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



# The Grapenvine

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

*Christ is risen!*



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As people of faith we have great joy in the hope that we have in Jesus at Easter and his victory over death. As a national church we as Anglicans have found that in the time after Easter and towards Pentecost is a perfect time to engage in a mission of hope across Australia.



In the Diocese of The Murray, one of the 23 dioceses in the national church, we have chosen to embrace this Hope 25 mission project with a journey of listening. Listening to God in the natural beauty of our diocese and in listening to the needs/hopes of the broad diversity of the population in our diocesan region.

Hope is a reframing of our sense of identity, of being, of purpose and of future planning. During this Hope 25 mission journey therefore we endeavour to collect the stories of need and hope to inform and enrich our future missional planning as parishes and as the whole diocese.

As we have travelled down the river, following the pathway of the old Home Mission paddle steamer 'PS Etona', we have visited churches and communities, shared stories, meals, and the Eucharist with them. There has been a collective sense of dignity as people feel that they have been acknowledged and heard as we are invited into their space.

At the conclusion of this mission journey we will create a document containing the feedback from the shared stories and the voices of all we have encountered on this journey and let this inform our diocesan mission strategy in sharing the Good News that the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand in the years ahead.

*Ven. Simon Waters, Administrator of The Murray.*

**Check the Diocesan website, <https://murray.anglican.org>, and follow their travel.  
Hear Fr David's reflections on the way.**

### Fr Brenton writes...



#### **From my journal, 12<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

"THE DAY IS HERE! Well, the day is here when I am to be ordained a priest. Feeling quite calm at the moment but expect nerves to kick in. Have a house full of people. Mum, Vicki (Lyn's sister) Nigel and Tessa. Organized my first Eucharist for tomorrow and went for a nice long walk. Felt good. Brother Leon and Dot should be here soon and it will be great to have big brother to share this moment with me. Stay tuned and watch this space.  
2pm. Ordination is at 3pm. Brother Leon arrived and had lunch. A few nerves starting. Great to have support of family.

Well, what a day! WOW! Fairly nervy at the beginning but a calm came over me a little into the service. Hard to explain. The Bishop asked me to make a cross that I could be crucified on and it turned out a bit bigger than I thought. At least 195cm high. I dragged it down the aisle from the rear of the church when everyone was quiet. You could have heard a pin drop. All I could hear was the scrape of the cross on the floor. A very powerful moment. Then I stood before the Bishop and he started the examination. I prostrated myself before the altar for prayers. Still calm, with a sense of belonging. I knelt before the Bishop and when he and the other priests laid hands on me – well I got this incredible feeling of love and the power of the Holy Spirit. Just too hard to explain. The rest of the service went well and after we processed out the Bishop knelt and said, "Father, I ask for your blessing." I laid hands on the Bishop and gave him a blessing, and he stood and bowed and kissed my hands. A very powerful moment." And the rest, folks, is history.

My ministry will change after my retirement? and will continue on in a different way.

May God bless you all.

*The Vicar.*



At the annual Chrism Mass at Mt Barker on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025 the Holy Oils for the clergy's use for anointing were blessed by Bishop Sophie Relf-Christopher, Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Adelaide. This is the first time a woman has performed this office in the Diocese of The Murray. (Photo of clergy attending, p. 22)

## For your Diary

### May

Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>	PHILIP & JAMES
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	Gold coin collection for PCWs*
	St Nicholas' shared lunch
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	Mothers Union 9.30am St Nicholas'
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	Prayers for peace St Ann's 11.15am
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday Night Out, Willunga (see p. 4)
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	ACH service, Yankalilla
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	WFA Council 4pm, St Nicholas'
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	Friends of St Ann's 4pm
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	Walking With Jesus, Christ Church, 10am
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Family tea, St Ann's 6.30pm
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	Healing service Christ Church
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup>	ASCENSION
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup>	Fifth Saturday Contemplative Service, St Stephen's 5.30pm

### June

Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	Gold coin collection for PCWs*
	St Nicholas' shared lunch
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mothers Union 9.30am
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	PENTECOST
	ACH service, Yankalilla
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	King's Birthday public holiday
	WFA Council 4pm Christ Church
	BARNABAS
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	Prayers for peace St Ann's 11.15am
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday Night Out, Willunga
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	TRINITY SUNDAY
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	Walking With Jesus Christ Church 10am
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	Friends of St Ann's 4pm
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Diocesan Synod, SCC (see below)
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	Diocesan Synod, SCC
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Diocesan Synod, SCC
	Healing service Christ Church
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Family tea, St Ann's 6.30pm
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	PETER & PAUL
	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday COMBINED SERVICE
	at St Margaret's 10.30am, with shared
	lunch to follow

\*PCWs

Pastoral Care workers (Schools Chaplains) - see below L



### Synod 2025

Synod this year will be held on our patch—at Seaford Christian Churches—20-22<sup>nd</sup> June.

S.C.C. will be needing assistance from 6-8 people from the parish, who are not Synod reps, to help with arrangements, probably at times between 9am and 8pm on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>.

If you would like to help, please contact Jane Cuthbert on 0476 754 772.

This is a great opportunity to sit in on the annual Synod. To do so please register by emailing the Registry, [office@murray.anglican.org](mailto:office@murray.anglican.org). A meal order form will then be provided for completion and prepayment.

Those attending would be welcome to join a workshop as a visitor.

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> there will be a service as usual at St Stephen's. The parish service on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> will be at St Nicholas' at 9am. Those attending might like to bring something for morning tea to follow.

### Vale Joyce Newing 10/4/1930—7/4/2025

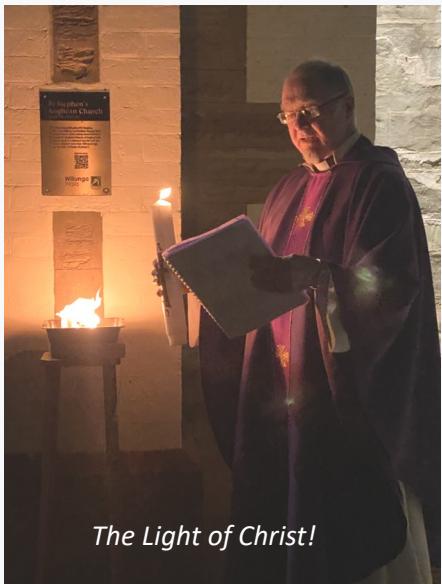
Joyce Newing, wife of Fr Ted Newing, died on the 10<sup>th</sup> April, just a few days short of her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. A memorial service for Joyce was held in the Baptistry at St Nicholas' on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April and live streamed to various parts of the world.

With over 80 people in attendance, it was a tribute to her life, work and witness among so many people over the years. The Eulogy given by her son and daughter told of a life spent in God's service, from Africa to Asia, to Australia, and back again. A very special lady, who touched many people in the course of her life.

We continue to pray for Ted and their family and friends as they grieve her passing. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

Some of Joyce's beautiful art and craft work was displayed at the service on 17<sup>th</sup> April. See p. 20)





It feels like the month of April arrived at St Stephen's and left almost before we knew it. We had been preparing for both Easter and the eventual retirement of Fr Brenton several months in advance, but the weeks of April just flew by. As per our "post-Brenton" schedule, the lay-led service of Evening Prayer took place on the first Saturday of the month, followed by Fr Brenton conducting Holy Eucharist on the second Saturday. This latter service was, as usual, followed by our monthly night out with dinner at the middle pub. Although we will miss having Fr Brenton at the dinner table with us, please rest assured that this monthly tradition will most definitely continue! (See below for further details).

On the third Saturday of the month, Fr Brenton conducted the Lighting of the New Fire service, the first Easter service in the parish, with the lighting of the Paschal Candle, the renewal of baptism vows, and asperges. (More photos p. 13) It was a beautiful service, and well attended.

But all too soon the calendar ticked over inevitably to the fourth and last Saturday of the month and Fr Brenton celebrated his final Eucharist service at St Stephen's before his retirement. We could not pass up the opportunity to



wish him a long, happy and healthy retirement while we presented him with a gift basket of donations by St Stephen's parishioners.

Looking to the future, our schedule for each month will be a lay-led Evening Prayer service on the first Saturday, and a lay-led Prayer, Praise and Proclamation (PPP) on the third. Meanwhile, visiting priests will conduct Holy Eucharist service on the second and fourth Saturdays. When a fifth Saturday occurs there will be a lay-led Contemplative Prayer service. Our weekly 9am Tuesday morning Meditation services will continue, led by a different member of the congregation each week. This general schedule of services will continue for the foreseeable future, although there will be some minor changes during the next few months while Christi and I are away on holiday in the United States from May 24<sup>th</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup>. During that 10-week period we are very fortunate to have some volunteers from St Margaret's and St Ann's who will help to lead services and assist our visiting priests. I want to extend a big thank you to all who are helping – in particular John Strachan who will lead Evening Prayer, and Judy Wells who will assist the visiting priests. It is this support we show for one another that is such a special part of our parish and faith.

As a reminder, all are invited to join us on Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> (the second Saturday) for our monthly Night Out as we visit the Hotel Willunga (the "middle pub") for dinner at 6.30pm immediately after our 5.30pm weekly service. An invitation to the dinner will be sent out via email earlier that same week, but if you're not on my mailing list and would like to attend the dinner, please feel free to contact me by email at LMESTBA@YAHOO.COM or by phone at 0404 163 940. Everyone is most welcome to join us.

Normally we are asked to make a choice from the menu in advance, so that the hotel can have our meals ready for us shortly after our arrival, and we avoid the long waiting times that sometimes occur on a busy Saturday night. When I am away in June and July, the group will simply go directly to the hotel after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday service. I have reserved for 10 people each month under the name of St Stephen's.

Steve Banner, Warden

## Vale Geoff Pridham 8.3.1931-22.3.2025

Geoff and Ursula lived at Seacliff, with Geoff working as a sharebroker, before moving to UP Farm, Kuitpo, and then to Willunga about 12 years ago. In recent times Geoff would drive his gopher to St Stephen's, and he enjoyed staying to socialise after the service. Diagnosed with cancer in March, he died two weeks later.



## News from St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

The last Sunday of March was the fifth Sunday of the month so we had a combined service at St Ann's. It was also Mothering Sunday celebrated by thanking our mothers, Mother Country and Mother Church.

Unfortunately many of the congregation at St Margaret's were unable to attend, not only missing the Mothering Sunday Celebrations including Simnel Cake but also the Parish's farewell to Fr Brenton. As a consequence and following some discussion we held a special morning tea the following Sunday. Left over Simnel Cake was provided for those unable to attend the previous Sunday, John made a short speech of thanks for Fr Brenton and Di made a pavlova decorated with cream, TimTam biscuits and strawberries (all favourites covered).

Fr Ian celebrated the Eucharist on **Palm Sunday** with palm crosses supplied by the working party at St Nicholas', and the church decorated with palms and appropriate banners by Julia.

### Maundy Thursday.

Fr Brenton was available to organise and celebrate the



commemoration of washing of feet and the Last Supper. After this all the reserved sacrament was consumed, the sanctuary stripped and the altar covering dragged off the altar and left draped over one of the priest's chairs, signifying

the betrayal and abandonment of Jesus. The service was conducted with only the sanctuary lights on and once the sanctuary was stripped, these too were extinguished and time was allowed for those who wished to stay, pray and meditate. The congregation left in silence. It was a very moving service.



Margaret's the choir Cantate Dominum, conducted by Sue Russell, performed **Stainer's Crucifixion**, with organist Rosalind Gallasch and soloists Greg John and Curtis Antram. (Photos p. 14)

**Easter day was joyous.** The Easter banners were up and there were once again flowers in the church. The

congregation of St Nicholas' joined us and added their voices to ours in hymns of praise and prayers. Fr Brenton was happy to bless two Pascal Candles. He also took a great deal of delight in dowsing all present with water from the font, being very conscientious, ensuring no one missed out, including himself.



Fr Brenton blesses Paschal Candles for St Margaret's and St Nicholas'

The Wednesday services have continued, followed by Bible Study. During Lent Jenny made a point of ringing the bell and ensuring that the "Church is Open" sign was out prior to the service and as a result we had a mother and son come in for some quiet time, and a previous parishioner return. The Bible study sessions included more cake than usual as we celebrated birthdays and Fr Brenton's last session as our parish priest. Both the Wednesday Service and Bible study will continue, sometimes lay led. Jenny has prepared a simple guide setting out the format of the Bible study. However it will be flexible and, as always, as the Holy Spirit moves us.

We have also had some sorrow this month. Roger Dew, a long time member of both the St Philip and St James' congregation and then St Margaret's died at the beginning of the month (see below). Julia's aunt also died just before Easter, as did Jac's brother. Our prayers are with their families.

As always thank you to all those people throughout the Parish who generously gave their time to help us as needed. 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*

### Vale Roger Dew 1937-2025

Born in London, Roger Dew joined the Air Force as an engineer and was posted to Malaysia. Demobbed in 1960 he moved to Australia in 1981 and worked as a computer engineer.



He married Brenda in 1986. They enjoyed travelling, but at home they worshipped at St Philip & St James', Old Noarlunga until it closed, and following that at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale.

## News from St Ann's, Aldinga

**Gillian's Corner:** For many years the North-East corner of the Sanctuary at St Ann's has been known as "Gillian's Corner", in honour of Gillian Clampett who, with her unerring artistic flair, has enriched and enlivened that space Sunday by Sunday with a display related to the Service, the Readings, or the issues of the moment. Gillian's contribution has been greatly valued and appreciated. Gillian has now relinquished that responsibility to Margaret Morgan, whose display was admired on Easter Day (photo p. 16).

The theme for our Family Service on 6<sup>th</sup> April, led by John Morgan, was "What really matters?" In his message Brian McMillan suggested that what *really* matters is God, His power, His love, our relationship with Jesus and knowing Him as Paul wanted to know Him, above all else. He mentioned Mary's example of love and devotion to Jesus and how giving generously is important to Jesus, with some opportunities only coming along once! Brian finished by quoting from a homily by his old friend Father McDermott OP which concluded "... For us right now, Jesus is the one who tells us the way to live in the world, tells us the truth about God and about ourselves, and presents a sort of life that really matters."

**Palm Sunday:** The two aspects of Palm Sunday – triumph preceding tragedy – are captured in two hymns particularly apposite for this day. The first – "Trotting, trotting through Jerusalem" – "should be sung with appreciation of the good-humoured depiction of the donkey in the accompaniment, and with a jubilation like that with which children and adults greeted the Lord on the first Palm Sunday" as Professor Wesley Milgate says in *Songs of the People of God*. The words were written and the tune composed by Eric James Reid (1936-1970) whose early promise as a musician was cut short by his death in a motor vehicle accident.

The text of the second speaks for itself, with new words to a well-known tune:

Ride on, ride on, the time is right:  
the roadside crowds scream with delight;  
palm branches mark the pilgrim way  
where beggars squat and children play.

Ride on, ride on, though blind with tears,  
though dumb to speak and deaf to jeers.  
Your path is clear, though few can tell  
their garments pave the road to hell.

Ride on, ride on, your critics wait,  
intrigue and rumour circulate;  
new lies abound in word and jest,  
and trust becomes a suspect guest.

Ride on, ride on, the room is let,  
the wine matured, the saw is whet;  
and dice your death-throes shall attend  
though faith, not fate, dictates your end.

Ride on, ride on, while well aware  
that those who shout and wave and stare  
are mortals who, with common breath,  
can crave for life and lust for death.

Ride on, ride on, God's love demands.  
Justice and peace lie in your hands.  
Evil and angels' voices rhyme:  
this is the man and this the time.

These words were written by the well-known hymnodists Reverend John Lamberton Bell (1949- ) and Graham Maule (1958-2019).

**Good Friday: Stations of the cross.** In the course of this sombre and contemplative service, which was led this year by Barry Bates, the journey of Christ to the Cross was symbolised by each Station being carried to and placed on the altar by the person leading each devotion, and then moved to the East Wall of the Church, where they remain as a reminder during the Easter Season. Many commented on how moving this service was and how they hadn't expected their tears to flow.

In matching the crosses our Lord had to bear with modern day happenings, it brought home to us the enormity of His sacrifice.

**Easter Day:** As usual, a large congregation celebrated the Resurrection. The Easter Cross, covered with ivy, awaited the placing of flowers as people arrived: despite the



absence of rain, plenty of flowers were provided – we appreciate the generosity of those who brought them. The decorated Cross remained in place in the church after the service because of the strong wind, instead of being displayed adjacent to Main South Road as it normally is, as an inspiration to passers-by.

## News from St Ann's, Aldinga

### Anzac Day

celebrations were held at Aldinga with around 1200 people attending at the monument. St Ann's had been asked to provide rosemary and we did not disappoint! Thank you to all who contributed.



### Soirée

Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> was the occasion of our first event to mark St Ann's 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary, a "Sunset Soirée" at Brian's home. Forty

people attended. The calm and fine weather was an answer to prayer,



the food and beverages in abundance, and music provided by the brilliant Greg John was much appreciated by all. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make this a successful afternoon, and

thank you to Brian and his gardeners for providing a beautiful venue. The bow ties and fascinators were a sight to behold. (Photos pp. 17-18)

Our last Friends meeting was combined with our AGM. All was straightforward with offices being held by the same people for the following year. Victoria gave a detailed report from the gardening team and plans for planting when the roadworks issues are resolved, relaying concerns for the health of the soil and plants in this season of drought. An outdoor table and seats have been donated to us from Natalie and Hank from Down South Distillery/Agostinos further down Stonehouse Lane, and these have already proved to be a great asset. We had a meeting with representatives from the Alliance

regarding unfinished road works issues such as the completion of the shared path, parking and water and drainage issues. It has been suggested we enquire about contacting a hydrographer to give expert advice on the water situation.

### The Vicar's Farewell

On 27<sup>th</sup> April Father Brenton conducted his last Service at St Ann's before his retirement. In his sermon he emphasised particularly the verse, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe" (John 20.19-31). We are among them.

We will miss Fr Brenton immensely, but we are glad that he and Lyn have chosen to live locally, so we're certain to catch

up with them from time to time. Our Parish has been truly blessed by his service to and with us.

*Brian McMillan and Julianne Bates, Wardens*



*Fr Brenton kneeling before the altar before leaving.*

### A letter from our friends Brian & Irene Perry

Last time Brian and Irene visited St Ann's we passed on to them a selection of children's books which had been offered for a jumble sale. Brian writes:

*It is a privilege to visit St Ann's from time to time. As we are now retired and living in the Philippines, we have several children and grandchildren in Adelaide so we try to visit them at least once or twice a year. We support our local integrated school in Talo'ot, Argao, Cebu, Philippines, (Elementary to High School), 700 to 800 children, and one of our many support activities is to collect children's books for their special reading programme. We would like to extend our appreciation and love for the selected children's books so kindly given to us from St Ann's. We have added many more suitable books to make up a Balikbayen box as it begins its journey to the Philippines, which takes about 2-3 months. We will keep you posted on its arrival at the school.*

*Love & regards to all,  
Brian and Irene Perry*





## Palm Sunday

This service was led by Fr Brenton. The inside and outside of the church were decorated with the traditional palm branches. Thanks go to Bruce Spilsbury at Normanville Mitre 10 who allows Peter Filsell to prune the palm tree in the front of his store. This year he also supplied the palms for St Ann's and St Margaret's. Thanks also to Gail Filsell for making up the palm crosses for both Christ Church and our monthly service at the Yankalilla Aged Care Home which was held on Palm Sunday.

## Maundy Thursday

This service was taken by Fr Peter Randle. Unfortunately, the numbers were very



## Goodbye, and thank you!

Fr Brenton's final service as Vicar of the Western Fleurieu Anglicans was held at Christ Church, Yankalilla on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. This was a fitting venue for his final service as he and Lyn had spent about half of their time in the parish residing in the rectory at Yankalilla which had been renovated for that purpose in 2021.

The service was attended by present and past parishioners from both Christ Church and St James' along with numerous people from the other churches in our district with whom Brenton and Lyn had forged friendships over the past 6 years.

At the end of the service they were presented with a hamper of local goodies and some more wine for Brenton's expanding cellar. In view of the fact that Fr Brenton *may* have some spare time in the future, and given his penchant for Health, Safety & Welfare matters, he was presented with a safety vest as the Western Fleurieu Anglicans Honorary WH&S Officer, (photo p. 19) and he donned it to leave the church.

low but as Jesus said, where two or three are gathered together, He is there. It was a solemn service which



concluded with the washing of feet and the stripping of the altar.

## Good Friday

Parishioners went around the grounds of Christ Church to visit each of the 12 Stations of the Cross dotted around the garden area. At each Station a different member of the congregation did the reading, which was followed by a group response.

## Easter Sunday

We had a very good attendance for this service with about 40 people attending including several children. We were again grateful that Fr Peter Randle was able to lead the Service.

Following the service, about 30 people ventured down to the Yankalilla Hotel for a very pleasant lunch and fellowship.

On behalf of everyone from the southern end of our Parish we wish Fr Brenton and Lyn all the best for their retirement and look forward to ongoing contact with them both.

*Peter Filsell, Warden*



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

## Our Family Service on April 6<sup>th</sup>

We continued following Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem. The gospel talks of Mary and Martha and the opportunity to thank Jesus once again for bringing their brother Lazarus back to life. Finding a YouTube video sometimes helps bring the story to life to both young people and adults, and gives us ideas on how we can give thanks. (<https://youtu.be/J026kmAlHow>). We learned that in following Jesus there is space, indeed need, for personal acts of kindness shown in thoughtful actions, more than just words. This is what Mary did by anointing Jesus' feet with expensive oil, not only giving thanks but showing love and care almost as if she knew that he was going to be killed. So we explored being thankful to God, appreciating the big and little things that make life special, that make us feel alive, that make our hearts sing. The young people made "chatterboxes" – brightly coloured, with suggestions inside about how they could help and show kindness to others (see p. 21).

**Palm Sunday:** April 13<sup>th</sup> began with our Round Table Service Coffee and Chat before we went out to join the Catholic congregation for the Liturgy of the Palms. We gathered round the Grace Fountain in the Garden,



hearing again the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. The palm crosses were distributed and blessed before we processed back into the church, palms waving, and singing "Hosanna to the King of Kings".

Our worship afterwards followed the story again: the image of a servant king riding on a donkey led us on this Palm Sunday to explore the nature of servanthood, and how God calls us to serve – even when we feel as if we are the most unlikely choice. We thought of the donkey and how it felt: happily minding its own business, and suddenly taken away from all that was familiar, riding with an unfamiliar human on its back, surrounded by loads of excited people shouting and calling out. God seems to have a way of calling people who are not the obvious choice. We, like the donkey, might feel totally

unprepared, but find that, nevertheless, we can do what we've been called to!

On **Good Friday** an Ecumenical Service was held at SCC with people from all congregations taking part. The story of the Passion of Jesus was read interspersed with reflections and singing. The entrance to the worship space was made to look like a tomb, with the stone being rolled to cover the entrance as we all left the service in silent meditation. A very moving service.



On **Easter Day**, April 20<sup>th</sup> there was not a service at St Nicholas'. Our congregation joined with the United Church at 9am or joined with St Margaret's Congregation at McLaren Vale. Whichever venue was chosen, we all came to sing our praises in worship of the Risen Lord. The new Pascal Candles, one for St Margaret's and one for St Nicholas' were duly blessed by Fr Brenton, ready for another year of service in their places of worship. St Margaret's congregation loudly proclaimed the day with that wonderful Easter Hymn "Christ the Lord is Risen Today". Fr Brenton preached one of his last sermons as Vicar of the WFA and as always offered words of wisdom and insight into that first Easter morning.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> April Fr Alex Bainton led us in our worship. It was great to see him and his wife Cheryl join us, and we look forward to seeing them more often in the future. The second Sunday of Easter tells of the disciples' meeting with Jesus in the upper room and their surprise and joy at realizing he was truly alive. Fr Alex spoke of the peace Jesus brought to the Upper Room, His peace offered to us all, not worldly peace, but the peace of God which passes all understanding. Jesus' meeting with the disciples and also Thomas, who wanted proof, confirmed the truth of the Resurrection and offers us, as it offered the disciples long ago, the promise of new hope and salvation in Jesus Christ. As Psalm 118 says, "The stone that the builders rejected: has become the head of the corner. 23 This is the Lord's doing: and it is marvellous in our eyes. 24 This is the day that the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it."

**Fellowship** A collection of people from WFA, the Catholic community and the UCA, made palm crosses for the Parish and SCC communities on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April. With lots of patience and laughter we managed to make over 300 crosses, enough for everyone and a few more besides! (photos p. 20).

**Vale** - Sadly, Joyce Newing, wife of Fr Ted Newing, died on the 10<sup>th</sup> April, just a few days short of her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday (see p. 3)

Blessings

*Helen Cook and Jane Cuthbert, Wardens*

## Schools chaplains

### "The best job in the world!"

On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April members of our church attended a special service at the McLaren Vale Outpost Church, where they were introduced to four Pastoral Care Workers (PCWs) commissioned to provide chaplaincy support to students and staff of several local schools. Each spoke of their motivation in undertaking the role, with insights into some of their experiences.

Luke, who provides support to McLaren Vale Primary School and Willunga High School, spoke of the anxiety experienced by children transitioning from year 6 (Primary) to year 7 (High School) and how his experience with primary school children has helped him support them at this stage of change. His role, he said, provided a voice for churches in the schools and as such was a privilege. He appreciated the financial and practical support and the prayers given by the churches. (Our Gold Coin Donation and our work on the October and November Sausage Sizzle at the Quarry Market contribute to these chaplaincies.)

Hannah (McLaren Vale Primary School) spoke of the importance of having the trust of the teaching staff in order to provide support to children in need. Chris Oxenham (Old Noarlunga Primary School) meets the children in her "office" – an interactive garden which engages children in involvement with nature and growing plants. Nick is about to start chaplaincy at Willunga Primary School – work he calls "the best job in the world".

Representatives of the churches gathered with the chaplains as they were blessed by Pastor David Busby of the Almond Grove Family Church, Aldinga.

*From a report by Jo Parsons*



*Chaplains Luke, Hannah, Chris and Nick, blessed by the Ministers and others present (R: Jenny Esots (UC) and Trish Frith)*

## Snippets from WFA Council, 17<sup>th</sup> March

**St James', Delamere:** Diocesan Council has approved the request for the sale. Parish Council representatives will visit the church to see which items need to be removed before sale.

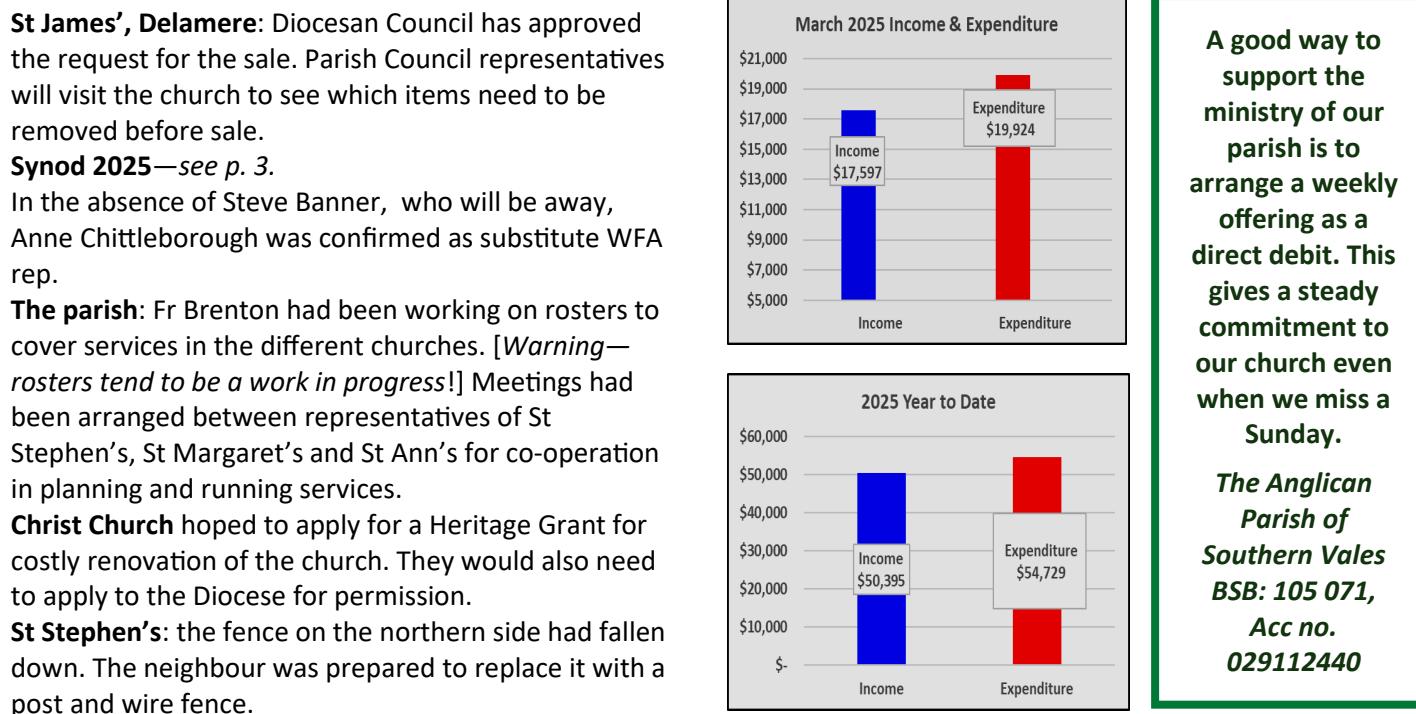
#### **Synod 2025—see p. 3.**

In the absence of Steve Banner, who will be away, Anne Chittleborough was confirmed as substitute WFA rep.

**The parish:** Fr Brenton had been working on rosters to cover services in the different churches. [Warning—*rosters tend to be a work in progress!*] Meetings had been arranged between representatives of St Stephen's, St Margaret's and St Ann's for co-operation in planning and running services.

**Christ Church** hoped to apply for a Heritage Grant for costly renovation of the church. They would also need to apply to the Diocese for permission.

**St Stephen's:** the fence on the northern side had fallen down. The neighbour was prepared to replace it with a post and wire fence.



**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**  
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Our April meeting was a change from the normal. Blessed with fine, mild weather we met in the Willunga Jubilee Rose Garden and enjoyed

fellowship al fresco with thermos flasks of tea and coffee and an abundance of delicious cake, bun and biscuits.

Our president, Trish Frith, provided some beautiful autumn leaves to surround our usual candle. A time of chat to catch up with news from everyone was followed by our usual service format with prayers for those known to us needing prayer. As it was soon to be Anne Chittleborough's birthday she received a card and had the honour of lighting our candle for the day.

At the close of the service and morning tea items packed away we were challenged to a round of quoits. Much laughter and very low scoring followed.

Our time concluded with a stroll through the rose garden. Some blooms were still out.

**Our next meeting is on Monday May 5<sup>th</sup>, at St Nicholas, Seaford at our usual time of 9.30am.**



L-R: Trish S, Doreen, Jo, Trish F, Lucy, Rosie, Gail, Helen



## This Month's Readings: Year C, 2025

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER—4<sup>th</sup> May—Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)—Psalm 30—Revelation 5:6-12—John 21:1-19**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—11<sup>th</sup> May—Acts 9:36-43—Psalm 23—Revelation 7:9-17—John 10:22-30**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—18<sup>th</sup> May—Acts 11:1-18—Psalm 148—Revelation 21:1-6—John 13:31-35**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—25<sup>th</sup> May—Acts 16:9-15—Psalm 67—Revelation 21:10-14, 21:22 - 22:5**

**ASCENSION DAY—29<sup>th</sup> May—Acts 1:1-11—Psalm 110—Ephesians 1:15-23—Luke 24:44-53**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER—1<sup>st</sup> June—Acts 16:16-34—Psalm 97—Revelation 22:12-22—John 17:20-26**

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



*The LIGHT at the END of the TUNNEL*

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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**

**1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays – 11.00am**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – 10.00am Church Hall**

**“Walking with Jesus”**

**Wardens:**

Peter Filsell 0427 534 095

**St James', Delamere**

**No scheduled services.**

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*Where there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in a month, as there will be in June, service times are likely to be different.*

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

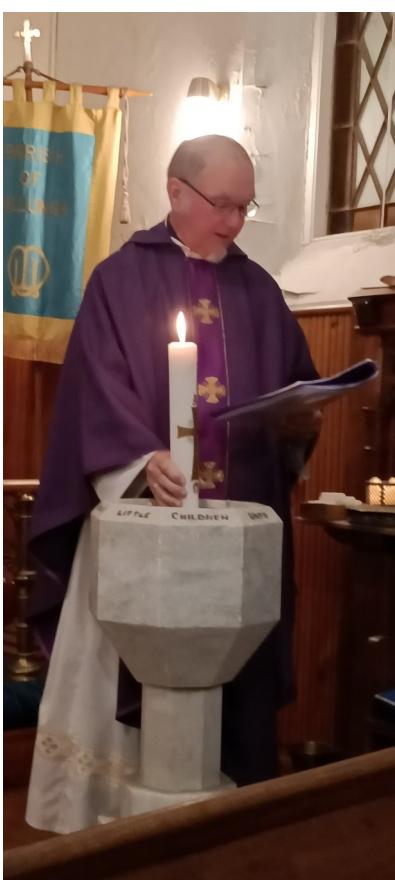
**St Stephen's, Willunga**  
**The Lighting of the New Fire**  
(see p.4 )



Jo Parsons and Neil Harvey



Ken and Dorothy Milde



*"As Christ died  
and rose again,  
so may all who  
are baptised die  
to sin and rise  
again to  
newness of life."*



**St Margaret's, McLaren Vale**  
**Stainer's Crucifixion. (See p. 5)**



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



*Above (L) The cross in the street signifying Christ risen.  
(R:) Judith Wells, Margaret Richardson and Miss Ellie  
after the service*



*Fr Brenton's last Wednesday Bible  
Study was an excuse to let our hair  
down and stoke him with energy  
for a holiday.  
(But there was also a Bible Study!)*

**May 2025**  
**Colour Photo Supplement**

**St Ann's, Aldinga**  
(see p. 6)

R: "Gillian's Corner"  
Below: Greening the cross, Holy Saturday.



A lovely "thank you" card received from Sunana after celebrating her birthday at St Ann's on 30<sup>th</sup> March.

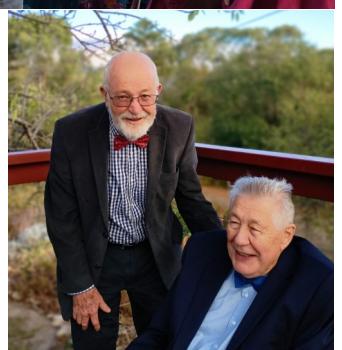
*Easter Day.  
R: Beware of Fr  
Brenton when  
he gets that  
asperges  
(sprinkling with  
holy water)  
look in his eye!*



*May 2025*  
*Colour Photo Supplement*



**St Ann's**  
**Sunset Soirée (see p. 7)**



**May 2025**  
*Colour Photo Supplement*

**St Ann's cont'd**  
Sunset Soiree (see p. 7)





**Christ Church, Yankalilla**  
(see p. 8)

*Fr Brenton and Lyn leave Christ Church after Fr Brenton's final service there – and his final one as our parish priest —with Fr Brenton wearing his Hi Vis jacket.*



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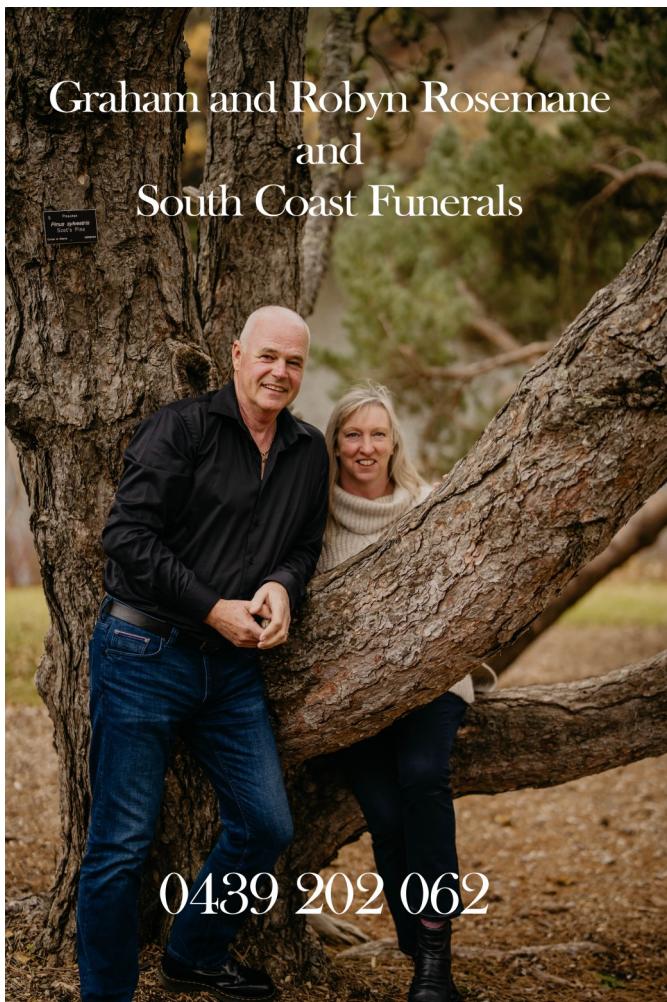
*The final service—and (below) the gathering at the pub*



**St Nicholas' Seaford (see p. 9)**



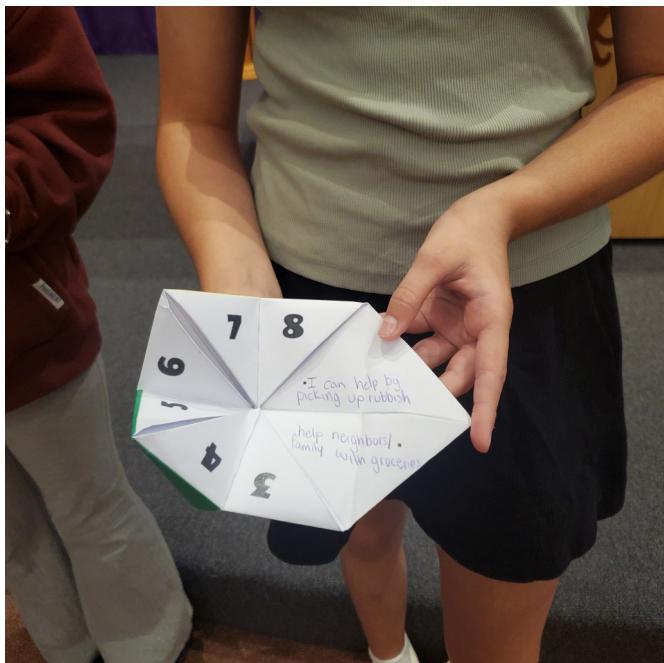
*Making Palm Crosses—Anglicans, Catholics and Uniting Church together*



*Joyce Newing: art work and photos of her life, displayed at the memorial service (see p. 3)*



**St Nicholas' Seaford** (see p. 9)



*Chatterboxes: ways of showing kindness*



*Madeleine leads the congregation in prayer*



*R: Palm Sunday:  
sharing the palms..*

**The Chrism Mass, Mount Barker**  
(see p. 2)



L-R: The Rev'ds Rodney Fopp, David McDougall (Archdeacon of the Murray), Nicholas Rundle, David Patterson, Ian Jansse, Wayne Landford, Carol Cornwall, Daniel Irvine, Andrew Forder, Sophie Relf-Christopher (Assistant Bishop, Diocese of Adelaide), Brenton Dick, Rebecca Newell, Ian Young, Simon Waters (Administrator of the Diocese of The Murray, Archdeacon of the Fleurieu), Adrian Stevens.