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# The Grapevine

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

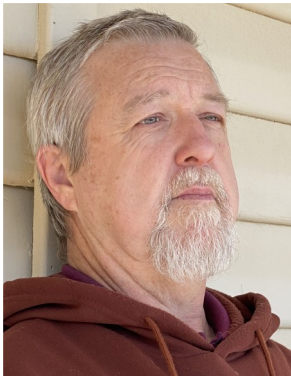
## ***Joy to the world!***

For their Crib and Carols service the augmented congregation of St Stephen's, Willunga took their joy to the streets to share their Crib and Carols service with passers-by.





## A word from the Administrator



On the 15<sup>th</sup> December following the breaking news of the killings at Bondi, the Administrator, Brother Simon, wrote to the Diocese calling all to prayer and reflection, and asking churches to be left open as places of silence, candlelight and prayer.

“Let our churches be spaces where grief can be carried, tears can fall, and hope can be gently spoken back into the world. Let our buildings become sanctuaries not only of faith, but of shared humanity.”

“The violent attack at Bondi”, he wrote, “has shaken our nation and wounded our shared sense of safety. We hold in our hearts those who have been killed, those who are injured, and all who are traumatised by what they have seen and endured. We grieve with families, friends, first responders, and communities whose lives have been forever altered by this horror.

“There are moments when words are inadequate. This is one of them. Our Christian response is not one to rush to explanation or easy answers. Instead, we pause. We lament. We pray. We stand alongside the broken-hearted, trusting that God is closest where pain is deepest.

“In the face of terror and violence, the Church is called not to fear, but to love more deeply. Not to divide, but to witness to our shared humanity. We reject any impulse that turns grief into blame, or sorrow into suspicion. We affirm, without qualification, that every human life is sacred, and that we all, without exception, are children held within the mercy of God. St Francis of Assisi teaches us to respond to darkness not with power, but with presence, not with hatred, but with compassion and not with despair, but with quiet faithfulness. This is not weakness. It is Gospel courage.”

A parish prayer vigil at St Margaret’s was led by Rev Beck on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December.



## Rev Beck writes on the feast of Epiphany



The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates God made visible to the whole world. Through the journey of the Magi, we are reminded that Christ comes not only for the familiar and faithful, but for all who are willing to seek Him. Guided by a single star, the Magi set out with courage, patience, and trust, even when the path ahead was uncertain.

Their journey invites us to reflect on our own. We, too, are called to follow God’s light, often without knowing exactly where it will lead. Along the way, Epiphany teaches us to stay attentive—to notice the signs of God’s presence in ordinary moments and unexpected encounters.

As the Magi offered their gifts with joy, we are invited to bring our own lives before Christ, allowing His light to transform us and to shine through us for others.

Blessings  
Rev Beck



## January 2026

Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>	NAMING & CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Saturday Night Out, Willunga (p. 5)
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	Celebrating EPIPHANY (6 <sup>th</sup> Jan) Gold coin collection for PCWs*
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	BAPTISM OF OUR LORD ACH service, Yankalilla
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	Ministry Team Meeting, St Ann's 3pm WFA Council St Ann's, 4pm
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	Walking With Jesus, Christ Church 10am
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	Friends of St Ann's 4pm
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Family Tea, St Ann's 6 for 6.30pm
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	Healing Service, Christ Church 11am
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup>	Contemplative Prayer Service, St Stephen's, 5.30pm

\* Pastoral Care Workers (Chaplains)

*And also,*

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

## February 2026

Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	Gold coin collection for PCWs* St Nicholas' shared lunch and meeting
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE Mothers Union, McLaren Vale Information Centre, 9.30am
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday Night Out
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	ACH service, Yankalilla
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	WFA Council St Nicholas' 4pm
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	Prayers for Peace, St Ann's, 11.15am
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	TRANSFIGURATION Walking With Jesus, Christ Church 10am
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	SHROVE TUESDAY Friends of St Ann's 4pm
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	ASH WEDNESDAY
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Vestry Reports to be in to Parish Secretary
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Healing Service, Christ Church 11am
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	MATTHIAS
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Family Tea, St Ann's 6 for 6.30pm

*Please note: Annual Vestry Meeting Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March*



### Vale Fr John Devenport, 1931- 2025

Fr John Devenport, who assisted his son Paul at the time Fr Paul was the Assistant Priest in the Southern Vales, died on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December, aged 94. He assisted Fr Paul in what were then the four churches of the Southern Vales between 2010 and 2014, taking services once a month at St Ann's.

Before entering full-time ministry he was a university lecturer in Chemistry. He was ordained deacon in 1987 and priest in 1989, serving in the Diocese of Adelaide and the Diocese of Willochra as well as The Murray.

Fr John continued his ministry in our Diocese by serving in the Riverland, Mt Barker and Mannum, Mt Pleasant and Mt Torrens until six years ago.

He died peacefully on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. His funeral will be held at St Saviour's, Glen Osmond at 10 am on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> of January. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.



**Don't forget to save your stamps!**

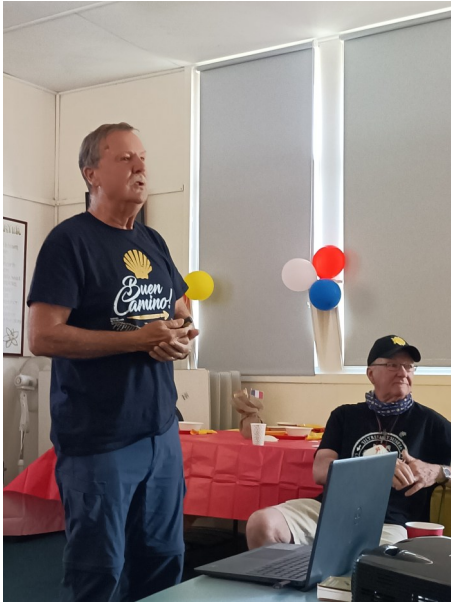
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## Re-living the Camino, St Margaret's, 10<sup>th</sup> December



On December 10<sup>th</sup> the parish was invited to St Margaret's to hear the story of the Camino Trail walk undertaken by Fr Brenton and Steve Banner—the good times and the hard times! After the talk the hall was transformed in the twinkling of an eye for all to share a pilgrim-style tea generously and deliciously prepared by the walkers and their wives (*photo above R, Lyn and Christi*). Brenton and Steve were not the only ones present who had walked the walk. They were joined by past walkers Rosie Slade, Brian McMillan and Philip Bennett (*below*). *More photos p. 13.*



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

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

Thank you all those who have made a donation towards the cost of printing *The Grapevine*.—Ed.

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## News from St Stephen's, Willunga

What happened to 2025? By the time you read this article we will already be a few days into 2026. But before we head into thoughts of the new year ahead, let's look back at the month of December, where we ended 2025 in fine style.

Early in the month our "Pilgrims' Return" event was held at St Margaret's with Fr Brenton and myself recounting some of our adventures on the Camino Frances, supported by photos and videos (*see p. 4*). Thank you to all who attended and shared the Spanish-themed supper with us.

A few weeks ago our regular attendance numbers at our Tuesday morning Meditation service increased by two. Lisa lives near to the church and had often walked by, wondering if she and her companion might be able to join in with us. When Lisa and Paddy came for the first time, it seemed that they both enjoyed the experience, as Paddy silently closed her eyes, seemingly doggedly contemplating the profoundness of Christian Meditation and our shared place in the world as she stretched out on her bed. We warmly welcome both Lisa and Paddy, hoping that Paddy will follow faithfully in the pawprints of Mallee, a longtime attendee at St Ann's.

On the Saturday before Christmas we were scheduled to hold our annual Crib and Carols service. A combination of improving weather conditions, the creativity of Rev Beck, and the musical flexibility of Brian McMillan meant that we were able to hold our service outdoors in the garden in front of the church (*p. 1*). The "Stations of the Nativity" service was designed by Beck and accompanied by Brian on his portable keyboard, while supported by the parish choir and Cantate Dominum. The service had been advertised and was attended by some 55 people including someone from Sellicks Hill who had seen the advertising. Conducting a service outside had long been a dream of ours in the past, but circumstances (most often the weather) had prevented us from following through on the idea. In this case, the service came together very well with the support of our fellow Western Fleurieu helpers from other churches who brought chairs and a loudspeaker to set out among the pews carried out from the church. The service was lovely and worked well thanks to the teamwork of Beck, Brian and our fellow parishioners.

The final Saturday of the month coincided with St Stephen's Day and we used the occasion to celebrate our Patron Saint at the regular Holy Eucharist service. Rev Beck's sermon focused on the example set for us by St Stephen, in particular his ability and willingness to forgive those who persecuted him. Also, she noted that although he had no theological training to prepare him to preach the Gospel, he nevertheless stepped boldly forward to tell the truth of Christ – even though it was to cost him his life. A good example indeed. What do **we** have to fear?

As a reminder, Our monthly Saturday Night Out takes

place at the middle pub in Willunga immediately following the 5.30pm Evening Prayer service. For the next two months, these dates will be January 3<sup>rd</sup> and February 7<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome. For reservations please contact Steve Banner at [LMESTBA@YAHOO.COM](mailto:LMESTBA@YAHOO.COM) or 0404163940. Our final service this month (31<sup>st</sup> January) is the fifth Saturday of the month and will be a Contemplative Service.

*Steve Banner, Warden*



*Rod Sandercock (bagpipes) and  
Brian McMillan (keyboard)*



*Patrusca Birkett with Christi and Steve Banner*



### Church Services

Advent has come and gone and Christmas is upon us with all the anticipation, joy and the associated uproar it brings. I like the prayer we say when lighting the Advent Candles about taking quiet moments to be with God, to listen and pray: it reminded me every week to take those moments.

Our services went well as usual with the input from Rev Beck, Greg and our Lay Ministry Team. The first Sunday of the month we had Morning Prayer and we switched from the First Order of Service to the Second with John Strachan preaching on the meaning of Advent. Rev Beck celebrated the Eucharist for us on the next Sunday.

The third Sunday was a Prayer, Praise and Proclamation service and instead of or as part of the address the

Christmas Tree was decorated with our Chrismons (white and gold hand-made decorations using ancient symbols to tell the story of Christ). Margaret Cameron made them for us many years ago. Greg researched the meanings and acted as narrator during the decorating in which all present took part.

As it was a PPP service, Jac made us mementos, the wherewithal to create a

Christingle (*photo p. 16*): an orange to represent the world, red tape to represent God's love for the world, a candle to represent Jesus as he shows us what God is like, four cocktail sticks representing the four corners of the world and sweets to represent the good gifts given to us by God. There was also a Yule Cake for morning tea. The service ran late.

The carol service on Christmas Eve followed the pattern

from last year with a few modifications. Six lessons were read by various members of the congregation. Five young visitors brought up figures for the nativity scene, and finally one nonagenarian carried up the baby Jesus. Her daughter lit the Christ candle. Rev Beck read the last lesson and from there progressed to the celebration of Communion. Bubbles and berries followed the service. There were 56 people present and although not everyone received communion 10 people came up for a blessing.



### Maintenance

Following the large amount of rain we had in November, our driveway began to suffer on the northern side from a rivulet of water coming down the slope from the rectory and its surrounds. However, with the permission of the Church Council Greg was able to organise the people who graded the road to dig a drain under it to carry the water down into the open paddock. The outlet is guarded by posts and bunting, the inlet by a plastic cone. The last-named will be replaced by a grid.

Our lawnmower service came again before Christmas so the paddock looked neat and tidy and Trish Frith came and weeded and pruned the roses. Thank you Trish. On the day before the Christmas Eve Service a few of us came together to clean and prepare the church for the service. A special thanks to Wendy who took time from her busy schedule to assist.

And as always may God continue to be with us in all we do and say, and thank you to all those who have helped us out through the year.

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



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

The Second Sunday in Advent, 7<sup>th</sup> December, saw us celebrating our Patronal Festival, as we lit our second candle for Peace. It was lovely to have Rev Beck and her family join with us in our worship and share in our lunch afterwards. In her sermon Rev Beck spoke about the life of St Nicholas and related it to the Gospel reading from Matthew, showing the similarities in John the Baptist's call



to repentance and St Nicholas's sacrificial life; how we should turn towards God and bear fruit – preparing the way of the Lord for all who follow. Sunara, with Helen's grandson Tu, gave out St Nicholas gold coins and a prayer card to the congregation to celebrate St Nicholas' Day.

The third Sunday in Advent was our Round Table service, the 14<sup>th</sup> December, and we took our theme from the lighting of the third candle for Joy. In the first reading, from Isaiah, the prophet speaks to the people in exile reminding them that there will be a joyful return, and part of this joyful restoration is healing – the eyes that do not see and ears that do not hear are opened, the immobile leap about, the silent sing for joy. Sorrow and sighing will slink off defeated and the exiles will return home rejoicing. The imagery of Isaiah 35 and the season of Advent invite us to imagine a world remade, full of the glory and majesty of God. It is a prophecy of hope and joy as we look forward to the coming of Jesus – the one who fills us with true joy.

The fourth Sunday in Advent was our Nativity Service. Unfortunately several of our young people could not attend but the slack was ably taken up by others in the congregation. Our service followed the Journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem and the joy of the birth of Jesus. The story was retold interspersed with verses from well known Christmas carols and hymns. Cathy More, our pianist, sang an amazing solo rendition of "O Holy Night" as a fitting close to our Nativity. This was also our Healing Service with Fr Ted assisting in the prayers and laying on

of hands. Gifts were presented to the young people in gratitude for their participation in our services each month.



We closed our service by singing the Christmas Blessing:

May the feet of God walk with you,  
And His hand hold you tight.  
May the eye of God rest on you,  
And His ear hear your cry.  
May the smile of God be for you,  
And His breath give you life,  
May the child of God grow in you,  
And His love bring you home.

(Words and Music: Aubrey Podlich, Robin Mann CCLI  
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Following the service we had a special morning tea with a few extra goodies to celebrate the season.



Our service on the 28<sup>th</sup> December spoke of a different side to the joyous celebrations of Christmas. In the midst of the bright lights and joy of Christmas, we have the darkness and sorrow of the story of the "Holy Innocents" and the account of the holy family fleeing as refugees. Both the joy of the season and the sorrow at the heart of the Gospel reading remind us that all lives are precious. We also see Jesus as a human child, caught up in the politics of the region, in danger: without fleeing, his life would be short; without his parents'

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## News from St Nicholas', Seaford cont'd

watchful eye, he could have been killed as were all the children in and around Bethlehem.

Fellowship Time has been spent catching up with people especially those who are no longer able to attend our weekly services. Our prayer chain continues to give us the opportunity to pray alongside those in need and also to give thanks for prayers answered. Cathy More, our pianist, is finally back on deck following her knee surgery. Fr Ted's son Tim Newing has been a visitor to our services over the past few weeks and we have enjoyed catching up with him and sharing fellowship.

SCC Ecumenical Services were held in the centre over Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, with many people joining together to celebrate the birth of Jesus and to worship him as the shepherds, angels and wise men did.

As we end one year and look towards 2026 we do not know what is in store for the faithful at St Nicholas' but we are assured that what ever we do, we know that God is with us always.

Blessings *Helen Cook and Jane Cuthbert, Wardens*



## Snippets from December Parish Council

**Ministry report:** Rev Beck reported that she felt well supported by the Ministry Team. Among other things she maintains a regular Wednesday programme involving the 9am service at St Margaret's, the weekly Bible Study at 10, then a clergy meeting.

**Secretary's report:** The Annual Vestry Meeting will be on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March. **Vestry reports to be in to Jane by 20<sup>th</sup> February.**

**Christ Church** reported excellent results for December's Strawberry Fete. A donation of \$1,500 from this to go to Yankalilla Interchurch Council's Pastoral Care Worker Programme.

With State Heritage grants now open, an application should be put in for replastering, and repair of the church roof. The donation box in the porch needs to be replaced. The Fleurieu Sun (Victor Harbor) was producing a flier with local church times. Yankalilla was considering being included in this.

**St Ann's** anticipated the Alliance having treatment done on the front doors and the windows of the church to reduce traffic noise.

The property next door (Radio Easy) had been sold and there are new neighbours.

**St Margaret's** was having repair work done on the

driveway. Money from the car park and from funerals to go into a Special Purpose fund to cover costs. The Treasurer pointed out that churches need to work out ways to fund their projects.

**St Nicholas'** reported having had a lovely service for their Patronal Festival, All Saints Day, 7<sup>th</sup> December. Uniting Church minister Rev. Darren Lovell is part of a team of UC/Churches of Christ ministers supporting churches in the area.

*Next meeting: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January at St Ann's, 4pm following the 3pm Ministry Team meeting.*



Original plans have been changed: there will not be a MU meeting in January. The next meeting will be held at 9.30am on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at the Visitors Centre, McLaren Vale.

The Mothers Union will be 150 years old next year. Diocesan celebrations are planned for Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March (Lady Day) at Seaford Christian Churches.

More about this later. **Save the date.**

**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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## News from St Ann's, Aldinga

The season of Advent has been one of mixed emotions and responses for many at St Ann's this December. Services continue to inspire us and increase our understanding of the scriptures. From a service at the start of Advent, a prayer tree initiated by a member of the ministry team was created and crafted to be a visual reminder of the importance of surrounding others and situations dear to us with prayer. Many thanks Trish Simon for putting in the hours to make the leaves on which our requests were written. People have had the opportunity to add their requests throughout Advent services. At a future service, we are considering burning the prayer leaves as "fragrant incense" pleasing to the Lord. (Psalm 141:2 "May my prayer be set before you like incense" and Revelation 8 where incense smoke rises with all the prayers of the saints to God's throne.)



The evening of December 14<sup>th</sup> at Bondi brought the awful reality of terror to our shores. During that week, some of us attended a prayer vigil at St Margaret's which was much appreciated. St Ann's church was opened during that week for the community to come and pray. We also contributed to the prayers for the victims, families and members of the Jewish and Muslim communities. As we lit our 4<sup>th</sup> Advent candle our prayers were added to our symbolic "prayer tree". Most importantly, we have been reminded that God is on His throne, faithful and just, compassionate and true. He is amongst us and as Christmas services resounded, we know His Son has come and will return! We live in trying times, but in God, all is well.

Our Advent Bible study also reflected our varied

emotions and responses this month. It was titled "The Waiting Time" - quite appropriate for this season. Questions that at first seemed hard to answer provided much discussion once the ball started rolling. One section discussed the symbolism of God's presence in the cloud covering the Tabernacle by day and fire at night when Moses and the Israelites were in the desert for 40 years. One participant made an astute comment: "God's presence was with them visibly day and night. If you had a problem, you only had to look!" This is something to ponder.

Many thanks must go to everyone who helped prepare the church for our Christmas service; to those who erected the banners, the extra chairs, children's packs, cards with the Christmas message given to attendees, the flower providers and arrangers, Margaret Morgan for her



"corner" with its crocheted star, Margaret Cale's Power-Point presentation, Brian's beautifully selected hymns and of course, Rev Beck's message. Seventy-eight people attended, the singing was rousing and most participated in communion. What a joyful celebration!

*Julianne Bates & Brian McMillan, Wardens*



*Barbara's Christmas raffle surpassed expectations, with 14, not 12 days of Christmas represented! Prize winners were from all around the parish, following ticket sales at the parish Christmas Luncheon. Proceeds to parish funds.*





We have an original painting by Pro Hart in the porch of our church over the door into the nave (see photo L). The painting is an assemblage of parts of the Jesus story depicting the Christmas star, the manger scene, the flight into Egypt and the return, and the sermon on the mount. They are portrayed as if in the Australian outback.

For our Christmastide services Fr Peter Randle selected another of Pro Hart's paintings, entitled "Jesus' Birth", from a lovely book entitled *Outback Christmas* portraying the nativity of Christ in Australian outback imagery, and using this as the basis for his sermons on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

In each case he asked a member of the congregation to read one of the accompanying poems by co-author Norman Habel. This proved an effective technique to concentrate our attention on the very difficult conditions of the travel to Bethlehem and the birth of the babe.

...After the long anxious ride  
Through the smothering heat  
To Bethlehem;  
After the long loud night  
Of shouting stockmen in the pub,  
Of brave old drinkers hanging on,  
Of shearers telling wild tales,  
Of endless bawdy bush songs;  
After the last slow dingo howl,  
The last call of a hopeful bird,  
The last long vicious pain  
That broke my body open,  
The night was silent.....

(extract from "Jesus' Birth" in *Outback Christmas*, p. 24)



Pro Hart's "Jesus' Birth", in *Outback Christmas: Paintings* by Pro Hart, text by Norm Habel, Rigby, 1981, p. 25

Fr Peter reminded us of the responsibilities and ministrations accepted by Joseph in response to his angelic visitor's reassurance.

Continuing the Australian theme, we sang the Australian Christmas hymn "The North Wind" (John Wheeler; music by William G James, 1948).

Liz Gordon-Mills

#### Coming up this month at Christ Church:

- SUNDAYS** 11am, Holy Communion. January 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> (healing service) in the church.  
10am, January 18<sup>th</sup>, "Walking with Jesus" gathering in the church hall. Coffee/tea and cake to begin with.
- FRIDAYS** 9.15am, Christian meditation in the church



## Parish Christmas Luncheon 13<sup>th</sup> December



On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December the Seaford Christian Churches Café was the venue for yet another splendid Parish Christmas luncheon .

Congratulations and warm thanks from us all to Helen, Jane and the fantastic kitchen staff & volunteers for the huge amount of work that they put into making that day a great success, and great fun.  
(More photos p. 15 , online supplement).

Top L: It was good to have Beck, Jason and Pete with us as a family.

### ***This Month's Readings: Year A, 2026***

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS—4<sup>th</sup> January 2026—Jeremiah 31:7-14—Psalm 147:12-20—Ephesians 1:3-14—John 1(1-9),10-18**

**Or THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD—Isaiah 60:1-6—Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14—Ephesians 3:1-12—Matthew 2:1-12**

**THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD (first Sunday after Epiphany) - 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026—Isaiah 42: 1-9—Psalm 29—Acts 10:34-43—Matthew 3:13-17**

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY—18<sup>th</sup> January—Isaiah 49:1-7—Psalm 40: 1-14—1 Corinthians 1-9—John 1:29-42**

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY—25<sup>th</sup> January—Isaiah 9:1-4—Psalm 27:1-10—1 Corinthians 1:10-18—Matthew 4:12-25**

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY –1<sup>st</sup> February—Micah 6:1-8—Psalm 15—1 Corinthians 1:18-31—Matthew 5:1-12**

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE—Malachi 3:1-4—Psalm 24—Hebrews 2:14-18—Luke 2:22-40**



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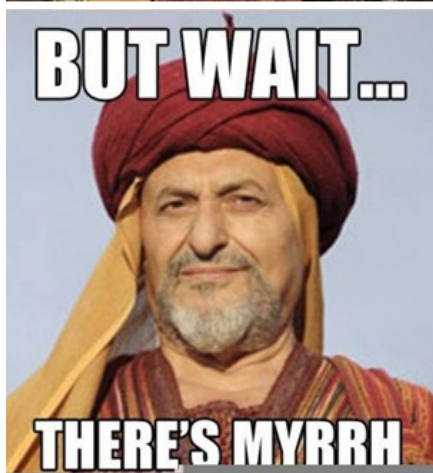
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Wednesday: 9:00am

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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

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Christ Church, Yankalilla

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

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

"Walking with Jesus" (see p. 6)

**Wardens:**

Peter Filsell 0427 534 095

St James', Delamere

No scheduled services.

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*Where there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in a month,,  
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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**Re-living the Camino, St Margaret's, 10<sup>th</sup> December**  
*(see p. 4)*



*Pilgrimages aren't meant to be easy!*



*Enjoying the evening while the room was transformed:  
John Strachan, Peter Filsell, Bill Cale, Barry Bates*



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***Crib and Carols***  
***St Stephen's, Willunga, 21<sup>st</sup> December***  
***See p. 5***



*The Cantate Dominum choir (and Julie Bennett) brought a festive splash of red to the carols.*



*Above: Margaret Cale and Jenny Esot: time for bubbles and mince pies!*  
*Right: Lisa with Paddy, enjoying the carols*





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***Christmas Lunch***  
***Seaford Christian Churches Café***  
***13<sup>th</sup> December***  
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*Helen checking that all was in place.*



*Gillian Clampett, Judith Golobokov, Rev Beck*



*Julie Bennett, Tim Newing, Stephen Carthew*



*Fr Ted Newing, Gail Barrett, Rosie O'Connor*



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## Colour Photo Supplement

### ***St Margaret's, McLaren Vale*** (see p. 6)



*DIY Christingle! (see p. 6)*



*Oscar, who first placed the animals in the stable, reviews the finished nativity scene.*



*L: Musicians Greg John (organ) and Rod Sandercock (clarinet)*

*Above: following the carol service the congregation was invited to join in the Eucharist.*