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



The Grapevine

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

Baptism



Mahlia Vauser Stuart was baptised at Christ Church, Yankalilla on Sunday 9th February. (See p. 6)



Twelve year old Daniel Kelly was baptised at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale, on Sunday 16th February. (See p. 5)

*May the Lord bless you and protect you
May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you
May the Lord show you His favour and give you His peace.
Numbers 6: 24-26 NLT*



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.

The word "church" is mentioned more than 100 times in the New Testament. It is translated from the Greek term *ekklesia* which is formed from two Greek words meaning "an assembly" and "to call out", or "the called-out ones."

All believers are members of the universal church. The universal church is made up of every single person who has exercised faith in Jesus Christ for salvation, including members of every local church body throughout the earth:

*For we were all baptised by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.
(1 Corinthians 12:13, NIV)*

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 March.

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



The founder of the home church movement in England, Canon Ernest Southcott, defined the church in this way:

"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.

The purpose of the church is three-fold. The church comes together (assembles) for the purpose of bringing each member into spiritual maturity (Ephesians 4:13). The church reaches out (scatters) to spread the love of Christ and the gospel message to unbelievers in the world (Matthew 28:18-20). This is the Great Commission, to go out into the world and make disciples. So, the purpose of the church is to minister to believers and unbelievers.

Go get 'em.

The Vicar.

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

World Day of Prayer 2025



Friday 7th March, 7pm
with a service prepared by women of the Cook Islands, on the theme "I will praise Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made" (*Psalms 139:14*)

McLaren Vale Uniting Church
261 Main Road, McLaren Vale.

Supper following.
Everyone welcome.



March

Sun 2 nd	TRANSFIGURATION Gold coin collection for PCWs* St Nicholas' shared lunch
Mon 3 rd	Mothers Union 9.30am St Nicholas'
Wed 5 th	ASH WEDNESDAY St Margaret's 9am St Ann's 7pm
Fri 7 th	World Day of Prayer service, McLaren Vale Uniting Church 7pm (see p. 2)
Sat 8 th	Saturday Night Out, Willunga (see p. 10)
Sun 9 th	ACH service, Yankalilla PARISH VESTRY MEETING St Margaret's 2pm (see below)
Mon 10 th	Adelaide Cup Holiday
Thurs 13 th	Prayers for peace St Ann's 11.15am
Sun 16 th	Walking with Jesus , Christ Church 10am
Mon 17 th	WFA Council , 4pm St Margaret's
Tues 18 th	Friends of St Ann's 4pm
Wed 19 th	JOSEPH
Sun 23 rd	Healing Service , Christ Church
Tues 25 th	ANNUNCIATION
Fri 28 th	Family Tea , St Ann's 6.30 for 7pm
Sat 29 th	Fifth Saturday: Contemplative Service , St Stephen's, 5.30pm
Sun 30 th	Fifth Sunday: Combined Service St Ann's, 10am, and BBQ (see below)

**PCWs*

Pastoral Care workers (Schools Chaplains)

PARISH VESTRY MEETING

Sunday 9th March

St Margaret's, 2pm

99 Main Road McLaren Vale

followed by afternoon tea.

This is our parish's Annual General Meeting; our chance to hear and discuss matters affecting our churches and our future. It's a time to ask questions, to share the decision-making.

Meet fellow parishioners from the other centres.

Be there!

Sunday 30th March

FIFTH SUNDAY COMBINED SERVICE

at St Ann's, 10am

(note changed service time)

and stay for a BBQ

Bring salad or sweet to share.



Our combined farewell to Fr Brenton, retiring after Easter.

April

Sun 6 th	Gold coin collection for PCWs* St Nicholas' shared lunch
Mon 7 th	Mothers Union 9.30am picnic in the park, Willunga
Tues 8 th	Making Palm Crosses (see below)
Thurs 10 th	Prayers for peace St Ann's 11.15am
Sat 12 th	Saturday Night Out, Willunga (see p. 10)
Sun 13 th	PALM SUNDAY 9am St Ann's 10.30 St Margaret's 10.45am Liturgy of the Palms (SCC) 11am Christ Church ACH service, Yankalilla
Mon 14 th	WFA Council , 4pm St Nicholas'
Tues 15 th	Friends of St Ann's 4pm
Thurs 17 th	MAUNDY THURSDAY 7pm Christ Church 7pm Washing of feet, Holy Communion: St Margaret's 7pm Ecumenical service, Washing of feet, Holy Communion: SCC
Fri 18 th	GOOD FRIDAY 9am Ecumenical service, SCC 10am Stations of the Cross, St Ann's 11am Christ Church
Sat 19 th	HOLY SATURDAY Lighting the New Fire, St Stephen's 7pm
Sun 20 th	EASTER DAY 9am St Ann's 10.30am St Margaret's 11am Christ Church
Fri 25 th	ANZAC DAY
Sat 26 th	Sunset Soirée (a St A's 160 th celebration) (see below)
Sun 27 th	Healing Service , Christ Church

PALM CROSSES

Try your skill—and your memory!

Join the team at St Nicholas', 1pm on Tuesday 8th April, making palm crosses for Palm Sunday.

Or come earlier, for lunch at 12 noon in the café (bookings 7071 9237).

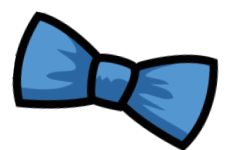


A Sunset Soirée

Saturday 26th April

"Hays' House",
140 Little Road, Whites Valley
Bookings: 0422 817 169

\$40



Ministry. Our service for the end of January fell on Australia Day and we welcomed Bro Simon as he led us in our worship. We began singing the Christian verses of the Australian National Anthem and included prayers for our country and its people in our intercessions. Sunara used the image of a Boomerang to write special prayers on, and read them during the service.



Our Family Service on Feb 2nd took the theme of Love from 1 Corinthians 13:3: *But I gain nothing by doing these things if I do not have love*, and Mark 28: 30: *Love the Lord your God. Love him with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength. The second most important command is this: Love your neighbour as you love yourself.*

Helen gave the reflection, explaining that the people Paul and Jesus were speaking to needed to learn one important lesson about what it means to LOVE other people; how love is not just thinking about yourself and doing things to improve your life, it is also thinking about other people and speaking and acting in ways that will make THEIR lives better. Paul explains how love is both a feeling and an action, and gives us examples.

The children took away bookmarks which gave them practical ideas of how to put Paul's and Jesus' ideas about love into action in everyday life.



On the 9th of February our Round Table Service began with our Pre-Vestry Meeting. As we are in the middle of the Triennium, elections were not needed. SCC /Fire Wardens/First Aiders Helen, Christine and Jane, have agreed to continue in these roles for the coming year.

Following discussion it was decided that from now our **5th Sunday service** will be a Uniting Church—led service to which we will be invited. There are not enough people attending from St Nicholas' to warrant continuing

to run a service ourselves. It will also give our people the opportunity to join in with the Parish 5th Sunday combined services.

At our healing service on the 16th of February, we were again blessed with the presence of Fr Ian Young and Jan. During the service Fr Ian anointed and prayed for those who came forward following communion. Fr Ian preached on Luke 6, the Beatitudes and referred to Mark's Gospel Chapter 5 which also contains the Beatitudes but with more emphasis, often giving a better understanding – for example “Blessed are you who are poor”, in Luke becomes “Blessed are the poor in spirit” in Mark - a much wider meaning.

Our Service on the 23rd February will see Fr Chris Talbot lead us in our worship once more. As Helen and Cathy will be away, Bernice Elford from the Uniting Church will play for us during the service and Christine and Jane will share the PA's duties.

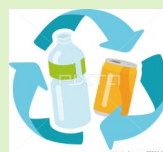
Lenten Bible Studies There are studies being run in the parish and at SCC, but as quite a few of our congregation are housebound or are carers, our Lenten Bible Study will be a little different this year. Each Wednesday morning at around 10.30am – in time for Morning Tea - an SMS will be sent to all members of our congregation giving a Bible reading, a short reflection and prayer. We spend a few minutes reading followed by a time of meditation and quiet prayer.

The prayer chain continues to be active, with Helen using SMS, email or phone as needed. The names of those asking for prayers or giving thanks for prayers answered are included in the weekly pew sheet so all can join in this form of pastoral care.

Sunara continues her ministry to us by reading the psalm each week at the Sunday service, as well as leading the congregation in prayer as part of her “show and tell” at the end of the service. We continue to be blessed with her wonderful creativity and lovely welcoming smile.

Blessings

Helen Cook and Jane Cuthbert, Wardens



St Margaret's Bottles and Cans

COLLECTIONS FOR MISSIONS.

Our total for Missions for 2024 was \$135. With generous donations from many in the parish we have already reached \$95 this year. Thank you to all contributors for your great work.

Di Best

News from St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

February has passed rapidly and we have continued to enjoy our Sunday Services encouraged by the spiritual support of Fr Brenton and Fr Ian Young and supported by Greg with appropriate hymns and music.

The second Sunday's gospel concerned Christ's calling the first Disciples to become Fishers of Men. Margaret,



Margaret Richardson & Lorna McGaffin

who was one of our readers at that service, having read the Gospel the day before found it impossible to get the Hymn "Fishers of Men", with the actions, out of her mind. As she mentioned this to Greg prior to the service, Greg found

the music and with Fr Ian's support played it after the sermon, with Margaret leading us in both the words and actions.

The next Sunday we had a Baptism. Fr Brenton prepared the whole service around it with appropriate prayers, readings and hymns. Daniel Kelly and his whole family were very appreciative and loved the service, Daniel coming back to thank Brenton personally.



Daniel, with his brother and his parents Shawn and Kerrie. Congratulations, Daniel !

Our last service for the month is Prayer, Praise and Proclamation and we are looking forward to Greg's discourse on the readings, and Jac's mementos.

Julia, Greg and I continue to provide Home Communion for those unable to join us in church, and provide services as required in Colton Court and Kalyra



Judith leads a service for John Carroll.

Nursing Homes.

Our Wednesday Services at 9am continue with Bible Study following at 10am. This month Julia and I both had birthdays and were provided with cake, muffins and biscuits prior to



Waiting—for? (see .p. 13 in the online supplement)

the study. Ash Wednesday is on the 5th March and during that service we will have the Imposition of Ashes to mark the beginning of Lent. During Lent our Bible Study will continue to follow the weekly Gospel readings from Luke. Everyone is welcome. The sessions last for an hour, and tea or coffee are available.

A quote accepted for the work in the rectory has been acted upon and the work will be carried out in the first week of March. In the interim, the hook supporting the sanctuary lamp in the church pulled out of the brick work, hitting the cover, dislodging it so it broke. The lamp is currently hanging by its electrical cord, but it will be fixed next week. The electrician has had to hire scaffolding for the job. The silver lining is that I now know where the lamp's switch is located!

As February finishes we are heading towards the Annual Vestry meeting on the 9th of March, 2pm at St Margaret's church hall. Our congregation is looking forward to sharing afternoon tea with every one after the meeting.

As always, thank you to all those who generously give their time to help maintain our church, hall and surrounds. May God continue to bless us all as we continue to step forward in faith.

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



A Baptism is always a special occasion.

Above—Godparents Jordan and Jannah and parents Marshall and Bella, with Mahlia after her baptism on 9th February at Christ Church.

The fact that the font leaked didn't delay the occasion at all!

Part of the crowd at the Yankalilla pub, also on Sunday February 9th, after the service. (L-R: John Stone, David Cooling, George Poysden, Anne Ryan, Belinda Rosser, Roz McMullan.) We were there to wish Belinda Rosser godspeed on her forthcoming extended trip to the UK, where she will live for 6 months. We will certainly miss her terribly, but wish her all the best for her time there, and look forward to her return later in the year.

YANKALILLA: Let's Eat and Pray Together!

On **Sunday 2nd March** the local churches of the Yankalilla District will be coming together to eat and pray—an evening of food, fellowship and prayer as they gather to dream for 2025.
5.30pm at Yankalilla Community Church, 135 Main South Rd.
Bring a plate of food to share for tea.

Walking with Jesus

“I am the Light of the World”

This month we continued with another of Jesus' “I AM” statements. The emphasis on God's Light as shown through Jesus was illustrated by the story of the man who cried out to Jesus on the road to Jericho, pleading for help to be able to see. Jesus replied, “Your faith has healed you” and he immediately received his sight, seeing natural daylight and gaining spiritual sight as well. In our discussion we tied this story to Jesus being the Light of the World. We looked at some of the ways we may have darkness in our lives.

* Many people experience depression at various times when they can't see any purpose in their lives or may feel angry and powerless. Jesus can heal us from this condition if we put our trust in Him. Some of us find that if we consciously give all our problems over to God, we can gradually move into a more positive and light-filled space. “Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you” is the advice of the Psalmist.

* Our darkness is sometimes due to our purposely shutting our spiritual and mental eyes to the truth. This may take the form of being wrapped up in a social media

bubble chamber where we only allow information that suits certain preconceived ideas. We may need to take responsibility to open our minds to what may be staring us in the face.

- It was also suggested that darkness may be an introduction to seeing the Light. A seed germinates in the darkness below ground and then grows into life above ground. “Gail's Law”, which requires health carers to work in twos rather than alone, was developed as the result of the tragic death of Gail Woodward when carrying out her work alone: the darkness of her death has now led to the development of new protective measures.

We discussed the halos often depicted around the heads of religious figures. Moses' face shone when he came down from the mountain after receiving the ten commandments, and Jesus was seen shining on the mountain during his transfiguration. We don't have an explanation for this. Do we have a radiance in our facial expressions to reflect the light that we have from our heavenly Father?

Elizabeth Gordon-Mills

Yankalilla, Every Friday 9.15am – 10.00 am (Except Good Friday) – you are welcome!

Sandy Andrews, from the World Community for Christian Meditation, writes:

We are a small group, and not all of us are able to attend every week, but we all find the practice of meditation, or “Prayer of the Heart” as it is sometimes called, very helpful for our spiritual journey and our health. The practice is very simple, but not easy! We sit in silence for 20 minutes. We use a word as our anchor to come back to, every time distractions come, as they always do! The word recommended is MA-RA-NA-THA, an Aramaic word, the language Jesus used, meaning “Come Lord”, or “The Lord has come.” However, some people use another short word or phrase.

Christian Meditation was first practiced by the Desert Fathers of Egypt in the 4th Century, and has always been part of the Christian Tradition. However, it was lost to the mainstream Church for many centuries.

We began at Yankalilla in March 2022. Father Brenton Dick at Christ Church was approached to ask if we could use the church for our meeting on Fridays, before the church is opened at 10am for visitors. He was very happy to help, and very supportive, and had a permanent sign put up outside the main door with the details! He attends the group when he can. The Rev’d Peter Randall joined us in June 2022 and comes every week. He has also been very helpful, opening the church when needed and leading the prayers. We have seven regular members. Some come from different churches, and some do not attend church.

We would love you to join us!

Our closing prayer: May this community be a true spiritual home for the seeker, a friend for the lonely, a guide for the confused. May those who pray here be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to serve all who come and to receive them as Christ himself. In the silence of this place, may all the suffering, violence and confusion of the world encounter the power that will console, renew and uplift the human spirit. May this silence be a power to open the hearts of all people in love and peace, justice and human dignity. May the beauty of the Divine life fill this place and the hearts of all who pray here with joyful hope. May all who come here weighed down by the problems of humanity leave giving thanks for the wonder of human life. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

Hope to welcome you one day soon!

You can find more information on the website, or contact Sandy Andrews 0421 504 396



And at St Stephen’s, Willunga, on Tuesday mornings at 9am

The same pattern is followed at St Stephen’s, Willunga, with an opening prayer, twenty minutes of shared meditative silence, and the same closing prayer, followed by morning tea.

Here too, all are welcome.

Come and join us.

Sale of St James’, Delamere

On 10th February 2025 Parish Council resolved to request Synod to sell St James’ former Church and Hall at Delamere, and to use the proceeds to invest in development of land at St Margaret’s McLaren Vale for the future Mission of the whole Parish.

The next formal step in the sale process is for Parish Council to consider, on 17th March 2025, objections, if any, by members of the Parish, and the question of confirmation of the resolution.

News from St Ann's, Aldinga

On the first day of February there was a special event at St Ann's. The weather was perfect for the wedding of our octogenarians, Ross and Beryl. Seventy five people came to witness their nuptials, so the church was full of family and friends. Music was provided by Brian McMillan on the organ and Wendy Heiligenberg, formerly from the Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra in Munich, on the violin. The bride was fashionably late, but once she arrived, the Vicar jokingly commanded the ushers to "Shut the doors!" However it seems that neither bride nor groom had any intention of escaping!



(For more photos see p.16, online supplement)

A marquee was erected outside; food was abundant, and fellowship joyful. Our congratulations and blessings go to Ross and Beryl. We are sad, though, that they have decided to move to Tin Can Bay, Queensland. It was quite a shock for us all, but we wish them a happy future together in their new surroundings, and we hope to keep in touch. At their last morning tea with us we sang "Auld Lang Syne", which had Beryl fighting back the tears.

A Lenten Bible Study will start on Thursday 6th March and continue to April 10th, from 4 to 6pm. We are using the booklet *Many paths lead to Easter*, by Fr Andy Hamilton, a Jesuit priest and chaplain to the Lao Community and to the Immigration Detention Centre. An introductory paragraph reads: "Our Lent is not a solitary thing, but is woven from many journeys: God carrying us from making to re-making; Israel's journey from slavery to the Promised Land; Jesus' mission to show and tell. To live, to love, to die and rise; our own long trail from shadow into light; our common travelling with Christ to God the end of all journeys." Sixteen people have signed up for the study,

so we are preparing for a vibrant dialogue and in-depth conversation.

Many thanks must go to our parishioners who care for those who are struggling with their health at the moment. Thank you everyone for your prayers, and thank you, Lord, for answered prayer. Victoria also thanks parishioners for the food and support received for the Christian Care and Support Centre at Aldinga.

Maintenance jobs continue in and around the church and surrounds. We have a continued water drainage problem. In the driest year we have seen for a long time, the stones on the walls and on the road around the church continue to be damp. Underground water appears to be coming from somewhere and is not draining into the adjacent drain on the council road. We continue to correspond with the City of Onkaparinga and the Fleurieu Alliance on this matter. It is a shame the damp can't be directed onto the garden surrounding the church and cemetery! Pine needles are being cleared from the cemetery at the rate of two sacks a week. If you could use them as a weed suppressant for your property, please come and help yourself. You will find the gardening team at the church each Tuesday morning between around 8.30 - 10am.

Our cemetery is curated by Margaret Cale and cared for by many volunteers. Many thanks for everyone's involvement in its upkeep. As a safety matter we plan to erect a bollard to prevent vehicles driving through the wide archway to the cemetery, and another to prevent vehicles driving between the church and hall. New signs are going to be erected to control traffic flow.

Our services and music have continued to be uplifting and we are most grateful for the gifts and talents our people continue to offer. The theme for our Family Service on 2nd February was "Tough Love". The New Testament Reading on that day was 1 Corinthians 13.1-13 (which was also read at the wedding of Beryl and Ross); it is the well-known passage about the nature and importance of love, beginning "Love is patient and kind. ..." Kate McKechnie delivered a dynamic and interesting Message on the theme of "Tough love", relating it to her own experience, and to what could – or should – be the experience of us all. Our prayer continued that theme: "God, thank you that you love us enough to say difficult things to us. Thank you that you help us to change. Please continue to fill us with your love and to make us better at showing it to those around us."

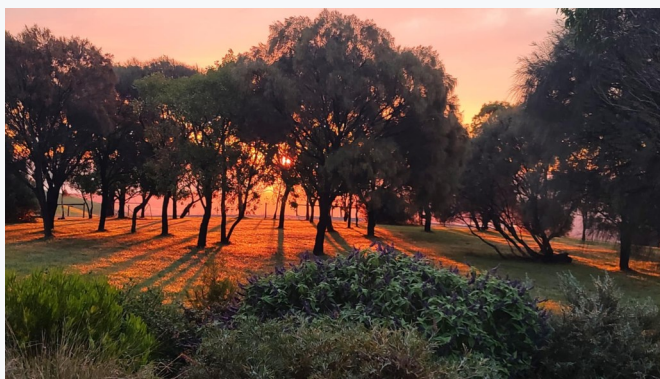
Margaret Cale has a marvellous capacity to find a quotable quote to display on the second-last, slide before the invitation to morning tea and fellowship: on this day the quote was from Saint Augustine: "God loves each of us as though there were only one of us".

Julianne gave a PPP message recently on "Growing deep roots". She introduced it with an American Evangelist

News from St Ann's, Aldinga cont'd

video, "Go deeper to grow higher" (focussing on the content and visuals rather than the rousing passion of the preacher – a style we're not used to in our church!). The readings were about the contrast between relying on God and relying on self, but the focus was to help us grow deeper roots in Christ. She used photos to illustrate her message, talking about the bare 10 acre block she and Barry had bought 35 years ago. It was hostile and treeless when they bought it, so they planted hundreds of trees and bushes to slow the wind down. God grew them well, with little watering on their part. They learned that trees in isolation had a shorter lifespan than a forest of them together. Trees in community nourish each other as their network of roots are connected so food and water can be shared. Spiritually, people are created to live in community, not isolation. When we become rooted in Christ, His Word nourishes and sustains us. Consistent prayer life connects us to Him and in turn, we grow into His image.

Her photo of the land today, with the sunset streaming through the trees enhancing the landscape (*below*), she offered as an illustration of how when Christ glows



through His people, others see the beauty of God. Those who hunger for spiritual sustenance notice Christ in us and this might be our opportunity to tell them about Him!

Thank you Brian, for choosing hymns that so perfectly accompany the message and liturgy.

We have a tradition at St Ann's that from time to time someone is given a "Chocolate Frog Award", in recognition, usually, of work done behind the scenes.

When Julianne was recently given an award, Trish was unable to find a chocolate frog, so instead Julianne got a chocolate kookaburra, which made us all laugh. She shared it with others over morning tea.

2025 is a year of special occasions at St Ann's. It is our 160th year anniversary, so preparations are underway to celebrate the occasion. On



the 26th April there will be a "Sunset Soiree" at "Hays' House", in Whites Valley. On Saturday 26th September there will be a concert at St Ann's, with Celia Craig (oboe) and Caspar Hawksley (guitar). Make a note of these dates! These functions will be a wonderful opportunity to come and invite someone from outside the church. Other events will be our Patronal Festival (22nd July) and St Ann's Founding Celebration (5th October). *Julianne Bates, Brian McMillan, Wardens.*

Snippets from WFA Council, 10th Feb.

Diocese: Br Simon, who was able to be present, reported that a new Chaplain, Edwina Bruce, had been licensed for the Anglican school, Investigator College, at Victor Harbor. The school plans to maintain an ongoing connection with the Diocese. Br Simon pointed out that through our two schools we have contact with over 3,000 children.

Parish: Fr Brenton commented on the willingness of the laity to be involved in leadership, offering congratulations to all centres.

Finance: The Treasurer reported that Collection figures were down. Expenses were up compared to 2024 – except ministry expenses, which are down as we are supporting only one priest. *For more information on our finances, come to the Vestry meeting!*

Synod was to be requested to sell **St James'** former Church (now closed) and hall at Delamere (*see p. 7*).

Synod 2025 (20-22nd June) would be held at Seaford Christian Churches and catered for by the café. Parishioners who are not Synod members will be needed to assist.

From Christ Church: South Coast churches (about 17) are putting together a Welcome Pack to give to people moving into the district. Christ Church was looking at working with them on this.

From St Stephen's: The Tuesday morning meditation is attended by about 10 each week, four of the regulars being from outside our Saturday congregation.

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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News from St Stephen's, Willunga

Despite the seasonably hot weather we experienced in February, the numbers attending the services held during the month at St Stephen's continued to show an increase. Meanwhile, the lovely plants installed by our team of dedicated gardeners during the last few months also grew, thanks in particular to the regular hand-watering they received every few days from our faithful volunteers. The next step will be to rework the existing underground irrigation system to take the place of our "bucket brigade" which has been slaving away in the hot sun. I'm sure they won't be too upset about being put out of business!

During the month we also continued our preparation for "life after Brenton". While none of us are looking forward to the last week of April when Fr Brenton will conduct his last service at St Stephen's before his retirement, we are all very much aware that we need to transition into a rearranged schedule so that we are prepared for our new reality beginning in May. We have already replaced the 3rd Saturday Eucharist service with a Prayer, Praise and Proclamation service conducted by a member of the laity and, starting from March, we will replace the 1st Saturday Eucharist service with a lay-led Evening Prayer service. In addition, the Tuesday morning Meditation service is now being led by a different member of the congregation each week, rather than relying on Fr Brenton.

February also saw our congregation continue its remarkable string of

luck with the fundraising raffles that are run from time to time by Barbara Walter from St Ann's. Thanks to Stephen Carthew who brings tickets to St Stephen's and sells them during our social time after the Saturday service, it seems that there are always at least two lucky prizewinners in our midst for each raffle. On this most recent occasion there were three winners, including our recent newcomer, Bob Beer. Bob's prize in this case was a 1.5 litre bottle of good quality red

wine, which led to a motion being presented and passed unanimously by the congregation that he should now change his name to Bob Shiraz!

The last Saturday in March will be the fifth for the month, and will be a Contemplative Service. Do come and join us.

With the fortunate position of St Stephen's next to a well-used street, we offer parking opportunities to shop- and market-goers, and open the church up as often as we can on a Saturday morning to give people an opportunity to come and look inside and talk, or just sit and enjoy the peace. We meet some amazing people that way! The old peppercorn tree draws a lot of attention.

Our next Saturday Night Out will be on the 8th March. Phone 0404 163 940 or email LMESTBA@YAHOO.COM if you would like to come along, or to request a menu.

*Steve Banner,
Warden*





Our new year began with a small group gathering at the Visitor Centre at McLaren Vale on the hot morning of February 3rd. A most enjoyable catch up with friends over coffee before our service and meeting. We are always welcomed there,

especially by the volunteer gardener who always stops to chat, and other visitors who assist with photography.

It was pleasing to receive advice from Operation Christmas Child to let us know about the destination of our boxes, which went to the Philippines this year. South Australia collected 17,263 boxes with a total from Australia of 211,502 and Worldwide 11,927,439. We were once again thanked for our contribution and told we are a blessing especially to the children who receive the boxes.

These numbers reminded me of the MU worldwide being one of the larger groups of women throughout the world and one of the first women-led organisations, transforming lives around the corner and around the world since 1876.

Mothers' Union - who are we?

Members of the Mothers' Union work together to solve challenges in their local communities. By helping to restore and strengthen relationships in families and communities, the movement gives a sense of belonging and purpose. MU will be celebrating 150 years of Mothers' Union in 2026, together with our four million members active in eighty-three countries.



Doreen, Gail, "Trish 1", "Trish 2"

Globally, Mothers' Union focuses its efforts on

1. Creating a peaceful and safe environment for all,
2. Fighting for gender justice, and
3. Building individuals' self-reliance.

Our next meeting will be on March 3rd at SCC, Seaford, beginning at 9.30am.

Helen Cook, Secretary.

This Month's Readings: Year C, 2025

ASH WEDNESDAY—5th March—Joel 2:1-2, 12-17—Psalm 51:1-17—2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10—Matthew 6:1-6 (7-15) 16-21

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT—9th March—Deuteronomy 26:1-11—Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16—Romans 10:4-13—Luke 4:1-15

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT—16th March—Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18—Psalm 27—Philippians 3:17- 4:1—Luke 13: 31-35

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT—23rd March—Isaiah 55:1-9—Psalm 63:1-9—1 Corinthians 10:1-13—Luke 13:1-9

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT—30th March—Joshua 5:2-12—Psalm 32—2 Corinthians 5:16-21—Luke 15:11-32

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT—6th April—Isaiah 43:16-21—Psalm 126—Philippians 3:3-14—John 12:1-8

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St Margaret's, 99 Main Road McLaren Vale

Sunday: 10.30am

Wednesday: 9:00am

Wardens:

Judith Wells 0411 502 218

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.

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*Where there is a 5th Sunday in a month,
as there is this month (March),
service times are likely to be different.*

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

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

This is what they were waiting for! Happy birthday, Julia!



The Bible study group is always ready to include a party in the morning's activity.

L-R: Steve, Fr Brenton, Julia, Judith, Susie, Christi, and behind them, in the kitchen, Br Simon, Greg John)

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Cashing in Bottles and cans

St Margaret's collection for mission
(see p. 4)

Thank you to all contributors.

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Rupert's car was stacked to the roof.

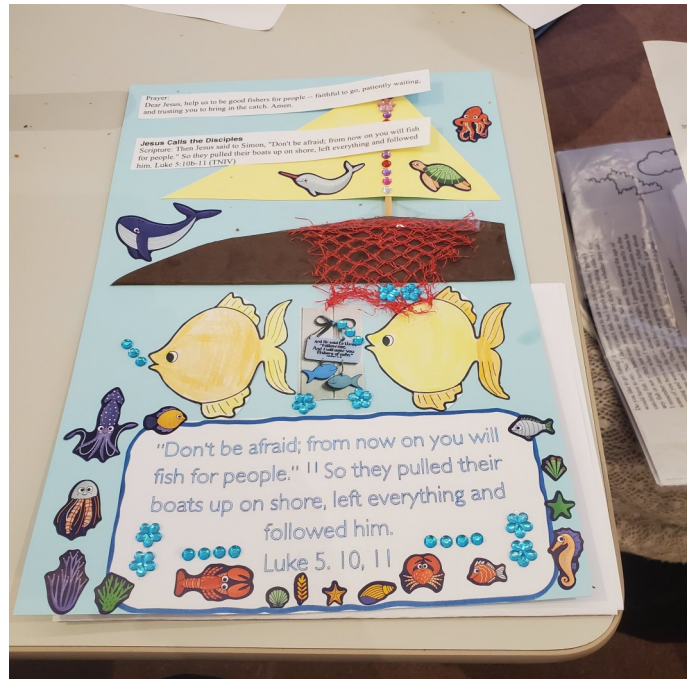


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*Round table service:
Theme: Jesus calling his disciples*



Fishers of men



*Fr Ian looks on while Sunara shows the bee she made for the
Beattitudes*

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St Ann's, Aldinga:
The wedding
(see p. 8)



*Musicians Wendy Heiligenberg
and Brian McMillan*



Flower girl: coy but cute



The happiness on their faces says it all.

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