

August 2025

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



D Best

The Grapevine

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

Living with change in Aldinga



- * 2022 (above) St Ann's, Aldinga open to South Road
- * 2023 South Road comes closer
- * 2025 St Ann's (circled) no longer accessible from South Road—entry from Aldinga Road.



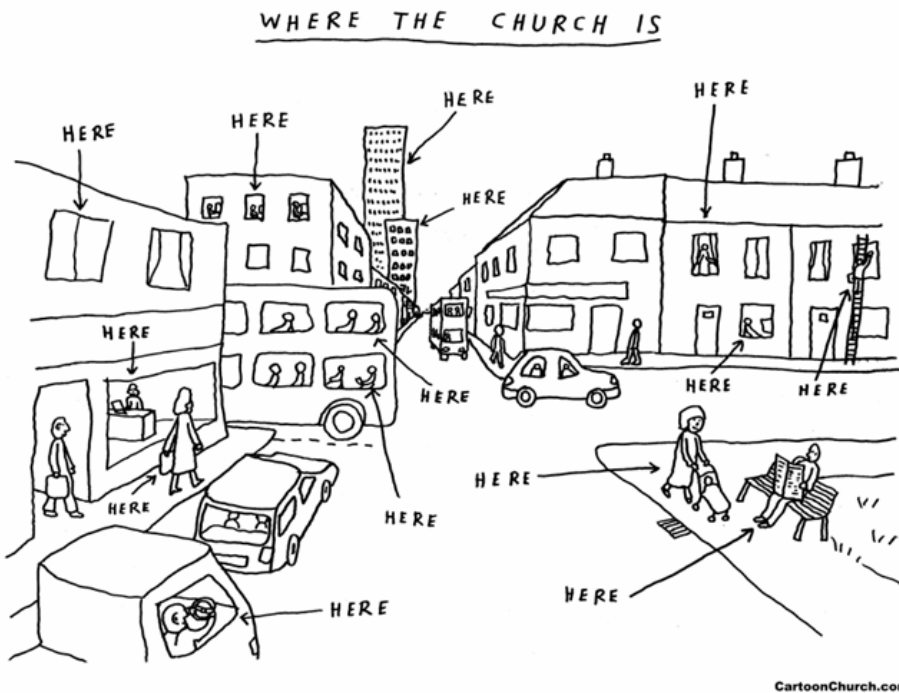
Joy

Joy is a gift that is there even when we are sorrowful, even when we are in pain, even when things are difficult in our lives. The joy that Jesus offers is a joy that exists in very, very difficult situations....

What we have to start sensing is that in the spiritual life, joy is embracing sorrow and happiness, pain and pleasure. It is deeper, fuller. It is more. It is something that remains with us. It is something of God that is very profound. It is something we can experience even when we are in touch with very painful things in our lives. If there is anything the church wants to teach us it is that the joy of God can be with us always—in moments of sickness, in moments of health, in moments of success, in moments of failure, in moments of birth, in moments of death. The joy of God is never going to leave us....

When we can face our own painful situation, we will discover that hidden in the pain is the treasure—a joy that is there for us to experience here and now. It is very important that we get in touch with this. That is what the spiritual life—the life with God—is about. It is being in touch with that love that becomes joy in us.... Underneath all our fluctuations is a deep, solid, divine stream that is called joy.

Henri Nouwen (1932–1996) Following Jesus: Finding Our Way Home in an Age of Anxiety



What is the koala thinking?

Send your answer in writing to the Editor
machit5@bigpond.com, or 23 Esplanade, Pt Willunga
A Chocolate Frog Award for the best answer.

Weapon

The will to power destroys the power to will.
The weapon made, we cannot help but use it;
it drags us with its own momentum still.

The power to kill compounds the need to kill.
Grown out of hand, the heart cannot refuse it;
the will to power undoes the power to will.

Though as we strike we cry "I did not choose it",
It drags us with its own momentum still.
In the one stroke we win the world and lose it.
The will to power destroys the power to will.

Judith Wright

August

Sun 3 rd	Gold coin collection for PCWs*
Sat 9 th	Saturday Night Out, Willunga
Sun 10 th	ACH service, Yankalilla
Mon 11 th	Mary Sumner Day Diocesan MU meeting, St Ann's (see p. 11)
	WFA Council Christ Church 4pm
Thurs 14 th	Prayers for Peace St Ann's 11.15am
Fri 15 th	Giving envelopes to be made at SCC 1.30pm
Sun 17 th	Walking With Jesus, Christ Church 10am High Tea at St Ann's 3-5pm (see below)
Tues 19 th	Ministry Team meeting 10.30am Friends of St Ann's 4pm
Fri 22 nd	Family tea, St Ann's 6 for 6.30pm
Sun 24 th	Healing service Christ Church 11am Christmas in August Concert, Baptistry, Seaford SCC (see below)
Sat 30 th	Contemplative Service, St Stephen's 5.30pm
Sun 31 st	COMBINED SERVICE St Ann's 10.30am and BBQ

*PCWs

Pastoral Care workers (Schools Chaplains)

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, ph 8556 5078 or email machit5@bigpond.com.au preferably by 15th August

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

September

Mon 1 st	Mothers Union, SCC, 9.30am
Tues 2 nd	PNG Martyrs' Day
Sun 7 th	Gold coin collection for PCWs* (Fathers' Day)
Mon 8 th	WFA Council St Margaret's 4pm
Thurs 11 th	Prayers for Peace St Ann's 11.15am
Sat 13 th	Saturday Night Out, Willunga
Sun 14 th	ACH service, Yankalilla
Tues 16 th	Friends of St Ann's 4pm
Sun 21 st	MATTHEW Walking With Jesus Christ Church 10am
Fri 26 th	Family tea, St Ann's 6 for 6.30pm
Sun 28 th	Healing service Christ Church 11am Spring Event, St Ann's t.b.a.
Mon 29 th	MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

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

St Nicholas' would appreciate help on 15th August, 1.30pm, please, to make up the parish's giving envelopes

High Tea

at St Ann's

Sunday 17th August 3-5 pm

Part of St Ann's 160th Celebration!



\$25. Tickets from Margaret Cale



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CHRISTMAS IN JULY AUGUST CONCERT

(We're a bit late this year.)

24th August 2025 at 2.30 pm

at Seaford Christian Churches, Grand Boulevard,
Seaford

in support of the

Bush Church Aid (BCA) Mid Year Appeal 2025

Come and hear from Dave and Margie Wood who are in their second year of ministry at the Catacomb Church in Coober Pedy.

Admission \$15 – OR MORE!

For tickets see Di Best, Pat Roper, Jane Cuthbert, at the door or register as per the flyer.

Guest Artists: Greg John (Baritone), Cathy More (Soprano) with Maddie and Liv, Rod Sandercock (Clarinet),

Choir: Cantate Dominum, **Conductor:** Sue Russell,

Accompanist: Rosalind Gallasch

Refreshments will be served afterwards

News from St Stephen's, Willunga

With a number of our regulars away, some people unwell and one person having moved to McLaren Vale, our numbers have been substantially down over the past month, but the St Stephen's congregation has once more been blessed by leadership and assistance from visiting clergy and from a number of people from around the parish. Sincere thanks to John Strachan for Evening Prayer, Fr Alex and Fr Chris for the Eucharist, Judith Wells as Pastoral Assistant, Brian McMillan for hymns and the St Ann's team for Prayer, Praise and Proclamation. It is good to be able to share ideas and new thoughts in this way. And, of course, the Meditation group continues to meet regularly on Tuesday mornings.



Meanwhile, work goes on. Trish and Tristan did an excellent job cleaning the brass candlesticks, and Barry Bates and Bill Cale attacked the fallen tree at the bottom of the property and cleared it away.

Thank you for that. The garden is pleased to welcome the rain—as are the weeds, which are clearly rejoicing in the change in the weather.

Our street door is open as much as is possible (yes, even in this freezing weather!) to show a welcome to visitors and anyone who would like to join us or to find a quiet place to pray.

Saturday Night Out has continued, albeit without pre-ordering in Steve's absence, and we were glad to welcome Fr Alex and Cheryl to the Middle Pub dinner this month. The next Saturday Night Out will be on Saturday 9th August. It has seemed to work out alright when we just turned up after the service without



confirming orders. After the service on the other Saturdays we raise a glass and share pre-dinner snacks before locking up and hitting the road.

The weekend of the 26th-27th was the Willunga Almond Blossom Festival, and as on previous such occasions, those sharing a drink after the evening service were treated to a view of the fireworks display on the showground—which we viewed mainly through the coloured panes of the windows owing to the pouring rain.



We look forward to the return of the travellers.

Anne Chittleborough

An Invitation to Meditation

9am. Candles are lit.

In the peace and stillness of a Tuesday morning three gentle chimes call an invitation to silence and meditation at St Stephen's church, Willunga.

Time stands still. The world waits. Parrots call from the peppercorn tree. God is with us.

Twenty minutes of silence and meditation...

And in the words of the concluding prayer we pray, "In the silence of this room, may all the suffering, violence and confusion of the world encounter the Power that will console, renew and uplift the human spirit."

All are welcome.

And to follow, those who are able to stay share the warmth and fellowship of a cuppa around the table.



News from St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

It is the end of July and things at St Margaret's have slowed down, although I note coming activities at our fellow churches. The jonquils in front of the church are in bloom and those thinned out and planted further along the front have also blossomed. We had feared with the extreme dry and warm weather that they had died.



Fr Peter and the Rev'd Margo Holt celebrated Communion on the first two Sundays of the month. It was lovely to see them both and we enjoyed their company and input into our spiritual journey. As Greg was away on holiday, Curtis and Brian filled in at the organ. Thank you. The next two Sundays were Prayer, Praise and Proclamation (PPP) and Morning Prayer. I conducted PPP and Julia, with a lot of panache, took us through the readings for the day, noting that she had forgotten to take her apron off before leaving home for the Service (R). Jac, as always, made little mementos for us all, this time a blank "to do" notice board with space for both Mary's and Martha's columns (*top R*). John Strachan conducted both Morning Prayer Services and gave the Address, reminding us to be mindful as we say the Lord's Prayer.

Although our congregation is up and down with winter coughs and colds and the weather cold and wet, our attendances have been better than last year, for which we give thanks to God.

Use of the hall remains much the same, with community groups using the hall remaining the same and both St Margaret's use and Parish use fluctuating as need demands. After the peaceful Wednesday morning Eucharist, the Bible Study from 10.00 to 11.00am continues and all are welcome. This month we have enjoyed visitors on two occasions, adding further depth to our discussions.

There are no new issues concerning St Margaret's grounds, although the galahs appear to have returned.

As always, thank you to all those people throughout the Parish who generously give their time and energy 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



*Julia "forgot to take her apron off".
"Whatsoever you do in my name...."*

Being and doing are both acts of worship.



St Margaret's Bottles and Cans

COLLECTIONS FOR MISSIONS.

With more generous donations from many in the parish we have collected \$45 this month. Added to \$130 already reached this year our 2025 total is now \$175.

Thank you to all contributors for the continued great work, and the mysterious appearance of bags for 10 cent conversion

Di Best

Our service on the first Sunday in July was taken by Fr Peter Randle. Some excerpts from the reading which spoke powerfully were:

“Heaviness may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning” (*Psalms 30*)

“Do not be weary in well-doing but work for the good of all” (*Gal. 6:9*)

“The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few” (*Luke 10:2*)

The second Sunday was a Prayer, Praise and Proclamation service. Gail Filsell took the service, and gave her address based on the story of the good Samaritan. We took a moment on the way out after the service to look at our beautiful stained glass window (R) depicting this story.



On the third Sunday, our *Walking with Jesus* gathering started with tea or coffee and delicious cakes made by Marlene Stone and Gail Filsell.

On the fourth Sunday we had Fr Alex Bainton for the Eucharist and the laying on of hands. Alex spoke about the importance of the word “Father” in the Lord’s Prayer, a very intimate and new form of address to almighty God, not previously envisaged in the Old Testament.

Liz Gordon-Mills

Christ Church building renovations

We were notified by State Heritage in early July that our grant application for repair work on the Church and Hall was unsuccessful. They had had over \$800,000 worth of applications and the grant pool was \$250,000. They have suggested that we submit another application in to the 2026 Grant Round.

We discussed the repair work at the July Council meeting. We have been receiving a steady stream of donations towards the work and have a bit over \$2,000 so far. It has been decided that we will engage Peter Russell to do the repair work to the cracks and plaster work in both the Church and the Hall and the woodwork in the Church Porch. His quote for this work was \$3,650 which can be covered by the donations and unspent Guild money. I have spoken with Peter Russell and he will do this work in the latter quarter of this year. The plaster and crack repair work will need a reasonable period to cure, so we will aim to apply for a grant in 2026 for the painting of the roof and the interior of the Church.

Peter Filsell, Warden

WALKING WITH JESUS

On July 20th Wendy Lindsay led us through a discussion on Jesus as the Good Shepherd, (*John 10:11-18, Matthew 18:12-24*). This followed on from our topic last month on Jesus as the gate to the sheep fold. The further richness of the Good Shepherd story covered the dedication of Jesus to his flock in contrast to a “hired hand” who will abandon them if there is any threat. The Good Shepherd loves his sheep so much that he would even lay down his life for the sheep, this imagery foretelling the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. Not all the responsibility lies on the shepherd, though, since the sheep are expected to listen to his voice and follow him. Jesus gives his disciples a beautiful reassurance of safety with his words “no one shall snatch them out of my hand”.



The passage from Matthew adds another dimension of the love that the Good Shepherd has for his sheep: that if one sheep wanders away from the flock of 100 the shepherd will go out looking for it to bring it back to the fold. God cares about those of us who stray and will make an effort to bring us back to himself. Our discussion centred on how we can do God’s work in helping others in our society. We asked ourselves how we can reach out and help people to come to know Jesus. We are, in fact, representing Jesus to them, since many folk will have had no experience of the Christian story apart from what they see in us. This is a joyous responsibility for Christians but can only be effective if we spend time in the presence of Jesus in prayer and meditation.

Our songs for the gathering included two versions of the twenty-third Psalm: “The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want” to the familiar tune Crimond, and “The King of love my shepherd is” to the tune *Dominus regit me*. Each of these versions presents the words of the Psalm in a different way and so consolidates these beautiful images in our minds.

Liz Gordon-Mills

News from Yankalilla & Delamere (cont'd)

Mahlia Stewart and Jason King were married at Christ Church Yankalilla on 26th July. The cold wet weather did nothing to detract from the warmth in the church for a small intimate wedding. The ceremony went without a hitch until Fr Brenton introduced the happy couple after signing the wedding certificate. He introduced the couple as Mr and Mrs Jason and Mahlia **Gardener** instead of **King**. (Jason's occupation is gardener.) The mistake was quickly corrected by Mahlia's mother, Donna! Mahlia was carried to the church in a beautiful 1949 Bentley.



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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Snippets from WFA Council, 14th July 2025

All those engaged in Lay Ministry are updating their Safe Ministry clearances from Orange to Blue.

Registry and Church Office were very grateful for the planning and smooth operating of Synod 2025 at Seaford Christian Churches.

The Treasurer reported that our operating profit for the year was about \$6,000, reflecting the fact that we are not currently paying a stipend. Our income was under budget, but expenses were within budget.

\$1,510 of donations towards Christ Church Building Fund has been put into a Special Purpose Fund for Christ Church, Yankalilla.

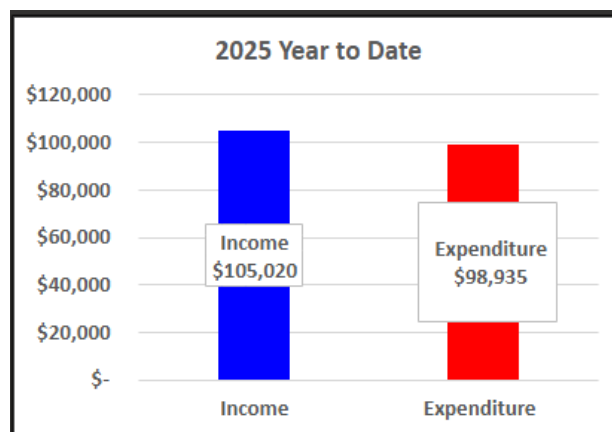
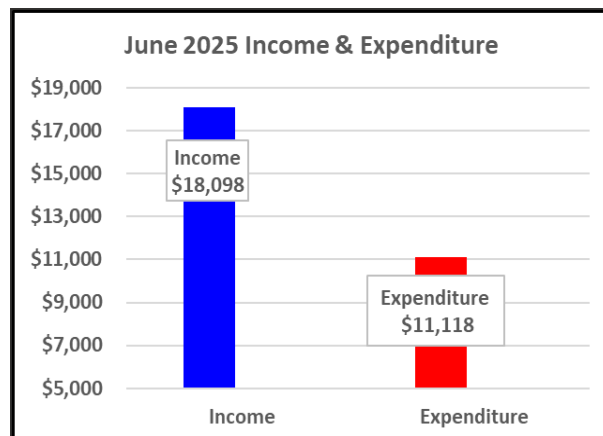
Insurance: Our buildings are not insured for replacement "like for like". Our insurance excess is \$10,000. Registry had informed that if damage to a church or building occurred when it is open and unattended it will not be covered by insurance. The matter was discussed.

Christ Church had received \$1,085 over the weekend, in donations for the shrine. The number of candles purchased and lit was a measure of acts of worship, although not recorded in parish statistics. The matter was discussed. 20kg of candles would represent 6,000 acts of worship!

Margaret Cale and Peter Filsell would discuss electronic giving.

St Margaret's had received a request from an individual to hire the Sunday School Room.

There were still some items from St James' left, although some had been taken at Synod.



Well, what a start to the month! The work of joining stage 1 and stage 2 of the new South Road project truly put us to the test. A chocolate frog award was given to everyone who found their way to the church, and to our surprise, 38 people arrived! All had stories to tell; one told of trying to come across the bridge as they usually do, only to discover that the access road was now closed, so turning around, they had to travel north to be able to turn back south at Malpas Rd, go under the bridge, turn left at the lights and by God's grace and good eyesight, see a fellow parishioner trying to find the way in from Aldinga Rd! This parishioner had missed the turnoff as it still isn't signposted if one is coming from Willunga, and had to cross at the lights, turn back on Aldinga Beach Rd, and cross the lights again in order to try and find the new temporary entrance! One followed the other in stories like this in the morning conversation. By the time this goes to publication, one can only hope access hasn't changed again! To our knowledge five people turned around and went back home in frustration. We think they too, deserve a chocolate frog—for effort!

Thankfully, we are a resilient people and the family service was a treat. It was the beginning of NAIDOC week and our leader for the day (Kate) and Message giver (De) both brought well informed points to the service. De's message about "Growing Community", caring for and nurturing one another, was highlighted with a short video of triathlete Alistair Brownlee helping his struggling brother Jonny, who was suffering from heat exhaustion, over the finish line at the World Triathlon Series in 2016. Alistair sacrificed his own chance of winning to stop and help Jonny, then pushed him over the finish line in front of himself. Her message was completed with a beautiful rendition of Amazing Grace by Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu and Paul Kelly. Victoria's intercessions were particularly poignant as she concluded with a passage from Stan Grant's "Song of Time" – a lament along the lines of the Psalms of David:

"I say to God: I wait, I wait for so long.
In a sunrise, I know you are here.
In the touch of love, I know you are real.
In the kiss of my family, I know you are near.
But I wait. Still.
And God says: I wait. I am inside you,
the place you find hardest to find.
I am the quiet in your swirling world of noise.
Be still and know that I wait."

There was much to reflect upon.

The Rev'd Margo Holt recently took one of our communion services and her address, with its Franciscan perspective, made an interesting and informative link between the Book of Chronicles and



the parable of the Good Samaritan. It was wonderful to have her with us and our hope is that she can return at a later date and have the opportunity to stay for coffee and chat afterwards.

The second

half of the year is gearing up again with activity. To celebrate our 160 years' anniversary, one hundred biro pens have been purchased, engraved with: "St Ann's Anglican Church, 160 years of service". They write fluidly, are easy to hold and can be purchased for \$3 each. Please contact one of our wardens (names and mobile numbers on the back of *The Grapevine*) if you would like any.

On Sunday, August 17th, we are having St Ann's 160th High Tea between 3-5pm. Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased from Margaret Cale. There are posters in the churches with further details. Please come and celebrate with us. Please also keep Sunday 28th September free for our 160th Spring Event. On Sunday 5th October we will have our Foundation Day celebration at 11am to celebrate the 160 years. And on Saturday 15th November we will be holding another Jumble Sale. Details will be forthcoming in later newsletter issues.

After nearly two months of negotiating with the Council, we now have a new Green Waste bin! Two weeks ago we also acquired a new waste bin. We now have two bins with shiny lids—it has been suggested we need to clean the yellow recycling bin lid to match the shiny new green and red lids of the other bins! Ah, first world problems! We sometimes forget how privileged we really are.

Late press: more signage has been erected showing motorists how and where to access Stonehouse Lane from Aldinga Road. Thank you, Brian, for all your diligent efforts. All we need now is a sign indicating the way in for those travelling from Willunga!

25th July was a cold, wet day, but, despite the weather, a smallish number gathered at St Ann's for Family Tea and fellowship: as it happened Father Peter and Heather Chapman were there, and were able to share details of their most recent adventures. Hearty, nourishing and hot food – beautifully prepared and presented as always – was greatly appreciated. In honour of the 2025 Almond

Blossom Festival being held in Willunga over the 26th and 27th July, Trish Frith decorated the table, around which we all gathered, with almond blossom and with almonds, both roasted and sugared, and ensured that the history of the use of almonds was suitably drawn to attention.



The 27th July was not quite so cold and wet – the carpark surrounding the Church was less lake-like – but was windy. The weather did not discourage those who joined in our celebration of our Patronal Festival. Saint Ann is the patroness of unmarried women, housewives, women in labour or who want to be pregnant, grandmothers, mothers and educators. She is also a patroness of horseback riders, cabinet-makers and miners. In his sermon Father Alex Bainton referred to the inspiration that can be found from contemplation of the life of St Ann, the Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary and thus the Grandmother of Jesus. He referred in particular to her devotion, and to her dedication of her daughter to the Temple. He referred also to the 160 years of service that St Ann's is celebrating this year. In opening the Scriptures to us Father Alex drew attention to Colossians 2.6: "As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving"; and also to the words of Jesus from Luke 11, "Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you". We are indeed fortunate that Brother Simon, as Administrator of the Diocese, has been able, successfully, to ask such experienced and dedicated Priests to help out in our Parish since Father Brenton's retirement.



Perhaps Father Brenton,

when he completes his Pilgrimage, will think of us when he sees St Ann with the Virgin and the Christ-child as depicted in Santiago de Compostela. (see picture)

The morning tea was special for the companionship and warm shelter that the Room provided, out of the winter chill, for the cakes and biscuits provided for the occasion, and for the drawing of Barbara Walter's marvellous mid-winter raffle, which saw a number of people staggering under their generous prize baskets. The raffle raised \$300. Thanks Barbara!

Julianne Bates, Brian McMillan, Wardens



L-R: Helen Davies, Tony Young, Bob Smith, Susan Smith, Anne Vincent, Wendy Young.



Our numbers are still fluctuating week by week; the recent bout of cold windy and wet weather has not encouraged some of our less mobile members to venture out on Sundays. Still, we keep everyone informed about what is going on and any upcoming events at SCC or in the parish. We keep a regular check on everyone to make sure they are all ok and our prayer chain, as always, is active with prayers and thanksgiving as is needful.

Our Family Service on the 6th July had several challenges. We were short of people to run the service but thankfully Sherrilee took over the PowerPoint leaving me able to organize and lead the service. Our theme was "Workers for the Kingdom" taken from the Gospel reading, Luke 10:1-12. The message explained the kind of Harvest Jesus referred to: it was not the usual type of harvest we think of, like fruit, vegetables, and grains, but workers—in this case the disciples— sent out to bring people into the Kingdom of God. This was not an easy task and people who work for the Kingdom were, and still are, often treated unkindly by others. The point was to go ahead anyway and not let things get in the way of talking about the Good News of Jesus and the peace he offers us. We should not get discouraged if people are indifferent and do not listen, but rejoice that we are part of the Kingdom

of God. The children made lots of post-cards, each with a house on one side and on the other, the words of Numbers 6:24-26, "The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace." Those present were then



tasked with taking home a few blessing cards to place in someone's letterbox, or give to them personally, with a rider that they had to remember them in prayer. It's another way of planting a seed ready for the Harvest.

Our Round Table Service on the 13th July took the theme "Who is my neighbour?" In the Gospel reading Jesus is asked two questions: "What must I do to receive eternal life?" which the lawyer answers himself by quoting scripture, and "Who is my neighbour?" Jesus' answer to this was the story of the Good Samaritan. Someone who was considered to be heretical in the eyes of the Jews was the only one who did the right thing by caring for the injured man, whatever the risk to his own safety, and however much it cost. The Samaritan was the one who

was kind. Just as Jesus told the Lawyer to go and do the same, we are similarly called to do what is right; not thinking of own comfort; but showing compassion regardless of who a person is, and never ignoring those in need of our help.

The group shared instances when they had offered help to others, and made suggestions on how, when it becomes physically hard to assist others, we can still be kind, offering prayer, giving of ourselves by offering time to listen or talk, and supporting those who help others.

Our service on the 20th July was taken by Fr Alex Bainton. This was our healing service and Fr Ted again assisted with the anointing and laying on of hands. Hospitality was one of the topics of Fr Alex's sermon, emphasizing the importance of this in the time of Jesus. As Jesus and his disciples were welcomed as friends, Jesus was probably a frequent visitor to the home of Lazarus, Martha and Mary.

It is in this area of familiarity that we see conflict between Martha and Mary. On one hand we have the importance of hospitality, with Martha busy making sure everyone is looked after, and Mary sitting at Jesus' feet listening to him speak, seemingly ignoring Martha. It is easy to get distracted in our busy lives, and like Martha, feel we are working hard to serve Jesus, but forgetting to be still, to talk and listen to him as well. We all need to remember to put Jesus first in our lives and not be tempted and distracted by anything else.

On the 27th July Fr Chris Talbot led us in our worship. The gospel reading from Luke tells us of the importance of prayer. Jesus gave us the Lord's Prayer as an example of how to pray. We need to be consistent in our prayers, trusting in God to answer them as is best for us. We need to make time and reflect on God's word as it affects our relationship with him and our interactions with others.

Blessings *Helen Cook and Jane Cuthbert Wardens*





With wild wintry weather and some members away and others unwell with winter ills there was only a small gathering at St Ann's for the July Mothers Union meeting. However there was, as ever, a warmth of fellowship for

those who made it, and as it was Trish Simon's birthday that day it was celebrated with cake!

The service was a litany from the MU Prayer Book, giving praise and glory to God for life, love, creation and His gift of Himself, and praying for encouragement as we search for a deeper knowledge of God. Our prayers included prayers for those who were absent and for those for whom our prayers had particularly been asked at this time.



Trish Frith brought to the meeting six bags of knitted rugs given by our church for distribution through Anglicare, and Lucy (photo, R) added to these some warm and very desirable knitted beanies. After the meeting Trish took them to Anglicare at Christies Beach. They were very glad to receive them.



On Monday 11th August, there will be a Diocesan MU service at St Ann's, honouring Mary Sumner, the founder of the Mothers Union.

Everyone is welcome. Why not come?

A cuppa will be offered at 10.30 to those who have travelled to get here, and the service, at 11am, will be taken by Fr Daniel Irvine, Chaplain of the MU. Following this there will be a BYO packed lunch and the Mothers Union meeting.

The next meeting of our Branch will be on Monday 1st September at Seaford Christian Churches, 9.30am.

Read *The Grapevine* in colour, with additional pages of photos, on our parish website, southernvalesparish.org

This Month's Readings: Year C, 2025

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—3rd August—Hosea 11:1-11—Psalm 107:1-9, 43 — Colossians 3:1-11—Luke 12:13-21

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—10th August—Isaiah 1:1, 10-20—Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24—Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 (17-28) —Luke 12:32

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—17th August—Isaiah 5:1-7—Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19—Hebrews 11:29-12:2—Luke 12:49-59

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—24th August—Jeremiah 1:4-10—Psalm 71:1-6 — Hebrews 12:18-29—Luke 13:10-17

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—31st August—Jeremiah 2:4-13—Psalm 81:1, 10-16—Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16—Luke 14:1 (2-6) 7-14

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—7th September—Jeremiah 18:1-11—Psalm 139:1-5, 12-18—Philemon 1-25—Luke 14:25-35

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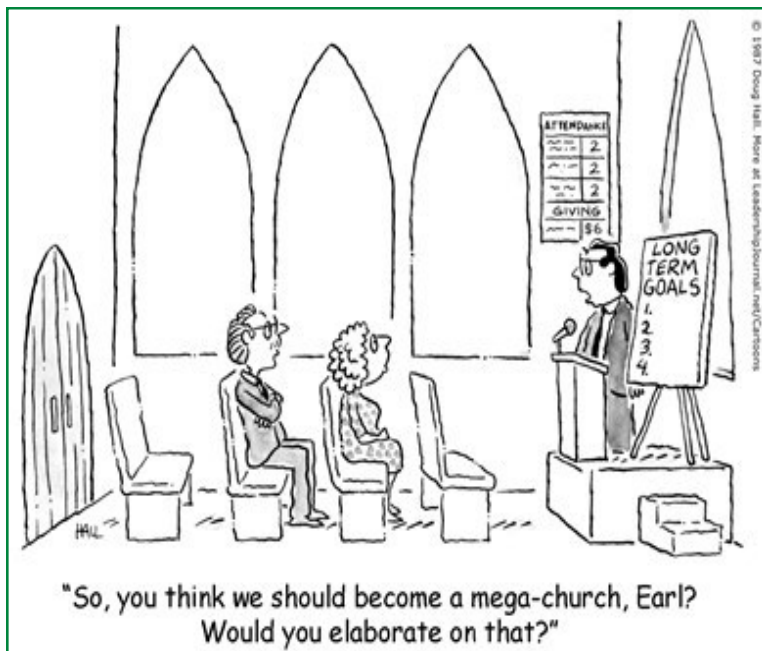
Br Simon Waters

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Currently no parish priest. Enquiries to
Parish Secretary (*above*)

Priests' Warden: John Strachan

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Service times & contact details

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Sunday: 10.30am

Wednesday: 9:00am

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Julia Drought 0432 366 899

St Stephen's, St Andrews Tce, Willunga

Saturday: 5.30pm

Tuesday: Meditation 9am

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" (see p. 6)

Wardens:

Peter Filsell 0427 534 095

St James', Delamere

No scheduled services.

For information contact

Peter Filsell 0427 534 095

*Where there is a 5th Sunday in a month,
as there is in August
you can expect some service times to
be different.*

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

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"It was a dark and stormy night..."

The parking area between the Room and the cemetery was flooded on the night of the Family Tea.



St Ann's Day 2025

*L-R: Tristan, Pat, John, Gillian, Cherise,
Trish F*



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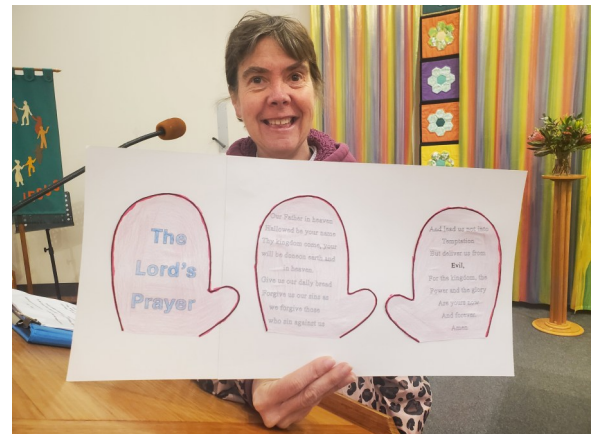
St Nicholas' Seaford
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Fr Christ Talbot celebrating Communion



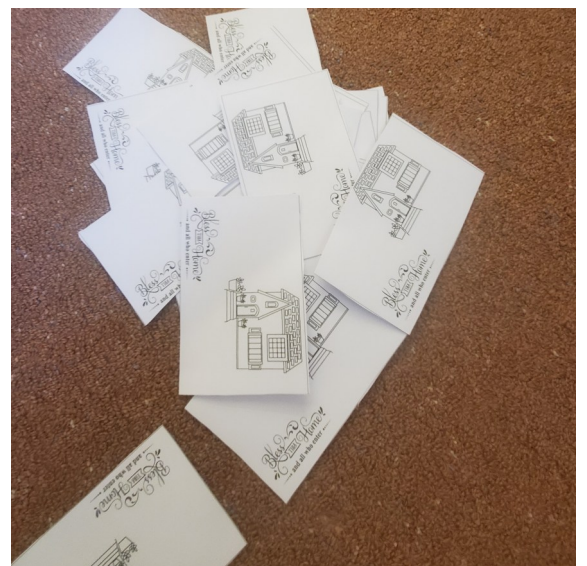
Sunara's Mum, Georgy, reading the lesson



Sunara's Lord's Prayer



St Nicholas' Youth Ministry Noticeboard



The finished postcards