

June 2025

*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



## Synod 2025

Our Diocesan Synod 2025 will be held at Seaford Christian Churches from 20-22<sup>nd</sup> June.

If you have ever wondered what happened at Synod, this is your chance to find out!

To sit in on Synod as an observer please register by emailing the Registry, [office@murray.anglican.org](mailto:office@murray.anglican.org).

A Meal Order Form will be provided for completion and prepayment by 6<sup>th</sup> June.

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

The workshops planned for this year are listed on p. 2.

***Volunteer helpers required—please see p. 10.***

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> there will be a 5.30pm service as usual at St Stephen's.

**However, our parish service on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> will be at St Nicholas', Seaford at 9am**

You might like to bring something to share for  
morning tea to follow.

Read *The Grapevine* in colour, with additional pages of photos,  
on our parish website, [southernvalesparish.org](http://southernvalesparish.org)

## What now?

With the position of the Bishop uncertain, Fr Brenton retired and Br Simon now the Diocesan Administrator, we are entering new times in our parish of Western Fleurieu.

Br Simon, who is still our Area Archdeacon, is leading a team of clergy to provide pastoral support. He is attending and supporting the Parish Council (chaired by Brian McMillan), and meeting with a parish-wide Ministry Team (chaired by Priest's Warden, John Strachan) which regularly develops rosters and supportive co-operation between the churches.

These broad teams are leading and serving the Parish well.

Meanwhile, all the leadership and management functions of a Bishop are being performed by the Administrator with the support of the Diocesan Council and the Synod.

Dear Friends

My family, and I especially, would like to thank you all for your love and support shown to us after the death of Dennis. I know he would be so proud of you all. He would also have been a little shocked at how many of you were able to attend his funeral. He was a very humble man who never realized how special he was. So many of you have spoken to me of the ways in which he has helped you or made you laugh, or just hugged you in times when you needed it most. He was always a great one for his hugs wasn't he!

We have lost one of the most amazing and caring men, but we will carry on the best way we can because that is what he would expect us to do.

Thank you again to all those who sent such beautiful cards, which I still often read. We would also like to acknowledge and thank you for the lovely refreshments provided, with much love, following the funeral.

Thanks again,

*Mary Eales and Family*



## SYNOD WORKSHOPS 2025 *(see p. 1)*

### ***Saturday morning workshops***

1. MYOB and PAS Q/A and Electronic Giving
2. Developing Mission for Small Country Churches
3. Future Directions Workshop Intro
4. Intro to Diocesan Legislation

### ***Saturday afternoon workshops***

1. Leading volunteers
2. How to archive parish documents
3. Chairing Parish Councils
4. Cemetery responsibilities



## June

Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	Gold coin collection for PCWs* St Nicholas' shared lunch
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mothers Union 9.30am, Town Square Café, SCC
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	PENTECOST ACH service, Yankalilla
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	King's Birthday public holiday Synod Volunteers meeting, St Nicholas', 3pm WFA Council, St Nicholas' 4pm
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	BARNABAS
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	Prayers for peace St Ann's 11.15am
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday Night Out, Willunga (see p. 4)
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	TRINITY SUNDAY Walking With Jesus, Christ Church 10am
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	Ministry Team St Margaret's 10.30am Friends of St Ann's 4pm
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Diocesan Synod, SCC (see p. 1)
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 for 6.30pm
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	PETER & PAUL 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday COMBINED SERVICE at St Margaret's 10.30am (next column) lunch to follow

*And also,*

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

## July

Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	THOMAS
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	Gold coin collection for PCWs*
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	MU St Ann's, 9.30am
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup>	Prayers for peace St Ann's 11.15am
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday Night Out, Willunga
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	ACH service, Yankalilla
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	WFA Council 4pm St Ann's
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	Friends of St Ann's 4pm
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	Walking with Jesus Christ Church 10am
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	MARY MAGDALENE
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	JAMES Family tea, St Ann's 6 for 6.30pm
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	Patronal Festival 160 <sup>th</sup> Special Service St Ann's 9am Healing service Christ Church

*\*PCWs*

*Pastoral Care workers (Schools Chaplains)*



### PARISH COMBINED SERVICE

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June**  
**St Margaret's, McLaren Vale**  
**10.30am**

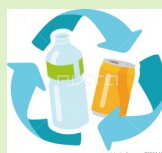
**Bring lunch to share.**

And if you'd like to have your favourite prayer included in the service, contact Judith Wells, 0411 502 218 or [doodoo2013@bigpond.com](mailto:doodoo2013@bigpond.com)



### ADVANCE NOTICE

Following the success of our 2024 event we are planning a  
**CHRISTMAS IN JULY AUGUST CONCERT**  
on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at 2.30pm  
at Seaford Christian Churches  
Grand Boulevard, Seaford  
in support of the  
Bush Church Aid (BCA) Mid Year Appeal 2025



### St Margaret's Bottles and Cans

#### COLLECTIONS FOR MISSIONS.

With more generous donations from many in the parish we have collected \$35 this month. Added to \$95 already reached this year our 2025 total is now \$130.

Thank you to all contributors  
for your great work.

*Di Best*

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](mailto:machit5@bigpond.com.au), preferably by 15<sup>th</sup> June.

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



## News from St Stephen's, Willunga

The month of May saw the full implementation of the revised schedule of services that had been proposed following the retirement of Fr Brenton at the end of April. On the first Saturday of the month Evening Prayer was conducted by the Priest's Warden for our parish, John Strachan. The second week was a Eucharist service conducted by Fr Peter Simmons, followed by our regular Saturday Night Out at the Middle Pub. The third week was a lay-led Prayer, Praise and Proclamation service based on the slides and liturgy provided by Margaret Cale from St Ann's. Finally, the fourth week of the month saw another Eucharist service conducted by Fr Peter, assisted by Judy Wells from St Margaret's (R). And because there were five Saturdays in the month, a Contemplative Prayer service will be held on the 31<sup>st</sup> May, led by Jenny Walker from St Margaret's. Tuesday morning meditations will continue as normal with shared responsibility, and Brian McMillan from St Ann's will continue to play the organ for us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays.

Although we have five different churches within our parish, the above description of the events at St Stephen's is a perfect illustration of the way that we can work together as one family in the Body of Christ. Even though Christi and I are travelling overseas until the end of July, thanks to the very capable co-ordination led by John Strachan, different members of the parish have stepped forward to ensure that the church at St Stephen's can continue to function as normal. We are most grateful for your help.

We were sorry to say goodbye to Jo and Neil this month as they return to the UK, and we hope to see them here as visitors on any return trips.

As a reminder, all are invited to join the St Stephen's congregation on Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> for the monthly Night Out as we visit the Hotel Willunga (alias the "middle pub") for dinner at 6.30pm, immediately after our weekly service at 5.30pm. An email invitation will not be sent out, as I will be away during June and July and will not be able to co-ordinate our outing in the normal way. Instead, I would ask you simply to proceed directly to the hotel after the service. I have reserved places for 10 people under the name of St Stephen's.

*Steve Banner, Warden*



*In the absence of Steve to work on the overheads for the next two months, St Stephen's will be using printed service books which Steve prepared and Jane Cuthbert printed (thank you Jane!) for the Holy Communion and Evening Prayer services.*

*Photo: Trish Frith and Wendy Sandercock with the service booklets.*



Easter Day has been celebrated with full ceremony and joy, the Easter season is drawing to a close for this year and you would think that the weekly cycle would slow down. However that is not the case.

Fr Brenton celebrated his last Communion Service the week after Easter and has been spending time in Tasmania with Lyn. Our best wishes go with them and we hope they are having a great time.

As we realized that Fr Brenton's retirement would leave a gap, a ministry team consisting of licensed Lay Ministers, Church Wardens, Fr Brenton and Br Simon has been meeting once a month at St Margaret's to work out where to go from here. There was a lot to work out, involving a lot of discussion. However it is working well so far. Here at St Margaret's we have Communion services on the first and second Sundays of the month. Fr Alex Bainton and Fr Ian Young celebrated these for us in May and we thank them for their time and love. We have the service of Prayer, Praise and Proclamation on the third Sunday with John Strachan organising a roster for those able to give the address, and on the fourth Sunday John will lead Morning Prayer.

We continue our Wednesday morning services with the first and third being Holy Communion and the second and fourth being laity led. This month these services were Morning Prayer; however we remain flexible. Bible study continues following the service, with different participants taking the lead as able. Br Simon attends when he can and we appreciate the depth that he gives to our discussions. John Strachan and I are also helping out at St Stephen's along with some of the congregation of St Ann's while Christi and Steve have time back in America with family and friends. As John commented, we are all on a steep learning curve. Br Simon as Archdeacon will be organising clergy support and he has offered to celebrate the Combined Service on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in June at St Margaret's. More on that later.

Many of our congregation are in their nineties and high



*Fran Pettigrew & Sylvia Francis*

eighties and are finding the pews increasingly uncomfortable. Our initial remedy was to place chairs with arms at the back of the church in the baptistry. However this was quite isolating. Several weeks ago Greg John pushed back the last three rows of pews, allowing space to place a row of chairs mid-nave for those who wanted them. These were so popular that he

has added a second row, much to the delight of our congregation.

Jac Hocking provides us with delightful mementos of the message at our Prayer, Praise & Proclamation Service. At the end of last month, with a reading about Thomas, she'd made little kaleidoscope mementos reading "one small hole and Thomas saw the light"! This month the theme was "Erasing doubt and loving one another", and she provided heart shaped scones for morning tea.

As previously stated, the Combined Service on the fifth Sunday in June will be at St Margaret's. Instead of the usual intercessions we are asking people to send us their favourite prayer. Five or six will be chosen to be introduced and led by the person concerned. Any not used will be offered back to the

different churches for later use. The Service will be followed by a light lunch and those attending are asked to bring a "plate" to share: coffee and tea will be provided. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

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*



*Susie Waters with kaleidoscope*



*Jac Hocking*



Another month has come and gone like the wind and all continues in a haze of activity. It was with sadness we said goodbye once again to Jo and Neil who have returned to the UK. We will miss Jo's conversations, laughter and dedication to the tasks she puts her mind to, and Neil's unwavering support. Thankfully, they are only an email away, so we hope to catch up periodically.

A few activities we had planned for our 160<sup>th</sup> celebrations have not been realised or have been postponed. One such occasion is a High Tea that Barbara is hosting. We are hoping now to hold it on Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> August, so mark the date in your diaries and further information will be forthcoming in later *Grapevines*. The concert at St Ann's for later in the year has had to be cancelled, but as the "Sunset Soiree" at Brian's was so successful, it has been suggested that a Spring BBQ should occur at his home. The women planning this event have volunteered the men to cook the BBQ, so all can "share the load!" It was a unanimous decision!



As part of the Hope 25 programme a small delegation of parishioners went to Murray Bridge to meet up with Archdeacon McDougall who had paddled a canoe down the Murray. A service and a BBQ beside the river were enjoyed by all. It was intriguing to see the tiny travelling font and chalice used by the Rev'd William Bussell in his

ministry along the Murray in the PS *Etona* in the 1890s (see p. 14). As part of an outreach to our own community today, Margaret Cale uploaded a Facebook article to local community sites and received numerous likes, but only one comment: "Well done, sounds like a good idea". It seems the community might not want much interaction with the local church. However, we continue to have visitors to our services and some of them return and join us. It's heartening to meet and get to know new people as they "come and see."

We are thankful to the retired priests who have come to celebrate communion services with us now that Fr Brenton has retired. To judge by his Facebook photos, he and Lyn have been enjoying a well deserved rest in beautiful Tasmania. Thank you to Fr Peter Simmons and

Fr Alex Bainton who have taken services for us this month, and as usual, members of our congregation have been very generous in participating in the Family and PPP (Prayer, Praise and Proclamation) services. At the beginning of the month, with the theme "A change in perspective", Doug and Sally Shaw dramatized the healing of Ananias (Acts 9:10-18), bringing the reading to life, as well as challenging us with some remarkable art works. Another highlight this month was hearing Tristan Simon's testimony which came from the theme "Making all things new" and the readings from Acts 11: 1-18, Rev. 21: 1-6 and John 13: 31-35. With help from family, friends and his mentor, Tristan held us spellbound with details from his life and how God had brought so many different people to help him mature and become more independent. It was great to see the photos that



accompanied his talk and the many activities that have been introduced to him. Like Tristan, we are all very grateful to those God has chosen to help him throughout his journey, particularly his mentor, Julie-Anne (with Tristan, above). As Tristan said in his testimony, she is truly an angel sent by God's Holy Spirit.

An ongoing activity on Tuesdays is a small group getting together to tend the church garden and cemetery. Recently four of this team took a tour to the Belair National Park and Karkoo and Cleveland Nurseries at Stirling, where they perused the many shrubs and small trees and bought a small number of plants for the garden and surrounds.





The turning of the Autumn leaves was a treat to see, and a great day of inspiration and fellowship was had.



On 11<sup>th</sup> May a number of us took advantage of the National Trust's Cemetery Walk at the Willunga Cemetery. Before St Ann's was built 160 years ago, and then St Stephen's at Willunga in 1884, the Church of England congregations of Aldinga and Willunga worshipped in a little church on that site. However no trace of the building remains today.

Our monthly Family Tea has resumed and as winter approaches, a change of arrival times will be 6 for 6.30 pm. We'd love to see you at our family teas. They are relaxed social events to which anyone is welcome to



bring friends. We were pleased this month to be joined once again by Fr Peter and Heather Chapman and members of the bikers group and family members. This was made an even more special occasion by the fact that these included Shaun and Tanya's six-week old daughter Niamh and big sister Cassidy (see photo), and it was also a celebration of Terry's

65<sup>th</sup> birthday. The bikers have kindly invited the parish to a BBQ to be held at St Ann's on Sat. 31<sup>st</sup> May.

The Room will have good use that weekend, as it will also be the occasion for a gathering to remember Shelly Philpott, daughter of (then) parishioners Trevor and Margaret Philpott, killed in a motor accident in 1994 and commemorated by the beautiful leadlight window at St Ann's made by Elizabeth Blades in 2019.

Wardens, Brian McMillan and Julianne Bates

At our service on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May we heard about God speaking to Saul and Ananias, with the Message on "A Change of Perspective". Lorraine Colliver remembered a story her mother had told her as a child, and offered it to *The Grapevine*.



*My mother became a Christian in 1952 through the Billy Graham Crusade in Australia. We were living in Gladstone, SA when she recounted her story to me when I was eight years old.*

*She said, "I was doing the laundry when I heard a voice behind me say 'Go over the road to your neighbour and take your Bible'". Mother said she turned around to see who had spoken to her - but no-one was there so she continued with the laundry. Again she heard the voice say to her, "Go over the road to your neighbour and take your Bible."*

*This time she got her Bible, and hid it while she walked over to her neighbour. "I knocked on the door," she said, "feeling inadequate, and when it opened there was the daughter of my neighbour who exclaimed, 'Oh Mrs Creeper, I have been praying that God would send me someone who could help me understand what I was reading in the Bible'."*

*God not only spoke to Saul on the road to Damascus, and to Ananias to tell him to speak to Saul, but he can speak to us too. My mother said to me as a child, "Always listen for God's voice and be obedient." A year later I gave my heart and life to Jesus at 9 years of age.*

Lorraine Colliver

**The Anglican Board of Mission runs an Emergency Response Appeal for the humanitarian work of the Diocese of Jerusalem in Gaza and the West Bank.**

**Funds go towards costs of medical services at Ahli Hospital and medical facilities in the West Bank, assistance to those injured, displaced or economically impacted by the conflict, and a recovery phase for displaced residents of Gaza.**



**To support ABM's Gaza and West Bank Emergency Appeal or to find more about it, visit [www.abmission.org](http://www.abmission.org)**

**Let us pray for peace, for an end to this horrific war and the suffering of so many.**

### Changing of the guard.

With the retirement of Fr Brenton, we have welcomed Fr Peter Simmons as our Priest on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in May, along with Fr Peter Randle who will continue to take the service on the first Sunday of the month. During June we will also have a service taken by Fr Alex Bainton. "Walking With Jesus" will continue on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays (see below).

Over the next few months, if anyone has any pastoral needs, please contact either Peter Filsell (0427 534 095) or Jane Cuthbert, our Parish Secretary (0476 754 772).

Jill Aplin who has been our contract cleaner at Christ Church for the past 9 years has relinquished her role. She is moving to Bruny Island in Tasmania, and we wish her well with her move. Julie Perri has taken up the cleaning contract.

### Walking With Jesus

At 10am on the third Sunday of each month Christ Church holds an informal service, beginning with refreshments, and offering an opportunity for prayer, discussion and questions. This month they were joined by a Northern Indian family from Klemzig, who dropped in, joined them for coffee and cake, and stayed to join in the discussion.

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The topic of this month's "Walking with Jesus", led by Hamish Stokes, was from Jesus' statement, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life".

We teased apart our understanding of Jesus' statement, "Whoever lives by believing in me will never die". Of course, we all die naturally, whether or not we believe in Jesus. Jesus was speaking of spiritual Life.

When we accept Jesus in this life we have available to us all the wonderful gifts of forgiveness and support from our Heavenly Father. Jesus said that he had come that we may have Life and have it abundantly. The abundant life is a continual process of learning, practicing, and maturing, as well as failing, recovering, adjusting, enduring, and overcoming any difficulties. It does not mean an abundance of the material things of life.

Jesus is there to help us along our way through prayer and fellowship. To many, the life of Jesus is experienced strongly through the Eucharist.

What about the next life? There was a variety of interpretations of eternal life after death. We don't know exactly what our life after death will be like, but we can be comforted by the words of Paul in 1 Corinthians 2:9: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love

### Prayer and lighting candles

A visitor to Christ Church will notice the lit candles and the prayers pinned to the noticeboard at the front of the church.

Following a recent request for a candle to be lit and prayers offered for a person grievously ill, Liz Gordon-Mills offers this reflection on the value of lighting a candle in church.

The steady flame represents the constancy of faith and the belief that prayers will ascend to heaven. As the candle burns, it serves as a visual reminder of God's presence and the believer's supplications.

In our liturgy, candles play a significant role. Our altar candles create a sacred atmosphere with each flame carrying the prayers and intentions of the faithful, uniting individuals in a shared act of worship. It serves as a bridge between the physical and spiritual realms, fostering a sense of connection and peace.



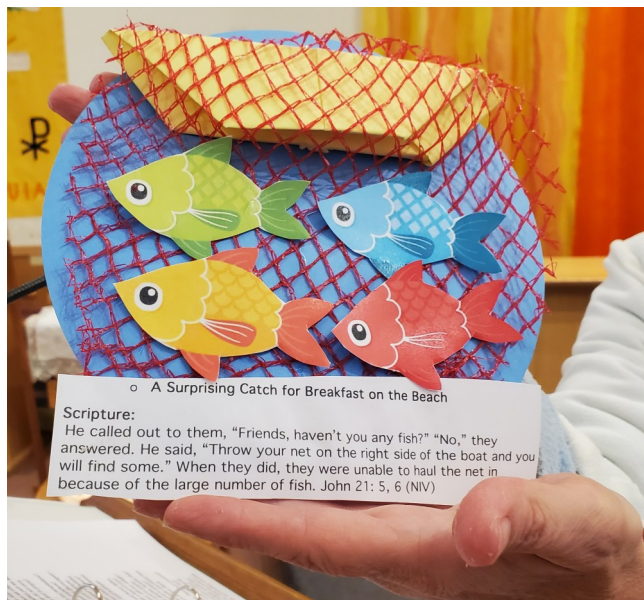
him." We are also told through the visions of St John that "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away".

A lovely motet by Karl Jenkins is written with these very words in "The Armed Man - A Mass For Peace": "God Shall Wipe Away All Tears."

Liz Gordon-Mills



Our Family Service on 4<sup>th</sup> May took the theme of Fish and Forgiveness – Fish for those disciples struggling to catch anything, ending in breakfast with Jesus on the beach – and Forgiveness in the calling of Peter to “Feed my sheep” and to “Follow me”. Helen Cook gave the Message, using the sermon provided by the Rev’d Rodney Fopp, adding her own thoughts and prayers to the reflection. Sunara produced amazing art work showing a fishing net full to overflowing with fish.



On 11<sup>th</sup> May our Round Table Service began a little differently, with several members of the congregation joining the UCA to farewell Rev Anne Butler, a long time friend and support as a minister of the Uniting Church at SCC. She will be missed. A farewell morning tea took place after the service, which meant that our service started a little later. Using the New Testament as our basis we learnt about a disciple called Dorcas who demonstrated her faith by caring for and befriending vulnerable widows in her city of Joppa. When she died, Peter was sent for. Peter prayed and called for her to live and she was raised from the dead. We explored how Jesus calls us to live, sharing eternal life and making a difference in the lives around us – to show our faith, not only in words but in action- just as Dorcas did.

18<sup>th</sup> May. Our Healing Service was taken by Fr Peter Simmons. It was lovely to have him join us again in our worship and to listen to his sermon on how God made all things new, with everyone having an opportunity to start afresh in Christ; Jesus’ commandment to love one Another, to love others as Jesus loved us, without condemnation or doubt or fear.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> May Fr Alex Bainton led us in our worship , and welcomed members of the UCA at Seaford, who joined our service as they did not have a minister available. (It made us realize how fortunate we are in this parish to have alternative services available to us when a

minister is not able to be present.) Fr Alex preached on the readings of the day, emphasizing the importance of remembering to be obedient to Jesus’ word; we are only



able to love others because Jesus loved us first. Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross showed both his love and his obedience to the Father, and his enduring love for us all. We are called, as the disciples were, to follow Jesus, obeying his word and sharing his love with everyone.

Fellowship: Our prayer chain has been busy as usual. Among others we have shared prayers for Lynn Hann, recovering from a stroke and hopefully back home soon, and for Madeleine who broke her arm playing sport and has had to have surgery to set the break.

We celebrated Christine Gunn’s and Patricia Vercoe’s birthdays with cards and gifts and a rousing chorus of “Happy Birthday”.



*Photo: Birthday flowers for Chris Gunn*

Included in our intercessions on Sunday were prayers for our brothers and sisters in NSW who are threatened by floodwaters in city, coastal & rural areas. We asked for safety for the thousands of residents under evacuation orders, and for God’s love, comfort and peace for those families who mourn the loss of loved ones.

Blessings

*Helen Cook and Jane Cuthbert Wardens*

## Snippets from WFA Council, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025

### Synod 2025: 20-22<sup>nd</sup> June

Volunteers are required to assist with Synod activities, mainly on the Saturday. If you've got a couple of hours to spare when you could help, please contact Jane Cuthbert 0476 754 772 (admin@southernvalesparish.org) asap, and if you would like to attend as an observer, also please let Jane know. This is a great chance for us to see what happens at our Synods. See p. 1.

### St James, Delamere

In preparation for the sale of St James' church and hall, a list has been made of the contents to be relocated or disposed of. It will be sent to other churches for first pickings.

### Ministry Team

A Ministry Team headed by Priest's Warden, John Strachan, meets to discuss matters relating to worship in the absence of a parish priest. It is strengthening the parish to have the churches working together in this way.

**The Anglican Cemetery at Willunga** doesn't have a Curator at present. When a Heritage Walk took place it needed a couple of days' work to clear it up. Something needs to be done, too, about the fencing at the back.

### Insurance

A question to the Registry had revealed that the church's insurance is negated when a church is left open and unattended. This limits the openness of all our churches, and has significant implications for Christ Church which is open daily with a security monitoring of the sanctuary only. The church and shrine attract a lot of visitors.

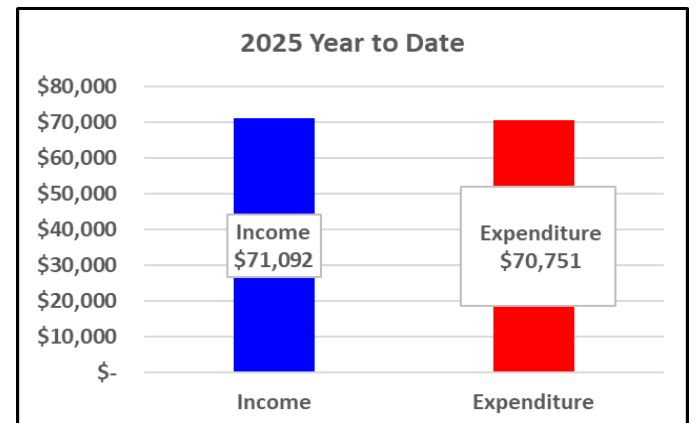
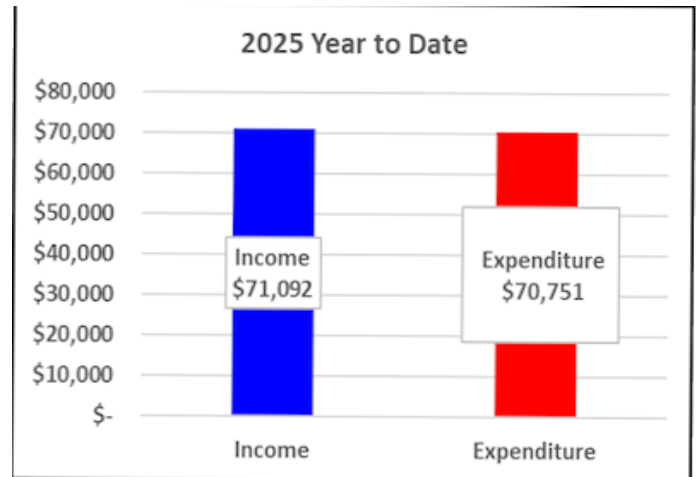
### From the churches:

**St Stephen's:** With a lack of people able to run the slides in the absence of Steve Banner for two months, they would be using printed booklets. They had been sad that owing to a clash with the Soirée there had been very few attending on Fr Brenton's last Saturday.

The Tuesday meditations were going well. Posters were being distributed in the community.

**St Nicholas':** Helen had used Fr Rodney Fopp's Sermon of the Day and it had been well received. Some of the Anglican congregation had worshipped with the UCA as it was their pastor's last day.

The prayer chain is active and in demand.



How sad it is that an excellent and inviting sign such as this, outside St Margaret's on the busy Main Road, McLaren Vale, can only be put up when the church is attended. (see **Insurance**, left column).

**A good way to support the ministry of our parish is to arrange a weekly offering as a direct debit. This gives a steady commitment to our church even when we miss a Sunday.**

**The Anglican Parish of  
Southern Vales BSB: 105 071,  
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10 Members and friends gathered at the Town Square Café, SCC, for our May meeting. Before the formal meeting commenced, we caught up with what had been happening to fellow members and friends in the last month. This reinforced a common view among members that a key benefit of MU meetings was the caring and sharing among “kindred spirits” and that such fellowship “restored the soul”. Good news stories were shared as well as discussing the difficult time of clearing out a family home that is to be sold. We considered the plight of rental housing when the landlord decides to reclaim the property, and how difficult it is to obtain something affordable to younger people these days.

Morning tea was scrumptious.

President Trish asked members to focus on the theme of loneliness today and brought to our attention an article in a recent MU Magazine, the *Mia Mia* (Autumn 2024 edition), and we noted the distinction between loneliness and being alone.

In the article written by Susan Skowronski she detailed how her previously busy life, growing up in a big family on a rural property and later as someone who, with her husband, operated a small business, had changed over

the years until she realised she had subsequently become quite lonely. The discussion among us suggested that volunteering is a good way to alleviate loneliness. Helping others encourages us to live with “an attitude of gratitude”.

At the conclusion of our meeting we were offered bread from the Mainly Music Group which operates on Monday mornings, and Jo Parsons asked each person to select an item from a collection of many dear and memorable things that had belonged to her mother. As Jo was soon to return to the UK we prayed for safe travels and blessings until we see her again.

The meeting as always closed with all saying, “The Grace”.

Our next meeting, June the 2<sup>nd</sup>, will again be held in the Town Square Café, SCC, at 9.30am. The August meeting will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> August, with Southern Vales hosting the Mary Sumner Day service at St Ann’s and the diocesan meeting to follow.

*H Cook, Secretary.*

*Photo (L-R) Lucy Creed, Pat Roper, Joanie Rawlings, Rosie O’Connor, Jo Parsons, Helen Cook, Trish Simon (partly hidden), Trish Frith, Gail Filsell.*

## ***This Month’s Readings: Year C, 2025***

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

**PENTECOST—8<sup>th</sup> June—Acts 2:1-21—Psalm 104:26-36—Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21—John 14:8-17(25-27)**

**TRINITY SUNDAY—15<sup>th</sup> June—Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31—Psalm 8—Romans 5:1-5—John 16:12-15**

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—22<sup>nd</sup> June—1 Kings 19:1-4 (5-7), 8-15a—Psalms 42, 43—Galatians 3:10-14, 23-29—Luke 8:26-39**

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—29<sup>th</sup> June—2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14—Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20—Galatians 5:1, 13-25—Luke 9:51-62**

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—6<sup>th</sup> July—2 Kings 5:1-14—Psalm 30—Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-18—Luke 10:1-12 (13-16),17-24**

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**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:**

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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" (see p. 8)

**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 is in June,  
You can expect some service times to  
be different.*

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



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



*More comfortable!*  
*Sue Russell, John and Marilyn*  
*Strachan enjoy chairs in the church.*



*Fr Alex Bainton, with Judith Wells, server.*



*Fr Ian Young*



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



*Tristan Simons delivers the Message 18<sup>th</sup> May*



*Celebrating Barry Bates' 70th birthday: cake shared with Susan Smith who had also had a birthday.*



*Archdeacon David McDougall celebrating the Eucharist beside the river at Murray Bridge*



*The mission boat Etona which serviced the river towns in the 1890s.*



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## Colour Photo Supplement

### St Nicholas', Seaford (see p. 9)



A new commandment...

