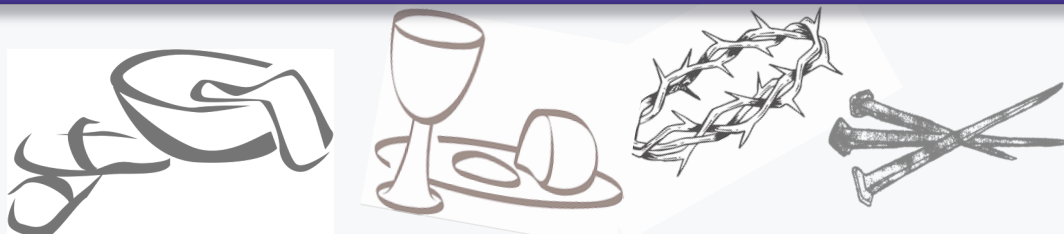


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and action;
growing in care,
love and service.*

The Grapevine

Newsletter of the Western Fleurieu Anglicans, Diocese of The Murray, SA



SHARE THE EASTER STORY—CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION!

OUR EASTER SERVICES 2023

Maundy Thursday 6 th April	7 pm Christ Church, Yankalilla
	7 pm St Margaret's McLaren Vale (with Stainer's Crucifixion—see pp. 3, 5)
	4 pm Seaford Christian Churches Ecumenical service: Washing of the feet
Good Friday 7 th April	9 am Christ Church, Yankalilla: Stations of the Cross
	9 am SCC Ecumenical service: Journey to the Cross
	10 am St Ann's, Aldinga: Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday 8 th April	7 pm Lighting the New Fire, St Stephen's (see p. 9)
Easter Day 9 th April	9 am Christ Church, Yankalilla
	9 am St Ann's, Aldinga
	10.30 am St Nicholas', Seaford Christian Churches
	10.30 am St Margaret's, McLaren Vale
	11 am St James', Delamere

An announcement from Fr Brenton

After a great deal of prayer and reflection Lyn and I will be moving to our house in McLaren Vale by the end of September 2023.

We are ever mindful of the capacity of the parish to continue to pay for two full time priests. As it was noted in our Annual Vestry on Sunday 12th March (see p. 10), we saw clearly the state of our financial situation. This is not a knee jerk reaction to the figures that were presented. This is the reality of the Parish finances. Both Lyn and I have been in consultation with Simon for well over 12 months now before the Vestry regarding my tenure in the parish.

This move would enable the parish to rent out the Christ Church rectory for some income. Services will not change for Christ Church and St James. All services will stay unchanged as they were when we moved to McLaren Vale in July 2018. I will continue my association with the Yankalilla Mens' Shed on a Tuesday or a Friday and this will allow me to do some local visiting while I am in the area.

If finances are available, I would like to continue full time ministry until November 2024 when I reach the ripe old age of 70, God willing, and then both Lyn and I would like to pursue some personal activities.

We are both ever grateful of your love and support in our ministry in this parish.

Blessings – *Fr Brenton (Vicar) and Lyn (Verger).*



Fr Peter writes...

Recently we have looked at gospel stories of how Jesus meets people rejected by society. The Samaritan woman at the well, the blind beggar in the temple and Zacchaeus the tax collector. We see how Jesus seems to walk into their lives right through the religious and social bias, and welcome them as his people.

Recently I rode with the Six Brothers for a charity ride to raise money for suicide awareness. 120 bikers from many different clubs came to support us.

Convicted in my heart I decided to wear my collar. I expected some trouble. In fact one guy came up to me to confront me but his mate grabbed him on the shoulder and said “He’s OK”, and the guy relaxed. Though I received some banter, I did not put on an image of toughness, language or bravado. Sadly I met another priest who did, and he wouldn’t speak to me. I stayed authentically myself and prayed that God would open doors for me to show, in whatever way, the love of Christ. Instead of flack, many people came to me to talk about their experiences with faith and with the church. One big guy with a long white beard, sleeves torn off his shirt, and a leather vest with patches, looking like it hadn’t been washed for 50 years, came up to me to tell me he never gets on his motorbike unless he wears his cross. Then he lifted his beard and showed me that he wore two crosses that day. Another biker who looked like an old wolverine

character introduced himself and his girlfriend, who wore fishnet stockings and tight shorts and top. Though they don’t go to church, and live a vagrant life, they both shared about their faith in God.

It was evident in all the people who spoke to me, that through their struggles in life and faith they were hanging on to a sincere belief that in some way God was a part of their lives. At the end of the day many people came and gave me a hug. The president of Six Brothers came to me and asked if he could bring the club back to church for a service. I assured him that we’d welcome him and the club back anytime. He offered to share his story but said this time he would prepare it. I asked another club member who is a Christian to assist me as my Pastoral Assistant in the service, and he said he would. Not everyone gets the chances to meet people the way I do, but the most important thing is that we show people how much we love them and ask God to help us see the person inside and not the outside appearance or even the personality they present. God loves us all, of every race and every creed, and many are seeking him.

Fr Peter



April 2023

Sun 2 nd	Gold Coin Collection for PCW* workers
Mon 3 rd	M U McLaren Vale Info Centre 9.30 am
Wed 5 th	Contemplative Prayer, Christ Church 6 pm
Thurs 6 th	MAUNDY THURSDAY (see p. 1) Yankadelly 4 pm
Fri 7 th	GOOD FRIDAY
Sat 8 th	EASTER EVE
Sun 9 th	EASTER DAY ACH Yankalilla 2 pm
Wed 11 th	Maggie's Mates 11.15 am
Thurs 13 th	Prayers for Peace, St Ann's 11.15 am
Mon 17 th	WFA Council Christ Church 4 pm
Tues 18 th	Friends of St Ann's 6.50 for 7 pm
Wed 19 th	Contemplative Prayer, Christ Church 6 pm
Fri 21 st	St Nicholas' Luncheon 12.30 (Bookings 8392 4508) and Fellowship 1.30 pm
Sun 23 rd	Healing Service, Christ Church 11 am
Tues 25 th	MARK ANZAC Day. Coorong trip
Fri 28 th	Family Tea St Ann's 6.30 for 7 pm
Sat 29 th	Contemplative Service, St Stephen's 5.30 pm
Sun 30 th	Combined Service Delamere (see p. 4)

Easter services on p. 1

And each Wednesday

9 am Holy Communion St Margaret's

and each Friday

Meditation at Christ Church

9.15—10 am

A MAUNDY THURSDAY SPECIAL

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

Maundy Thursday 7pm, St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

Choir: Cantate Dominum

Conductor: Sue Russell

Organist: Rosalind Gallasch

Soloists: Greg John - Baritone

Curtis Antram - Tenor

Followed by

Holy Communion and stripping the altar.

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

May

Mon 1 st	PHILIP & JAMES Mothers' Union St Ann's, 9.30 am
Thurs 4 th	Yankadelly 4 pm
Sat 6 th	JOHN
Sun 7 th	Gold Coin Collection for PCW* workers
Mon 8 th	WFA Council, St Margaret's 4pm
Wed 10 th	Maggie's Mates 11.15 am
Thurs 11 th	Prayers for Peace, St Ann's 11.15 am
Sat 13 th	Saturday Night Out, Willunga
Sun 14 th	(Mothers' Day) ACH Yankalilla, 2 pm
Tues 16 th	Friends of St Ann's 6.50 for 7 pm
Wed 17 th	Contemplative Prayer, Christ Church 6 pm
Thurs 18 th	ASCENSION
Fri 19 th	St Nicholas' Luncheon 12.30 (Bookings 8392 4508) and Fellowship 1.30 pm
Friday 26 th	Family Tea St Ann's 6.30 for 7 pm
Week of prayer for Christian Unity 27 th May—3 rd June	
Sun 28 th	PENTECOST
	Healing Service, Christ Church 11 am
Wed 31 st	VISITATION TO ELIZABETH

*Pastoral Care Workers (chaplains) in our schools



Bill Cale, Julia Drought and Rupert Best will be singing with Sue Russell's choir in Stainer's Crucifixion.

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

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

Fr Brenton decided to have a clean-out of our garden shed, and like many such ventures it took on a life of its own.

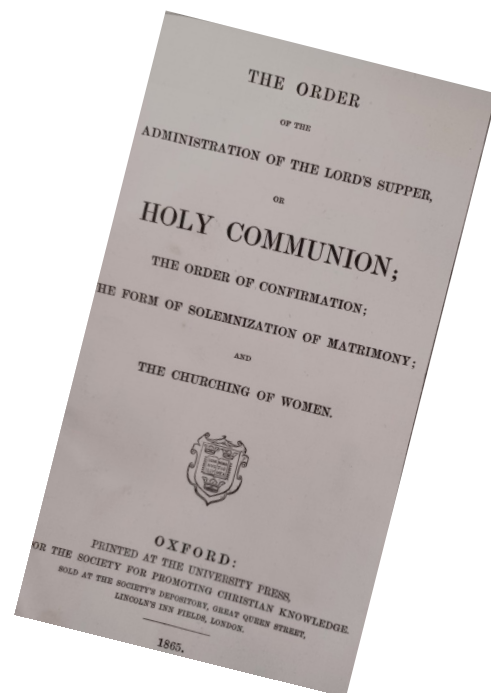
Amongst the junk and old paint tins was a cardboard box. This was found to contain some books— not just any old books but really old books dating back to 1865 and thereabouts. Most are in good condition though it is not known how long they have been in the shed. They are Bibles and altar books, some very heavy, and although the bindings on some are in need of repair the contents are in good condition.

I have offered them to our local historical society but they are lukewarm as the books do not appear to have any handwritten inscriptions in them. Still, they have first dibs on them. If they do decide not to accept them we would like them to go to a home where they will be looked after and appreciated. Anyone who is interested please contact me.

A small robbery took place at Christ Church in early March. One of the donation boxes in the church was broken into and the contents stolen.

Elizabeth Gordon-Mills has taken on the role of supplying articles to our local newspaper and is doing a great job of informing the local populace about what we are doing.

Ron King



The local churches celebrated the **World Day of Prayer** with two Services at Yankalilla. An evening service was held at the Yankalilla Uniting Church on March 3rd, attended by about 35 people. On the following Wednesday a morning service was held at the Yankalilla Aged Care Home. The service was led by Gail Filsell with several people from other churches in our district assisting with readings. This service was attended by about 15 residents.

Peter Filsell

April Combined Service at Delamere!

The parish **combined service on 30th April** will be held at our southernmost church, St James', Delamere at 10.30am. The Bishop will be attending, and we will be having a shared luncheon in the hall afterwards.

Dn Alison



News from St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

Hi everyone,

March always seems to be such a busy month in the church's year, both spiritually and administratively. The annual Vestry meeting (*see p. 10*) has come and gone, with all the extra work of yearly reports, individual congregational meetings and the soul-searching about taking on extra jobs. This year we decided to organise afternoon tea following the Vestry meeting as many of our far flung parishioners don't get to see one another very often. It was a pleasant time of socialisation enjoyed by all. Thank you for the suggestion, Anne, and all who assisted

with cakes and biscuits. As always there was plenty.

(*photos p. 18 of online supplement*)

The season of Lent is progressing and attendance at both the Wednesday morning service and the Lenten Bible study has increased, sometimes markedly so, to the point of beating our Sunday figures. However our Sunday attendances have also increased. If Greg is available we even manage music at the Wednesday service. It is a wonderful time of worship and reflection. We celebrated Mothering Sunday with special remembrance of Mother Church, the Mother of Jesus, Mother Country, our own mothers and all mothers everywhere. Fr Brenton blessed posies of flowers made by Fran and Di and the Simnel cake made by Judy. The posies were taken home and we ate the Simnel cake for morning tea. Leftover cake was taken to members of our congregation unable to attend.

Plans are underway for Palm Sunday and Easter Day. Maundy Thursday will be special this year as Sue Russell and her choir, Cantate Dominum, will present Stainer's Easter Oratorio *Crucifixion* as part of the service, with our organists Greg John and Curtis Antram as soloists. Foot washing will take place as part of the welcome and communion will follow the choral celebration. The service will end with stripping the altar. (*See page 3*)

Last Sunday, previously referred to as Passion Sunday, we had our laity led Prayer, Praise and Proclamation worship. Greg organised a video clip of the raising of Lazarus instead of having the Gospel read and gave a talk comparing medieval ideas of salvation and redemption, heaven and hell with today's thinking. He highlighted his talk with video excerpts from Verdi's *Requiem* as performed with the Zurich Ballet in the recent Festival of Arts. It was very powerful and gave us all lots to think about.

We had six visitors at the above service— Sue's parents,

whom we are always happy to see, a couple from Perth, and Geoff and Liz Mosey from Eudunda. As it turns out, I knew Liz when I was two years old at Riverton and Geoff a few years later, and both Greg and Fran knew them from Eudunda, so we had a great reunion. The service was further enhanced by Jac's mementos— fridge magnets reminding us to set our minds on the things of the Spirit. Jac also made scones for morning tea.

Finally, I have become the Guardian of a Maltese Shitzu-Cross puppy (*see p. 18 in online supplement*) who is very sociable. She loves coming to church and Bible study and particularly likes Greg, falling asleep on the organ pedals between his feet on her first visit.

Wishing you all a holy completion of Lent and a happy and blessed Easter. *Judy Wells and St Margaret's congregation.*



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

Bottles and Cans
collection towards
MISSIONS.

In the latter part of 2022 we raised \$106.10, and have paid in \$30 this month. Please continue to collect towards the parish target.

Di Best

News from St Ann's, Aldinga:

Family Service Our Theme for the Family Service on 5th March 2023 was *Exploring what it takes to try something new*.

In the Message Brian McMillan reflected on the readings of the day, which covered Abram (as he then was), the Christians in 1st Century Rome, and Nicodemus. It was suggested that, in *Exploring what it takes to try something new*, we find that faith in God and trust in God are essential and that neither can be secured without a personal encounter with Jesus.

The members of the congregation were then invited to consider, in the light of the readings and the message, what might be the step that each might take next to continue each one's faith journey, to note their conclusion on a symbolic footprint given to each, and to

take that away for further reflection. In this we were assisted by the content of the Liturgy, which included the following Prayer:

We thank you for the joy we can have, the hope in the unknown, high expectations of your power in our lives, courage to follow your Spirit in all we do. We

thank you for the unexpected experiences, for the unexpected people we will meet, walking your way. Go with us, Lord. Amen

The Altar was decorated with symbolic footprints, which we left in place for the following week's Service (see p. 15 in the online photo supplement)



Clean Up Australia For the people of St Ann's, participation in *Clean Up Australia*, of which the focus is as much on preventing rubbish entering our environment as it is on removing what has already accumulated, is an annual opportunity to take practical and positive environmental action to the advantage of our locality and community. This year our participation was organised by Sally Shaw, and took place after the Family Service on 5th March. As usual, the nature and amount of accumulated rubbish was surprising. After bearing the heat and burden of the day participants shared refreshment and stories of what they had discovered beside the roads. (Photos p. 16, online supplement)



Jumble Sale On 18th March we held a jumble sale, by way of outreach to the community (combined with gaining revenue). Special buyer of the day was a lady who had dreamed the night before of going to a jumble sale and buying curtains—and on the Saturday came to the sale and found what she needed! Whilst a reasonable amount of revenue was gained, we felt that visitors were fewer than expected, so that the overall return did not really match our investment of time, talent and energy. At the meeting of the Friends of St Ann's on 21st March it was decided not to hold a jumble sale in May 2023, but to consider further or other potential opportunities for outreach involving both the local and the parish communities. (More photos p. 17.)



Sunday 19th March This Sunday, the Fourth Sunday in Lent, is also called Laetare Sunday/ Refreshment Sunday/Mid-Lent Sunday/Mothering Sunday, the last-named so called, as Victoria McKee who led the service reminded us, because traditionally, it was the day to visit the Mother Church – either the church where the person was baptized, or the local parish church, or the Cathedral as the Mother Church of the Diocese. Mothering Sunday also was the day on which the children of the family who had left the old home returned to visit their mother.

Laetare Sunday is traditionally when fasting could be relaxed - a day of celebration within the otherwise austere season of Lent. The Latin word *Laetare* – rejoice – comes from Isaiah 66.10 - the Introit of the day in the Latin Mass.

So the atmosphere that day was lightened by a floral arrangement, and the altar was covered with the traditional five loaves, brought by Victoria, the posies, the Simnel Cakes and – touchingly – photographs of

their mothers and grandmothers brought by members of the congregation (thanks to a suggestion by Victoria). We asked for blessings on the posies and Simnel Cakes in the following Prayer:

Loving God, you uphold us from birth to death, and through all life's changes, with your grace and love. In gratitude for all the love we have received, throughout our lives, may we be always ready to help those who are struggling, to protect the vulnerable, to feed the hungry, and to comfort the broken. Accept our prayers and bless these flowers and cake as symbols of our ongoing love for those to whom we give them, and may we all be blessed in giving and receiving; in Jesus' name. Amen

Posies were taken to the family of Eileen Binns, who had died the day before..

Family Tea On the evening of 24th February we gathered for our Family Tea. As always, we value this regular opportunity to socialise and relax together over a shared meal. Do come and join us.

Brian McMillan, Warden

Vale Eileen Binns 1938-2023

Eileen Binns was a faithful and loving member of the St Ann's congregation. With her late husband Mike, an electrician, she had lived in Aldinga since they moved here in 1965, and they were part of the team that built the Room at St Ann's.

Full of life and fun, she was a staunch supporter of St Ann's over the years, contributing to the worship, accompanying the singing with her accordion or on the little organ which pre-dated the present one, helping at jumble sales, making pasties for sales, and acting in fundraising concerts. In the 1980s, she started a swimming pool gathering in their own pool for young mums in the community so that they, like their children, could learn to swim. She and Mike were cloggers for many years, travelling to clogging events in other districts, and she was a founding member of the Willunga Judo Club.

Her funeral was held on Wednesday 29th March at St Ann's.



Southern Vales Mothers' Union



A day of changeable weather with some rain and sunshine saw nine members gather on Monday March 6th at the visitor information centre at McLaren Vale. A very informal annual meeting was held. The present officebearers agreed to continue with Trish Frith as President and Helen Cook as Secretary/Treasurer. A very informative annual report by the President is published in the Annual Vestry Report for all to read.

President Trish brought the meeting's attention to the BCA news from Alice Springs. Topher & Chica Hallyburton with children, Daniel (2011) and Laura (2015) moved to Alice Springs from Darwin in January 2021 and Topher has taken up a post as trainee minister. As Alice Springs has been headline news recently we prayed for their work and also followed the MUA prayer points you can find at <https://www.bushchurcaid.com.au/mission-profiles.php?id=2193>

On Monday 27th March members from our branch went to the Lady Day service at Christ Church, Strathalbyn, where the service was taken by the MU Chaplain Fr Daniel Irvine and a speaker gave information about Corneal Implants.

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

March began with our new format of services at St Nicholas'. The first Sunday in the month is now our Family/PPP (Prayer, Praise and Proclamation) Service, with Fr Peter taking the services on the rest of the Sundays in the month. The "Planning Group" will meet with Fr Peter once a month to organize services and any other matters that come up regarding Ministry at St Nicholas'. Fr Peter has a few ideas he would like to try so we have a few changes planned over the coming months. At our Family Service Joan Dare gave the reflection, with others in the congregation taking various parts in the service. At the Healing Service Father Ted led the anointing and prayers with assistance from Fr Peter. The last two Sundays in the month were led by Fr Peter.



With the 4th Sunday in Lent being Mothering Sunday, Sunara gave out small posies and we had a wonderful Simnel Cake make by Helen Cook, which Fr Peter blessed and we all shared at morning tea.

Our Services for Holy Week will begin with

Palm Sunday on the 2nd April, with an Ecumenical Liturgy of the Palms included in our service. There will be an Ecumenical service at 4 pm on Maundy Thursday, which will include symbolic "washing of the feet", and a Journey to the Cross Service at 9 am on Good Friday will conclude our Holy Week Services.



Lenten Bible Study has continued with weekly study on Wednesday Mornings at 10.30 am and also Tuesday evenings 6-7 pm.

Sunara continues to lead the congregation in prayer as part of her "show and tell" at the end of the service. She is a treasure and we are blessed to have her as part of our worship.



Our first **Lenten Supper** went really well with Pastor Kevin Wood from the Lutheran Church showing us

details of his ministry in Uganda. He gave a wonderful talk with a slide show showing the amazing journey they took as they consecrated new church buildings and baptized and confirmed in large numbers across Uganda. The Mission chose to connect locally rather than through a major charity, so that all donations went directly to the areas of most need. The slides showed people worshipping under mango trees, building their own outdoor bush churches— one of which used poles cut from nearby trees— and amazingly, these poles then sprouted leaves and branches! A living growing church in more ways than one!! Thanks to the generosity of those present we raised \$175 for Pastor Kevin to send directly to the Mission group in Uganda.

On Monday 27th March Fr Peter was the guest speaker, showing us the importance of Chaplaincy in hospital and community areas. *See next month's report.*

At our **fellowship on 17th March**, we made over 200 palm crosses for use across the parish and at SCC, with a lot of fiddling, testing memories and laughter from those



who attended. A great time of fellowship. Thank you to everyone who helped out.

Sadly, we farewelled a long time supporter of SCC. John McCluskey, a member of the Church of Christ congregation, has been a stalwart member of SCC, volunteering wherever needed, and being our sound person for many years. He had moved into Eldercare to support and care for his wife Jo, who passed away last year. John McCluskey died peacefully last Thursday at Eldercare. He was 89 - would have been 90 in July. His funeral will be held in the Large Worship Space at SCC on Wednesday 29th March at 2.00 pm. Please keep his family, especially daughter Delores, in your prayers as they grieve for their devoted father and grandfather. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

Our prayer chain continues to be active with prayers and thanksgiving for prayers answered sent along the phone lines by SMS, phone or email. Messages for the prayer chain can be sent via your Warden.

Blessings *Helen Cook and Jane Cuthbert, Wardens*

Happy April everyone.

The days are starting to get a little cooler, and the gardens are sighing with relief as I'm sure a lot of people who dislike hot weather will be too.

It has been really remiss of me not to thank Marita Huxall for all her hard work, time and contributions to our church garden where she worked alongside Ted for many, many years. Thank you very much Marita. We very much appreciate all that you did.

I have to make a special note of thanks to Chris Martin. Chris has been oiling our very thirsty pews for us, and polishing the brass as well as other things. Thank you Chris for your continued work.

We try to have the church door open and welcoming on Saturday mornings. Whenever possible Anne Chitt is there on the second Saturday of the month, and as a way to attract passers-by to visit the church, sells jams or biscuits at the door. Last month Chris joined her, bringing scones, and they were able to offer scones and a cup of tea. Rupert Best kindly donated some jams to sell. This first attempt didn't go as well as we hoped but undismayed, Anne has said that she will do it again this month.

The Service of Lighting the New Fire is one of the most dramatic services of the Easter season. With the church in darkness, a fire is lit outside (wind permitting) and the people gather around it while a cross is marked in the Paschal Candle and prayers said. The Paschal Candle is lit from the fire, symbolising the risen Christ, and carried into the church, with repetition of the words, "The Light of Christ". It is followed by the congregation who light their candles from it.

The readings for the service tell the story of God's works from creation to the time of Christ's resurrection, then the parish's first Easter Eucharist is joyfully celebrated.



Most of our faith community at our pre vestry meeting, as stated previously, said that we would like a new sign out at the front of our church. Well, the sign was designed for us, we chose from two colours, and it is being created as I write this. Thank you to everyone who contributed. The next item that we need is a bigger TV as the one we have is hard to see from all pews. We are thinking a 50-60 inch one would be perfect. So if you have one that you don't use, or could contribute a few dollars to help us to buy a new one, please get in touch with me.

Our Saturday night out this month is being delayed by one week as we have our Easter Eve service, Lighting the New Fire on Saturday the 8th April at 7.00 pm (*note the changed service time for that Saturday*). This month's dinner will be at the top pub on the 15th April. Please let Steve know if you would like to come on 0404 163 940.

Once again, on behalf of our faith community, I extend a warm welcome to you all to join us one Saturday evening for our normal service, or for our fifth Saturday Contemplative Service on the 29th April, at our normal time of 5.30.

We hope to see you soon.

Love and blessings, Susan, Warden.



Onkaparinga Council advises of the following Free Council-run events running shortly:

FOOD matters – SEAFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE a short workshop on eating to age well, including vital vitamins, protein for maintaining muscle, fibre/gut health and addressing the digestive changes that can occur later in life.

Advance Care Directives – a short workshop with all resources provided to help you understand and gain confidence at filling in this important legal form. ALDINGA LIBRARY or SEAFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE.

AGEING WELL conversation series– ALDINGA LIBRARY a series of facilitated conversations covering accommodation, finances, planning ahead and many other matters for those considering the next stages of life.

Contact Judith Lowe, Sustaining Independence and Wellbeing – Project Officer, Active Ageing, City of Onkaparinga Active Ageing, City of Onkaparinga Ph 8384 0161 www.onkaparingacity.com

Vestry meeting 2023

The annual Vestry meeting was held at St Margaret's on Sunday 12th March and was attended by 36 Parishioners.

The seriousness of our financial situation, with a \$76,400 deficit budgeted, was highlighted. Expenses have been reduced as much as possible but costs are going up including a huge increase in insurance costs. Our financial situation is such that it can not be solved merely by fundraising, and our equity is being reduced because of the deficit.

Clergy stipends represent 60% of parish expenditure and at some time in the next two years we will have to face the loss of a priest. Br Simon reminded us of the need to be practical, prudent and responsible, and suggested that over the next eighteen months we learn to live and work as if with 1.5 clergy positions so that we can get a system in place before we get to that point. We are already preparing for the future in regularly having lay-led services in each centre. This allows and encourages people to share and grow their faith with confidence within the faith community.

Questions and topics discussed included the cost of insurance and the actual and potential use of our buildings.

The proposed budget was adopted and Margaret was thanked for the great work she does on behalf of us all.

Discussion on the need or otherwise to continue to print the pewsheets showed that the different churches had



different uses for a weekly publication. The "one size fits all" approach was no longer appropriate. The matter was referred to the Parish Council (and see 'Snippets', p. 11)

Tribute was paid to the late Ted Sandercock and gratitude expressed for the enormous amount he had done for the parish over the years.

Most parish positions did not require election until the end of the triennium (next year), but with resignations from some synod representatives the following appointments were made: Synod Representatives: Susan Smith and Bob Smith, Anne Chittleborough and Doreen Rushbrook. Substitutes in case of representatives' inability to attend: Greg John, Mark Taylor and Lorraine de Fredrick.

Following the meeting those present shared a marvellous afternoon tea and an opportunity to talk to those from our other churches (*see photos in online supplement p. 18*).

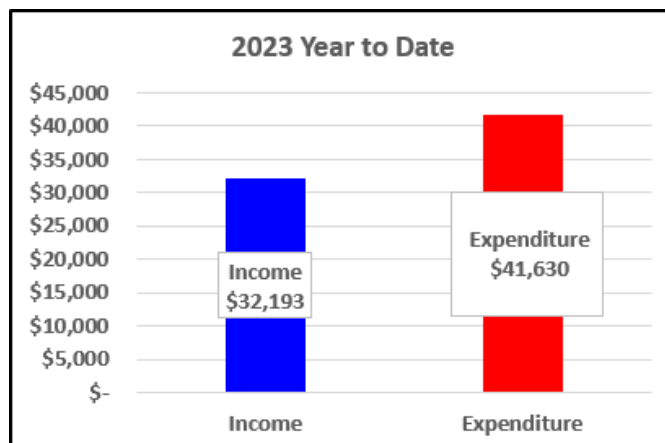
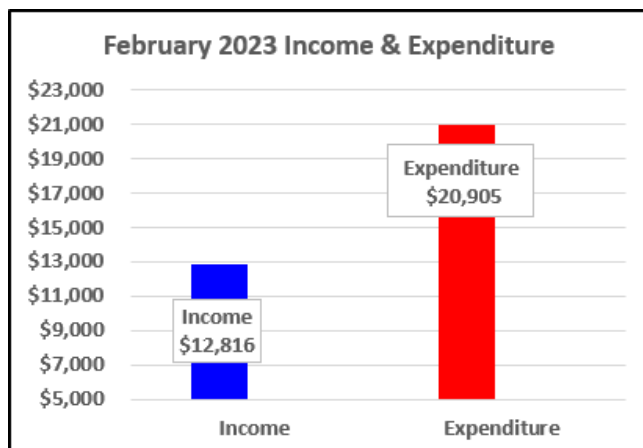


This year's **World Day of Prayer** was celebrated in St Joseph's Catholic Church, Willunga, on Friday 3rd April, with some parishioners from St Ann's and St Stephen's attending. The service was prepared by people of Taiwan with the theme "I have heard about your faith" (Ephesians 1:15). Stories were shared about life in Taiwan, the country's challenges and achievements and the threats to their country. We joined in prayers for the people of Taiwan.

The women of Taiwan wished us "Ping-an", meaning "May God grant you peace—a peaceful relationship with God and with one another" and those present shared that greeting.

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Snippets from Parish Council



The Treasurer reported on the critical financial situation (see graphs above). At the time of the meeting there was insufficient money for her to cover the stipends for the month.

The future of St James', Delamere was still uncertain. Peter Filsell reported that two lots of parishioners from the district are thinking of moving from the district, but they don't want the church to be a burden on the parish. Offers of help from other congregations in the Parish are much appreciated but are only a short term fix. A long term plan. was needed. Meanwhile Deacon Alison plans to run a retreat there in May and see how it works out.

St Margaret's reported that a paediatrician who runs a practice next door has offered to gravel an area of St Margaret's land at her own expense so it could be used for parking for her practice.

St Nicholas' reported that Fr Ted Newing was officially retired but would assist if needed and would be part of ecumenical services at SCC. He worked with Fr Peter in the healing service.

The Combined Service on 30th July will be at St Nicholas', Seaford, with a shared lunch to follow.

Following the discussion at Vestry about the parish pewsheets, it was decided by Parish Council to discontinue printing it, and to meet parish needs in other ways. Instead of the pewsheets' list of people we pray for, the St Nicholas' Prayer Chain, using SMS, phone or email, could be expanded to cover the whole parish, co-ordinated centrally by Helen Cook. Messages and requests for prayer to be sent via Wardens and congregational contacts, to be appointed.

This month's readings

PALM SUNDAY - April 2 Isaiah 50:4-9a - Psalm 31:9-18 - Philippians 2:5-11 - Matthew 21; 1-11 – Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

MAUNDY THURSDAY - April 6 Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14 - Psalm 116:1-2, 11-18 - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 - John 13:1-17, 31b-35

GOOD FRIDAY - April 7 Isaiah 52:13-53:12 - Psalm 22 – 1 Cor.1:18-31 - John 18:1-19:42

EASTER DAY - April 9 Acts 10:34-43 - Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 - Colossians 3:1-4 - Matthew 28:1-10

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - April 16 Acts 2:14a, 22-32 - Psalm 16 - 1 Peter 1: 1-12- John 20:19-31

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - April 23 Acts 2:14a, 36-41 - Psalm 116:1-4, 11-18 - 1 Peter 1:13:25 - Luke 24:13-35

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - April 30 Acts 2:42-47 - Psalm 23 - 1 Peter 2: 1-10 - John 10:1-10

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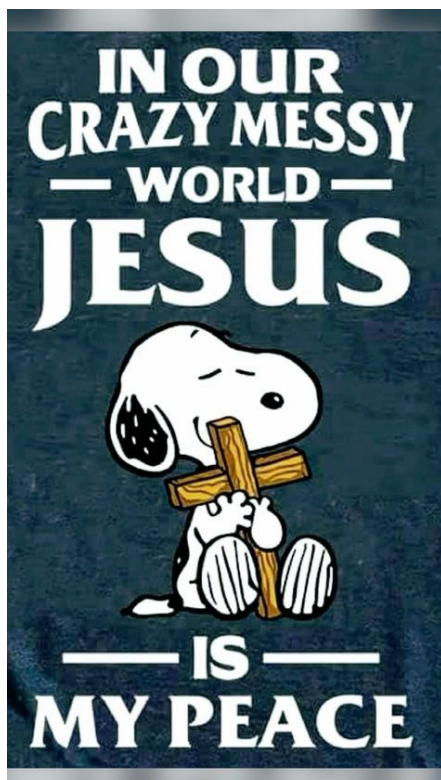
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St Margaret's, 99 Main Road McLaren Vale

Sunday: 10.30 am

Wednesday: 9:00 am

Wardens:

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Greg John 0405 053 331

St Stephen's, St Andrews Tce, Willunga

Saturday: 5.30 pm

Warden:

Susan Smith 0416 799 965

St Ann's, 7 Stonehouse Lane, Aldinga

Sunday: 9 am

Wardens:

Julianne Bates 0422 817 169

Brian McMillan 8557 6984

St Nicholas', Seaford, Seaford Christian Churches

cnr Main St and Grand Blvd, Seaford

Sunday 10.30 am

Fifth Sundays in the month: a 10 am

combined Ecumenical service with the
Uniting Church and the Church of Christ.

Wardens:

Jane Cuthbert 0407 651 606

Helen Cook 0427 679 787 or 8386 3689

Christ Church, Yankalilla

1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays – 9.00 am

4th Sunday – 11.00 am

5th Sunday – Combined Service

Wardens:

Ron King 0421 332 399

Belinda Rosser 0411 591 628

St James', Delamere

2nd Sunday – 11.00 am

4th Sunday – 9.00 am

5th Sunday – Combined Service

Warden:

Peter Filsell 0427 534 095

*Where there is a Fifth Sunday in a month,
as in April this year,
service times are likely to be different.
Please check pewsheets,
noticeboards and website for details.*

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St Margaret of Scotland, McLaren Vale (see p. 5)



Lenten colours at St Margaret's



Miss Ellie, the newest and smallest member of the congregation

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St Nicholas', Seaford (see p. 8)



*Above: Sunara giving out posies on Mothering Sunday.
Below: The Lenten message at S Nicholas'.*

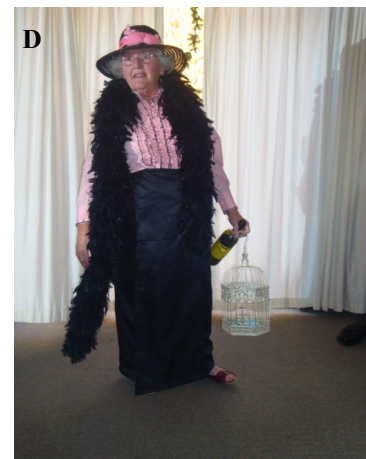


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Walking God's way—symbolised by feet decorating the altar at St Ann's.

~Remembering Eileen~ see p. 7



A: "Sneezy" in "Snow White & the 7 Dwarfs" money-raising to build the Room (c. 1996). B: Putting up lights in the Room (2000) C: Playing the old organ at St Ann's (2008). D: Concert Hall fundraiser (2013), singing "Don't dilly-dally", the Cock Linnet Song. E: First walker to try the new ramp to the Room (2021)

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Clean Up Australia Day (see p. 6)



Sally and Doug Shaw and the rubbish collected.



Sharing stories—and lunch—afterwards.

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Jumble Sale, St Ann's (see p. 6)
The sausages were excellent, as ever, and the Devonshire teas were just what was needed to refresh the trio below who had come from as far away as Roxby Downs and Coober Pedy.



This visitor so much enjoyed the sale that she wanted to stay and work with Pepper!



Rhonda had her potplants under control, but the folding cot had everyone puzzled. It took three families to manage to close it up.



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After the Vestry— (see p. 10)
sharing refreshments builds community



Above: Gillian Clampett, Brian McMillan, Joan Dare
L: Jane Cuthbert & Lyn Dick
Below (L-R): Heather Chapman, Di Best, Anne Chittleborough, Brian McMillan, Doreen Rushbrook, Judy Wells, Helen Cook

