

December 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



Christmastide services 2023

Sun 17th Community Carols, Normanville
Fri 22nd Carol service, St Margaret's 7.30pm
Sat 23rd St Stephen's, Willunga 5.30pm

Sun 24th CHRISTMAS EVE

St Ann's, Aldinga 9am
St Nicholas', Seaford 10.30am
St James' Delamere 11am
Christ Church Yankalilla, 7pm

Mon 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

St Ann's, Aldinga 9am
Christ Church, Yankalilla, 9am
St Nicholas', Seaford 9am Ecumenical Service



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we move from Advent into Christmas we often use the word “magical” to describe our memories of this time. We remember the stories of the Nativity and Epiphany when the three kings and their camels finally arrived to see Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Looking back to our youth we remember feeling how lucky we were to live in this world, where it all makes sense and it’s all good.

Looking back, with the focus on the birth, it’s no wonder that the incarnation became the heart of our understanding of the Gospel. In the Christmas tree and the Christmas crib it was as if we had been taken into another world, the world as it’s meant to be, where the foundation is love and God is in everything. It was as if we saw the “real world”, inside which everybody is truly living, but they simply don’t know it!

The clergy team prays that within the pressures of our lives this Christmas, we all will still be gifted with some magical or mystical experience, reminding us that we are beloved, part of a good world, stirring with the “newness of life.”

Merry Christmas!

Br Simon



Support the Anglican Board of Mission this Christmas!

Our donations will assist Wontulp-Bi-Buya and Nungaliny Colleges transform lives by training Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to become leaders in their communities.

Envelopes are available at the back of each church, or send donations to

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For ABM’s latest received information from the Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza, see www.abmission.org/appeals/

We can
SOS!

Save our stamps!

Did you know that ABM can raise money with used or new stamps?

Save the stamps you get on your Christmas cards and give them to your Wardens for ABM.

Leave at least 1cm around the stamp when you cut it off.

In the midst of war

In the midst of war, I no longer pray for peace.

I pray for miracles.

I pray that stone hearts will turn to tender-heartedness,
and the soldiers already deployed
will be snatched out of harm’s way,
and the world will be astounded onto its knees.

I pray that the whole world might sit down together
and share its bread and its wine.

Some say there is no hope,
but then I applaud those who never give up on our faith;
that we are loved by God,
that we can truly love one another.

I no longer pray for peace. I pray for miracles.” -

Ann Weems, Presbyterian elder



For 74 years the Christmas Bowl has helped provide food, medical care and lifesaving support to refugees.

Today the world faces the largest refugee crisis ever recorded, with over 110 million people forcibly displaced due to conflict and violence.

Our support is now needed more than ever.

We have been given a code for our parish to use for online giving direct: mycb.link/47685. Or send a donation through the envelopes provided at your church.



***Read The Grapevine in colour, with a photo supplement,
on our website, southernvalesparish.org.***

2023

December

Sun 3 rd	Gold coin collection for PCWs (Chaplains)
Mon 4 th	Mothers' Union 9.30am St Nicholas'
Sat 9 th	Saturday Night Out, Willunga (see p. 6)
Sun 10 th	ACH Yankalilla, 2pm
Mon 11 th	WFA Council 4pm St Margaret's
Thurs 14 th	Prayers for Peace St Ann's 11.15am
Sun 17 th	Community Carols. Normanville (see p.4)
Tues 19 th	Friends of St Ann's 4pm
Fri 22 nd	Carol service, St Margaret's 7.30pm
Sat 23 rd	St Stephen's, 5.30pm (see p. 6)
Sun 24 th	CHRISTMAS EVE St Ann's 9am St Nicholas' 10.30am St James' 11am Final service; shared lunch (p. 4) Christ Church 7pm
Mon 25 th	CHRISTMAS DAY St Ann's 9am Christ Church 9am St Nicholas' 9am Ecumenical service
Sat 30 th	ST STEPHEN 5.30pm at St Stephen's (see p. 6)
Sun 31 st	NEW YEAR'S EVE Combined service, St Nicholas' 10am followed by lunch

**PCWs Pastoral Care
workers (Schools
Chaplains)*



Supporting Schools Chaplaincies

Thank you to those who sizzled and sold sausages at the Quarry Markets this year. Proceeds from these stalls go to the support of Pastoral Care Workers (we know them as Chaplains) in our schools. WFA takes its turn at the market in October and November each year. Facing a brisk wind at the early shift on the 11th November (*above*) were Di and Rupert Best and Rosemary Day. Later that morning they were relieved by Barry Bates, Stephen Carthew and Heidi Watts.

2024

January

Thurs 4 th	Yankadelly 4pm
Sun 7 th	Gold coin collection for PCWs (Chaplains)
Mon 8 th	WFA Council 4pm St Ann's
Thurs 11 th	Prayers for Peace St Ann's 11.15am
Sat 13 th	Saturday Night Out, Willunga
Sun 14 th	ACH Yankalilla, 2pm
Tues 16 th	Friends of St Ann's 4pm
Fri 26 th	AUSTRALIA DAY Family Tea, St Ann's
Sun 28 th	Healing Service, Christ Church

*And also, each Wednesday at
St Margaret's, McLaren Vale*

*Holy Communion 9am, followed by
Bible Study 10am*

And each Friday

Meditation at Christ Church Yankalilla, 9.15—10am

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Rosemane Funerals

Community Carols

This year the Community Carols will be at Normanville in the Mitre 10 carpark. Bring your favourite chair to sit on or you can use one of the chairs that Bruce and Matt from Mitre 10 have kindly loaned us for the event. At about 6pm the Barking Bean Coffee van will be open for business and the Lions Club will be cooking up a sausage sizzle with the snags available for a donation to help support the work of the Pastoral Care Workers at our local schools. The Carols will commence at 6.30pm. Members of the local community have joined forces to form a Community Band which, along with our Community Choir, will play a variety of Carols.

Come and join in the singing.

Strawberry Fete

Inclement weather threatened our Strawberry Fete on Saturday, November 25th, but we held our nerve and went ahead, having faith that we would manage, whatever happened. And we were blessed with grey skies but no rain.

The Strawberry Fete was a roaring success, raising \$3,600. Our usual stalls of cakes, plants and bric-a-brac were well stocked, and strawberries, scones and our barbeque fed the masses. The community provided several other stalls with coffee, chocolates, herbs, sauces

St James Anglican Church, Delamere

It was reported a couple of months ago that it has reached a point where it is no longer viable to continue to hold regular services in this Church which has served the district for 152 years. There will be a service at St James' on Sunday, December 24th at 11am. This will be followed by a lunch in the Hall – bring along a plate to share and a drink as we reminisce about our memories of the Church. Over the coming months the Western Fleurieu Anglican Parish will work through the process of what happens to the Church, Hall and Cemetery. Contact Peter Filsell if you want further details.

and toys which added depth to our fete. And the people came to support us and to find a bargain. People were friendly and chatted easily with stallholders and each other. The general feeling was of friendship and support.

The Fete was a supreme team effort. Six convenors were supported by 25 workers, plus another ten cooks and many more who gave goods to sell. Three helpers from other WFA churches provided invaluable assistance, making this a great community event.

A huge thank you to all helpers and all who came to support our event. *Belinda Rosser, Convenor*



Belinda Rosser, Peter Filsell and Ben Ryan serve a customer.



Fr Brenton reflects on the fete:

A big congratulation to all concerned in running yet another very successful Strawberry Fete on 25th November. An event like this could not be held without the many volunteers, stall holders and help in setting up and cleaning up.

A big thankyou to Belinda Rosser who has been the mainstay in organising stall holders and the general setting up and running of the Fete. Belinda has had the job for the last couple of years and keeps us all in order.

With all the extra hoops we have to jump through with risk assessment and safety checks Peter Filsell has taken on this onerous job (with gusto) to dot the i's and cross

the t's so we can have a **safe** event. (see next page). Common sense doesn't seem so common these days.

I have had several comments that this year there was a greater sense of community. I sensed this too as everybody was happy and smiling, chatting to each other, young families with children. Money aside, this is what this event is all about – **COMMUNITY**. The future of this event relies on the many helpers and volunteers, and our numbers are not growing. We made it this year and will have to have a debrief and consider the future. This event has continued for over 125 years and it would be sad to see it discontinued. It is time to regroup, recharge and review.

Fr Brenton

(otherwise known as the Big Strawberry)

The times we live in!

Behind the scenes at the Yankalilla Strawberry Fete (as reported by the Safety Officer)

On the day prior to the event, amongst all the other activities that were taking place and arranging for the strawberries to be refrigerated etc, the Wardens managed to do a WHS Audit of the building and the grounds in advance of the Fete as required by the Diocese.

There were numerous issues identified, and at the same time they met with the Cleaning Contractor and lawn mowing person and did a Safety Induction for the Contractors who are working on the Church Grounds and discussed their requirements regarding Insurances and reporting any issues that they see.

The morning of the Fete started with a tussle when the Safety Officer and the Priest had stern words over the

fact that one of them was not wearing a Hi-Vis vest . Unfortunately, under the guidelines



that we are working with, a strawberry costume does not meet the appropriate requirements of PPE!).

The matter was quickly resolved when a Hi-Vis was found in the Community Events trailer that we were able to borrow from the District Council of Yankalilla through the Visitor Information Centre. This is a great initiative as it contains safety cones, covers for cords, bollards, bunting, and other useful items.

The Safety Officer was also helping with the BBQ and it was after 9am before the BBQ was able to be fired up due to the time taken for the safety checks. It was at this point that our Treasurer had an "Oh dear, we have a slight problem" moment when the EFTPOS machine decided that it didn't want to behave. After a couple of quick phone calls, we were able to source a back-up EFTPOS machine from the Yankalilla & District Lions which got us out of trouble. It is now a foregone conclusion that any event requires EFTPOS facilities.

At the end of the day a very successful and safe Fete was held. Several risks and problems were identified during the course of the event and a report will be passed on through the relevant channels. The only incident that we are aware of occurred in the Safety Officer's house when he suffered a minor paper cut while filling out the WHS Audit and Risk Assessment Paperwork.

Peter Filsell



Julie Perri, Rob Ryan and John Morgan serve scones, strawberries and ice cream.



The plant stall (Margaret Morgan, Anne Paech) and the cake stall (Gail Filsell) in their traditional challenge, across the walkway, for highest sales.

News from St Stephen's, Willunga

St Stephen's services on a Saturday evening have a small but keen following, and (except on Saturday Night Out occasions) conclude with a social gathering over wine and crisps. All are welcome to join us.

The Jumble Sale held on 18th November was a joint venture with St Ann's. Thanks to all who helped with the tasks of moving the pews and preparing the church beforehand, selling goods and talking to visitors on the day, and cleaning up afterwards. We make quite a team! The sales are no small challenge, especially when they involve carting goods from Aldinga to Willunga and back, but they are a way to open ourselves to the community, sell off surplus goods and raise much-needed money for the parish. The day chosen for the sale was not a Quarry Market day, as our parish was committed to taking its turn at the Sausage Sizzle on the 11th, and the streets seemed very empty, but it was wonderful that, in spite of that and the less-than-warm weather, we made over \$1,200. We were all grateful to Dougy for joining us with his pop-up coffee van for the morning.

The final Saturday Night Out for the year will be on the 9th December. Do join us! Please contact Steve Banner for bookings and menus (0404 163 940).

For the last service of the year, Saturday 30th December, we will be delighted to be joined by the congregation of the Willunga Uniting Church. That service not only marks the end of 2023, it will also be our Patronal Festival as we mark St Stephen's Day (26th December). Brian has kindly said he will be available to play the organ for the service. We can bring drinks, cheese and crackers to share after the service under the peppercorn tree.

AC for Susan Smith, Warden



More photos—see p. 14 in the online supplement

Outdoors: A beautiful setting to enjoy a sausage and cup of coffee.

Indoors: Something for everyone—and a raffle as well!

Above: These sales are OK, but oh! the cleaning up afterwards!



St Margaret's Bottles and Cans collection towards MISSIONS has raised another \$30 , making a total for the year of \$230!

Congratulations!

Many thanks to donors from St Margaret's and the other centres.

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

We have had a busy month in November, getting ready for Advent, planning Christmas Services, being part of the Car Boot Sale, and also the AGM for Seaford Christian Churches.

Our Family Service on the 5th November took the theme from All Saints Day, celebrated a few days earlier. The congregation were asked to fill in cards or stars made by the children, with special memories of those past, family, and hopes for the future. Everyone was encouraged to light a candle in memory of loved ones and the children added the cards and stars to our Memory Tree during the offertory hymn. The service was followed by a shared lunch in the Café, a great time of fellowship, with much laughter.



On Sunday 12th November our PPP lay-led service was focused on Remembrance Sunday. Helen Cook sourced poppies from the RSL for everyone, Sunara's beautiful handmade Poppy Wreath was placed before the altar, and time was taken for the Last Post, a minute's silence and the reading of the Ode. The poppies were used during the service as a focus for the Poppy Prayer, a reminder to us all of the frailty of human life and

the need for peace, justice and love for all.

As Fr Peter was unable to be with us on the 19th November for our Healing Service, Fr Ted kindly stepped into the breach and led us on the day. Fr Peter had prepared a message for the day and Fr Ted graciously read this to the congregation. The Healing Service is always a special time with prayers and thanksgiving offered, people anointed and prayed for.

Bro Simon led us in our worship on Sunday 26th November, Christ the King, the last Sunday before Advent. As usual Sunara and Bella had some amazing art to share with us; a few crowns for our memory tree.

Our Fellowship met for our Christmas Lunch on Thursday 23rd November. We had a lovely 2 course meal in the café with tea and coffee, all for \$10 a head. Great to have time to chat with each other over a shared meal.

SCC's Annual General meeting was held on Friday 24th November, with a great time of fellowship and looking back over the past year and our plans for 2024.

On Saturday 25th November we WERE busy with the Car Boot Sale at SCC, with the Anglican contingent running the Devonshire Teas and selling MU Christmas cards.

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 has been



Remembrance service

extended to the whole parish, with messages for the prayer chain sent via each congregation's Warden or appointed person. We look forward to a parish Combined Service here on 30th December, and a shared lunch.

Blessings
Helen Cook and Jane Cuthbert
Wardens



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

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On 5th November we were more than pleased to welcome back Margaret and Bill Cale, who had been holidaying and visiting family in the United Kingdom and cruising the Rhine, enjoying the spoils it offered. Brian McMillan also returned to duty at the organ, having been to Taiwan, the Republic of Korea, and Japan. We have already put in a request for them to present a slide show of their trips!

During one of our regular meetings with Br Simon a group of us were reminded of how blessed we were to have so many members of the congregation to call upon, especially to help participate in lay-led services. Our



Family and Prayer, Praise & Proclamation services this month have once again been memorable.

Our family service, led by Tony Young introduced our acknowledgement of All Saints with the hymn "For all the Saints" and with a Prayer of Thanksgiving covering saints who have gone before us, saints of our day and age, and saints who are yet to come. A fitting comment on an

overhead slide reminded us that it is not just the famous who are saints. It said: *It may be supposed that if St Paul was writing to us today, he would address his epistle to "The saints of the church at Aldinga."* Following a prayer for All Souls, the congregation was invited to participate in a moment of quiet prayer, and the lighting of a candle for their loved one or someone precious to them. Most went forward in silence. The moment was a very moving experience and many commented on it afterwards.

Heather Chapman gave a compelling message addressing the theme, *Authentic Role Models*.



After the service Trish Frith, the Keeper and Dispenser of Chocolate Frogs (our local form of recognition of particularly helpful individual contributions by members of the congregation)

called forward Julianne and Barry Bates, who had undertaken a variety of tasks during the absences mentioned, and Felicity Warrington, who had contributed to our musical life, to receive Chocolate Frogs. There was heart-felt applause. Sue MacKirdy's musical contribution was mentioned also, and her Chocolate Frog was presented at choir practice the following Thursday.

Warden Julianne Bates also called forward Jo Parsons, to express our appreciation for the many things that she has done for us and for others on her then current visit to Australia, which concluded with her return to England on 7th November. We joined in prayer for her safe return home – and back here again next year.

Our Prayer, Praise and Proclamation Service on the 19th was led by Julianne Bates and instead of reading the Gospel of the Day about the Parable of the Talents, a YouTube dramatized version was presented and became the basis for the message from Anne Chittleborough. Anne left us to ponder whether, as individuals, we have sufficiently identified all our talents, and effectively use them, and to consider these same issues in relation to ourselves as a congregation. On this subject, we are also mindful of how much thought Brian puts into organising appropriate hymns and how, so often, the Holy Spirit uses this work to speak to us personally.

Remembrance Day In Aldinga

On 11th November the Aldinga War Memorial, dating from World War I, which had been moved from its former location between Main South Road and Stonehouse Lane outside St Ann's, to a more appropriate and accessible location in Port Road, was opened. Father Peter Chapman led with a prayer and gave a most impressive address. During the Wreath Laying, Trish Frith, who had represented St Ann's on the Community Working Group guiding the development of the concept plan for the new War Memorial Precinct, laid a bunch of flowers on behalf of St Ann's (*next page*): several Parishioners were also in attendance.

A final Jumble Sale for the year, held in conjunction with St Stephen's at



Willunga, occurred the following week on the 18th November (*see p. 6 and photos on p. 14 online*) The day seemed slow and we thought we'd missed the boat by not having it on the same day as the Quarry Market. God, however, was faithful and when all the monies were

totalled, we were thrilled to discover that more money had been raised than we had expected! Thank you to all the people who donated goods. We had a great selection. The raffle (thank you Wendy S) and Dougy's coffee pop-up were also a hit. The old peppercorn tree provided a delightful venue. Many thanks must also go to those who

returned to pack away goods into the container. As we were concerned for Bill's health after his returning from the UK, you will be pleased to hear that we did a sterling job and finished it before he could enter!

Another final for the year was our Family Tea held on 24th. We were planning it to be a celebration BBQ with our new friends from the 6 Brothers, but that wasn't to be as they had another pressing engagement on the night. As it turned out, the inclement weather caused us to cook our sausages and patties indoors on a frypan and griller, but they tasted just as good. Only 16 of us were present, but the night rounded a fulfilling year of connection, compassion and friendship.



We mentioned last month the engagement of fellow-worshippers Ross Anderson and Beryl Corso (*above*). Their happiness is a lift to the spirits of all of us! We wish them every blessing.

Duplication of Main South Road

As part of the Duplication of Main South Road, The Accommodation Works at the church has begun, with the removal of the surface of the churchyard, the renewal and extension of the underground drainage system, the replacement and regrading of the base, to ensure the flow of all surface water away from the church and the room, and the laying of a new rubble surface. We expect further Accommodation Works both before and after Christmas. Finalisation cannot occur until the bike path adjacent to the churchyard has been completed, and this will not happen until Stage 2 of the Duplication Project.



As Christmas approaches, we are presently preparing for the season of Advent and Christmas services which will be: Christmas Day Service at 9am on Monday 25th December and our usual Sunday Service on 24th December.

From Wardens Brian McMillan and Julianne Bates

PLEASE NOTE: St Ann's will no longer be collecting newspapers for recycling. Please dispose of them in recycling bins instead.

Mothers' Union Australia



On Monday November 6th, 7 members gathered at the McLaren Vale Visitor Centre for our monthly meeting. The beautiful day and surrounds encouraged all present to



purchase a morning cuppa and enjoy time catching up with our many activities.

Regarding the upcoming 16 days of Activism against Gender Based Violence it was agreed that we should

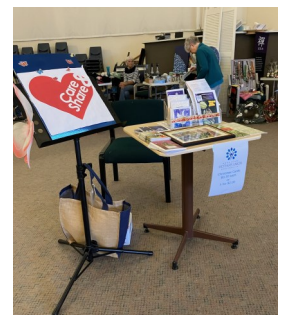
- * Have a table at the upcoming St Stephen's Jumble Sale on November 18th.
- * Display how although we are small we are part of a worldwide movement.
- * Promote what we do – prayer, support, nurturing, and how we support Genesis Pregnancy Support Group
- * Invite others to come to our meetings.

Prayers of intercession were offered by Trish Frith for those known to us and who could not be with us due to illness or other challenges.

Before the meeting closed with the Grace we wished Jo Parsons safe return to the UK and expressed our delight in having had her with us.

MU Christmas cards were sold by Trish at the SCC Car Boot Sale.

Our next meeting will be at St Nicholas', Seaford, on Monday December 4th at 9.30am.



Helen Cook

News from St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

Hi everyone,

As Christmas gets closer, time moves faster and is used up more thoroughly. Our month started quite briskly



when our first Bible study of the month was interrupted by a phone call from Julia's husband to say that their sheep had escaped. So we stopped being fishers of men and became shepherds of sheep—with little luck. They were finally rounded up by a professional.



The next Sunday we celebrated St Margaret's patronal festival, although quietly. We kept the readings set for the week but added specific prayers for St Margaret and dedicated the service to

her. I always think we are so lucky to have St Margaret as our patron. She was a great example for us to follow. The service was followed by cake in the hall, with Margaret

Richardson cutting the cake.

As Brenton had holidays this month, Br Simon has taken most of our services including the Wednesday services. Thank you Simon. His sermons were, as usual, thoughtful and thought provoking, and enjoyed by all. In fact his sermons on Wednesday mornings tended to become discussions, so we were late finishing. However last Wednesday we were happy to welcome Brenton back to both the service and Bible study.

The third Sunday in the month was the 10th anniversary of the inauguration of the organ donated by Greg Trott. There was a concert of organ music and singing—solo, duets, choral and communal—in the afternoon: followed by afternoon tea. Proceeds from the concert will go towards replacing the organ's computer which is showing its age. Thank you all those who assisted Greg with the planning, all those who gave their time to perform and those who assisted in other ways on the day.

The fourth Sunday was our Prayer, Praise and Proclamation service. We had decided to use the service booklets and keep Greg's involvement minimal as he has been very busy with all his other activities. This was a good thing as it turned out, as Greg came down with Influenza B and is now recovering at home. Julia stepped up, choosing the appropriate hymns and playing the organ. Thank you Julia, and our best wishes to Greg for a speedy return to health. Jac, as usual, made little mementos appropriate for the day and supplied us with a delicious morning tea. We celebrated Christ the King with the gospel story of the judgement of the sheep and the goats. However, remembering the start of the month with Julia's recalcitrant sheep, our feelings were mixed!

As we begin December we are looking forward to the season of Advent and Christmas, and our carol service on Friday 22nd December.

Wardens and congregation of St Margaret of Scotland

A Pleasant Sunday Afternoon

Sunday 19th November's Pleasant Sunday Afternoon marked the tenth anniversary of the Greg Trott organ (*for the story of the organ see November Grapevine p. 7*), and was a smorgasbord of musical delights. Introduced by Greg John, on the programme were organists Greg John, Brian McMillan, Curtis Antram, Rosemary Nairn and Claire Baker (who demonstrated the lower notes of the organ with Bach's *Toccata and Fugue*). Solos were sung by Curtis Antram (*R*), a duet by Greg and Curtis, and a bracket of songs by the choir Cantate Dominum. And between these delights the audience joined lustily in hymns (including the "Old 100th" and "Jerusalem"). A splendid afternoon tea in the hall concluded the afternoon.



L: Claire Baker
R: Cantate Dominum
Below L: Rosemary Nairn



The original FOGTO Committee: Brian McMillan, Greg Trott, Fr Paul Devenport, Rosemary Nairn, Julia Drought

Snippets from Parish Council, November 2023

Fr Peter Chapman's prayer and address at the opening of the new memorial site in Aldinga had been exceptional: a letter from the WFA Council to be written acknowledging this. His being asked to do this was an acknowledgement of his ministry by the community.

Fr Peter Randle (retired) continues to offer one service a month at Yankalilla.

The Secretary reported on **procedural requirements**: Each church had to complete an inspection report by the end of the year, and should have on site a copy of the diocesan management plan. This includes a procedural checklist for events. People working on church property are required to sign in and sign out.

Child Environs Training: All trainings can now be done online as part of the Safe Ministry Unit Adelaide. Those needing to update any training requirements will receive an email with details of how to complete the online training

St James' Church advised that a stonemason was going to repair the damage over the door, and the church was not to be in use until that was done. Responsibility for the church, the hall and the grounds would be handed over to the parish on the 24th December 2023.

Christ Church will be cancelling the evening contemplative services, which are being poorly attended.

St Margaret's was planning to start another Bible Study, to be held fortnightly on Sundays from 12 -2pm (byo lunch) – this being a time suitable for a new member of the congregation, who is a fifo worker. St Margaret's Wednesday morning services are small, in contemplative style, held in the sanctuary.

St Nicholas' has three children in the congregation who really enjoy their participation in the worship.

From the Treasurer:

As we approach the end of another financial year it's clear that the Parish will have a substantial deficit for 2023. The reality is that our expenses are considerably higher than our income and we have been drawing on our reserves held with the Diocese to meet our running costs. How long we can keep doing this and what that might mean for the future are questions the Futures Group have been considering. Your continued prayer and support are a vital part of the way forward.

Big Sing!

Coriole Winery, McLaren Vale

Sat. 16th Dec., 5.30 pm, Sun. 17th Dec., 3 pm

Handel's l'Allegro, il Penseroso ed il Moderato

Conductor Alex Roose, with Brooke Window,
Jessica Mills, Kim Worley, Jeremy Tatchell
14 piece baroque orchestra; Fleurieu singers
Tickets \$50 www.coriole.com

If you have news to share

*with the rest of the parish, please contact the Editor,
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machit5@bigpond.com.au.

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

This Month's Readings: Year B

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT—3rd December—Isaiah 64: 1-9—Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19—1 Corinthians 1: 1-9—Mark 13: 24-37

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT—10th December—Isaiah 40: 1-11—Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13—2 Peter 3: 8-15a—Mark 1:1-8

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT—17th December—Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11—Psalm 126—1 Thessalonians 5:12-28—John 1:6-8, 19-28

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT—24th December—2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16—for the Psalm, song of Mary (APBA p. 31)—Romans 16:25-27—Luke 1:26-38

CHRISTMAS DAY—25th December—Isaiah 62:6-12—Psalm 97—Titus 3:4-8a—Luke 2:(12-7),8-20

EPIPHANY—31st December 2023—Isaiah 61:10-62:3—Psalm 148—Galatians 4:4-7—Luke 2:22-40

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD—7th January 2024—Genesis 1:1-5—Psalm 29—Acts 19:1-7—Mark 1:4-11

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"Let me refresh your memory. It was the night before Christmas and all through the house not a creature was stirring until you landed a sled, drawn by reindeer, on the plaintiff's home, causing extensive damage to the roof and chimney."

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Wednesday: 9:00 am

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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

Warden:

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 there is this December, service times are
likely to be different.*

*Watch "For Your Diary" (p. 3) and/or check
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for details.*

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Strawberry Fete, Yankalilla
(See pp. 4-5)



Richard Fairweather and the White Elephant stall



Lyn Dick & Barbara Walter with the raffle and guessing game



Some of the stalls and delights of the Strawberry Fete 2023



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St Ann's/St Stephen's Jumble Sale 18th November (see p 6)



Dougy's coffee—a lifesaver!



Pepper's books are always a favourite



Is he for sale???
Beryl Corso and Dorothy Milde with a stranger from Outer Space



De Badgery and Sue MacKirdy at the Christmas stall.
(Background: Bob Smith, Margaret Cale, Lynn King)



John Badgery and Susie Waters, with Susie's parents, Rodney and Anne Telfer

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St Ann's, Aldinga *(see pp. 8-9)*



Jack Warrington and Jo Parsons join in "Danny Boy" at Jo's last morning tea with us (for now).



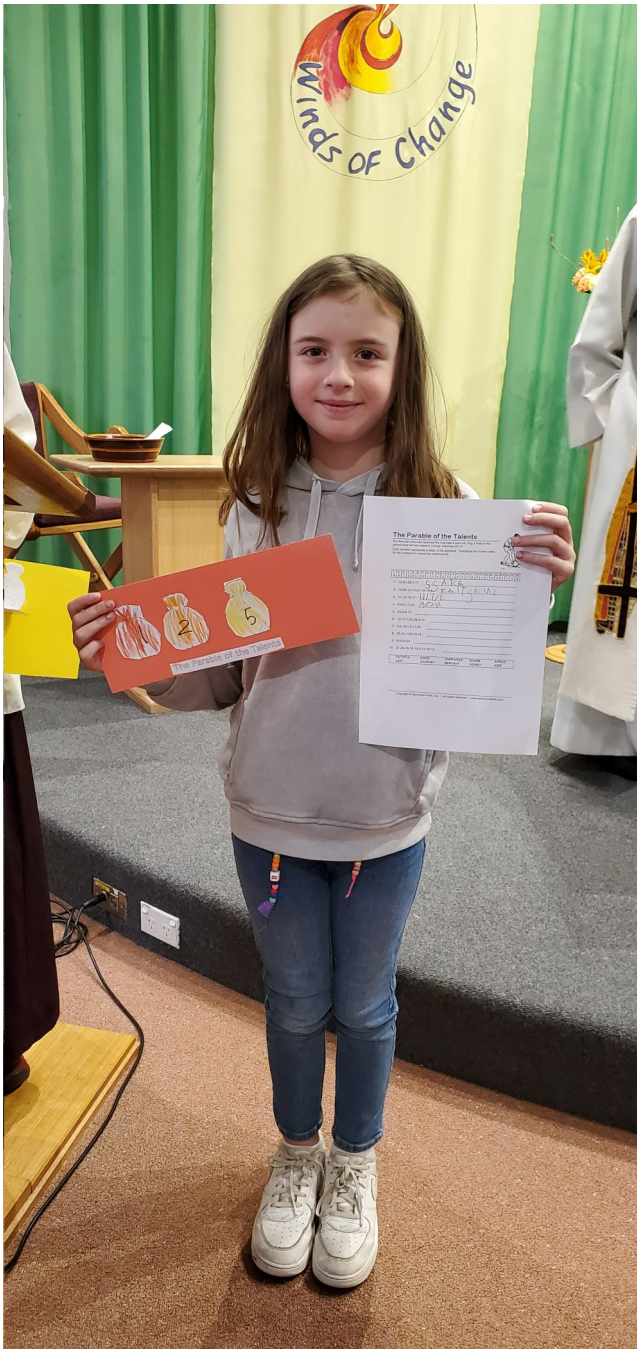
St Ann's turned out in force for the re-opening of the war memorial on 11th November. L-R: Fr Peter Chapman, Brian McMillan, Heather Chapman, Dorothy and Ken Milde, Jane Hayward, Anne Chittleborough, Bill Cale, Andrew Hayward, Trish Frith, Julia Drought, Lorraine de Fredrick, Kay and Chris de Vries. Not in photo: Wayne and Ronnie Osbourne.



The BBQ is usually the men's province, but with bad weather outside the women managed well indoors at the last Family Tea. Patrusca Birkett, Anne Chittleborough, Margaret Cale.

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St Nicholas', Seaford (see p. 7)



Bella and the parable of the talents



Sunara, All Saints Day

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



Curtis Antram, Brian McMillan, Greg John



Cantate Dominum

*A visit from Helen and
Fr Paul Devenport,
- enjoying coffee with
Brian McMillan.*

