

September 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



Season of Creation 2025
1st September—4th October.

"We are called to be responsible stewards and citizens as we care for and sustain the earth which belongs to the Lord. This is hope in action as we pray and yearn for a better and safer world for all people and creation. We each need to do our part for creation care."

Rev. Dr Jerry Pillay, World Council of Churches General Secretary.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY AUGUST

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Fr Richard Rohr describes prayer as the practice of being present before the mystery of God.

Prayer is...the way to make contact with God/Ultimate Reality, but it is not an attempt to change God's mind about us or about events. It's primarily about changing *our mind* so that things like infinity, mystery, and forgiveness can resound within us....

Jesuit priest Jean-Pierre de Caussade called this type of prayer the "sacrament of the present moment". In his book, *Abandonment to Divine Providence*, the key theme is: "If we have abandoned ourselves [to God], there is only one rule for us: the duty of the present moment." To live in the present is finally what we mean by *presence* itself! God is hidden in plain sight, yet religion seems determined to make it more complicated.

Centre for Action and Contemplation, 31st August 2025

Michael Leunig reflects:

We struggle, we grow weary, we grow tired. We are exhausted, we are distressed, we despair. We give up, we fall down, we let fall down, we let go. We cry. We are empty, we grow calm, we are ready. We wait quietly.

A small, shy truth arrives. Arrives from without and within. Arrives and is born. Simple, steady, clear.

Like a mirror, like a bell, like a flame. Like rain in summer. A precious truth arrives and is born with us. Within our emptiness.

We accept it, we observe it, we absorb it. We surrender to our bare truth. We are nourished, we are changed. We are blessed. We rise up.

For this we give thanks.
Amen.

Quoted in

Celia Kemp: Songs from a Strange Land, 2019



ABM Bulletin:

For the month of July 2025, Anglican funds supported medical treatment for 220

vulnerable patients at Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza and for 213 vulnerable patients at St Luke's Hospital in the West Bank.

More information: info@abmission.org.au

Explore God's invitation to CARE for CREATION

Come & learn how to care for God's creation with biblical discussion & reflection

Aldinga arts eco village sharing shed, 173 port road. Saturday, 11th Oct 2025 9am-2pm



Morning tea provided & light lunch at my home in the village (12 Hakea Walk). No cost!

RSVP 29th Sept sallyashaw@gmail.com or 0418154195

Past participants have said...

I felt so encouraged being with Christians who share my love and concern for God's creation.

It was great to learn many new things about caring for God's creation



CHRISTMAS IN JULY AUGUST CONCERT



Thank you to all who helped make the concert a success on Sunday 24th August: Sue Russell and the choir, compere, sound engineer and soloist Greg John, Rod Sandercock on clarinet and bagpipes, sopranos Cathy More and Maddie Burton, kitchen workers, afternoon tea providers and BCA. A special thank you to Jane Cuthbert and Helen Cook for their time away from family commitments to be in attendance and help. And, of course, thank you to all those who made it worthwhile by coming and/or donating.

The worthy sum of \$1,620 was raised and handed to BCA on Tuesday 26th August.

Di Best.

The winner is...



A Chocolate frog award to Felicity Warrington, for her suggestion that the koala is saying to herself, "Hmm, which tree did I leave baby in today?"

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 (see p. 4)
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 (see below).

**PCWs*

Pastoral Care workers (Schools Chaplains)

October

Sun 5 th	Gold coin collection for PCWs* St Ann's Founding Celebration (see below L)
Thurs 9 th	Prayers for Peace St Ann's 11.15am
Sat 11 th	Sausage Sizzle, Quarry Market (see below) Saturday Night Out, Willunga (see p. 4)
Sun 12 th	ACH service , Yankalilla
Mon 13 th	MU meeting 9.30 am Unit 127 Kalyra, Main Road, McLaren Vale WFA Council 4pm St Nicholas'
Tues 14 th	Ministry Team Meeting St Margaret's 10.30am
Sat 18 th	LUKE
Sun 19 th	Walking With Jesus Christ Church 10am
Tues 21 st	Friends of St Ann's 4pm
Fri 24 th	Family tea, St Ann's 6 for 6.30pm
Sun 26 th	Healing service Christ Church 11am
Tues 28 th	SIMON & JUDE

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

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 September

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



ST ANN'S 160th ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

Spring Barbecue Sunday 28th Sept. at Hay's House

140 Little Road,
Whites Valley
from 12 noon
Tickets \$40 (includes drinks)
from Julianne Bates
0422 817 169



juliannedbates@gmail.com

Foundation Day Sunday 5th October

Special service at 10.30am
(celebrant Br Simon Waters) followed by lunch in the Room (bring something to share).

QUARRY MARKET SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Volunteers are needed
to help with the
Sausage Sizzle at the
Quarry Markets,
Willunga

Saturday mornings
11th October &
8th November



8.30 or 9.00am-11am, or 11am-1.30pm

Enquiries: Anne Chittleborough
8556 5078 or machit5@bigpond.com

Proceeds to the Southern Vales Schools Ministry
to support our school Chaplains (Pastoral Care Workers)



L-R : Fr Brenton, Christi Banner, Br Simon, Phil Duguid, Steve Banner, Charisse Sanders, Jenny Walker (standing), Jeff Sanders, Anne Duguid

During the month of August, weekly services at St Stephen's returned to their normal routine following the return of the Banners from their extended 10-week holiday in the United States. An enormous vote of thanks is due to the many volunteers from St Margaret's and St Ann's churches who stepped in to make sure that all planned Saturday and Tuesday services at St Stephen's took place according to schedule. In addition, these kind volunteers took on the many behind-the-scenes tasks that are essential to the operation of the church. This included jobs like gardening, cleaning and preparing the church for each of the 20 or so Eucharist, PPP, Evening Prayer, and Meditation services that took place while Steve and Christi were away. Let's not forget that the volunteers took on these fill-in jobs at St Stephen's in addition to their usual responsibilities at their own respective churches. In all it was a wonderful example of teamwork within the body of Christ.

Eucharist has continued to be celebrated by Fr Peter Simmons and Fr Alex Bainton on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month, and lay-led Evening Prayer and PPP services have taken place on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays respectively. Meanwhile, a lay-led Meditation Service is held every Tuesday at 9am. These Meditation services began about one year ago under the guidance of Fr. Brenton, following the suggestion by one of our parishioners.

The hope of Christian meditation is a closer relationship with God, and the intention is to give God space in the power of the Spirit to bring this about. With our service each Tuesday, we aim to emphasize simplicity, silence, and stillness in meditation. Our attendance numbers for Meditation have gradually increased over the months, almost always including several local residents from nearby. As a result, Meditation (followed by a cuppa and bickies) has now become the most consistently well attended of all of the service offerings at St Stephen's.

Speaking of the numbers in the pews, the service with the highest attendance for August was the last one. Because there were five Saturdays in the month, there was a lovely Contemplative Prayer service on the 30th, creatively prepared and led by Jenny Walker from St. Margaret's. The combination of prayers, music and periods of contemplative silence were very well-received by all who attended the service.

As a reminder, all are invited to join us on Saturday September 13th for our 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.

Steve Banner



News from St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

Services

August commenced well. Fr Alex Bainton and Fr Ian Young came on the first two Sundays to help us celebrate the Eucharist. We are very blessed to have their support and care. We were also very happy to welcome Meryl, Halle and baby Braxton back. He behaved very well, gurgling, chatting and I think at one stage trying to sing along with the hymns.



Prayer, Praise and Proclamation [PPP] continues on the third Sunday, and Morning Prayer on the fourth Sunday. Greg, Julia, Jenny and I will continue to take turns preparing the address for our PPP services: however, as John always prepares an address for Morning Prayer, we have left him off the rotation for PPP. It is very interesting to hear how different people approach and organise the message from the readings.

Church Maintenance and Furniture

With all the rain we have had, the weeds have flourished at St Margaret's and Greg has busy spraying them once again. He has also contacted the contractor who graded and re-gravelled our driveway as there has been some runoff down the north side of the church. The contractor has inspected the area, options were discussed, and Greg is waiting to hear back from the contractor.

The piano from St James' has taken up residence in the hall and although not tuned as yet has been used by one of the groups, much to their delight.

As always we thank all those people who help to look after the church both inside and out.

May God be with us in all we do and say.

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

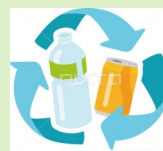


The Wednesday morning service is followed by a Bible Study at 10am. When Br Simon's birthday landed on a Wednesday, and he was able to join the study, it was an occasion for celebration!



Over morning tea after the PPP service on 17th August, this was Jac's reminder that we have two choices...keep the peace, or start a fire? Do we keep the lid closed and remain neutral, or do we undo the lid and release a fire? Are we fired up to share the gospel? JD

*(The label reads: PEACEKEEPER? PEACEMAKER?
KEEP A LID ON IT OR START A FIRE?)*



St Margaret's Bottles and Cans COLLECTIONS FOR MISSIONS.

We have had bountiful supplies this month including very generous "piggy bank" donations resulting in \$60!! So added to the cumulative total of \$175 for 2025 this now means we have reached a magnificent total of \$235! And it's only August! Thank you to all the contributors far and near to this worthy cause. We love receiving the mystery bags (and coins).

Di Best

Services this month have been varied and commentary about them very favourable. At St Ann's, we enjoy the freedom to be adventurous and are blessed with many who like to participate. The following snippets give an insight into such variety.

"A New Focus" was the theme for our Family Service on Pentecost 8, where Jesus tells the parable of the rich fool who stores up for himself earthly wealth, but is not rich in his relationship with God. In his Message Brian McMillan reminded us that the message of this parable is that life is about abundance which comes, not by a focus on possessions and wealth, but by a new focus on the reality of God and of God's gift in Christ. How often we get caught up in the same snare, until we are reminded by Brian and the writer of Colossians 3:1-11, to set our sights on the realities of heaven and to think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth . . . that "Christ is all that matters, and he lives in all of us", enabling abundant life no matter our circumstances or situations.

Pentecost 9

Our Eucharist on 10th August (Pentecost 9) was led by Father Peter Simmons who, in his Message, emphasised, in his inimitable way, by reference to his own recent experience, the necessity to Be Prepared: as the Gospel reading, Luke 12:32-40, says, " . . . Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit . . . Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes . . ." We could all relate!

Pentecost 10

The Theme for our Service of Prayer, Praise and Proclamation on 17th August was "Who's running with you?" The New Testament reading, Hebrews 11:29-12.2, included " . . . let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith . . .". In her Message Anne Chittleborough saw a parallel between the "great cloud of witnesses" spoken of by the writer to the Hebrews, and the New Guinea Martyrs who lost their lives in WWII by standing firm in their work with the people they served, and were put to death by the Japanese. A painting over the altar of the cathedral in



Dogura, PNG, is a reminder of those who died in this way and those killed by the Mt Lamington eruption; a strength and inspiration to the PNG church today.

It is always a joy to have Fr Alex Bainton lead our services and at the Pentecost 11 Eucharist he opened up the truths behind the New Testament reading, Hebrews 12:18-29.

Finally, St Ann's hosted the combined service on Pentecost 12, being the fifth Sunday of a month. We were pleased to welcome Br Simon, Administrator of the Diocese of The Murray and those from other Churches in the Parish. His message to us seemed to bring together all that had been said above. His simple reflection on the "lesser sign of the cross" or the "three crosses prayer" told us that when the priest or we ourselves touch our right index finger to our forehead, we are asking for God's Word be in our thoughts, purifying our minds. When the finger touches the lips, we are asking God to make our speech holy and incline us to share the Gospel, and when the finger touches the heart, we are inviting God to strengthen our love for him and others.

If we read back over all of the readings for the month, without interruption, would it be an insight into what God is telling us now? It's worth a try, we believe.

The service was followed by a BBQ and much conversation. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to making the morning and lunch so special.

On practical matters, Giving Envelopes are now available for those who want them. Our thanks to those who put them together for us. (Photo p. 15.)

Our intrepid Rose Pruner, Trish, has, we think, finished pruning for the year. She is a force to be reckoned with and definitely knows her job! One last job saw her instructing her two Wardens on the correct ways to prune. At one point the camera couldn't see her behind the

thorny bare branches, but after the saw and secateurs completed their task, there she was....like "Where's Wally, or should we say Trish?" It is probably not a good idea to wear a scarf when pruning roses, it was decided. Brian had quite a time untangling it from the thorns. Fortunately it



was an old scarf!

The High Tea on Sunday the 17th August as part of our 160th anniversary celebrations was a great success. Barbara informed us that \$1100 had been raised, and some asked: *"When are you having the next one?"* Once again, thanks must go to all who prepared food, flowers and the room to make the occasion so delightful. As one visitor said: *"It was magical when we walked in the door – beautiful china on white tablecloths with tiered plates overflowing with delicate sweets and sandwiches. Those of us being served felt truly special and the love from you all was palpable."* (More photos on p. 13 of supplement)

Celebrations for our 160th year of services are still ongoing. On Sunday Sept 28th at 12 noon we are having a Spring Garden party at Brian's home. Tickets are \$40



Setting up: Barbara Walter.



Wayne Osborne, Kala Osborne, Maureen Sweetman

with meat, salads, sweets, wine and soft drink provided. Please come and join us for a lovely afternoon. Tickets can be purchased from Julianne Bates (0422 817 169).

Our Founding Celebration will occur on Sunday 5th October (see p. 3) and our only Jumble Sale for the year is happening on Saturday, November 15th. It's been one busy year and still going!

Victoria spoke to the Friends of St Ann's at their last meeting and relayed the message that the local Christian Care and Support Centre has had a large influx of those in need and that their food budget had to be doubled this last year (see below). St Ann's people have continued to be a major supporter, so many thanks to all who continue to help. Trish and her pruning team raised \$1400 for their work this year and donated \$1000 of this money to the centre, while the remaining \$400 went to the Anglican Board of Mission.

New work has commenced on extending the Ashes Plot of the cemetery, thanks to Bob, Tony and Bill. We look forward to its completion. Many thanks once again to the gardening team who keep the grounds looking so beautiful and tidy. Photos p. 14. Offers of help are always appreciated.

Christian Care & Support

The Aldinga Christian Care & Support Centre thanks the congregations of the Diocese for their ongoing and generous support of the Centre. Without your food and financial donations and the time given by volunteers, we would not be able to operate. Our clients often say thank you to us at the office and tell us how they feel supported during tough times.



This past year, 2024/25, there was an increase in the number of people attending the Centre. A total of 453 people (20 new clients) came, compared to 357 in 2023/24. The total number of adults and children fed amounted to 873 adults and 546 children (693 adults/501 children the previous year). Last Christmas we distributed 34 hampers. These are always very well received.

The numbers don't tell the whole story, as our bread distribution from Baker's Delight and Home Grain goes to the community centre, local schools and people in need. Our deliveries from Oz Harvest are vital and also help our contribution to Fred's Van on a Friday night.

The Western Fleurieu Anglicans raised \$3,139.20 last financial year.

The Centre is very grateful for your generosity. If you would like to know more or be involved, please contact me, Victoria, on 0430571333.

Update on St James, Delamere.

Over the past months we have been slowly relocating a lot of the items from the Church and the Hall at Delamere.

We took some items up to Synod to allow other churches to utilise them. Following the Synod, we had a call from St Peter's College who enquired about our Font as they wanted one for their chapel.

We also had a call and a visit from Edwina Bruce, Chaplain at Investigator College, Victor Harbor.

Subsequently she sent us the following letter -

On behalf of Investigator College, I would like to extend our sincere thanks

for the opportunity to view and potentially receive items from St James' Church Delamere, as it enters a new season. We are genuinely honoured by the possibility of giving new life to these sacred pieces and wish to express our heartfelt interest in relocating and repurposing a number of them within our College.

While we are still in the early stages of developing a reflective space for worship and prayer, we are delighted at the prospect of incorporating the following items into this future environment: the altar, pulpit, bell, vestment box and frontals, approximately 60 kneeling cushions, and most especially, the reredos with the commemorative plaque honouring those who served in the First World War.

As a school committed to sustainability, stewardship, and meaningful heritage, we see this as a precious opportunity not only to preserve but to reanimate the history and spiritual significance of your church. The inclusion of the Anzac memorial plaque is particularly meaningful to our College, where Anzac remembrance is a valued part of our identity and annual observances. Several of our students have been recipients of the Premier's Anzac Spirit Award, through which they have researched and honoured local service members who sacrificed their lives for our country. We will treat the plaque with the deep respect and honour it deserves. At present, we have no furnishings or resources for a chapel space, and we are deeply grateful for the chance to establish this foundation with elements so rich in history and spiritual depth. These items will not only be cared for, but they will also be cherished as part of an evolving story of faith, learning, and remembrance in the lives of our students.

I am pleased to report that at the August meeting of the WFA Council both of these requests were approved, which is a blessing as it means that a lot of the heritage of St James' will be retained and used by future generations. We still have a number of pews in the Church available for sale at \$100 each. If any people are interested please contact Ann Ryan on 0409 980 227.

Peter Filsell, Warden

Services during August were back to the normal pattern with the Eucharist on the first, second and fourth Sundays and the *Walking with Jesus* gathering in the hall.

The hymns we sang took a new path, with the last hymn (sung every Sunday) being a "favourite hymn" of Julie Perri. This was the wonderful old hymn, *Guide me O thou Great Redeemer* to the tune CWM Rhonda. What a beautiful choice to set us on our way as we left the church to begin the oncoming week. During September we will revert to our default last hymn, the Doxology; however, in October we will have another favourite hymn—*The Lord of the Dance*, requested by Rosemarie Rake, to be sung as the last hymn every Eucharist Sunday in September. We were thankful to have Ian Richter back playing the organ on the fourth Sunday.

On the fifth Sunday of the month a parish combined service was held at St Ann's, Aldinga. It was good to meet new people and catch up with some old friends.

WALKING WITH JESUS – "I am the bread of life"

On August 17th Gail Filsell led our study on Luke 12:22-34, which contains Jesus' guidance to his followers regarding anxiety. Jesus was preaching to a crowd of many thousands out in the fields and pointed out the soaring birds (ravens) in the sky who do not engage in sowing and reaping for their food but rely on what is provided by God. Jesus used the beauty of the wildflowers, which do not labour or spin, to emphasise the futility of worrying about clothes. His words were "do not set your heart" on these things— not that one shouldn't work for the necessities of life, but that we shouldn't worry about them.



Anxiety and worry, which are very prevalent in our society, can lead to many problems, not least of which is depression and mental ill health. Jesus said "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added unto you" (Matthew 6: 33). St Paul said, "Do not be anxious about anything but with prayer and supplication make your request known to God, and the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4: 6-7).

More reassurance was given by Jesus when he described himself as the "Bread of Life" (John 6: 35); not the bread that we consume for our bodies but the spiritual bread which will sustain us through adversity, physically represented in the act of Holy Communion.

Elizabeth Gordon-Mills

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

Another month with a variety of activities and events at St Nicholas' and SCC: a combined Ecumenical Service, various meetings for SCC, and of course helping with the set up and arrangements for the BCA concert at SCC on Sunday 24th August.

Sunday August 3rd was the SEM, SCC Combined service celebrating the 29th anniversary. Jan Hicks from the Catholic Congregation welcomed and thanked approximately 250 people for coming. Jan said, "Today we come together to commemorate and celebrate SCC's 29th Anniversary. What an incredible journey it has been.

Welcome to the leaders of our respective congregations: Fr Dean Marin, Vicar General of the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide, who will preside today, Fr Ted Newing from the SCC Anglican community, Pastor Kevin Wood, SCC Lutheran Church and Reverend Marion Millin,



representing the Uniting Church and Churches of Christ." We were blessed to have a visiting group of musicians to lead our singing and to enrich the service. After the opening hymn, "Here I am Lord", in a gesture of our oneness with Christ, a representative from each congregation processed in and each lit a candle from the Paschal candle and placed it on the altar. Prayers and readings were led by members from each congregation, Fr Ted reading the Old Testament Reading and Madeleine Burton reading part of the intercessions. Fr Dean Marin gave a very

encouraging message from Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 expressing the futility and vanity of life, particularly when focused on earthly pursuits and achievements, and Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 emphasizing that believers, having been raised with Christ, should focus their thoughts and actions on heavenly things rather than earthly desires, encouraging us all to work together as Christians within SCC to continue our Ecumenical One-ness. Before the shared lunch began, Pastor Kevin Wood gave thanks and following this a candle was lit on a cake made by Sunara for the occasion. Lunch and fellowship were enjoyed by all.

Our Round Table Service on the 10th August took the theme "Keeping Going in Faith" using the reading from Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 and Luke 12:32-40. Throughout the letter to the Hebrews, the writer encourages the audience to keep their faith alive, not to give in when things get tough and the promises of Jesus seem far away. The writer holds up Abraham and Sarah as examples of people who kept going in faith when the odds seemed to be stacked against them. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is addressing his committed followers. In recognizing some of the challenges they will face he urges trust in God the Father, alertness to the presence of God and readiness to welcome Jesus whenever and however he comes. We discussed at length the phrase "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen," deciding that this phrase was very relevant and true for us today. We are those who are blessed – because while we have not seen we still believe - and so there is the need to be prepared for surprises and everyday challenges so that we can keep going on, on our journey of faith towards the ultimate goal.

Our service on the 17th August was taken by Fr Alex Bainton. This was our healing service and Fr Ted again assisted with the anointing and laying on of hands. In this week's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that the journey of faith is not easy. He tells us that divisions will occur amid our sharing and acting on the Word of God. It is the Holy Spirit who will guide us and give us the courage to live in God's love, in our relationship with family members and friends. With this love we are strengthened on our faith journey and moved to action in his name.

On the 24th August Fr Alex again led us in our worship. We were a very small congregation that week with several people away sick or unfortunately in hospital. However, we enjoyed hearing Fr Alex speak about the importance of Jesus' ministry as he emphasized compassion over rigid rule-keeping. We are called to follow Jesus' example by extending God's love and mercy to all of "Abraham's children" especially the vulnerable and disadvantaged; those isolated from society. The passage serves as a reminder that spiritual freedom is found not in following rules for their own sake, as the Pharisees did, but in embracing God's liberating love and applying it to everyone.

Blessings

Helen Cook and Jane Cuthbert, Wardens

From the Churches;

Christ Church had some plumbing issues to be attended to. The lessee of the Rectory had put in a new fence between the hall and the Rectory.

St Ann's continued to have problems with dampness. Access to the church was changing with the development of South Road and causing some confusion. Nevertheless the Diocesan Mary Sumner Day celebration on the 11th had had 31 adults and 2 children attending. The Alliance was looking at noise attenuation treatments, having measured more noise entering the church than the hall. They noted that the church doors didn't fit. (A suggestion by their team that a wall in front of the church would reduce the noise was not accepted, since one positive aspect of the road works is the increased visibility of the church to passers-by.)

A new ashes area is being worked on in the cemetery.

St Margaret's was working on the problem of the galahs and the damage they have been causing. The roadway needed a gutter and piping on its hall side as water was washing away part of the roadway.

Steve Banner was present after his time in the US. He thanked all those who had assisted at **St Stephen's**. The Cootamundra wattle behind the church, which had been supporting the back fence, had fallen down. The fence had been repaired and the tree removed by Barry Bates and Bill Cale.

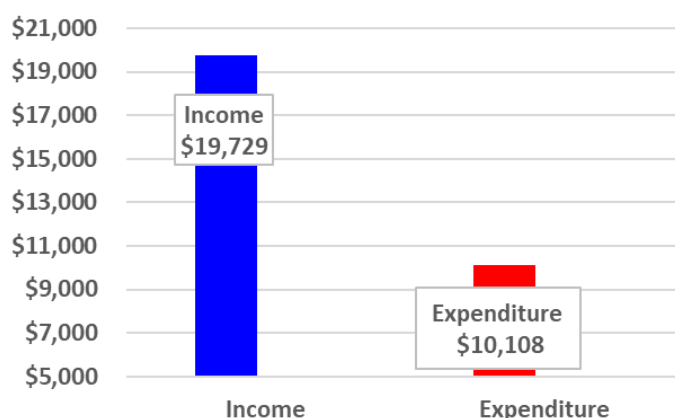
St Nicholas' reported that all services had gone well. The SCC Combined Service had had a packed church, with Islanders boosting the singing. Their prayer chain was very active, with people visiting those who can't get to church, and spending time with them. Fr Ted takes Home Communion when required.

Christ Church looks forward to a Strawberry Fete on 22nd November, and the Parish Combined Service (5th Sunday) on the 30th November. After looking into EFTPOS they had decided that it was not worth getting the system for Christ Church.

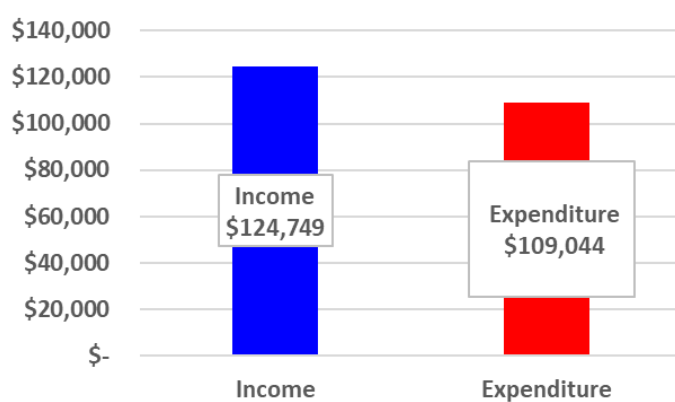
A good way to support the ministry of our parish is to arrange a weekly offering as a direct debit. This gives a steady commitment to our church even when we miss a Sunday.

**The Anglican Parish of Southern Vales
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July 2025 Income & Expenditure



2025 Year to Date



Parish Ministry Team

The team, consisting of members from each of the five churches in the parish, and chaired by John Strachan as Priest's Warden, meets at St Margaret's on the third Tuesday of every second month and works together to deal with ministry issues affecting the parish, such as the service roster, ministry licences etc.

A pattern for the service roster has been established, and absences and special events are taken into consideration in planning. Br Simon, as Archdeacon, arranges for priests. For lay ministers, applications for Safe Ministry and extra training where needed have mostly been completed and the rest have it well in hand.

The team is also a platform for discussing any problems that have arisen and determining if there are any issues we need to take to the Archdeacon for advice.

The next meeting will be on 19th October 2025.



Monday, August 11th, was a celebration of the founder of Mothers' Union, Mary Sumner. It

was marked by a Diocesan gathering at St Ann's, Aldinga, beginning with a Eucharist Service at 11.00am.

Congratulations to all our visitors from other parishes who managed to navigate their way in to the church through the roadworks! Most enjoyed a cuppa before the service in the hall, ably served by members of the Southern Vales MU and assisted by friends from St Ann's.

A total of 31 were in attendance for the service, led by the MU Chaplain, Fr Daniel Irvine, with Southern Vales MU Member Gail Filsell as Eucharistic Assistant. Brian McMillan kindly played for the service.

The first reading, Deuteronomy 10:12-22 and Psalm 147:12-20 were read by Liz Hampel, MU member from Mt Barker. It was lovely to have members of the St Ann's congregation join us for the service.

Fr Daniel's message, based on the Gospel reading, Matthew 7:22-27 and the other readings reminded all of the vision of Mary Sumner, her faith and courage to build what has grown over the almost 160 years, and encouraging all to follow her faith and wisdom today. Intercessions and prayers were lead by Helen Cook, MU member from Southern Vales.

It was delightful to have Fr Daniel's family with us, seeing his children so at home with his taking the Service, and being at the altar whilst he was presiding over Communion.

Following the service those members who remained enjoyed their lunch before Fr Daniel chaired the AGM and election of Office Bearers for the coming year. The usual Council meeting followed the AGM with a presentation to our Diocesan President, Jocelyn Williamson, thanking her for her 6 wonderful years of leadership.

The next meeting of the Southern Vales Branch was held at SCC on Monday September 1st at 9.30am.

Helen Cook



Who says men can't do multi-tasking?

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

This Month's Readings: Year C, 2025

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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—14th September—Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28—Psalm 14—1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-19a—Luke 15:1-10

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—21st September 2025—Jeremiah 8:18 -9:1—Psalm 79:1-9—1 Timothy 2:1-10—Luke 16:1-13

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—28th September—Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15—Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16—1 Timothy 6:6-19—Luke 16:19-31

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—5th October—Lamentations 1:1-6—Lamentations 3:19-26 (or Psalm 137) - 2 Timothy 1:1-14—Luke 17 (1-4) 5-10

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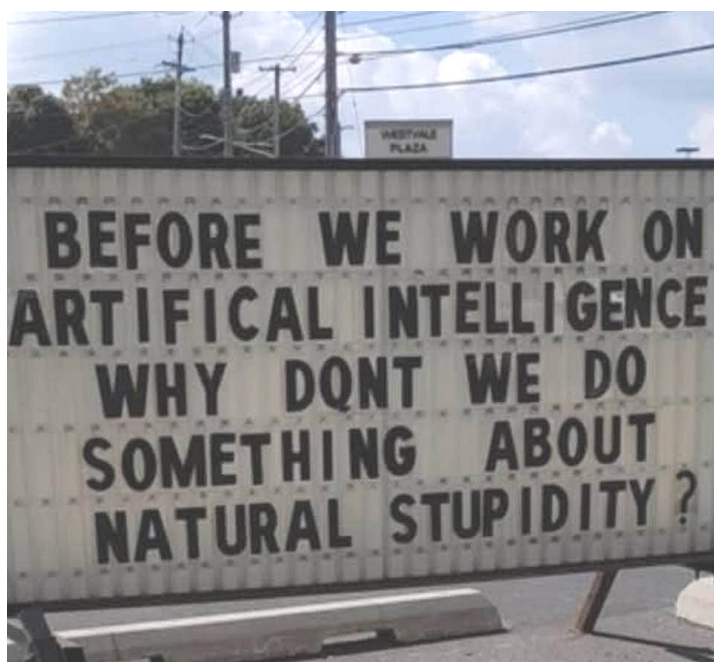
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Service times & contact details

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

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.

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

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

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High Tea, St Ann's
(see p. 8)



Margaret Morgan anticipated the High Tea in a beautiful church corner decoration



*Behind the scenes, in the kitchen:
Pat, Julianne, Margaret, Barb, De*



*Pat and
Anne:
scones
and tea*



Julianne : the taste test!

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St Ann's, Aldinga: gardeners



The St Ann's Gardening Team does a wonderful job. One very stubborn, old but deceased rose bush just had to come out! Some old roots don't give up easily, but Trish Frith wasn't going to let it win. The cavalry (De and John Badgery) came to help after the hard work was done. JB



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St Nicholas', Seaford

(see p. 9)

R: Making up the giving envelopes sets for the parish

*Below: The concert (see pp 1, 2).
accompanist Rosalind Gallasch, and
refreshments.*

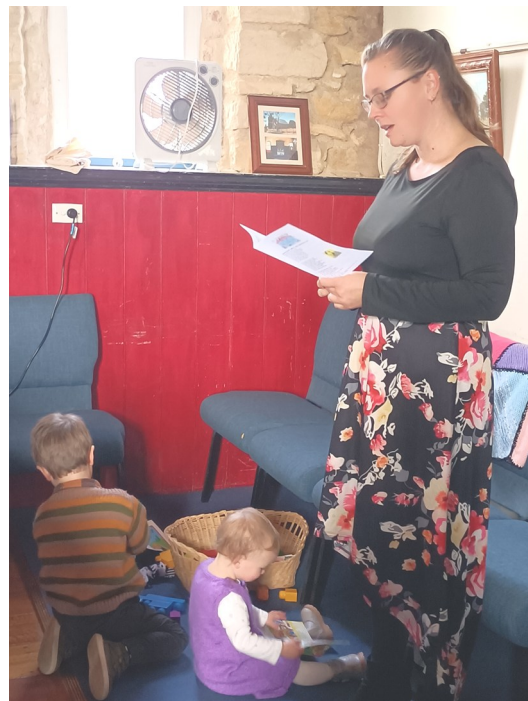


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***Mary Sumner Day: Diocesan MU service
at St Ann's
(see p. 11)***



*Gail Filsell, Helen Cook, Trish Frith before the service.
The Diocesan MU banner (L) and the WFA Banner (Parish of
Willunga, as we were once called).*



Jasamine Irvine and the children



And now down to business...