory, praise and honour", written by Saint Theodulph in about 820. Communion followed. In the light of the impact of the roadworks on the churchyard, Shadow the Donkey, usually in attendance on Palm Sunday, stayed away this year.

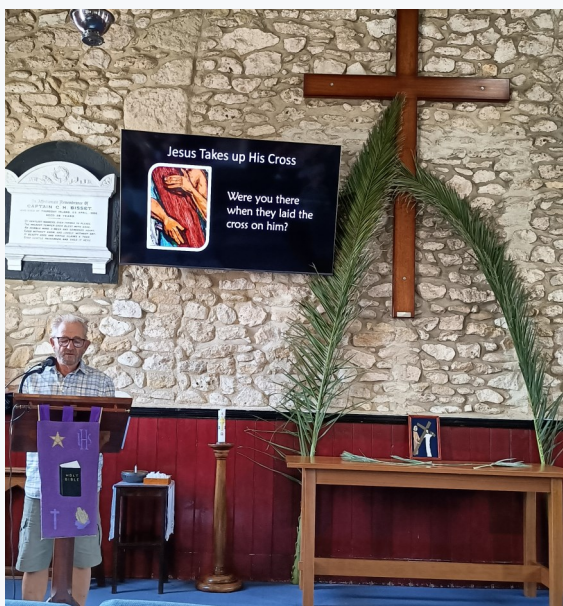
Good Friday: Stations of the Cross

We usually place the Stations around the churchyard (including the cemetery) but, as the weather was less than clement, we decided to hold this contemplative and sombre service in the church. The journey of Christ to the cross was symbolised by each Station being carried to and placed on the altar by the person leading each devotion, and then carried back to the rear of the church. As the Minutes of the April meeting of the Friends of St Ann's record: "This had actually worked well. It was helpful to have the music close to hand. There were fewer distractions and we could focus better on the words: it was very moving. . . . The silences in the service, too, were moving, as was the silence as the church emptied."

Easter

Sunday

9th April was Easter Sunday, so our service began with the hymn "Christ the Lord is risen today, Hallelu-jah!" written by Charles Wesley and published in 1739. We were pleased to host a



congregation of 88, who showed joy and peace in believing.

Part of the Easter service includes blessing baptismal water, and after sprinkling the congregation with the water he had just blessed, Br Simon asked Emma Elliott to do the same for him. (Photo in online supplement p. 16)

Vice Regal Notice

The *Vice Regal* column in *The Advertiser* of 10th April included the following: "On Sunday, at St Ann's Anglican Church Aldinga, the Governor [Her Excellency the Honourable *Frances Adamson AC*], Mr Bunten, Mr Matthew Bunten, Ms Katherine Bunten, and Ms Sophie Bunten attended the Easter Sunday Service."



Floral Cross

Another of our traditions is that, on arrival in the church for the Easter Sunday service, each member of the congregation places a flower amongst the greenery covering a large cross. After the service, the floral cross has been displayed by the Main South Road, to inspire passers-by. With the stone holder formerly used to display the floral cross removed and in storage as a consequence of the roadworks, this year the floral cross was put on display against the western wall of St Ann's Room.

Duplication of Main South Road

As a consequence of the acquisition of the North-Western corner of the churchyard for Stage One of the duplication of Main South Road Project, an additional car parking area, on the western side of Stonehouse Lane, was created in time for use by those attending St Ann's on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Also, the Southern exit from the churchyard has been widened and will become the sole entrance/exit when Stage One concludes.

Second Sunday of Easter

On 16th April our Service was led by Tony Young. In delivering the Message Julianne Bates began by reading a different version of the Gospel from that just read (Saint John 20, 19-31 – the first appearance of the Risen Christ to the disciples and the subsequent resolution of the doubts of Saint Thomas on Christ's second such appearance). She had provided us with a copy, and had asked that, during this reading, we note what word(s) or phrase(s) particularly spoke to us. She then invited people to say what that word or phrase was. This created an interesting response, with people explaining the reason for the selection that they shared, and a highly participatory discussion, which continued at morning tea after the service. As the Minutes of the April meeting of the Friends of St Ann's also record: "The congregation acted as participants, not "consumers", and felt confident to do so."

Third Sunday of Easter

On 23rd April our service was led by Father Peter Chapman, who preached on meeting Jesus on the Road of Life, based on the Gospel of the day, Saint Luke 24, 13-35. The reading was preceded by the hymn of which the first verse is "Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart; Saviour, abide with us, and spread your table in our heart". We concluded with the rousing African-American Spiritual "I want Jesus to walk with me".

Family Tea

On the evening of 28th April we gathered for our Family Tea. As always, we value this regular opportunity to socialise, welcoming long-standing members of our congregation, recent arrivals, and visitors from other churches in the parish. One long-standing member is Trish Frith: she is the Guardian of the "Chocolate Frog Award", which she hands out, from time to time, to recognise and celebrate contributions made by individuals. As she was otherwise engaged on this occasion, she delegated the task of handing out a

shape-changed Chocolate Frog - this time in the form of a book on prosecco – to Warden Brian McMillan, who was pleased to surprise the individual who was thus duly recognised and appropriately celebrated for the multitude of contributions which she makes - Margaret Cale! The award was supported by applause (and Barking) from those gathered, and a rendition of "Danny Boy" from Jack Warrington.



World Premiere

The Parish Choir – the people from various congregations in the parish who love to sing together and whose practice is to practise each Thursday at 9.30am at St Ann's – when singing on 30th April at the Combined Service at St James' Church Delamere delivered the World Premiere of a song penned by Julia Drought, to the traditional Scottish melody *Eriskay Love Lilt*. The inspiration for the verses by Julia Drought was the single-verse song "Lord of life, we come to you". When that song was first encountered, choristers expressed disappointment at its brevity: Julia Drought stated that she would write more verses – and she did so. Her three verses begin with the phrases *Lord of earth, Lord of Sea, and Lord of all*. We appreciate such talent .

Brian McMillan

Coorong Trip

A biennial custom of St Ann's is for those turning 80 and their friends to go on a Coorong Adventure Cruise, winding up with bubbles and birthday cake at St Ann's on return. While not all in the parish who turn 80 this year were able to go, Lorraine Eyles and Anne Chittleborough led the way on 25th April, together with two friends who turn 80 this year, and 35 others. Commemorating the ANZACs, Trish Frith handed out sprigs of rosemary on the *Spirit of the Coorong* and spoke of the meaning of ANZAC Day. The weather was kind, and the journey delightful under the care of Michael Veenstra and his assistant Thea.

Back at St Ann's the Octogenarians were joined by Doreen Rushbrook who had recently celebrated her 90th birthday.



The New Fire

The biggest highlight of April was the Easter vigil on Holy Saturday. This marks the beginning of Easter. The service taken by Fr Brenton consisted of the service of Light, the liturgy of the Word, the liturgy of Baptism and the liturgy of the Eucharist.

We all processed into a dark church just after 7 pm (we had the usual problems lighting our new fire, which always raises a few laughs) the new fire was lit and blessed and we all followed the Paschal candle carrying our own candles.



The readings were by candlelight which added to the feeling of the momentous occasion that we were celebrating. Then the lights in the church were put on, and the altar candles lit.

Fr Brenton moved to the font and blessed the water. We all reaffirmed our baptismal vows and were sprinkled with holy water. The service and the appropriate hymns, ably played by Brian McMillan, were also aided by our new and much larger TV screen. It was so heartwarming to see the church almost full and we thank the visitors who joined us.

When we were all assembled outside waiting for the lighting of the new fire, I heard four or five teenage boys asking what was going on, and someone told them the story of this holy Saturday service.

When everyone had got their votive candles the boys stepped forward and asked if they could come in. They were given their candles and Peter chatted with them. I entered last, behind them, and had to smile as one of them nudged a couple of the others to get them to remove their caps. They asked Peter if they could take their candles, which of course they could when they later left. What a joy it is to have young people in our holy centres.

Afterwards we had bubbly, wine, and a good spread of food and of course chocolate.

We have had two other lovely things happen. The first was the arrival of our new sign, complete with QR code, which is so bright and lovely (*see photo on p. 11*). Thank you to those who donated towards the cost. And the second was a beautiful 55" TV screen which was donated free to us by Frank and Anne Vincent. What a generous gift! We cannot thank you enough.

.Chris Martin has finished polishing all our pews, as well as the lectern and some chairs. He also treated the leather covers of the priest Bible and other holy books. They all look much better for their treatments. Bob is working hard in the gardens, and is there almost weekly mowing, strimming, and sweeping up branches and generally tidying up etc. Barry will make good use of the old wood when he has a winter bonfire . Thank you Bob.

Please join us one Saturday . Everyone is welcome. And join us afterwards for our traditional drink and nibbles. Our next **Saturday Night Out** will be on the 13th May. A lot of people say they must come to one of our Saturday nights out. Well maybe make it this one, on the eve of Mother's Day. Contact Steve on 0404 163 940 to make a booking or to have a menu emailed.

Contemplative Prayer

The fifth Saturday (29th April) was our service of contemplative prayer, led by Steve Banner. It was a beautiful service, and wonderful that we were joined by so many people. Word has got around. Why not come to our next one on 29th July?

Collaborative venture

St Stephen's is in a location with good potential for connecting with the community, being right beside a road used by many town folk, walking or in cars With access to St Ann's being problematic at the moment, St Stephen's has offered to host a mini-jumble sale in conjunction with St Ann's on the 10th June as a parish fundraiser. Items for sale will mainly come from St Ann's storage shed with the idea of reducing the huge accumulation in it. St Ann's requests that anyone bringing new items please be prepared to take home afterwards anything you brought that did not sell.

Bye for now, love and blessings,

Susan, Warden .



As the service begins the congregation is invited to light a candle. Above: Joan Lunn lights her candle.

Snippets from Parish Council 17th April 2023

Helen Cook is happy to facilitate a parish prayer chain but needs a contact for each congregation to pass on and to send messages.

Br Simon has had to cancel his holidays because of Diocesan, Archdeaconry, Parish Council and other meetings. Rosters will not be changed however as plans have already been made by those taking over.

St Margaret's neighbour, a local paediatrician, has offered to make a donation for use of space on St Margaret's land for her clients to park off the main road as they are all young children, and some have special needs. She is going to upgrade and maintain the

carpark at her own expense so there will be no cost to the Parish.

Fr Brenton and Lyn will be moving out of the Yankalilla Rectory in September to live in their own home. Any maintenance needed in the Rectory after they leave will need to be completed before the property can be rented out.

Finance report:

our current deficit is \$6560. All expenditure is similar to the previous year's, and income from collections is similar, but we are feeling the loss of the Op Shop funds in our total income.

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



A new sign at St Stephen's! L-R: Joan Lunn, Val and Bill Higginson, Trish Frith, Susan Smith, Patrusca Birkett, Chris Martin, Bob Smith, Fr Peter Chapman, Steve Banner (hidden), Wendy Sandercock, Julie Bennett, Brian McMillan, Philip Duguid (hidden), Heather Chapman, Christi Banner—and Mallee.

This month's readings: Year A

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - May 7, Acts 7:55-60 - Psalm 31:1-5, 17-18 - 1 Peter 2: 11-25 - John 14:1-14

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - May 14, 2023 - Acts 17:22-31 - Psalm 66:7-19 - 1 Peter 3:8-22 - John 14:15-21

ASCENSION OF THE LORD - May 18, 2023 - Acts 1:1-11 - Psalm 47 - Ephesians 1:15-23 - Matthew 28 16-20

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - May 21, 2023 - Acts 1:6-14 - Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 - 1 Peter 4:5 - John 17:1-11

DAY OF PENTECOST- May 28, 2023 - Acts 2:1-21 - Psalm 104:26-36 - 1 Corinthians 12:1-13 - John 20:19-23

TRINITY SUNDAY - June 4, 2023 - Exodus 34: 1-8 - Song of the Three Young Men: 29-34 (APBA p. 399) - 2 Corinthians 13; 11-13 - Matthew 28:16-20

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Wednesday: 9:00 am

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St Stephen's, St Andrews Tce, Willunga

Saturday: 5.30 pm

Warden: Susan Smith 0416 799 965

St Ann's, 7 Stonehouse Lane, Aldinga

Sunday: 9 am

Wardens:

Julianne Bates 0422 817 169

Brian McMillan 8557 6984

St Nicholas', Seaford, Seaford Christian Churches
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

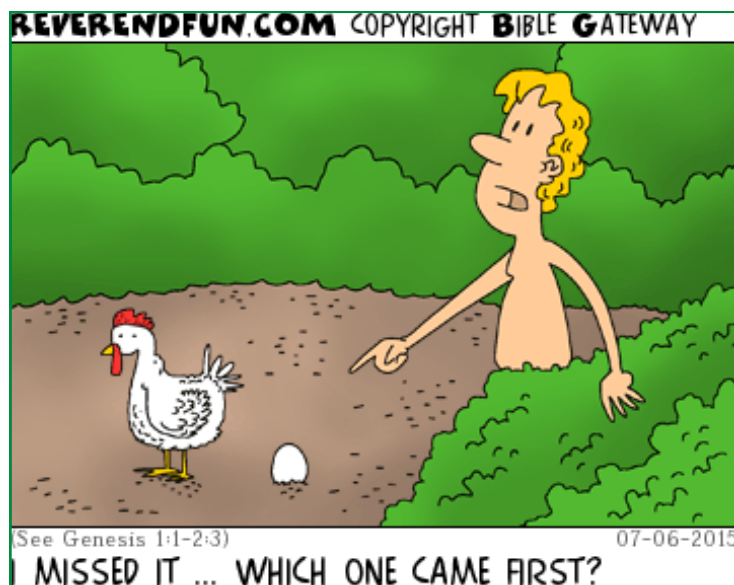
2nd Sunday – 11.00 am

4th Sunday – 9.00 am

5th Sunday – Combined Service

Warden: Peter Filsell 0427 534 095

*Fifth Sunday service times are likely to be
different. Please check pewsheets,
noticeboards and website for details.*



If you have news of coming events to share with the rest of the parish, please contact the Editor,
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Please notify the Editor if you wish to avoid the chance of being mentioned in this newsletter.

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St Margaret of Scotland

(See p. 4)

*Maundy Thursday:
Sue Russell conducting
the choir for Stainer's
"Crucifixion".*



*Cleaning for Easter—Doreen Rushbook,
Judith Wells, Di Best.
Photo: Julia Drought.*



*Easter Day. Sharing refreshments after the service.
Below: the Drought family : Oakley, Jesse, Lucy
with little Bryn, and grandfather Michael.*



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***Stations of the Cross,
Christ Church,
Yankalilla***
(see p. 6)



Parish Combined Service, St James', Delamere, 30th April (see p. 7)



Judith Wells, Bishop Keith, Deacon Alison Dutton



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Mothers' Union (see p. 7)



*The Diocesan MU gathering on Lady Day (27th March) at Strathalbyn.
The service was led by Fr Daniel Irvine, Diocesan MU Chaplain
and after lunch Liz Hampel gave an excellent talk on corneal implants.*



*L-R: Trish Frith, Lucy Creed, Anne Chittleborough,
Joanie Rawlings*



*Congratulations,
Doreen Rushbrook!*

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St Ann's, Aldinga
(see p. 9)



Greening the cross, getting ready for Easter Day



Emma Elliott completes the "sprinkling" of baptismal water



Guess what Jack is singing!

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Birthday celebrations : Coorong Adventure Cruise

(see p. 9)



De Badgery, Lorraine Eyles



Susan Smith, Patrusca Kirkett



John Badgery, Bob Smith



Peter communing with nature



Pat Roper, Heather Chapman

*R: Back at St Ann's,
 Doreen Rushbrook
 (90) and Peter Bleby
 (Anne's cousin), Anne
 Chittleborough and
 Lorraine Eyles(80) try
 to blow out the
 candles in a COVID-
 safe way*



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"The Light of Christ"
The candle is brought into the church



Celebrating the first Easter Eucharist in the parish
Fr Brenton & Susan Smith