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



The Grapewine

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



Congratulations—and welcome—to the Rev'd Rebecca Newell!

Ordained at St Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, on the 25th October 2025, Beck will serve her curacy in our parish, beginning on the 1st November.

Before she undertook theological studies Beck's previous life included nursing. Over the past three years she has served as a Lay Minister in Formation and then as Deacon in the Parish of Southern Suburbs. She and her husband Jason have four children and three grandchildren.

More about Beck in the next Grapewine.



Dear all

As you are aware I am the Priest In Charge of the Western Fleurieu Parish and Archdeacon of the Fleurieu. I have also been the Administrator of the Diocese of The Murray for nearly two years. During the time of being Administrator I asked Fr Brenton to "act as" Parish Priest while I was kept busy with Administrator duties. I also asked Archdeacon Sandeman to "act as" Archdeacon of the Fleurieu for six months while I was getting up to speed with the Administrator role.

We would all agree that Fr Brenton fulfilled his role in the parish well. He retired after Easter and as a result I continued the Priest In Charge role, which involved, along with my diocesan duties, attending WFA Parish Council and numerous planning meetings, presiding at the occasional service, regular Bible studies on Wednesdays and writing rosters for the parish utilising a team of PTO clergy and a team of Licensed Lay Ministers. Every member of the team has done a wonderful job serving the parish during this time.

Through the last few years the Diocese has been operating well. Through collaboration with St Barnabas' theological college and the Archbishop we have been able to have our ordination candidate Rebecca Newell progress through her training and preparation in The Murray with her deaconing in 2024 and her priesting on 25th October this year. This has opened up a possibility for the Parish of the Western Fleurieu to support her ongoing training. I have therefore licensed Rebecca as my trainee Curate in the Parish of the Western Fleurieu. She will commence her ministry on 1st November with a full ministry load under my supervision and weekly staff meetings on Wednesday afternoons at McLaren Vale. You will find out where you will definitely bump into Rebecca in the rosters already sent to the parishes for the next three months.

We are all blessed to have the Rev'd Rebecca as our new addition to the Parish family in time for Christmas.

In Christ

Br Simon

WFA PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH



**Seaford Christian Churches
Saturday 13th December 2025**

12 for 12.30pm

Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables (GF)

Grilled Salmon with Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables (GF)

Vegetarian Slice with Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

Pavlova With Fresh Fruit and Cream

or Christmas Pudding with Brandy Custard

Cost \$25 per head -payment direct to WFA bank account (please add name as reference) or in a named envelope in the collection plate.

BYO drinks; tea, coffee, water and orange juice provided.

Book early: numbers limited to 40. Bring lots of loose change for the raffle!

Bookings - Contact Jane on 0407651606 by SMS to book and make menu choices.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2025

St Stephen's, Willunga – Crib and Carols Saturday 20th Dec. 5.30pm

St Margaret's, McLaren Vale – Christmas Eve 24th Dec Service 7pm

Christ Church, Yankalilla - Christmas Eve 7pm

Christmas Day 9am

St Ann's, Aldinga - Christmas Day 9am

St Nicholas', Seaford - Christmas Day Ecumenical Service 9am

(Further information next month)

For your Diary

November

Sat 1st ALL SAINTS
 Saturday Night Out, Willunga

Sun 2nd Gold coin collection for Pastoral Care Workers (Schools Chaplains)
 St Nicholas' shared lunch and meeting

Mon 3rd Mothers Union Christ Church 10.30 (p.11)

Sat 8th Quarry Market Sausage Sizzle (see below)

Sun 9th ACH service, Yankalilla

Mon 10th WFA Council Christ Church 4pm
 MU Wave of Prayer service
 Strathalbyn 11am(see p. 11)

Tues 11th Remembrance Day

Sat 15th Jumble Sale St Ann's (see below)

Sun 16th Walking with Jesus Christ Church 10am

Tues 18th Friends of St Ann's 4pm

Thurs 20th Prayers for Peace St Ann's 11.15am
 (note changed date)

Sat 22nd Strawberry Fete, Yankalilla (see p. 9)

December

Mon 1st ANDREW
 Mothers Union McLaren Vale Information Centre, 9.30am

Sat 6th Saturday Night Out Willunga

Sun 7th Gold coin collection for PCWs

St Nicholas' shared lunch and meeting

Mon 8th WFA Council St Margaret's 4pm

Wed 10th "Pilgrims' Return" St Margaret's 4.30 (p. 4)

Thurs 11th Prayers for Peace St Ann's 11.15am

Sat 13th Christmas Lunch (see p.2)

Sun 14th ACH service, Yankalilla

Tues 16th Friends of St Ann's 4pm

Sat 20th Crib and Carols St Stephen's 5.30pm

Sun 21st Walking with Jesus Christ Church 10am

Mon 22nd THOMAS

Wed 24th CHRISTMAS EVE (Opposite page)

Thurs 25th CHRISTMAS DAY (Opposite page)

Fri 26th STEPHEN

Sat 27th JOHN

Sun 28th HOLY INNOCENTS

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

Jumble Sale at St Ann's

Sat 15th November 8.30-12.30

Quality goods wanted

- and helpers! -

- Books
- Plants
- Clothes
- Cake stall
- Bric-a-brac
- Sausage sizzle
- Devonshire teas...



Parish Combined Service, Yankalilla 30th November, 10.30am (see p. 9)

Barbecue lunch (\$5)

Please bring salad or dessert to share.

For catering purposes please notify Peter Filsell
 042753409 or pfilsell@westnet.com.au
 by 24th October

QUARRY MARKET SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Support our Sausage Sizzle at the
 Quarry Market, Willunga
 Sat. 8th November



supporting school Chaplains (Pastoral Care Workers)
 Come and buy our delicious sausages!!
 Organised by the Southern Vales Schools Ministry.

News from St Stephen's, Willunga—and overseas!

October was a month that was slightly out of the ordinary at St Stephen's, beginning with the absence of Steve on the Camino de Santiago in Spain, and the reversal of the usual order of services for the first two weeks of the month. In this regard, big thanks are due to Brian McMillan for making himself available to play the organ for the first Saturday of the month instead of the second.

Speaking of changes at St Stephen's, we have made a change to our monthly Saturday Night Out dinner. From November, we will hold this event on the *first* Saturday of the month instead of the second. All are thus invited to join us on Saturday **November 1st** for our next 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. Please email Steve Banner at Lmestba@yahoo.com if you plan to attend. You can indicate your menu choice when you reserve, or order upon arrival.

During the last week of September Steve and Fr. Brenton commenced their pilgrimage on the Camino in St Jean-Pied-de-Port in southwestern France, walking across a bridge to a road that led them straight up into the Pyrenees mountain range on the border with Spain. Unlike the expression we are used to hearing, it was all *up*-hill from there! And this trend would not reverse itself into a downhill direction until we had ascended a total of 1,390 metres in altitude over a distance of 20 kilometres. (By way of comparison, Mt Lofty is only 710 metres in altitude.)

We soon found ourselves sharing communal dinners and breakfasts with our fellow pilgrims at the hostels where we stayed overnight in the mountains. However, there were also times when we enjoyed a quiet lunch without a crowd around us!

Just as I had feared before our departure from Australia, it turned out that a combination of gout in one foot and arthritis in both knees acquired from a lifetime of playing sport would not allow my legs to stand up to the rigours of the full walking journey of 33 stages that would add up to 790 km in total. Thus after completing the first 3 stages, I travelled across Spain by train in the direction of the finish line and completed the final three stages of the pilgrimage (which, thankfully, were much less difficult than the first three). Meanwhile Fr. Brenton (a man 18 months older than me) remained safe and sound on the Camino, and as of the time of writing has completed 28 stages. *Bravo Padre!*

Fr. Brenton is scheduled to return home during the early part of November, and as can be imagined, he will have enjoyed many special experiences during his journey. He and I have planned for a “**Pilgrims’ Return**” social event at St Margaret’s on Wednesday December 10th at



4.30pm when we will share photos, videos and stories of our experience. This fundraising evening (admission by donation) will include a light pilgrim’s supper with a Spanish theme.

Steve Banner, Warden

Christi adds an update (27th Oct.):

Fr Peter Simmons took our service on Saturday 25th. It was wonderful worshipping together. It offered the opportunity for special fellowship and the gift of having two beautiful children with us as we focused on the gospel teaching which encouraged us to depend on God as children. This reminds us to trust in God’s faithfulness and promise of good things in this life and the certainty of eternal life.



Many thanks to all who help with our services. Given our small numbers that means we all help make our worship happen together--certainly an example of sharing God’s love and caring for one another.



Church Services

The month of October started very well with a double baptism; Halle Candy and her son Braxton Berry. The priest rostered to celebrate the Eucharist with us that Sunday was unable to come so Fr Ian very generously agreed to; and not only spoke to the family about the service, but organised the service around the baptism. The family was very appreciative and provided morning tea afterwards. The daughter of Brax's Godparents assisted by putting out the candles at the end of the service.

Fr Ian not only celebrated the Eucharist the following week but also on the second of our Wednesday services. Greg was ill for the second Sunday, so Brian kindly played the organ for us. Greg did manage to organise the power point for the service, for which we were very grateful. Thankyou to all of you for your generosity. Time can become very full and precious. Jenny preached the address for the Prayer, Praise and Proclamation Service on the third Sunday and John is organised for Morning Prayer on the 26th.

This coming month the Morning Prayer Service changes to the first Sunday in the month, giving John two services in a row, although he will not have to organise two addresses.

At the prayer, Praise and Proclamation Service on the third Sunday in November, which is the 16th, we will be celebrating St Margaret's Day and anyone wishing to attend is welcome.

The Wednesday services continued with Br Simon celebrating the Eucharist on the first Wednesday of this month as Brenton was in Spain. Bible Study numbers have been down as Steve was in Spain as well, with Brenton; I was unavailable for the first Wednesday, Anne has been in Japan and Jenny away on holiday in their van, and Suzie has been required at work. However

numbers should improve soon returning more depth and discussion to our studies.

Maintenance

This month we needed to get the grass in our paddock mown again as with the extra rain and the warmer weather the grass, weeds and wild oats did very well.

The galahs and the corellas have not returned as yet. We do have a family of green parrots adding colour to our environment and causing no damage. If anyone notices the galahs around the church, please let the wardens know.

And as always may God continue to be with us in all we do and say.

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



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it costs a bit over \$1 each to print, so an annual donation of \$15 from those who can afford it covers their own costs and helps pay for others who can not.

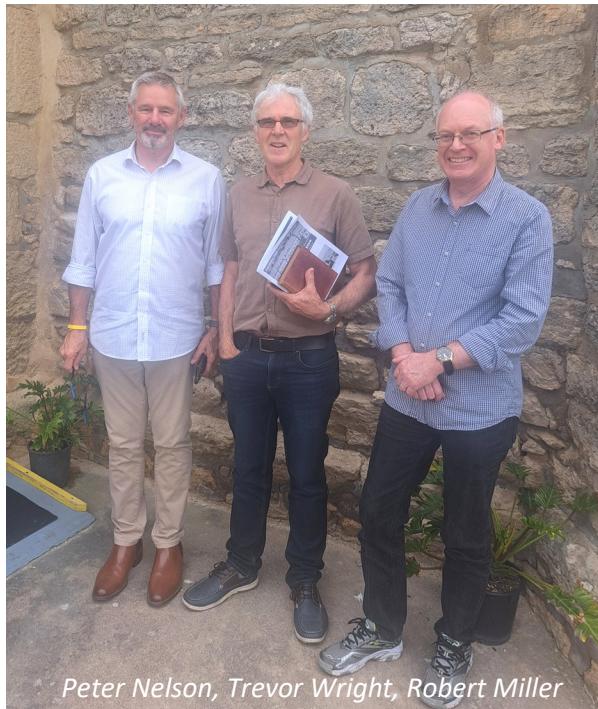
Donations can be given to the Editor or put in the collection in an envelope marked "Grapevine".

Thankyou all those who have made a donation this year.

News from St Ann's, Aldinga

Our 160th anniversary service was commemorated with our congregation and many invited guests, with a Eucharist celebrated by the Archdeacon, Br Simon. Among the guests we were privileged to have the Hon. Leon Bignall, Speaker of the SA House of Assembly, Moira Were AM, Mayor of the City of Onkaparinga, and descendants of the 1st Officiating Priest, the Rev'd Edmund King Miller (Robert Miller and Trevor Wright) and of J. A. Nelson, the builder of the Bell Tower (Peter Nelson and Gay Jennings). After the service, over lunch and celebratory drinks a letter was read from the Governor, the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, who often attends St Ann's but was unable to be with us that day.

A toast was drunk to the founders of the parish.



Trevor Wright and Peter Nelson gave impressive and very informative speeches. We learned how pragmatic and committed E. K. Miller was and that he would definitely have been addressed as the Rev'd Edmund Miller, not as "Father Ed" as Br Simon casually referred to him during the service!

Many things have changed over time, but one thing remains; even 160 years ago parishioners would not change their service times to accommodate another church in the parish! We have to laugh, but know all too well that the simple things can be the hardest to resolve.

Many thanks must go to all who had a hand in the planning, especially Anne who was in Japan and was not able to attend and catch up with so many friends, past and present. The Lord blessed us with perfect weather so that we were able to sit outside and enjoy the warmth. Great conversations were had, and comments about how visible St Ann's is to the public now that the new South Road has highlighted us!

Our Mayor sent an unexpected letter of thanks which summed up her feelings about the day perfectly: "Thank you for your kind welcome to the celebrations of St Ann's on Sunday. I really appreciated being with you all. Your hospitality, the singing and music, and abundant spread really echoed all the generosity of your community. All the best for the next 160 years. Kind regards, Moira."

We were also glad to have with us that day Trevor and Margie Philpott, whose daughter is commemorated in the stained glass window of the hall.

A further aspect of our celebrations had occurred the day before, when Brian on behalf of the National Trust hosted a **cemetery walk** for 21 people, followed by afternoon tea in the hall. How blessed we are to have people who have such varied interests and expertise. Thank you Brian.

The following Saturday, Sally Shaw hosted a **Creation Care Workshop** in her home. Seven people attended a very well prepared and informative Christian based presentation about ways we can care for God's creation in our personal lives, communities and churches. Sally has emailed participants various resources used in the workshop and this Warden would highly recommend anyone to view them. Please feel free to contact Sally for information.

Out and About

That same day, between 8.30am and 1.30pm some of us helped out at the **Quarry Market BBQ**. Funds raised are to support School Chaplains. Another Market BBQ will occur on November 8th. We are always on the lookout for volunteers to do a two and a half hour stint, so if you are able to help, please see Anne Chittleborough.

As well as bringing to our parish our first woman priest (some from here were able to attend her ordination on the 25th October—see p. 1), 2025 has been a year to mark other significant stages in history. This year was the 175th anniversary of Port Willunga, which was celebrated by an event which several Port Willungans from St Ann's attended, and also the 175th anniversary of the founding of the Australasian Board of Missions



(now the Anglican Board of Mission: Australia, or ABM) with an event at St Peter's Cathedral which some from our parish attended. An invitation was extended to our parish to a celebration of ABM's 175th at Goolwa on the 30th November, unfortunately clashing with our service times.

We are preparing for a **Jumble Sale** on Saturday 15th November. Do come along, and bring your friends and neighbours. There'll be treasures for everyone: *seek and ye will find*. Any help in setting up on the 13th or clearing up on the day would be most welcome. Proceeds to parish funds.

Worship

As always when in the hands of the Holy Spirit, services and visiting priests continue to offer thoughtful messages. Brian's careful and prayerful consideration of the hymns chosen always reflect the days' worship and theme.

A recent lay-led service dealt with the theme "A toolbox for faith". This was an interactive address, our first in a long time, and was well received. The speaker did have some concerns about items being placed on the altar, but they were placed respectfully and used to expound the meaning of the Second Epistle to Timothy. Just as every tradie needs the right tools for the job, the Word of God is full of items for our spiritual life. The following tools helped us see the importance of the Bible's words:

Like a saw, the Bible teaches us to be persistent – it's no use stopping half way through if we get tired or the saw gets stuck in the wood! Re-aligning the saw (our perspective) helps us to get back to the task so as to accomplish what is required. **A spanner** loosens or



tightens a fastener like a bolt or nut. They're designed to grip the fastener firmly to reduce slipping. Sometimes we need God's humility to loosen our fixed ideas, while at other times we may need to get a firmer fix on God's ways.

A screwdriver drives screws into something or removes them from it. Sometimes it feels like God has to drive us into situations we may not like in order for us to notice him. **A tape measure** asks: "how do our attitudes and actions measure up to the Bible's teaching?" and a **Spirit level** indicates if a surface or level is plumb. Is it the purity of God's Word that keeps us level in the ups and downs of life?

Finally, we were reminded that tools are just that. Tools. We can leave them in our tool box or bag, but they're only any good if we get them out and use them!

That same Sunday (26th) we said goodbye once again to Jo Parsons, who had returned here for a short stint from the UK. We'll miss her bubbly personality, but hope to see her again next year. Thankfully, we're only an email away.

Julianne Bates & Brian McMillan, Wardens

If you have news of coming events or happenings in the Western Fleurieu area to share with the rest of the parish, please contact the Editor, Anne Chittleborough at 23 Esplanade, Pt Willunga 5173, ph 85565078, or machit5@bigpond.com, preferably by 15th November.

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

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

This month our Family Service was replaced by the 160th Anniversary Service for St Ann's, Aldinga. Several of our congregation joined in the celebration and those who could not make the trip attended alternative services at SCC. Our services continue to be blessed by the Worship Art produced by Sunara each week and her participation in our services.

Our "Round Table Meeting with God" service on the 12th October took the theme "God knows who we really are!" The story of the ten lepers in the Gospel reading centres on the themes of gratitude, faith, and the inclusivity of God's reign. While all ten lepers were physically cleansed, only one—a Samaritan—returned to give thanks and was declared "saved" by Jesus, highlighting that true salvation involves a deeper spiritual recognition of God's work and a transformed, grateful response. It is noticeable how Jesus, as he often did, reached out to those considered to be outcasts, the unclean in society—in this case the ten



lepers. Discussion followed along two main points—do we look beneath the surface of those seemingly "outcast" by society, and see them as they really are—as Jesus did? And are we people whose first thought is to give thanks to God for what we have received? Or do we rush to tell others first? Lots of interesting discussion, which ended with a prayer asking for help to see ourselves as God sees us and for us to see other people as He sees them.

Our service on the 19th October was taken by Fr Alex Bainton. We were pleased to have him join us in our healing service this month and have time for fellowship over morning tea. Fr Alex led us in a wonderful service and gave an inspiring sermon about Penance and Persistence, the two elements of prayer in today's readings; how we need to be humble before God. We do not have to prove ourselves to him, he is not interested in self-praise. We should pray

continually and not lose heart if our prayers are not answered quickly or as we would wish. God always answers our prayers, He listens to all who call on His name; we just need to be persistent in our praying. As we will have Rev Beck leading us in some of our

services over the next few months, we said a special thank you to Fr Alex for the time he has been spending with us.

On the 26th October we look forward to Br Simon leading us again in our worship, taking the time to catch up with us and what is happening in our community.

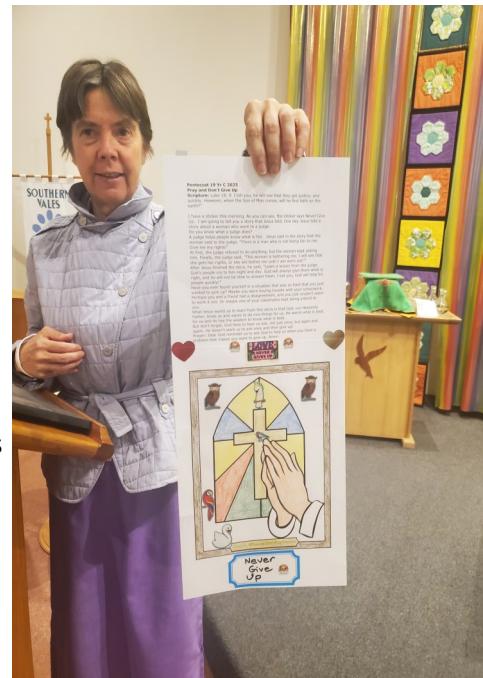
With Rev Beck taking on the services in the Parish our format for services will alter from November. Our Family Service on the first Sunday each month will now include communion, as Rev Beck joins us in worship, and our PPP Service will now be on the 4th Sunday each month. Our Meeting with God and Healing services on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays will remain the same. We will continue to have a shared lunch after our Family Service each month.

Fellowship and Prayer Chain

Our prayer chain has again this month been very active with prayers for Chris Gunns's daughter Jo, undergoing treatment for cancer, and thanksgiving for success of the treatment so far and the fact that she is now back at home with her family. Others are in residential care or still housebound. We are fortunate that Helen Cook regularly catches up with those not attending services. Our outreach is more and more with those who are housebound: Fr Ted takes Home Communion where needed and Helen ensures all keep in touch with newsletters, pew sheets and services.

Blessings

*Helen Cook and Jane Cuthbert,
Wardens*



Strawberry Fete 2025

The Strawberry Fete is on again this year! Don't miss it! This is always a great morning of feasting on strawberries and icecream with lashings of cream too, and/or cake with tea or coffee.

Come along and get some bargains at the white elephant, plant and cake stalls, feast on the sausage sizzle, see the variety of local district stalls... and yes, rumour has it that the Giant Strawberry may make an appearance again this year!



Christ Church would be grateful for help for the fete. Please contact Belinda on 0411591628 or Ljbarosser@gmail.com to be involved.

A reflection on *Walking with Jesus*

Our gathering began almost 2 years ago, so we took some time to talk about what we have achieved and what we would like to see in the future. At the beginning of 2024 we ventured into this experiment as a way to help us delve more deeply into our faith on a personal level and to share with others some of our life experiences and challenges. Fr Brenton was always supportive. The third Sunday was chosen because we did not have a priest coming to celebrate the Eucharist.

Fr Peter Randle spent many hours planning the topics. In 2024 these revolved around the features of the Christian life as described in Romans Ch.12, while this year we have explored the "I am" statements of Jesus. It was lovely to have the leadership of a different lay person each month. Each followed a pattern of prayers, songs and texts and led a discussion about our personal understanding of the topic.

Here are some of the thoughts of those present:

- ◆ One reason we get together is to encourage one another by praying, exploring and articulating our faith. We are gathering together to equip us to go out into the world ("As the Father has sent me, I will send you").
- ◆ We do not have a Bible study at Christ Church, so it fulfills this purpose.
- ◆ We need to learn to listen to one another and a round table setting is ideal for this.
- ◆ The group has a familial feeling about it and helps us to focus our minds which can easily wander off in the regular church service.

Parish Combined Service

Our **Combined Service** on November 30th (the 5th Sunday of the month) will be a service of Holy Communion at the Yankalilla Museum at 10.30am.

The Service will be led by Fr Peter Randle and it will be celebrating the Past, Present and the Future of the District. We have also extended an invitation to anyone from the other Christian churches in the Yankalilla area to attend, and indeed, any others, even if not Christian, to come along to observe and join in the social hour after the service.

There will be a BBQ lunch with a cost of \$5 for the meat. People are asked to bring along a salad or dessert to share.

Please RSVP to Peter Filsell by November 24th on 0427534095 for catering purposes.

- ◆ We often don't speak to anyone else after a regular Sunday service, and this gathering gives us an opportunity to engage with each other.

We realise that our situation at Christ Church could change at some time in the future when the leadership issues are sorted out. However, those who were there voted unanimously to keep the gathering going in 2026. We look forward to meeting our new curate, the Rev'd Beck Newell.

Liz Gordon-Mills

The One who enables PEACE

One of the beautiful texts we studied was: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you. ...Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid" (John 14: 27). We sang the lovely Taizé setting, applying the words of Jesus to our own hearts. We examined what peace means to us personally and how we can achieve peace when we feel upset or anxious, such as by meditating on these very words, repeating them over and over until God's peace fills us. We discussed the huge need for peace in our world and how we can contribute to seemingly unsolvable problems—by prayer and perhaps financial support for those in the midst of the troubles, to provide medical and food support.

Liz

Snippets from WFA Council, 8th September 2025

Several members of this parish had gone to the Diocesan Lay Leader's Toolbox event training. It was well presented and particularly useful and interesting, with a variety of useful handouts. There was great involvement from those who attended, with people from different parishes sharing their ideas. It is planned to hold this course again. More training is needed for clergy to learn how to work alongside lay people in the parishes.

Several parishes are in the process of restructuring with Diocesan support.

Murray Mission Trust – This trust is for investment support for mission programmes in the parish; a way of keeping their legacy alive, and protecting the capital from churches which have closed, while helping and supporting Mission programmes.

The Treasurer reported that whilst the financial graphs (*next column*) currently show a healthy surplus, it is worth remembering that the Parish has not paid a stipend since Fr Brenton retired in May. This will change dramatically with the commencement of our new Curate. And as we are unable to provide accommodation at this time, we will have to add an accommodation allowance to the fulltime stipend. That surplus will soon disappear! For the future, it is vital to demonstrate that we are able to afford a full-time priest or our status as a Parish may be threatened.

From the churches:

The Shrine at Yankalilla is very well supported by its many visitors.

Money that has come in from sale of items sold at St James' has gone into general funds, covering the cost of upkeep.

At a meeting at St Ann's the Alliance has agreed to seal the front door and double glaze the windows to reduce traffic noise. Access to the church property from the north has been re-opened.

St Ann's 160th anniversary service went very well (*see p. 6*) The National Trust cemetery walk had been attended by over 20 people. Afternoon tea was provided and many stayed to chat. St Ann's has been seen more in the community with this kind of community engagement.

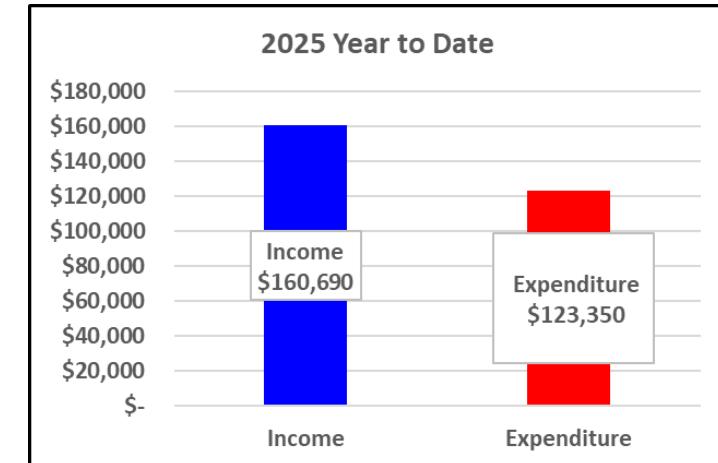
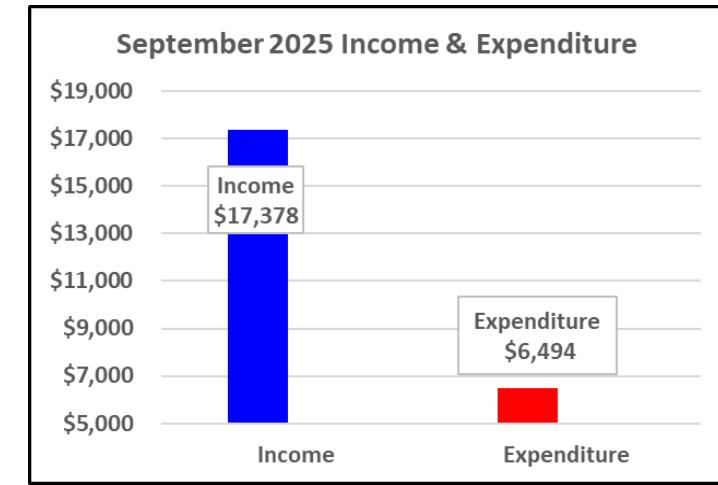
St Margaret's had had a double baptism (*see p. 5*).

St Nicholas' - 7th December is their Patronal Festival day.

A recent bequest has had restrictions on its use put on it by the Diocese. The matter to be taken to Diocesan Council.

Christmas Lunch Sat 13th December at SCC. (*p. 2*)

The Rev'd Beck Newell spoke: she is happy to take on this new challenge and thanked us for putting trust in her. She was excited to begin.



From the Ministry Team meeting 14th Oct

Beck Newell, who would be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday 25th October, was welcomed to the team. Assisting clergy were invited to attend the meeting if they wished, but not all wanted to. There was discussion about the different customs in the different centres. Clergy are always given the opportunity to make amendments beforehand. The parish works with the Prayer Book and the diversity it offers to those preparing services.

St Stephen's would try changing its Saturday Night Out to the first Saturday of the month, following Evening Prayer. Eucharist would be on 2nd & 4th Saturdays, and on the 5th Saturday (29th November) there will be a contemplative service. Christian meditation on Tuesdays at 9am is led by the congregation.

Rosters for St Ann's (9am) and St Margaret's (10.30am) were re-arranged to allow the Rev'd Beck Newell to take services there on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, with alternate Sunday services being lay-led. She will take services at St Nicholas' on the 1st and 3rd Sundays.

At Christ Church some services still needed to be arranged. Fr Peter Randle will take the 5th Sunday Combined Service. He also leads the contemplative prayer service on Friday mornings.



Monday October 13th was our meeting day, having been changed to the second Monday instead of the

first due to the public holiday. Members and friends gathered at the residence of our member Doreen Rushbrook. There was a lovely shared common area for the apartment residents to use.

While Doreen, excited to use her teapot, made tea and coffee to go with the resplendent spread she had prepared, all shared in pleasant conversation, discussing Doreen's planned travel overseas, and a photo of the gift Trish received from her Indian friend. Jo, who had stayed with Trish Frith overnight so she could join us for our meeting, spoke about her church in England.

The usual time of service and prayers was led by Jo, Joanie and Wendy. Jo informed us that it was "Prisoners Day" and talked about her Criminal Studies and her understanding of looking deeper into the background of these people, understanding that in some ways many are themselves "victims".

Intercessions included prayers for Jocelyn and Caroline as they travel to the AMUA Conference, and prayers for leadership—in many ways – Government, countries and families, and for those known to us with special difficulties.

The Diocesan Wave of Prayer Service will be held at Strathalbyn on Monday 10th November. As this clashes with our Parish Council meeting some of our members are unable to go.

Members are reminded that our **next meeting is at Christ Church, Yankalilla, on November 3rd at 10.00am.**
Travel arrangements are in hand.

Doreen Rushbrook, Trish Simon,
Trish Frith, Joanie Rawlings,
Wendy Sandercock, Helen Cook



Jo Parsons



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This Month's Readings: Year C, 2025

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—2nd November—Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4—Psalm 119:137-144—2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12—Luke 19:1-10 *or*

ALL SAINTS—Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18—Psalm 149—Ephesians 1:11-23—Luke 6:20-31

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—9th November—Haggai 1:15b-2:9—
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21—2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17—Luke 20:27-40

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—16th November—Isaiah 65:17-25—For the psalm: Song of Isaiah (APBA p. 391) — 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13—Luke 21:5-19

CHRIST THE KING/THE REIGN OF CHRIST—23rd November—Jeremiah 23:1-6—For the psalm: Song of Zechariah (APBA p. 10) - Colossians 1:11-20—Luke 23:33-43

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT—30th November—Isaiah 2:1-5—Psalm 122—Romans 13:9-14—
Matthew 24:36-44

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT—7th December—Isaiah 11:1-10—Psalm 72:1-7, 18-21—Romans 15:4-13—Matthew 3:1-12

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St Margaret's, 99 Main Road McLaren Vale

Sunday: 10.30am

Wednesday: 9:00am

Wardens:

Judith Wells 0411 502 218

Julia Drought 0432 366 899

St Stephen's, St Andrews Tce, Willunga

Saturday: 5.30pm

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

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, as there is this month, you can expect some service times to be different.

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

St Ann's 160th Anniversary

(see pp. 6-7)



Robert Miller, Brian McMillan,
Trevor Wright, Stephen Carthew

Reading the letter from the Governor:
L-R: Leon Bignell, Jack Warrington, Margaret
Cale, Rosemary Day, Barbara Walter, Bob Smith



L-R: Margie and Trevor Philpott, Trish Simon and Susie
Waters (seated), Julie Taylor, Sunara, ?, Ken Milde, Julianne
Bates, Br Simon, Trish Frith (seated), Frank Vincent