

January 2025

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



The Grapewine

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



Celebrating Christmas in the Western Fleurieu



...and wishing you a happy and blessed 2025.

Fr Brenton writes...



We can all get bogged down in churches. I post this comment as a bit of reminder of what the church is.

What is the church? Is the church a building? Is it the place where believers gather to worship? Or is the church the people—the believers who follow Christ?

How we understand and perceive the church is an important factor in determining how we live out our faith. It is not buildings and stained glass, or polished candle sticks and lovely flowers. Yes, this has a place but sometimes we give these things too much of our energy, time and money. The founder of the home church movement in England, Canon Ernest Southcott, defined the church best:

"The holiest moment of the church service is the moment when God's people—strengthened by preaching and sacrament—go out of the church door into the world to be the church. We don't go to church; we are the church." The church, therefore, is not a place. It's not the building, it's not the location, and it's not the denomination. God's people who are in Christ Jesus are the church. This is a reminder of what the church is – we don't just go to church – we *are* the church.

I write this as a reminder that we all have a lot to do in our mission to bring all people to the love of Christ and His kingdom.

I do hope that you all had a most blessed and joyful Christmas, as we look forward to a busy New Year.

Blessings

The Vicar



Parish Christmas Luncheon, 2024

The Christmas lunch is an occasion when the people from all five centres of our parish go out together for a meal. Held this year at the Seaford Christian Churches Café, a splendid meal of turkey and roast vegetables was followed by Christmas pudding or pavlova. A great opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones.

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 January.

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

I believe that churches are meant for praising God. But so are 2am car rides, showers, coffee shops, the gym, conversations with friends, strangers etc.

Don't let a building confine your faith because we will never change the world by just going to church.

We need to be the church.

December 2024 was a very busy month! With so much happening *The Grapevine* has had to make good use of its extra on-line pages.

To read it in full colour, with the additional pages, find it on our parish website, southernvalesparish.org

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January 2025

Wed 1st NAMING & CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS
 Sun 5th Gold coin collection for PCWs*
 Mon 6th EPIPHANY
 Thurs 9th Prayers for Peace St Ann's 11.15am
 Sat 11th Saturday Night Out, Willunga (To book contact Steve LMESTBA@YAHOO.COM)
 Sun 12th BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
 ACH service, Yankalilla
 Mon 13th WFA Council St Ann's 3pm (changed time)
 Sun 19th Walking with Jesus, Christ Church 10am
 Tues 21st Friends of St Ann's 4pm
 Fri 24th Family Tea, St Ann's 6.30 for 7pm
 Sun 26th Healing Service, Christ Church
 AUSTRALIA DAY

*PCWs

Pastoral Care workers (Schools Chaplains)

February 2025

Sun 2nd Gold coin collection for PCWs*
 Mon 3rd Mothers' Union 9.30am Visitors Centre, McLaren Vale
 Sat 8th Saturday Night Out, Willunga
 Sun 9th ACH service, Yankalilla
 Mon 10th WFA Council Christ Church
 Thurs 13th Prayers for Peace St Ann's 11.15am
 Sun 16th Walking with Jesus, Christ Church 10am
 Tues 18th Friends of St Ann's 4pm
 Sun 23rd Healing Service, Christ Church
 Mon 24th MATTHIAS
 Fri 28th Family Tea, St Ann's 6.30 for 7pm

March 2025

Sun 2nd TRANSFIGURATION
 Gold coin collection for PCWs
 Mon 10th Adelaide Cup
 Wed 5th ASH WEDNESDAY.....

Combined Service, Seaford Christian Churches, 29th December 2024



A warm welcome was extended to all parish members and members of the UC/CC at St Nicholas' for the final service for 2024. With a congregation of 60 filling the chapel it made for wonderful singing to praise the Lord for his blessings throughout the year and pray for the coming year.

The message was given by Rev Marion Millin from the Uniting Church/ Churches of Christ. Based on the Gospel for the day, Luke 2:41-52, she spoke of young people's development of knowledge and understanding at the age of 12 or 13, the readiness to question, and gain wisdom. She noted Jesus' awareness of the fatherliness of God; Immanuel, God present with us.

She encouraged us to move into the New Year continuing to claim our own identities as Jesus' followers and witnesses wherever we find ourselves, especially bringing hope to the suffering and where there is despair, and concluded by reading from Colossians 3:15, "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful."

An enjoyable time of fellowship followed over morning tea and a shared lunch.

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

Another busy time for us all, catching up with those who have been away or not well and planning for services in December. It is hard to believe we are about to begin another year – where have all those months gone!

December services began with our Family service on the 1st, which also happened to be our Patronal Day, and the first Sunday in Advent. The children lit the first candle for Hope and led us in the opening prayer: *God for whom we wait, give us ears to hear, and eyes to watch, that we may know your presence in our midst during this holy season of Advent.*

For the sermon we heard the story of St Nicholas via You tube, how through the centuries many stories and legends have been told of St Nicholas' life and deeds. These accounts help us understand his extraordinary character and why he is so beloved and revered as protector of children and helper of those in need. Our service was followed by our shared lunch and a lovely time of fellowship.

On the 8th December we held our usual Round Table Service with the theme *Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.* We discussed how God always seems to have people in the right place at the right time, furthering his purposes. We were encouraged to have a new awareness of God's purposes as we acknowledge God's love at work in the world. In this time of preparation and expectation we need to respond to God's love by repentance, reconciliation and forgiveness. *John is still calling us from the wilderness, to go forward in love and prayer following God's plan for us.*

The 15th December was our second Family Service for the month, and a Nativity presentation by our young people, with Madeleine, Liv, and Bella supported by Sunara. The service began with the lighting of the 3rd Advent Candle,

for Joy. The young people all took turns reading the story, from Mary's willingness and Joseph's acceptance, through the journey to Bethlehem and the birth of Jesus. We heard about the shepherds, the angels, and the wise men as they arrived to offer their gifts to the newborn child. The story was

interspersed with verses from traditional hymns with Liv leading us in the well known carol "Little donkey". Helen presented gifts to the children for Christmas, and as a thank you for all the joy they give us when they



participate in our services. We are truly blessed to have them worship with us and thank their parents for generously sharing them with us each month.

Ann presented Fr Ian with a gift of appreciation for his time with us this year. We closed our service by singing the Christmas Blessing:

May the feet of God walk with you,
And His hand hold you tight.
May the eye of God rest on you,
And His ear hear your cry.
May the smile of God be for you,
And His breath give you life,
May the child of God grow in you,
And His love bring you home.

*Words and Music: Aubrey Podlich, Robin Mann CCLI
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On Christmas Day there was a combined ecumenical service at 9am led by the Uniting Church. It was a great time of joyful singing, some new words to old carols, as we gave thanks for the Birth of Jesus. Every denomination took part in the service, with Rev Ann Butler giving the message. A collection was taken in aid of the Christmas Bowl.

We looked forward to sharing with the whole parish on Sunday 29th December at our combined service with time for sharing, catching up and fellowship at our shared lunch afterwards (see p. 3).

Blessings Helen Cook and Jane Cuthbert, Wardens



News from St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

Time is passing so fast and seems to get faster each year—and in December it seems to take wing, with so much to organise and so much action, and everyone so busy. The Wednesday services at 9am have been a quiet interlude, a time to shed the joyous frivolity of the world at this time of the year and listen for and to God.

Bible study continued through Advent. We chose not to participate in a specific Advent study, but to commence looking at the weekly Gospel readings from Luke this year, taking an in depth look at the meaning of the text, not only as we see it today but also as seen by those Luke was writing for and what it meant to them in his time. Our discussions can be serious, passionate, thoughtful—but also at times cheerful and funny. There can also be perks. Fr Brenton's 70th birthday fell on the last Wednesday before Advent, so Steve and Christi brought a cake from the bakery at Willunga to celebrate. It was one of Fr Brenton's favourites and Steve rang the bakery to see if it was gluten free. It was, and it was delicious.

In other highlights of the month, Sylvia Francis celebrated her birthday, providing birthday cake for morning tea. It was a pleasure to have her son Dave present at this time. Her other son Steve was present for the Christmas Eve Service. Welcome, both of you.

This month we had a celebration of the eucharist every Sunday. Fr Brenton took two and Fr Ian Young and Fr Chris Talbot one each. Fr Brenton was not sure how it happened; however we felt enriched, enjoying the wisdom and company of Fr Ian and Fr Chris and their wives.

This year we held our Christmas service on Christmas Eve. It was a shortened form of the traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols with Fr Simon celebrating Communion following the last reading and carol. The stable was empty at the beginning of the service, and following each reading a member or members of the congregation took up the appropriate figurine and placed it in the stable. Following the last reading, during the hymn, the figure of the Christ Child was placed in the stable and the Christ candle was lit.

Following the service we enjoyed bubbles, strawberries and cherries, with sherry available for those who preferred it. Everyone said how moving the service was. Preparing the church for the service could have been tricky as we had three of our congregation down with Covid but we coped with Jac's husband Greg coming in to help and Jenny bringing her grand daughters Morgan and Pippi to assist with tree decoration. All three of our Covid casualties are now over the worst, but are tired and going slow for a while. We thank God for their recovery.



The Driveway has been graded and smoothed out and we are now awaiting new signage lowering the speed limit to 10 km, highlighting the fact it is a shared vehicle and pedestrian space and reinforcing that it is a one way system. Most of the cost of the work was covered by donations from the congregation. Thank you. We have also commenced some much needed work in the Rectory.

Finally, we have received an email from Eira



Mathewson letting us know of their safe arrival back in the UK (very cold and damp); how much they enjoyed their worship with us and their continuing involvement with their own church, St Samlet.



Di Best & Susie Waters

As always, thank you to all those people who generously give their time to help maintain our church, the hall and surrounds. May God continue to bless us all especially as we commence a new year.

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



Strawberry Fete 2024

The clouds cleared and a beautiful day was the scene for our Strawberry Fete on Saturday, November 30th. A solid crowd was in attendance throughout the morning, and kept our stall holders busy, but with time for a chat. The general feeling was one of friendship and support.

This was my fourth Strawberry Fete as Convenor, and it was the most successful on my watch, raising over \$4000. Our usual stalls of plants, tombola and white elephant were well stocked, thanks to generous donations from many in the Yankalilla community and further afield.

Strawberries (from

Harvest the Fleurieu) were of great quality, and beautiful scones and jam and cream provided a welcome morning tea. Our barbecue smelt delicious and added to the atmosphere, as did the coffee van.

The community provided several other stalls with chocolates, toys and craft adding colour and interest. The raffle draw provided much excitement as our own Rob Ryan was a happy winner. Our resident strawberry (Fr Brenton) provided many opportunities



for selfies. To encourage more people to go inside our church, organist Liz Gordon-Mills played every hour. She particularly enjoyed showing the workings of the organ to the young children who ventured in.

The Fete was a supreme team effort. Ann R, Joan T, Gail F, Gerry B, Richard F and Peter F acted as stall convenors and were supported by 25 workers, plus another ten cooks, and many more who gave goods to sell. Many helpers from our other Anglican churches and local churches provided invaluable assistance, making this a great community event.

A huge thank you to all helpers and all who came to support our fete.

Belinda Rosser, Convenor.

5CY (Five Churches of Yankalilla) Community Pantry

The 5CY Community Pantry held their distribution day recently for their clients. The event was held at the Christ Church Hall and the clients were given a hamper with a voucher for one of our local supermarkets, a Christmas cake, pudding, custard, and mince pies. There was also a large assortment of goods on the tables around the hall from which they were able to select items. Members of the Yankalilla Men's Shed supplied a sausage sizzle which provided an opportunity for some socialising between the Pantry volunteers and the clients.

The Community Pantry is very grateful for the ongoing support by numerous individuals, clubs, organisations, and the local churches.

Donations of non-perishable food can be left at any of the local churches or the Council Office. Monetary donations can be made by online transactions to our account. For details see Peter Filsell. Our first function for 2025 will be a very special one, our Mayor's Charity Lunch. After the success of our Mayor's Charity Lunch last January, Club Fleurieu looks forward to hosting and sponsoring this special dinner on Saturday 18th January (12 noon for 12.30pm start). Our Guest Chef will be Mayor Darryl Houston, and all proceeds will benefit the 5CY Community Pantry. Dinner will consist of a two-course meal, \$40 per person. Please contact the Club on 8558 2053 or events@clubfleurieu.com to reserve seats.



News from Yankalilla & Delamere, cont'd



Walking with Jesus: Jesus the Way. 15th December

The scripture reading for this topic was John 24, 1-17, where Jesus explained to his disciples the meaning of his claim "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life". The leader this month was Gail Filsell.

The **Jesus Way** was worthwhile because his Father in Heaven, our creator, was working through him. All that we need to do is follow his command to put love first and foremost in our lives. He promised that the Spirit of Truth would be with us to guide us.

Our discussion started with the question "how do we find our way in our daily lives?". People focused firstly on finding their way around a strange place with maps but we quickly realized that the most important way we need help with is the choices we make in the way we act. This led on to finding our way through life, in particular our journey in the Christian life. Each of us gave a summary of our lives. Some were born into Christian families and others came to faith through the example of others. Most of us have endured difficulties and even doubted our faith at times. As with the little girl in the illustration, we don't always see the solution to the puzzle and can go down blind pathways that seem like an awful waste of time. But God's Spirit is there to guide us, and sometimes we need to learn the hard way, get back to where we started, and try again. Sometimes we experience tragedy in our lives and God seems far away. We need to remember that Jesus felt forsaken by his Father on the cross, and the disciples must have felt overwhelming despair. But God was working his plan in His own way, unforeseen at that time, and through Jesus' resurrection the outcome of the apparent tragedy took on a wonderful new dimension.

We discussed our feelings about this new venture of the *Walking with Jesus* monthly gatherings, and these were very positive. We plan to continue in 2025, with a new list of topics presently being worked out.

Liz Gordon-Mills

Christmas on the Green



This year we changed the format of our annual Carol Service. It was held at the Normanville Village Green in conjunction with a Kids' Market. Whilst the weather caused a few challenges, the majority of the comments that we have heard back have been positive with a good number of people coming along to the market and listening to the musicians and the carols. Thanks go to all the kids (and their parents) who braved the heat to set up their market stalls, and to the local musicians and singers who entertained the people.

Christmas at Christ Church



We were fortunate to have both a Christmas Eve and a Christmas Day service at Christ Church. Both services were well attended. Fr Brenton took the Christmas Eve service and following the service people enjoyed some fellowship with a glass of bubbly and a mince pie outdoors in front of the church. Our thanks to Gerry Brown for organising the refreshments.

Fr Peter Randle took our Christmas Day Service. Yahua Stokes was our organist, and she was joined by her daughter Christine on the violin for several of the carols that were played during the service.

Peter Filsell

News from St Ann's, Aldinga

Merry Christmas from St. Ann's! What a rush to the finish line this month has been. A scheduled cleanup on the 6th December never eventuated due to the many commitments of parishioners, so Margie Park and Patrick offered to spring clean the church, which included carpets, lights, dusting cobwebs and chairs. This happened on the 21st December and we thank them for a terrific job done. After our last choir session, a few of us stayed behind and cleaned the windows in the hall, thus completing the major cleaning jobs for the year. The old adage, "many hands make light work" really does ring true.

Just as important as a spring clean is the maintenance of our buildings and structures. Barry and Bill erected the back fence of the cemetery which had previously been cut by an intruder trying to break into a neighbouring property. Many thanks to Victoria and the gardening team for pruning the bushes to enable the men to complete their job easily.

Also, after much discussion, acquiring quotes, waiting for the right weather and the availability of the painter, our hall was prepped for painting the windows and doors and the inside oiled. The hardest part for us seemed to be choosing the right colour! However, Tracie did a marvellous job and the hall looks as fresh

as the day she was built by the loving hands of the parishioners of the day...some of whom are still with us twenty years on.

On the 8th December Brian awarded a "Chocolate Frog Award" to Victoria, who has put so much time and effort



into the Christian Care Centre and its help for those in need, and also valuable help to parishioners in need of support. Your work for others is so much appreciated, Victoria!

Many thanks must also go to our intrepid organist, who must put in hours of research and practice finding appropriate hymns that match the day's readings. Thank you Brian for such a varied repertoire!

Another person we would like to thank is Barbara Walter, our raffle organiser extraordinaire! Throughout the year she has prepared beautiful baskets of goodies for the raffles which have raised much needed funds for us. Of late, two parishioners have been helping her sell tickets, so the reach into the community is growing as winners other than churchgoers reap the benefits of her efforts.



Our St Ann's Directory has been updated and emailed to those with an email address. Hard copies have been given to those who aren't on the internet. It is good to see that people check to see if yours truly has correct details. So far, I've only had to make one change!

Services have continued to be worshipful and meaningful. 1st December was the first Sunday in Advent, so for the Family Service that day and for the following three Services we lit an Advent Candle. That first day our Theme was Hopeful Beginnings, so we prayed that we might be "bearers of hope to others", and Sally Shaw developed that theme in her Message. In our Prayer, Praise and Proclamation Service on 15th December our Theme was Joyful News! and Julianne Bates gave particular attention to our responsibility for sharing that News and how that might be done: this was reflected in our Intercessions, which concluded:

"Lord, as we gaze at romantic depictions of Bethlehem on our Christmas cards, we remember the truth: that the Holy Family were homeless that night, and soon became refugees; that Jesus was born in an occupied country. So, Father, as we have seen the overturn of the ruling regime in Syria this week, we pray for the Middle East and its

News from St Ann's, Aldinga cont'd

complex conflicts – let there be stability, Lord, and peace among Christians, Jews and Muslims. We pray for peaceful solutions to be found in other conflicts around the world, too, and for all leaders who profess faith to remember their responsibilities to the teachings of their religions.

In the midst of our rejoicing, we remember that your Good News comes with responsibility. May we all, using the various gifts given us, discharge our responsibility to share the gospel tidings; in Jesus' name, and for his sake, Amen.

Our Advent Bible Study, based on Hope, was attended by ten people who were inspired by John Birch's studies on faith and hope, and challenged by his questions, the penultimate one being, "How could the season of Advent be better used by the Church to reach out to those who are on the margins?" The group enjoyed the meeting to share ideas – and also the chocolate that John regularly

provided to cheer us on!

We appreciate Bill's and Jack's work in raising the star on the front of the church to beam out the Christmas message. Numbers at our Christmas service were down on previous years, but the church was still full, the singing glorious and the message inspirational. Thank you, Margaret and the planning team, for putting such a beautiful service together. Unfortunately, a worrying number of our congregation have come down with Covid over the Christmas season. We pray for their speedy and safe recovery.

2025 will be St. Ann's 160th year, so thought is going into how we will celebrate this with our wider community. Ideas are greatly appreciated.

Brian and I would like to finish by praying that our parish will have a blessed New Year as we walk with Christ following His Will for our lives.

Julianne Bates, Brian McMillan, Wardens

Snippets from WFA Council, 9th December 2024

Diocesan Report: it was noted that the provisions of the *Parochial Administration Ordinance 2021* which deal with movement of a Parish from "Parish with full entitlements" to "Provisional Parish" to "Parochial District" depending upon capacity to pay "the applicable stipend package" of its Priest came into operation on 5th December 2024.

Clergy Report: nominations submitted by the Parish Priest for Lay Ministry positions were approved by Parish Council for action by the Administrator, in respect of John Strachan, Jane Cuthbert, Helen Cook, Cathy Moore and Christine Gunn.

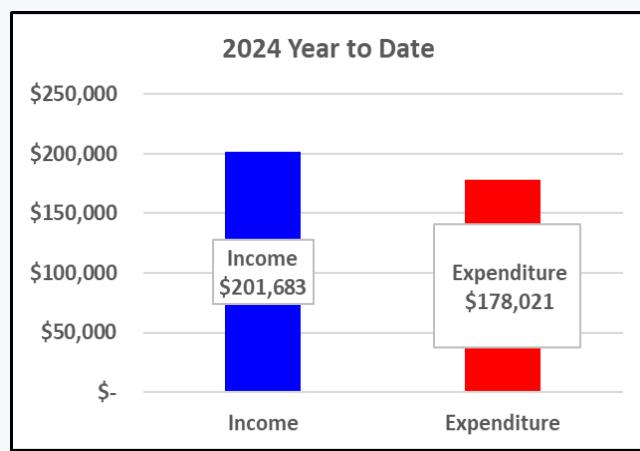
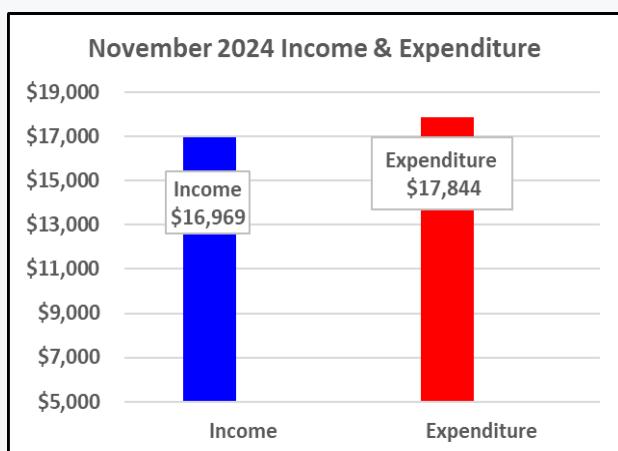
Secretary's Report: it was noted that Hope25 seeks to empower Australian Anglican parishes and communities

in an intentional season of sharing hope in Jesus from Easter to Pentecost in 2025, and that further details will be circulated within the Parish.

The Parish Secretary also reminded Wardens that action is required to check for termites in and around Parish buildings.

Treasurer's Report: the Parish Treasurer noted that Income was up by \$2,000 but giving was down by \$9,000.

The next meeting of the Council will be at 3pm on Monday 13th January at St Ann's, to be followed by a Futures meeting at 4pm to discuss and update the Mission Action Plan in light of the closure and possible sale of St James, Delamere.



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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The Advent services at St Stephen's during December were enjoyed by all, particularly the two services that were accompanied by live music provided by Brian McMillan.

For the Crib and Carol Service held on the 21st, Brian was kind enough to go above and beyond the call of duty by bringing his own keyboard and stand. The resulting accompaniment for the five hymns we sang that evening was far superior to that of the church's aging harmonium organ, and it might even be said that it helped to improve the quality of our aging voices. And our spirits were most definitely lifted by the fruit mince pies and sparkling wine we enjoyed after the service!

Although the story of the Good Samaritan was not a part of the gospel readings scheduled for December, the underlying principles of this parable were demonstrated in the front garden of St Stephen's on numerous occasions during the month. Funds had been raised at our film night in November towards the wholesale renovation of the garden, but as it says in Matthew's gospel "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few". Having money in hand for redoing the garden is one thing, but having the people on hand to put plans into action is quite another. However, during the second half of December we were blessed by the dedicated efforts of several anonymous labourers. These Good Samaritans not only cleared out an entire side of the garden bed but also installed plants to create an orderly layout to replace the overgrown conglomeration of mixed vegetation that they had removed. Thanks to the efforts of our mysterious garden gnomes, we are now well on the way to having a lovely and peaceful setting for prayer and contemplation underneath the magnificent old peppercorn tree that provides such a fine complement to our historic church building. Steve presented Fr Brenton and Lyn with a well-earned Chocolate Frog Award for their efforts.

In less cheerful news, no less than five of the regular members of our congregation suffered from Covid during the month. We continue to pray for God's grace and mercy for the full recovery of all concerned.

Steve Banner, Warden





10 members and friends gathered at St Ann's Aldinga on December 2nd 2024 for our monthly meeting. Our gathering began with the Form 2 Service from the MU Handbook. Prayers were offered for the 8th day of Activism against Domestic Violence, from the MU print out and from *Mia Mia*. Following this we shared our thoughts about what Christmas means to us—a time of spiritual reflection on the important foundations of the Christian faith, a time to celebrate God's love for the world through the birth of the Christ child, Jesus, and an



L-R: Lucy, Gail, Trish S, Trish F, Helen, Rosy, Takoohi, Joanie, Doreen.

important time to share with family and to attend church services.

Trish gave each person a stem from a lovely and unusual plant that we could not name—we hope that someone will be able to identify it for us from the photo (R). Morning tea followed with a special Muffin Treat as a cake for Helen Cook's birthday.

There will not be a January meeting. Our next meeting will be at the McLaren Vale Visitor Centre on February 3rd, 2025, at 9.30am.



The meeting closed with prayers for absent members and friends and our usual Wave of Prayer programme.

Helen Cook

Postscript: Helen has received an email saying, "The collector for the Christmas Child boxes has written to thank all for participating in Operation Christmas Child this year. Many children will be blessed because of you.

She does not have a final figure yet, but it will be over 17,000 gift filled shoeboxes, and they will be going to the Philippines.

Praying you all have a Blessed Christmas and many thanks again."

This Month's Readings: Year C, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS—5th January 2025—Jeremiah 31:7-14—Psalm 147:12-20—Ephesians 1:3-14—John 1:(1-9) 10-18, or

EPIPHANY: Isaiah 60:1-6—Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14—Ephesians 3:1-12—Matthew 2:1-12

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD (First Sunday after Epiphany) — 12th January—Isaiah 43:1-7—Psalm 29—Acts 8:14-17—Luke 3:15-22

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY—19th January—Isaiah 62:1-5—Psalm 36:1-5—1 Corinthians 12:1-11—John 2:1-11

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY—26th January—Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10—Psalm 19—1 Corinthians 12:12-31—Luke 4:14-21

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY—2nd February—Jeremiah 1:4-10—Psalm 71:1-6—1 Corinthians 13:1-13—Luke 4:21-30

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St Margaret's, 99 Main Road McLaren Vale

Sunday: 10.30am

Wednesday: 9:00am

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Julia Drought 0432 366 899

St Stephen's, St Andrews Tce, Willunga

Saturday: 5.30pm

Warden:

Steve Banner 0404 163 940

St Ann's, 7 Stonehouse Lane, Aldinga

Sunday: 9am

Wardens:

Julianne Bates 0422 817 169

Brian McMillan 8557 6984

St Nicholas', Seaford Christian Churches

cnr Main St and Grand Blvd, Seaford

Sunday 10.30am

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 – 11.00am

3rd Sunday – 10.00am Church Hall

“Walking with Jesus”

Wardens:

Belinda Rosser 0411 591 628

Peter Filsell 0427 534 095

St James', Delamere

No scheduled services.

For information contact

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

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

The Grapevine
January 2025
Colour Photo Supplement

Parish Christmas Luncheon
14th December
Seaford Christian Churches
(see p. 2)



Top (L—R) Helen , Cathy , Di ,

Rupert , Patrusca , Gillian , Jono.

Below (L) Brian, Barbara ; (R)

Rosemary , De.

Bottom photo: John and Colin

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Combined service
Seaford Christian Mission
29th December (see p. 3)



Fr Brenton celebrated the Eucharist;
server Judith Wells



Sunara and Bella—a greeting card for all the churches



The Grapevine
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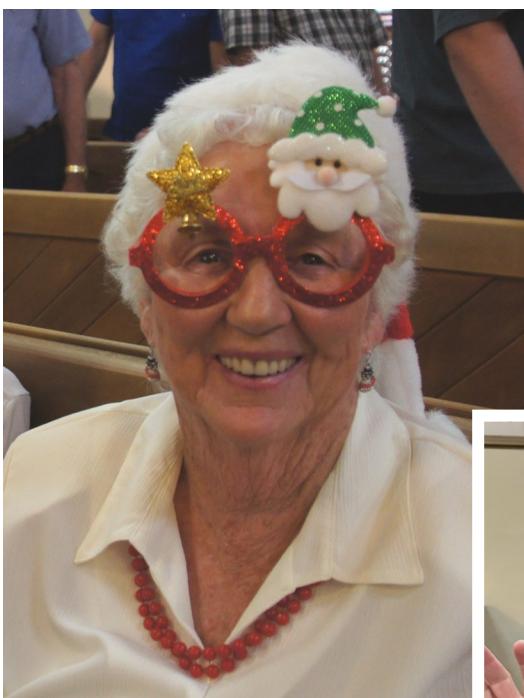
St Margaret's, McLaren Vale (see p. 5)



Birthday celebrations were the flavour of the month—see p. 5. Fran and Sylvia with Sylvia's birthday cake



Melchior brings his gift for the Christ Child



We know one of these people — but is the other a (strange) stranger in our midst?



Organist Greg John

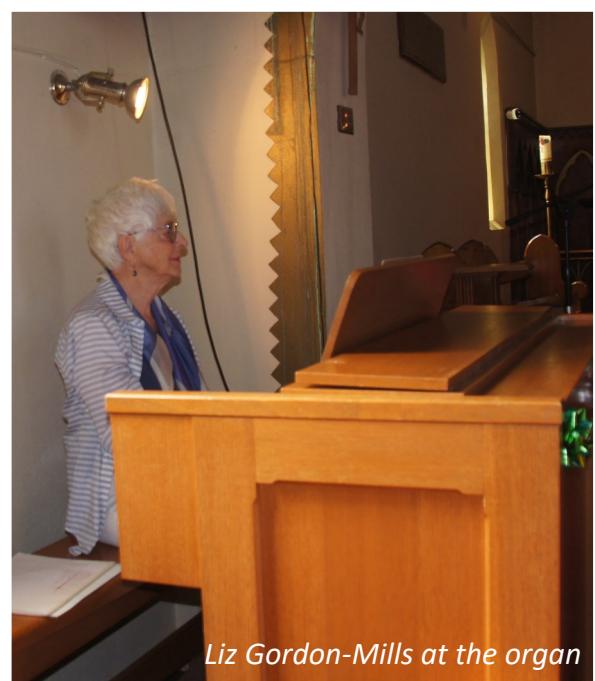


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Christ Church, Yankalilla

Strawberry Fete

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Liz Gordon-Mills at the organ

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**Christ Church, Yankalilla
Strawberry Fete (Cont'd)**



*Above: The Big Strawberry wasn't the only one in costume.
L: The White Elephant stall provided something for everyone!*



Scones with strawberry jam and a nice cup of tea were welcome, whether in the hall or out by the trees.



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St Ann's, Aldinga

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The nativity scene. (The Magi still travelling from the back of the church)



The Advent Study group

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St Stephen's, Willunga
Crib & Carol service
(see p. 10)



*L: Julie Bennett, one
of the readers*

*Brian leading the
singing*

*Below: Christi and
the mince pies*



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**St Stephen's,
Willunga**
(see p. 10)



Fr Brenton and Lyn working on the renovation of St Stephen's garden, and Lyn taking the opportunity to sell pot plants to passers-by in front of the church.

Steve presented Fr Brenton with Chocolate Frog Awards.

