

November 2024

*Proclaiming Christ in word and action;
growing in care, love and service.*



The Grapexine

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

"I No Longer Pray for Peace"

On the edge of war, one foot already in,

I no longer pray for peace:
I pray for miracles.

I pray that stone hearts will turn
to tenderheartedness,
and evil intentions will turn
to mercifulness,
and all the soldiers already deployed
will be snatched out of harm's way,
and the whole world will be
astounded onto its knees.

I pray that all the "God talk"
will take bones,
and stand up and shed
its cloak of faithlessness,
and walk again in its powerful truth.

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've always applauded the holy fools
who never seem to give up on
the scandalousness of 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.

*From Advent's Alleluia to Easter's Morning Light:
Poetry for Worship, Study, and
Devotion. © 2010 Ann Weems.*

*An apology: I realise that I have printed this prayer in
an earlier issue. However I believe it has not lost its
relevance or significance.—Ed*



Pray for miracles...
pray for peace...
pray...

Prayers for Peace,
St Ann's, 11.15am
Next on Thursday 14th November .
All welcome.



RETREAT: a period or place of seclusion for the purposes of prayer and meditation.

Well I have just come back from our annual clergy retreat at the beautiful Sevenhills retreat centre. Some people visit a dentist once a year to have a check-up, thinking all is well but being a little surprised at what the dentist finds. So, how much more should you and I step away from job, family, parish or whatever to connect with someone skilled at the spiritual level of being, to help us regain or grow in health in the things of the spirit?

I think that this is the great benefit of including in our yearly schedules a time away for a retreat. Retreats are not for idle self-indulgence. A retreat is for recentering, renewing, re-directing our lives into a greater, deeper harmony with God, the source of life and love. We may just discover that God's timetable is very different from ours. Perhaps what we think is "the Lord's work" may instead turn out to be our own driven needs and desires.

In a retreat, says Evelyn Underhill "we come to be with God, God first and God alone. Far from being escapism, it has been said that a retreat is possibly the most apostolic thing an apostle can do. It is to take our lead from Jesus who frequently went away from the town, or up into the hills to be alone with God, free from normal responsibilities, in order to allow a greater clarity and purpose to emerge. St Paul did the same, disappearing in solitude for up to three years before fully engaging with his mission to the Gentiles."

Our retreat director was Fr Philip Carter, a respected spirituality and retreat director. He gave us the opportunity to get away from the town, up into the hills to be alone with God and listen in silence, free from our normal responsibilities. It was a great week of quiet prayer and contemplation, and I had two wonderful talks with Fr Philip.

We owe it to ourselves, to our people, to our families, to our vocation, to retreat regularly so that we can give God some space to fill in our lives.

The Vicar

ROSEMANE FUNERALS

0439 202 062



See *The Grapevine* in glorious colour, with an online photo supplement, on our Parish website, southernvalesparish.org

Cemetery Curators

As you are all aware there are four cemeteries located within the Western Fleurieu Anglican Mission District: St Stephen's, Willunga, St Ann's, Aldinga, Christ Church, Yankalilla and St James', Delamere.

Sue Smith has recently relinquished her role as the Curator of the St Stephen's Cemetery. We thank her for the input that she had in this position for the period that she was involved. At present we only have two Curators across the four cemeteries – Margaret Cale and Peter Filsell. Over the past two years we have been using a programme called Chronicle to manage all of our Cemetery Records. This has made the

Curators' job a lot easier and we are able to work across all of our cemeteries if needed. If anyone is interested in becoming a Curator or would like to get more information, please speak with either of us.

The public are able to view the publicly available information for each cemetery at chronicle.rip.



St Margaret's wardens and congregation wish to thank all contributors to our **Bottles and Cans** collection towards **MISSIONS**.

Our total for 2024 has now reached **\$135!**
Please keep up the great collecting work towards the parish target.

Di Best

For your Diary

November

Sun 3rd Gold coin collection for PCWs*
St Nicholas' Fellowship meeting 1pm after shared lunch

Mon 4th Mothers Union 9.30am, 65 Endeavour Drive, Seaford (see p. 7)

Sat 9th Saturday Night Out, Willunga (see p. 7)

Sun 10th "Round Table" service, St Nicholas', 10.30am ACH service, Yankalilla

Mon 11th WFA Council St Margaret's 4pm

Thurs 14th Prayers for Peace St Ann's 11.15am

Sun 17th Walking with Jesus, Christ Church 10am Pleasant Sunday Afternoon, St Margaret's, 3pm (see below)

Mon 18th MU Wave of Prayer 11am Morphett Vale

Tues 19th Friends of St Ann's 4pm

Wed 20th "The Way, My Way" St Stephen's (see p. 7)

Fri 22nd Family Tea, St Ann's 6.30 for 7pm (see p. 9)

Sun 24th Healing Service, Christ Church

Sat 30th Strawberry Fete, Christ (see below & p. 4)
Contemplative Service, St Stephen's, 5.30pm

And also,

- * each Tuesday at St Stephen's, Willunga
Meditation 9am
- * each Wednesday at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale
Holy Communion 9am, Bible Study 10am
- * and each Friday Meditation at Christ Church 9.15-10am

December

Sun 1st Gold coin collection for PCWs*
St Nicholas' Fellowship meeting 1pm after shared lunch

Mon 2nd Mothers Union 9.30am St Ann's

Sun 8th "Round Table" service, St Nicholas, 10.30am ACH service, Yankalilla

Mon 9th WFA Council St Ann's 4pm

Thurs 12th Prayers for Peace St Ann's 11.15am

Sat 14th Parish Christmas Luncheon (see below)

Sun 15th Walking with Jesus, Christ Church 10am

Tues 17th Friends of St Ann's 4pm

Sat 21st St Stephen's Christmas Service 5.30pm

Sun 22nd Healing Service, Christ Church

Tues 24th CHRISTMAS EVE

Wed 25th Carol Service Christ Church 7pm
Carol service, St Margaret's, 7.30pm

Sun 29th CHRISTMAS DAY
9am St Ann's, Aldinga
9am Christ Church, Yankalilla
9am Ecumenical Service, SCC
Fifth Sunday COMBINED SERVICE, St Nicholas', 10am, with shared lunch

*PCWs
Pastoral Care Workers
(Schools Chaplains) -
See opposite page

PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON

St Margaret's Anglican McLaren Vale

Sun Nov 17th 2024 3pm

Guest Organist: Gina Dutschke
(Principal organist Bethlehem Lutheran)
St Ann's Choir

Instrumental and vocal solos and duets
Community Hymn Singing

\$10 at the door (Cash only)



Friends of the Greg Trott Pipe Organ Assoc. Inc.

The Way, My Way:

Miracles happen on the Camino

St Stephen's,
Wednesday 20th November,
5 for 5.30pm

Admission by donation.

The film will be followed by a light supper
with a Spanish theme.

Bookings: Steve Banner 0404 163 940

Parish Christmas Lunch

Seaford Christian Churches
Saturday 14th December 2024
12 for 12.30pm

Roast Turkey and Vegetables
Pavlova or Christmas Pudding
Vegetarian and gluten free options.
BYO drinks
\$20 per head

Book early as numbers are limited to 40
Tea coffee water and orange juice provided
Contact Jane, 0407 651 606 & leave message.



ANGLICAN CHURCH
STRAWBERRY
FETE
SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 30th
9.00am-12.00pm
YANKALILLA

News from Christ Church, Yankalilla

This month our topic for discussion was HUMILITY and was led by Hamish Stokes.

Do not be proud but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

This admonition from Romans 12, verse 16b, is the tenth so far for this year. Oh, that we could demonstrate all the virtues that we have been studying throughout the year!

To illustrate the virtue of humility, we read the story of John the Baptist (John 1:24-34 and 3:22-32). When asked if he was the Messiah, John denied it and pointed to the one who would come after him. The true Messiah was Jesus who would baptize in the Holy Spirit as well as with water as was John's custom. John demonstrated humility when he said, "He must become greater and I must become less". Jesus would be so much greater that John even felt unworthy to untie his sandal straps!

Anne Nadge of St Columba's Hawthorn wrote the following poem about Jesus' sandals:

Sandals to Follow (Matthew 3:11)

Let us look for sandals in these stained glass windows
Sandals we thought we would not ever be worthy to carry

For the one they said would follow

On donkey tracks from Bethlehem, shell grit paths by Galilee
Blood steep steps to Calvary – broken sandals came flapping
To the dry dust of our hearts.

Now let us wear bloodied sandals from these stained glass windows
Sandals we thought we were not even worthy to carry
For the One we came to follow.

Our discussion topics explored the meaning of humility which could perhaps be defined more from its opposite state - pride. In the words of Mary, "He has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness" and "he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly". Jesus himself was born into a poor family and took up the lowly profession of carpenter in his early years.

John Bell's lovely hymn "Not the powerful" expresses how we should not be obsessed by our achievements, our worldly wealth or our family tree!

For our prayer session, we were divided into three groups and asked to construct our own prayer from a pile of words we were given on tiny pieces of paper (*see the photos*). Each group then read out the prayer they had constructed. These were:

Please don't let me think I am smarter or better than others.

Help us to appreciate your criticism and not be discouraged.

I pray, as we gather, to be humble always.

The topic for November 17th will be Grace, and will be led by Liz Gordon-Mills.



CHRIST CHURCH STRAWBERRY FETE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30th

On Saturday, November 30th Christ Church at Yankalilla will run The Strawberry Fete. This will uphold a long-standing tradition dating back to at least 1867 (as far our records can tell us).

Again, we will have our usual stalls of cakes, plants, tombola and bric-a-brac along with mountains of strawberries, scones and a barbecue to feed the masses. The community will provide several other stalls with coffee, chocolates, herbs, sauces and toys and there will be a raffle with generous prizes. Please come and join us from 9am-12noon.

Vale Yvonne Scrutton 14/12/1935-13/08/2024

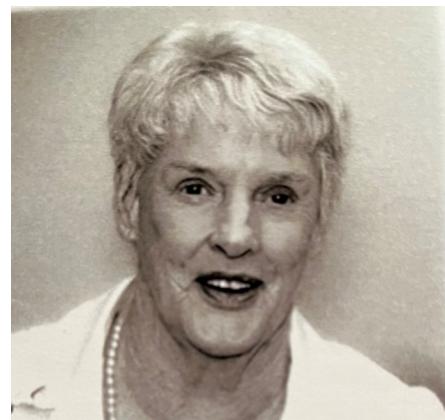
Our dear friend, Yvonne Janetta Scrutton, a much-loved member of Christ Church, Yankalilla, passed away on August 13th this year.

During her career Yvonne spent her last twenty years as a Geography teacher at Woodlands in Glenelg, where she was held in high esteem by her many students. She married Peter Scrutton and they had a daughter, Michelle, and two grandchildren, all of whom Yvonne adored.

She and Peter loved to travel. Moving to the district in the late 1980s, Yvonne embraced the community in Yankalilla and joined many clubs, including Probus. She became a valued member of Christ Church, taking her place on many committees including as People's Warden and as President of the Guild. She raised valuable funds for the church and put them to good use. She was inclusive when working with others, always willing to acknowledge their input.

Yvonne shared many wonderful friendships with church people and the wider community. One of those people was artist Barbara Robertson. It was Yvonne who ensured that Barbara's unique religious paintings should be hung in the Christ Church Hall for us all to enjoy. Yvonne was a strong woman who questioned all aspects of her faith and remained true to her values. The deaths of those nearest to her were challenging but she retained her wicked sense of humour and generous heart. We miss her deeply.

Belinda Rosser.



Vale Elizabeth (Betty) Dorothy Souter

(5.10.1930 – 13.5.2024)

Betty was a daughter of Dr Robert and Hazel Souter. She was born in Yankalilla and attended Yankalilla School for Grades 5&6 and then boarded at Woodlands, Church of England Grammar School at Glenelg. In 1948 she commenced working in Adelaide, returning to Yankalilla on weekends. She moved to New Zealand in 1957. She stayed there working until she retired in 1990 and continued living in Rotorua until she passed away in May 2024. Her ashes will be interred in her parents' grave at the Yankalilla Anglican Cemetery at 11am on Tuesday, November 12th. If any people that knew Betty would like to attend, please contact Peter Filsell.

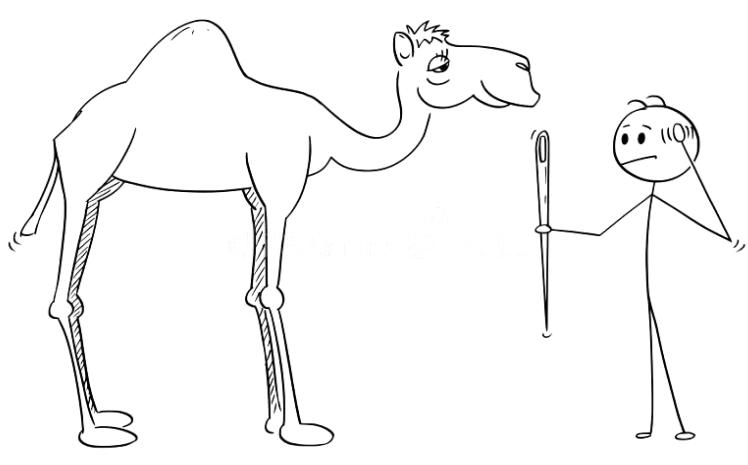
Christmas is coming!

The Ecumenical Events

Committee is organising to run the Christmas Carols as part of the Kids Market on the Village Green on Sunday Afternoon, December 15th, from 4-7pm.



Fr Brenton is usually in the Church Hall on Fridays. There is a Meditation at 9.15am, and a Bible Study at 11am. He is available for a chat or to discuss any issues you may wish to raise. To be sure he is there, call him on 0417 831 880.



WIN YOURSELF A CHOCOLATE FROG!

This delightful graphic featured in St Stephen's newsletter for the 21st Sunday after Pentecost. Thank you Steve!

What do you think the camel is saying?

Send your suggestions to Anne Chittleborough at machit5@bigpond.com or phone 8556 5078. (Nothing unprintable, please!) A chocolate frog prize for the most imaginative answer. Results in the December *Grapevine*.

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

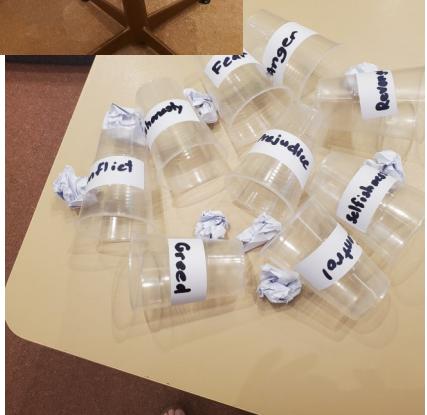
Combined Service 29th September We ended September with a combined worship service with the UCA and Church of Christ congregations. Fr Ted led us in our worship with Reverend Anne Butler giving the message talking about the importance of women in the Bible and emphasizing Esther (the first reading) and how God puts people where they need to be to further His plans. It is always great to worship with fellow Christians and have many voices raised in praise and worship. Always a great time of fellowship afterwards over morning tea.

For our Family Service on the 6th October, we took the theme of "Breaking Down Barriers". In the Gospels, Jesus frequently appears to be in conflict with various groups and individuals. He cleared the temple of moneychangers who hindered Gentile worship. He abolished religious laws and ordinances to create peace. He engaged in conversation with a Samaritan woman, breaking racial, religious, and cultural barriers. Most importantly, Jesus broke down the barrier of sin between God and humanity. Often it is people— like the Pharisees in today's gospel—who have a set idea of what God is like and what God wants from people. Because people think they know the answer, they stop listening to God, and start building all those barriers. Barriers that force separation. Jesus said, "*Let the little children come to me.*" Try replacing the word "children" with "homeless", "depressed", "hurting" or "unloved". Are we doing all that we can to make sure everyone has the opportunity to meet and be welcomed by Jesus? Sunara and Bella built a "wall" with



paper cups. On each was a word that is often a barrier.
Greed - Dishonesty - Selfishness - Revenge - Prejudice - Conflict - Fear - Control - Anger.

We gave out pieces of paper to the children and members of the congregation, on which were written words that can help break down barriers. *LOVE - KINDNESS - SHARING - TRUTH - PATIENCE - PEACE - UNDERSTANDING.*



We asked for these papers to be scrunched into a ball and then thrown at the wall we had built, breaking down the barriers. It took a few goes but eventually our wall came tumbling down! (See also p. 13 online supplement).

Our Round table service on the 13th of October followed the misfortunes of Job as he continued trying to find God and make him listen while he argued his case. We began the service with a visual task, lots of different mazes with everyone trying to find a way out – their way to God. Some were more successful than others, some hit walls and had to try other ways, some got lost and had to begin again. We can find God in unexpected places. Searching for God may start quite close to home. In speaking out we may find that help comes from those who listen and allow us to share our problems. Solutions may take longer, but God has a plan for us that includes this life and the next. Lots of lively discussion about how as individuals we searched for God in times of difficulty and how our own emotions can sometimes prevent us from realizing that God is always with us, in the good times and the bad.

On the 20th October, we were blessed to have Fr Brenton lead us in our worship. It was great to have Fr Brenton preach the word and spend time with us after the service over coffee. The readings of the day spoke about being called to serve and how Jesus, though the Son of God, came to be a servant to us all. Fr Brenton spoke of his own journey to Ministry and its challenges. It is hard sometimes to be sure or understand when God calls us to follow him and minister in his name. The way can be difficult, riddled with self-doubt, and sacrifice, but believing in God's plan for us all and with the support of the Holy Spirit, we can all find our path and work towards the fulfilment of God's kingdom on earth. Fr Brenton also blessed the Christmas Child Boxes put together by members of the Mothers Union and the congregation at St Nicholas. Our prayer is that those who open the boxes will feel the love that went into making them.



Our service on the 27th October was led by Fr Ted Newing. Having swapped Sundays with Fr Brenton last week, this became our healing service for the month. We are truly fortunate that Fr Ted still offers to minister to us on Sundays, thus helping with the roster planning for the Parish and enabling us to continue with our communion and healing service each month.

Blessings

Helen Cook and Jane Cuthbert, Wardens

St Stephen's, Willunga

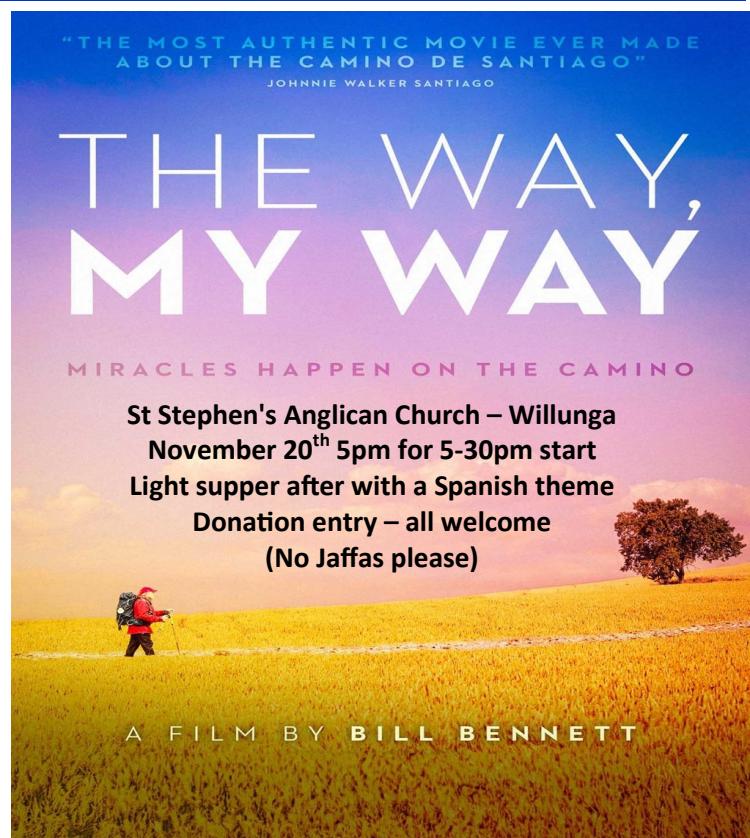
The regular worship schedule at St Stephen's continued as normal during October, with Holy Communion, Meditation and Prayer, Praise and Proclamation services taking place throughout the month. Levels of attendance rose and fell with two couples away on holiday, but the Saturday night dinner at the middle pub in Willunga was a high note. *Our next will be on Saturday 9th November.* Order with Steve on LMESTBA@YAHOO.COM or 0404 163 940. Tuesday morning meditation continues to invite and attract people from Willunga and beyond who appreciate the meditative shared time of silence. Our last Saturday in November, being a fifth Saturday, will be a Contemplative Service.

However, a new event during the month of November is likely to see an increase in the number of people who pass through the church's doorway.

I refer to the Film Night planned for Wednesday November 20th when St Stephen's will host a screening of the movie "The Way, My Way". This Australian-made film recounts the pilgrimage journey made by a 60-ish Australian man (Bill) who decided to walk the 800km Camino de Santiago trail from the south of France to the tomb of St James the Apostle in Spain. Thousands of pilgrims make this journey each year, each for their own reasons, and for many the pilgrimage is a journey of self-discovery. As a self-described "cranky old man" (do you happen to know anyone like that?) Bill starts his walk with many preconceived ideas and learns numerous lessons along the way in this very entertaining telling of his story.

A light supper will be served after the show - and given that most of the on-screen action takes place in Spain – the theme of the night will be Spanish.

Steve Banner, Warden



Wendy Sandercock writes:

Two of our much loved parishioners at St Stephen's (Anne and Phil Duguid) are also members of the Coast and Vines Church in Willunga. Recently I attended a service there. It was such a pleasure to see so many young families, many children, and a range of other age groups in their hall. I estimate at least 150 people!

Their worship is less structured than ours with lots of music, but nonetheless very God-centred. I came away feeling quite uplifted that God's church is very alive and well in Willunga!

Mothers Union Australia

The long weekend occurring in October is usually a month when we do not meet but this year some members decided we would gather at the McLaren Vale Visitor Centre at the usual time, for a coffee and chat. It took us by surprise to find that the McLaren Vale Market was being set up for the day: luckily we were early enough to be served our beverages before the shoppers began to arrive. Each person had such a lot to share. Our President, Trish Frith who shared her ballooning experience and photo with us, Gail Filsell, her highlights of overseas travel and a cruise in Europe, Helen and Colin Cook, their recent trip to visit family in Alice Springs.

Our next meeting, on November 4th, will be at the home of Helen Cook for our usual meeting, **9.30am**, followed by lunch.

Helen Cook



L-R: Anne Chittleborough, Helen and Colin Cook, Gail Filsell, Trish Frith, Takoohi (Queenie) Baban

News from St Ann's, Aldinga

Pentecost 20

In our Family Service on 6th October which was led by De Badgery, we began a series of readings from Job, a book described by Victoria McKee, who gave the Message that day, as "an epic tragedy. A book of beautiful but dense prose and poetry". As Eugene H Peterson says in his Introduction to Job in *The Message*, "Job suffered. His name is synonymous with suffering. He asked 'Why?' He asked 'Why me?' He asked his questions persistently, passionately, and eloquently . . . In the course of facing, questioning, and respecting suffering, Job finds himself in an even larger mystery – the mystery of God . . .". In giving her Message, on chapter 1 and that part of Chapter 2 of Job which concludes with his question to his wife, "... Should we accept only good things from the hand of God and never anything bad?", Victoria spoke with clarity and wisdom in addressing the challenges inherent in Job. Her conclusion – "the book of Job is about suffering and salvation by grace alone. It demonstrates that it is acceptable to express your faith through lament and to question, but never to lose sight of the power of the Almighty. God demonstrates that He is sovereign over suffering. For God's goodness is received in the midst of pain, it isn't proven by the absence of suffering."

This was Victoria's first time giving a Message, and as nervous as she was about doing it, the insights given were numerous and encouraging.

Pentecost 21

We were pleased to welcome Father Chris Talbot on 13th October when he conducted our Eucharist. As he



reminded us, he had last officiated at St Ann's on 7th September 2008! In his Message he referred to the teachings of Hildegard von Bingen OSB, (1098 - 1179), the German Benedictine abbess and polymath active as writer, composer, philosopher, mystic, visionary and medical writer and practitioner. One of her Prayers includes:

"Holy Spirit, forgiving and giving, uniting strangers, reconciling enemies, seeking the lost, and enfolding us together, fill these gathered here!"

"I surrender all"

We sang this (Hymn 310 in *Soul-Stirring Songs & Hymns* and included in 347 other Hymn Books) on 13th October. The Hymn was written by Judson Wheeler Van DeVenter (1855-1939) with the Tune *Surrender* by Winfield Scott Weeden (1847-1908). The author explained his inspiration as follows:

"For some time, I had struggled between developing my talents in the field of art and going into full-time evangelistic work. At last the pivotal hour of my life came, and I surrendered all. A new day was ushered into my life. I became an evangelist and discovered down deep in my soul a talent hitherto unknown to me. God had hidden a song in my heart, and touching a tender chord, He caused me to sing."

As a teacher at the Florida Bible Institute, the author linked with Billy Graham (1918-2018), at that time a student there, who used the hymn in his later Crusades.

Pentecost 22

The theme for our Prayer, Praise and Proclamation Service which was led by Lorraine Colliver was *Do you know who I am?* which Kate McKechnie used in her Message to remind us of the nature of God in all three aspects, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – and what each of those names conveys. Kate, like all of us who are privileged to be authorised to deliver a Message in a lay-led Service, is very conscious of the consequent responsibilities to enhance the faith of those listening.

One never knows what, from such a Message, will trigger a recollection in any of those listening. For one person there, it was Kate's reference to the use of the name "Friend" for Jesus, exemplified by the 1859 Hymn by Albert Midlane (1825-1909) "There's a Friend for little children" (Hymn 839 in *The Methodist Hymn-Book*). The last half of the first verse awakened a childhood memory: "Unlike our friends by nature, who change with changing years, this Friend is always worthy, the precious name He bears."

Kate concluded that whatever words we use to describe Him, God is AWESOME. That theme was picked up in the prayer of praise to follow, beginning "Awesome God, we praise you..."

News from St Ann's, cont'd

Jumble Sale

A major event during this month was the Jumble Sale. A call for volunteers was very fruitful and all hands were on deck. We were thankful for younger family helpers who could do some of the heavy lifting. It seemed a slow day, but when all money was tallied, we were stunned to discover that \$2082 had been raised! This would have to be one of the largest amounts to date. A huge "thank you" to

all who contributed and assisted. As always, it was lovely to be able to interact with the community, and also to get to know fellow parishioners on a different level. A highlight was watching Patrusca and Wayne selling jewellery!



A year ago this November *The Grapevine* noted the commencement of changes to St Ann's, with the removal of the two trees in front of the church on 31st October. So much has happened since then! It is good to be able to report that in spite of all that has happened and is happening, St Ann's is going strong! Praise the Lord!

We can
SOS!
Save our
stamps!

Did you know that ABM can raise money with used or new stamps?
Save your stamps and give them to your Wardens for ABM.
Leave at least 1cm around the stamp when you cut it off.

If you have news of coming events or 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 November.

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

Gardening Team

Many thanks must also go to the Gardening Team who have persisted with the upkeep of the cemetery and church surrounds. Flowering plants and bushes are in full bloom and the roses are delightful. Now we need to keep the water up to them through what looks as if it may be a dry summer.

Family Tea

Our Family Tea was attended by fourteen people. Big Easy Radio next door had a major function on that night, so when we arrived at the church we shared the car parking area with their patrons.

Our last Family Tea for the year will be held on 22nd November and we hope to have a BBQ. Please look out for notices about this, and do come along.

Advent Bible Studies are planned again this year and will be held on Thursday evenings at 7pm. We will be ordering books shortly, so please let Anne Chittleborough know if you would like to come. (For those who prefer not to travel at night there will also be Bible Studies at the usual time of 10am at St Margaret's).

From the Wardens, Brian McMillan and Julianne Bates

Above: Patrusca and Wayne: the jewellery stall

*Below: Tristan and Trish Simon—their first plant stall—a great success.
(More photos in on-line supplement p. 15.)*

Day of Reflection

"Challenge and Nourishment"

9.30 am to 4.00pm

Saturday 16th November 2024

Bethany Hall

Willunga Uniting Church

St Andrew's Terrace Willunga SA

Contact David Woods mdwoods1946@gmail.com

News from St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

October has been a month of variety, with visiting priests and a trickle of visitors. Fr Chris Talbot and Fr Ian Young both celebrated Holy Communion for us at St Margaret's in October, bringing their own styles, spirituality and outlooks for our benefit and the increasing understanding of our faith. We thank them both very much and look forward to further visits.

We also had two groups of visitors and one single visitor this month. One group of two came from further afield, the second group of three are more local and came twice, while the last visitor had seen the church and came to see what we did. Sadly, none of our visitors stayed for morning tea although invited. We wish them all well.

The Wednesday services have been quiet with some of our ongoing participants on holidays or baby sitting. The last Wednesday of the month was Prayer, Praise and Proclamation as Fr Brenton was on retreat and only Jenny Walker and I were present. However we celebrated with joy and felt we were where God wanted us to be, following God's will. The service as always was followed by Bible Study and this will be continued through Advent.

In November we will be celebrating St Margaret Of Scotland's Day (16th November) on Sunday 17/11/24. St Margaret is our Patronal Saint and is celebrated for her piety, charity and kindness. A great example to follow. Although the readings will remain as set, appropriate hymns and prayers will be added to the service and there will be a celebration cake for morning tea.

On the same Sunday at 2pm there will be a Pleasant Sunday Afternoon concert in the church organised by Greg John (see below). There will be afternoon tea in the hall afterwards allowing people to catch up with one another. Part of the proceeds of the concert will be put towards improving the driveway.

On Sunday November 17th Friends of the Greg Trott Pipe Organ will present another of their popular Pleasant Sunday Afternoons.

This year's guest artist is the accomplished organist, Gina Dutschke. She is Principal Organist at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Flinders Street and at Westbourne Park Uniting Church, and a regular recitalist in South Australia. Gina has an Honours Degree in organ performance, is a committee member of the Organ Music Society of Adelaide, and currently teaches 50 piano and organ students. Gina will be bringing two of her young students: a 9 year-old organist, Nathaniel Kemp, and pianist Nirike Nel who is in Year 10 at school.

Also on the program are songs from St Ann's Choir and vocal duets from Greg John and Curtis Antram. Four well-known hymns with special organ accompaniments will be another highlight. This year the audience will be able to see the organists on the screen at the front of the church.

The program starts at 3pm and will last approximately 90 minutes. \$10 at the door (children free).

Our last Sunday of the month is a Lay led Service. This Sunday Greg gave us an address on Job and why bad things happen to good people. As part of the presentation we watched an entertaining video clip giving us a thumb print summary of the book of Job.



Jac produced a lovely memento of the Gospel reading, with a cleansing eye wipe and a reminder that faith in Jesus will revive our blinded eyes. Thank you to both Greg and Jac for their work. Jac also made sausage rolls for morning tea.

As always, thank you to all those people who help to maintain our church, the hall and surrounds.

May God continue to bless us all.

Judy Wells for Julia and the Congregation of St Margaret's

*R: Weeds beware!
Greg on the warpath.*



Snippets from Parish Council, 14th October 2024

The Administrator has asked that each meeting should open with a statement of the overarching purpose of the meeting, to give it proper focus, e.g. "We are here to reach into the community with the Good News".

Where a parish can only afford half a stipend, they will only have their priest for two Sundays. In this way a priest who needs a stipend to live on can find additional work elsewhere.

The Diocese will lose Fr Neil Fernando (Mt Gambier) who is going to relocate to Toowoomba.

Fr Brenton, who had planned to retire in October 2024, has extended his time. He will *definitely* be retiring at the end of April 2025!

Parish Directory updates are needed so that directories can be brought up to date.

The shrine at Christ Church Yankalilla continues to attract visitors. Shrine visitors are generous donors.

"Walking With Jesus" services are going well, and a new person has joined them.

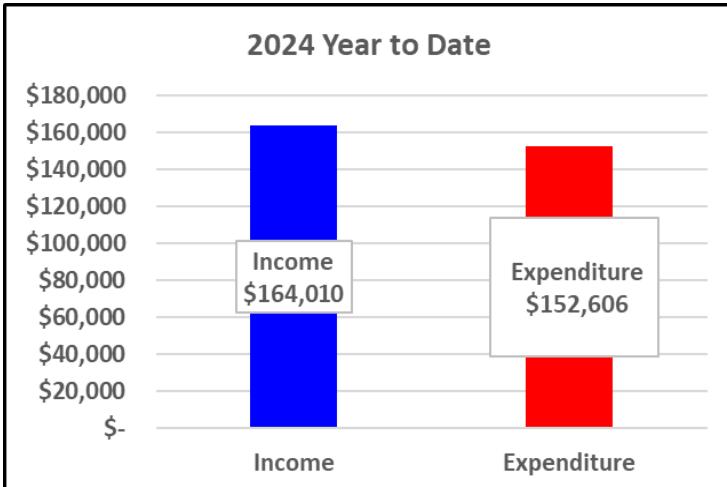
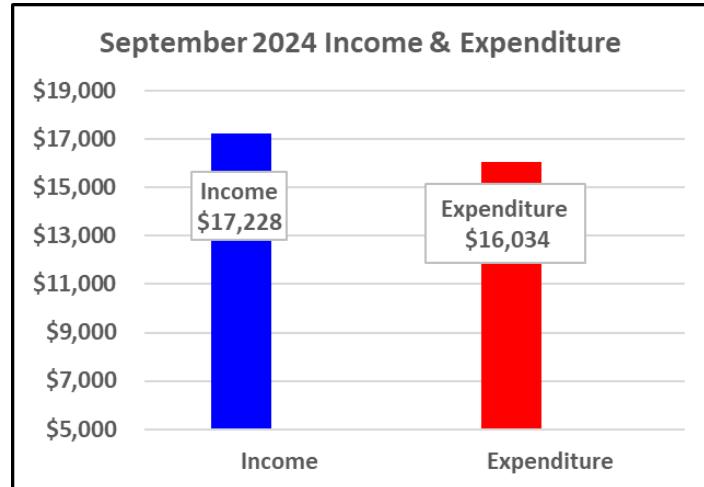
Fr Brenton reported that Ukelele jam sessions are going well after the Bible Study on Friday mornings!

St Nicholas' has fluctuating numbers at services—sometimes 6-8, sometimes 15 or more. Jane and Helen meet with Fr Brenton to discuss planning and visiting. Helen is doing pastoral visiting.

They will have a congregational lunch on 19th November, to include Fr Brenton and Lyn.

An International Day of Peace ceremony had been held at SCC with a number of people attending.

The Administrator plans to issue licences for those leading services, preaching, administering Home Communion and, eventually those who, after training, take funerals. He hopes to have sermons for each Sunday in the three-year cycle of readings included on the Diocesan website where leaders can find them if needed.



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*

This Month's Readings: Year B

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—3rd November—Ruth 1:1-18—Psalm 146—Hebrews 9:11-15—Mark 12:13-17, 28-34 or ALL SAINTS—Isaiah 25: 6-9—Ps 24—Revelation 21:1-6a—John 11:32-44

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—10th November—Ruth 3:1-5; 4:3-17—Psalm 127—Hebrews 9 (19-22) 23-28—Mark 12:38-44

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—17th November—1 Samuel 1:4-20—For the Psalm, Song of Hannah (APBA p. 429) - Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25—Mark 13:1-11
CHRIST THE KING—2 Samuel 23:1-7—Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18)—Revelation 1:4b-8—John 18:33-37**

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT—1st December—Jeremiah 33:14-16—Psalm 25:1-10—1 Thessalonians 3:9-13—Luke 21:25-38

Western Fleurieu Anglicans

(A parish of the Diocese of The Murray)

Visit our website!

<http://www.southernvalesparish.org>

SCAN ME



and read *The Grapevine*
(including the online supplement)
in colour on the parish website

— — —

Office Tel 0476 754 772

Secretary Mrs Jane Cuthbert

Email: admin@southernvalesparish.org

Administrator of the Diocese

Br Simon Waters

administrator@murray.anglican.org

Priest in Charge, Western Fleurieu Anglicans

Fr Brenton Dick

0417 831 880

dickscot@bigpond.com

Priests' Warden: John Strachan

0407 605 152



Service times & contact details

St Margaret's, 99 Main Road McLaren Vale

Sunday: 10.30 am

Wednesday: 9:00 am

Wardens:

Judith Wells

Julia Drought 0432 366 899

St Stephen's, 10 St Andrews Tce, Willunga

Saturday: 5.30 pm

Warden:

Steve Banner 0404 163 940

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 10am

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 & 4th Sundays – 11.00 am

3rd Sunday – 10.00am Church Hall

“Walking with Jesus”

5th Sunday – Combined Service

(see notice board)

Wardens:

Belinda Rosser 0411 591 628

Peter Filsell 0427 534 095

St James', Delamere

No scheduled services.

For information contact

Peter Filsell 0427 534 095

Where there is a 5th Sunday in a month,
service times are likely to be different.

(Next will be December 29th)

Watch “For Your Diary” (p. 3) and/or check
pewsheets/noticeboards/website
for details.

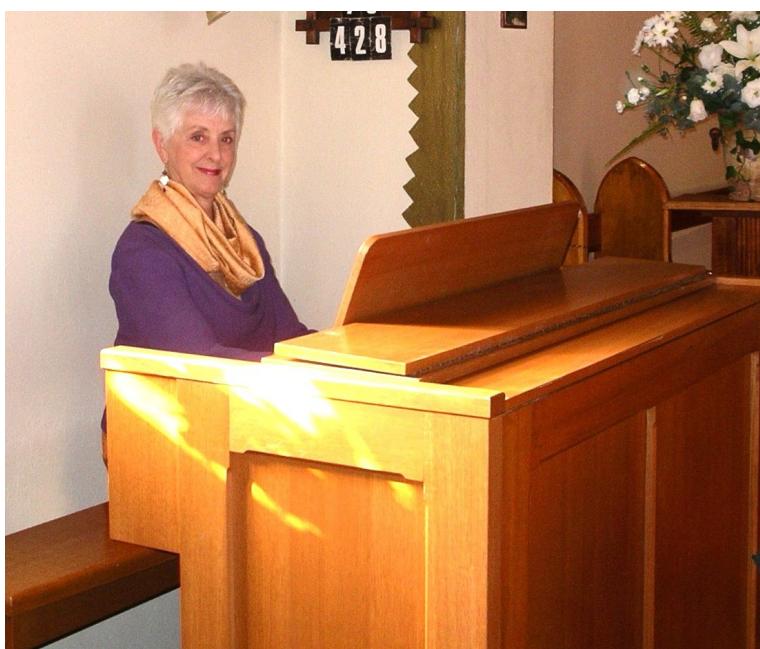
The Grapevine
November 2024
Colour Photo Supplement

From Christ Church, Yankalilla
(See p. 4)



Walking with Jesus—putting words together in prayers
Wendy Lindsay, Bob Lindsay, Gail Filsll

In the background, another of the paintings by Barbara Robertson, mentioned in the obituary for Yvonne Scrutton (p. 5)



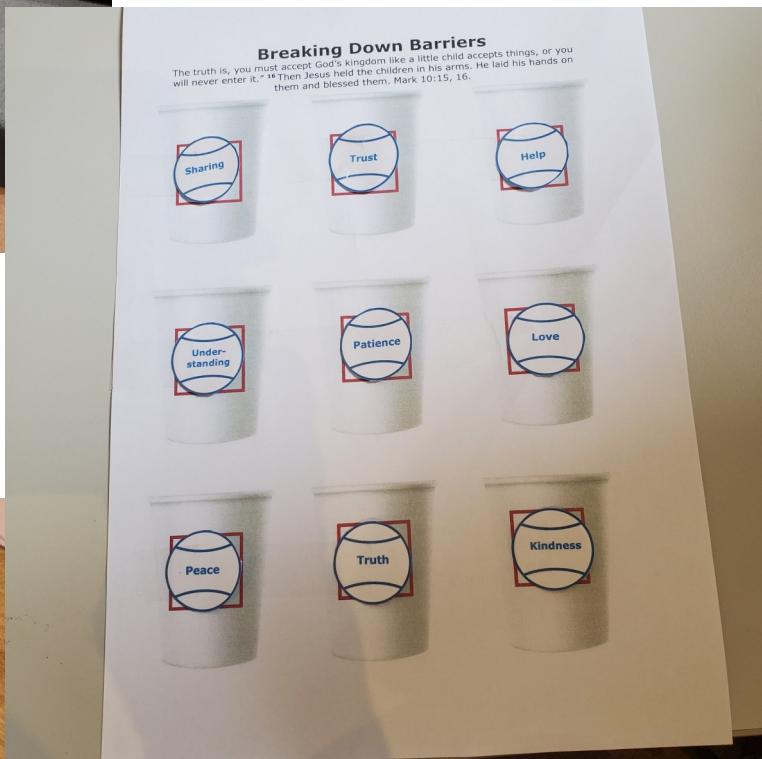
L: Elizabeth Gordon-Mills and the organ at Christ Church, which will play a part in the Strawberry Fete festivities with a short recital at 10am, 11am and 12am.

The Grapevine
November 2024
Colour Photo Supplement



St Nicholas', Seaford (see p. 6)

1. Paper cups each represented a barrier of sin between God and humanity
2. Words that can break down barriers were scrunched up into balls and used to break down a wall of barriers (see p. 6)



*Who said life was meant to be easy?
Finding a way to God.*

The Grapevine
November 2024
Colour Photo Supplement



*Sausages always make people smile.
Cooks: John Badgery and Margaret Cale.*

St Ann's Jumble Sale (see p. 9)



Something for everyone—if you look hard enough



Ross and Kate, salespersons extraordinaire, and the bric-a-brac stall.



The sale of a three-legged giraffe was a moment of triumph. The new owners (and presumably the giraffe) were pleasantly surprised when the missing leg turned up at the end of the day. Anne Chittleborough and the giraffe's new owner Kaye de Vries.



Bears in search of a loving home