

March 2015

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# The Grapevine

Newsletter of the Pastoral District of Southern Vales, Diocese of The Murray, SA

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## *"Respectful Encounters"*



"Respectful Encounters" was the title of a seminar led by Mrs Janet Hind, wife of visiting bishop John Hind, at St Margaret's in sweltering conditions on Friday, the 20<sup>th</sup> of February. It was attended by 54 people from a number of parishes, who enjoyed the opportunity to discuss issues arising from pastoral visiting and other parish activities.

## **EASTER SERVICES** (For other Holy Week services see p. 3)

**Maunder Thursday (2<sup>nd</sup> April)**

7.30 pm St Margaret's,  
99 Main Rd McLaren Vale

**Good Friday (3<sup>rd</sup> April)**

10 am Stations of the Cross, St Ann's  
7 Stonehenge Lane, Aldinga

3 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion,  
St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

**Holy Saturday (4<sup>th</sup> April)**

7 pm Easter Vigil, St Philip & St James,  
Church Hill Road, Old Noarlunga

**Easter Day (5<sup>th</sup> April)**

7 am St Stephen's, St Andrew's Tce, Willunga

9.30 am St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

9.30 am St Ann's, Aldinga (with children's lesson and activities)







***The pancakes were good on Shrove Tuesday!***

Streamlined preparation by a team of cooks in the morning and another cook-up “on the spot” after Evensong, together with fillings contributed by others, made for an excellent evening meal of pancakes and fruit on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February.

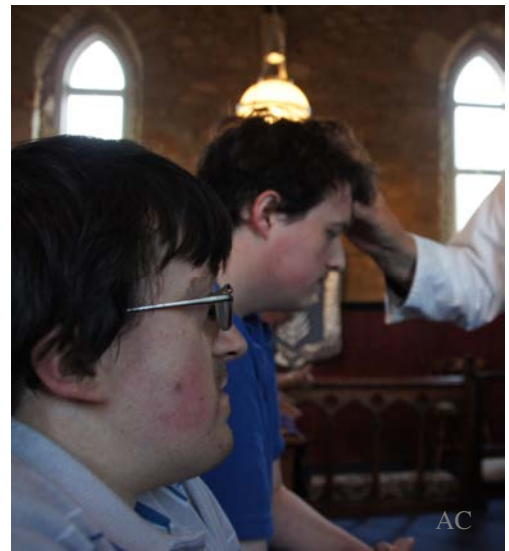
*Above, Janet Hind, wife of Bishop John Hind, recently arrived from the UK, enjoys a meal with Harry Francis and Wendy Sandercock.*

*Below: Cooks Stephen Wells and Bill Cale at work, and Peter Chapman, cooking done, enjoys the fruits of his labours.*



Feasting over, we now settle down to the serious business of observing Lent in preparation for the festival of Easter.

***“Dust thou art...”***



On Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, the burnt ashes of last year’s palm crosses were used to make the sign of the cross on each person’s forehead, with the solemn reminder, “Dust thou art, and to dust thou shalt return.”

*Photos: Fr Dennis Eales with Margaret Cale, and Tristan and Abram Simon.*

**Drop in at Granny Annie’s**

St Ann’s, 7 Stonehouse Lane, Aldinga, off South Rd, Thursdays 9-11.30, for a cuppa & chat. Meet people in a relaxed atmosphere.  
Enquiries: 8556 5078

## What's on

### March

- Sun 1<sup>st</sup>** Gold Coin Collection for PCWs\* in schools  
Family Service, St Ann's 9 am
- Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>** Mothers' Union SEM, with AGM  
*Enquiries: Trish Frith 8556 2604*
- Wed 4<sup>th</sup>** Lenten Supper I: Fr George Kirreh (see below)
- Fri 6<sup>th</sup>** World Day of Prayer (see opposite)
- Sun 8<sup>th</sup>** Annual Vestry, St Margaret's 3 pm
- Tues 10<sup>th</sup>** St Ann's Guild AGM 10 am (note different time)  
*Enquiries: Trish Frith 8556 2604*  
St Margaret's Guild AGM 1.30 pm  
*Enquiries: Fran Pettigrew 8323 9366*
- Wed 11<sup>th</sup>** Lenten Supper II: Police dog trainer and handler (see below)
- Thurs 12<sup>th</sup>** Colton Court Singers 10.30-11.30 am  
*Enquiries: Sue MacKirdy 8556 5162*
- Sat 14<sup>th</sup>** Pastoral District Council, 10 am, St Margaret's
- Wed 18<sup>th</sup>** Lenten Supper III: Mrs Marion McCall (see below)
- Sat 21<sup>st</sup>** Jumble Sale, St Ann's  
*Enquiries: Pat Roper 8386 2470*
- Wed 25<sup>th</sup>** LADY DAY (MU) (see p. 6)
- Fri 27<sup>th</sup>** "The Importance of Listening" (see next column)  
Family Tea at St Ann's 6.30 pm  
*Enquiries: Pat Roper 8386 2470*
- Sat 28<sup>th</sup>** Wedding, St Ann's 3.30 pm: Tommy Dahlseng & Alissa Cerchi
- Sun 29<sup>th</sup>** PALM SUNDAY  
COMBINED SERVICE, St Ann's, 10 am
- Tues 31<sup>st</sup>** Holy Eucharist, 5.30 pm St Margaret's
- ### April
- Wed 1st** Morning Prayer, 8.30 am St Margaret's  
Holy Communion, 9 am St Margaret's
- Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup>** MAUNDY THURSDAY  
Morning Prayer, 8.30 am St Ann's (& see p.1 for Easter services)
- Fri 3<sup>rd</sup>** GOOD FRIDAY (See p. 1)
- Sat 4<sup>th</sup>** HOLY SATURDAY (See p. 1)
- Sun 5<sup>th</sup>** EASTER DAY (See p. 1)  
Gold Coin collection for PCWs\* in schools
- Thurs 9<sup>th</sup>** Colton Court singers
- Tues 14<sup>th</sup>** St Margaret's Guild 1.30 pm  
St Ann's "New Look" Guild, 7 pm with wine & cheese tasting
- Sat 18<sup>th</sup>** Saturday Night Out at Willunga
- Tues 21<sup>st</sup>** Postie Fashion Parade, St Margaret's 1.30 pm (see opp.)
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup>** Family Tea at St Ann's
- Sat 25<sup>th</sup>** ANZAC DAY *\*Pastoral Care Workers*

### Don't forget the Lenten Soup Suppers!

\$5.

Prayers in the church at 6.30, followed by soup with crusty bread and seasonal fruit in St Ann's Room, with excellent speakers.

*Bring your friends !*

**Wed. 4<sup>th</sup> March:** Fr George Kirreh: "Life and God"

**Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> March:** Snr Constable 1st Class Neil Stevenson, with PD Iggy

**Wed. 18<sup>th</sup> March:** Mrs Marion McCall, OAM: "On a Wing and a Prayer"  
*(Biographical information was published in the February issue—see [www.southernvalesparish.org](http://www.southernvalesparish.org))*

### Family Services

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, 9 am, St Ann's  
A family-friendly service—bring your friends!

Next on Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup>, May 3<sup>rd</sup>  
*(Not April, as the first Sunday is Easter Day)*



### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

#### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

2 pm Kalyra (19 Aldersey St, McLaren Vle)  
7 pm at Willunga Uniting Church  
*A service of worship prepared by people of the Bahamas.*

### ANNUAL VESTRY

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 3 pm  
at St Margaret's.**

**Be there!**

### Jumble Sale

St Ann's Aldinga  
Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> March

8.30 – 12 midday  
Cake stall

*Bric-a-brac, Household items  
Devonshire teas, Sausage sizzle...*



### Pastoral Assistants' Training

"The Importance of Listening"

With Esther Langrish

Port Elliot, 27<sup>th</sup> March, 10.30—4 pm

### Family Tea at St Ann's

27<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30 pm

*Bring food to share—or just come!*

### Postie Fashion Parade

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> April, 1.30 pm

Tickets available next month from your wardens, \$10  
(includes afternoon tea)

### "Sense of Life"

#### A Lenten study for you

by Bishop John Ford

*Bible Study,*

*silence and song,*

*prayer and worship.*

Monday evening St Philip & St James

Tuesday evening: St Ann's Aldinga

Wednesday 10 am St Margaret's

It's not too late to join one. To find out more, contact your wardens or the parish secretary.





### **Family services**

Informal family services at St Ann's on the first Sunday of the month are now part of our Mission Action Plan (MAP).

Designed to be visitor-friendly, these services begin with freshly brewed coffee offered at the door, and invite participation from the congregation. There is no Eucharist celebrated here on that day: however the Eucharist is celebrated at all of the other churches as usual (see service times on p. 10).



Jesus' power over evil and afflictions was the message of the February service. Among those assisting were Pat Roper (above) and the cheerful team of Di Rickard, Eileen Binns, Cath Davidson and Tony Duncan.

This service was the first run on our own under Eucharistic Assistant Peter Chapman. As usual the Team ran a planning session a fortnight prior, in which the format, including the prayers, reading, confession, intercessions, songs and interactive activities were organised using the invaluable Roots materials, and expertise of members of the team, and formalised into a powerpoint presentation by Margaret Cale. We find that the congregation is really responding positively, with people feeling uplifted and spiritually touched. A couple of folk were actually moved to tears—in a happy way!

As part of the MAP plan it is hoped that this type of service will be up and running monthly in one other centre come mid-year. We encourage folk to come along one Sunday to observe for themselves what is happening.

### **And other news from St Ann's...**

Our **January shared family tea** was a cheerful occasion. The hall was set up as an Australia Day celebration, thanks to Cath. We welcomed some old faces and a new one. We welcome parishioners from the other centres as well. The dinners are a Parish social occasion. *The next Family tea will be on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of April.*

We have welcomed back and now wish a safe return to their home in the UK our **annual visitors to St Ann's**, Peter and Elaine Holden who have been with us since Christmas.

The **usual day to day tasks continue to happen** usually unobserved but never-the-less greatly valued and necessary. These include the continuing work of Trish and Victoria in the church grounds and garden. Also Bill Jeanes continues to do a magnificent job in the cemetery. All these folk deserve huge thanks and I know would appreciate the offers of extra helping hands whenever they are available.

*Pat Roper & Peter Chapman, Wardens*

### **Directed Retreat**

Fr David Thornton-Wakeford and his wife Deborah will lead a Directed Retreat at Sevenhill, SA, from 5pm Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> of August to Friday morning the 14<sup>th</sup> of August.

The Retreat will be silent, with spiritual direction for about 45 minutes each day. The main emphasis is 'self-direction', with most of the time given to retreatants to reflect, read, write, walk, rest and shape the direction of these days as they discern the movement of God in their lives.

The cost of the Retreat is \$400. *Further information from Fr David, ph 0409 590 009*

## Who's in the Rectory?

Bishop John Hind and Janet are in residence from the 13<sup>th</sup> of February to the 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> of March.

Bishop Michael Langrish will be there from the 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> of March until the 27<sup>th</sup> of March, and he and his wife Esther will be there from the 20<sup>th</sup> of April to the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May.

From the 30<sup>th</sup> of March to the 6<sup>th</sup> of April, Fr John Edwards and Elaine will be there, with Fr John taking our Easter services.



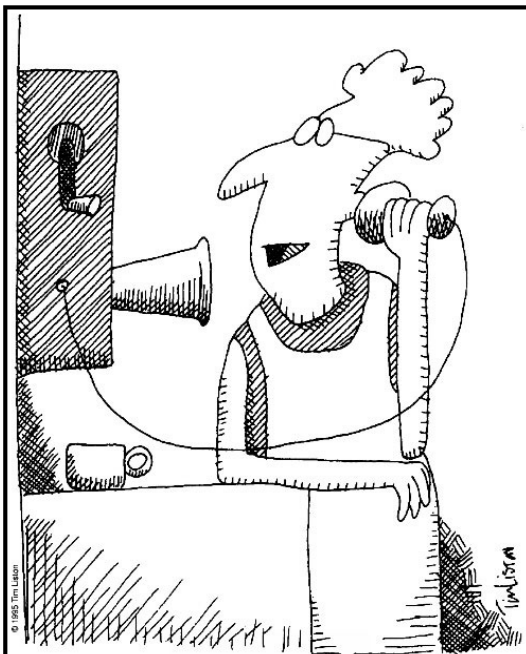
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## It's not as easy as it looks!

Margaret Cameron, who has made our palm crosses for the Pastoral District for many years, shared her skills at Granny Annie's in February, teaching Pat Roper and Helen Davies and others how to do it. Amie Wellington and Tony Ogden dropped in for a cup of coffee and a chat, and watched with interest. (Baby Jayden, at 8 months, was more interested in a spoon and saucer lid!)

Granny Annie's continues although we are sad to lose two of our regular and much-loved families, with Ali and Erin returning to Ireland to live, and Ellie-Mae beginning school at Willunga. We wish them every blessing. We'll miss them.

We have had some newcomers who also see the drop-in centre as a positive in their lives. We thank the volunteers who are making this little service to the community possible.



"They're putting choruses in hymnbooks and projecting hymns onto the screen. It's getting so I can't remember what I'm not supposed to like!"

## News from St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

January was a quiet month, with many folk away on holidays or staying home out of the heat.

The church was filled for a happy baptism on one Sunday with several young children enjoying Jac Hocking's activities at the back of the church while the service progressed.

We are certainly enjoying the benefits of the new blinds in the Sunday School room. Thanks to the Guild for financing and organising their installation.

There will be ongoing discussions regarding re-arranging the organ at the back of St Margaret's to improve the sound production. This will be done in consultation with the congregation and the Greg Trott Organ group.

We have a new microphone and clip-on microphone which is in compliance with new sound frequencies. Thank you to those who organised this changeover.

We are still looking for more St Margaret's parishioners to assist with the Mission Action Plan. It's not a scary or difficult task; just needs a desire to be part of Christ's work amongst our general community. We need to tell others about how much God loves them, in the simplest way possible—with loving service and care.

We enjoyed Shrove Tuesday—the service and the pancakes afterwards. Thank you to the cooks for their work and their preparation.

*Julia Drought & Greg John, Wardens.*



## Mission Action Plan

*Proclaiming Christ in word and action: Growing in care, love and service.*

The January PDC confirmed the five marks of mission as the basis of our Pastoral District mission plan, with co-ordinators to set up action groups for each. These were:

To proclaim the good news of the Kingdom: *Pat Roper*

To teach, baptise and nurture new believers: *Peter Chapman*

To respond to human need by loving service: *Wendy Sandercock*

To seek to transform unjust structures of society: *Anne Chittleborough & Julia Drought*

To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and to sustain the life of the earth: *Bill Cale*



Each group to form a small team, seeking members of each congregation, if possible, of people who were interested and had skills in those areas. Groups to report three-monthly to PDC on their progress, the first being in May 2015.

The co-ordinators of the action groups met at St Ann's on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of February to plan how best to spread the word about the Mission Action Plan, and met again on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February.

*Clockwise from front L: Heather & Peter Chapman, Susan Smith, Julia Drought, Bill Cale, Pat Roper, Wendy Sandercock, Margaret Cale and Brian McMillan*



As a result of this, presentations were made at each church, highlighting the need for action to be taken to grow our church. Feedback from the presentations has been positive, and some volunteers have offered their involvement. Ideas are welcomed from everyone.

*Left: Anne Chittleborough and Wendy Sandercock at a powerpoint presentation at St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga.*



## Congratulations to...



Photo: J Drought

**Ben and Heidi Watts** of Willunga on the birth of their daughter Clare Mae on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February.

**David** (pictured) and **Kylie Mills**, on the birth of their son Hudson on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February.

Also to **Chayce Gibbon** (R), who was baptised at St Ann's on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February.



Photo provided

## Lady Day

The 2015 Lady Day service will be held at St Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide on **Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of March, at 11 am**. The Archbishop will preach, and Mothers' Union Australian President Libbie Crossman will be the guest speaker.

**Our Trish Frith will be awarded her 50 years' membership award. Congratulations, Trish!**

Shared lunch in the Cynthia Poulton Hall afterwards.

If you have news of coming events or noteworthy happenings in the Pastoral District of Southern Vales to share with the rest of the parish, please contact the Editor, Anne Chittleborough, at 23 The Esplanade, Pt Willunga 5173, Ph 8556 5078 or email machit5@bigpond.com.au, preferably by 15th March. Please notify the Editor if you wish to avoid being mentioned in this newsletter.

## News from Pastoral District Council

As the January PDC was on the 31<sup>st</sup> of January, it was not possible to include a PDC report in our February issue. Highlights from both January and February meetings are included in this issue. Both meetings were ably chaired by Ted Sandercock.

### January

At the January PDC meeting the **Mission Action Plan Vision** was adopted: **Proclaiming Christ in word and action: Growing in care, love and service.** **Action Groups** for the Mission Action Plan were confirmed (see opposite page).

Setting up a **Pastoral Care group for the PD:** (This was part of the third mission aim )

This team will be a support group for the parish priest to assist with: \*parish visiting of the sick, elderly, lonely or those in any kind of need - in their homes, or hospitals or care homes, \*taking Holy Communion to the sick, \*a ministry of welcome to new people, \*care for a particular group within the church, eg young mothers, or men, \* keeping contact with those who are on the fringes of the Church, \* assisting with care for families of those who are baptised, \* being the first point of contact for those seeking marriage, \* praying with and for those who are sick, \* various aspects of Church led social action. The "Respectful Encounters" day (see p. 1) would be of value to team members and wardens.

**Lenten Studies:** to be led by Brian McMillan (St Ann's), Judith Wells (SS Philip & James), Greg John (St Margaret's) and Ted Sandercock. Written by Bishop John, they would be participatory sessions, based on the readings for the Sunday. They would require the use of a laptop. Ted would copy the programme and readings at the office.

**Financial Report:** Financial figures for the January meeting were prepared in time to be printed in the January issue of *The Grapevine*, which can still be viewed on-line at [www.southernvalesparish.org](http://www.southernvalesparish.org). Retired Treasurer Margaret commented that she was disappointed in the final figure for 2014 as she had hoped that the deficit might be eliminated. Collections were \$2,500 under budget and donations did not reach the budgeted \$5000, but the fundraising figure was good. All bills were paid, and there was no debt.

### February

At the meeting on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of February the first item on the agenda was the **Mission Action Plan (MAP)** (see opposite page.) Other matters discussed included the following, while others appear elsewhere in this issue.

**Audiovisual equipment** approved in January had been purchased and was already in use: a 4,000 lumens Epson data projector (strong enough for daytime presentations), a tripod, screen, Logitech speakers, cables, case for the projector and bag for the screen—to be funded from the Shirley Garfit fund, which she had wished to be used for spiritual education growth.

The **SSPJ Organ** is to be exchanged for the better organ at present stored in the Rectory. Clare Baker to be consulted on future use or otherwise of the SSPJ organ.

Ted and Wendy had attended the installation of **Pastor Andrew Dockerill** in the Lutheran Church, McLaren Vale, and had conveyed a welcome on behalf of the Anglican Church.

Some breakdowns in communication have highlighted the need for proper procedures to be formalised for **wedding and funeral planning**. Information about events must be provided to the PD Secretary, the churchwardens and, where cemeteries are involved, their curators.

**Pre-vestry meetings** to be held at all centres before the Vestry, to be chaired by Priest's Wardens, whose positions had already been approved by the archdeacon in the absence of a parish priest. St Ann's and SSPJ, knowing in advance of the absence for a period of time of their proposed wardens, could nominate stand-ins for the time of their absence.

**Easter services:** Fr John Edwards had offered to take Holy Week and Easter services for the PD without fees, in exchange for which, accommodation at the Rectory would be provided for that period.

**Fundraising:** The Guilds to inform PDC of major fundraising events to be held through the year to avoid clashes.

Financial Report:	January 2014	\$	Budgeted	\$
	Nett monthly income	\$5,696	Income	\$6,215
	Monthly expenditure	\$8,207	Expenditure	\$1,566
	Operating profit/loss	-\$2,290	Operating profit/loss	\$4,649
	Missions	\$221		

Margaret explained that she had paid our insurance (\$6,203) in full. This helps the diocese when other parishes are not able to do so. The figures will look better next month! **Next meeting: Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> of March, 10 am at St Margaret's.**

## ***A special day at St Stephen's***



On the 21<sup>st</sup> of February the congregation at the regular St Stephen's vigil mass, which was celebrated by Fr Peter Simmons, was joined by Christine Beal, a member of the St Peter's Cathedral choir, Adelaide, who treated those present to a solo of "Be still, my soul". The congregation was also delighted to welcome Ruth McFeat, who has recently come to live at Willunga.

At the Saturday Night Out dinner at the Bush Inn after the service, visiting bishop John Hind and his wife Janet joined the throng. (L-R) Wendy Sandercock, Elizabeth Richmond (hidden), Anne Chittleborough, Sylvia & Harry Francis, Bishop John and Janet Hind, Bob & Susan Smith, Margaret Cameron, Christine Beal, Ruth McFeat. (Photo by staff member)  
*There will be no Saturday Nights Out in Lent. Next on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> of April*

### ***Other news from St Stephen's Willunga...***

After very low attendances in early January, attendances later improved. Evening Prayer was celebrated on January the 31<sup>st</sup>, and Bishop John Hind commenced his time with the PD by celebrating at St Stephen's on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Fr Ed Pumphrey and Fr Peter Simmons for the generous giving of their time.

Thanks too to Margaret Cale and Peter Chapman for their MAP presentation on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup>, when the new projector was initiated.

The Vigil Mass is on a Saturday at 5.30 pm with refreshments afterwards.

*Ted Sandercock, Warden*

### ***News from St Philip n& St James, Old Noarlunga***

The funeral of William Priestley was directed by White Lady Funerals on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> of February with approximately 120 present, and the funeral of Daphne Budich was directed by English Rose Funerals on Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of February followed by her burial with over 100 present. Both deceased had family graves in the cemetery. The church was overflowing on both occasions. Fr Dennis conducted both services. It was a busy week as furniture had to be moved to accommodate the numbers in addition to general church preparation.

This month we have been blessed with regular Eucharists and are grateful to Fr John Edwards and Fr John Devenport for celebrating for us.

We were delighted to welcome Bp John Hind for our Eucharist on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> of February, so soon after his arrival in the Pastoral District, and look forward to his next service with us on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March. It is a source of wonder that visiting clergy fit in so seamlessly - perhaps our Pastoral Assistants are gently at work behind the scenes?

We have enjoyed the presence of regular visitor Joan from England at several of our services over the past weeks and were sad to say goodbye on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> of February due to her return to England. We hope to see her back later in the year. Thank you Felicity for bringing her and Joan's daughter who came with her on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February.

As always we thank Felicity Warrington and Sue MacKirdy for playing the organ and of course Ted Sandercock for keeping the Pastoral District wheels turning so effectively and cheerfully.

*Di Best on behalf of Stephen Wells and Bob Smith, Wardens*





### ***A Tibetan blessing***

On Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> of February Sue MacKirdy and Anne Chittleborough, who were at Granny Annie's, and Bill Cale who was cutting the grass at St Ann's, were visited by Sue's Tibetan son-in-law Thupten and his wife Ann, and Thupten's brother Choewang from the Drepung Buddhist monastery in South India. It was an opportunity to show Choewang our church and explain about our church life and worship, and for him, interpreted by Thupten, to tell us about his faith and his studies. He had been studying

seven years to go. He presented St Ann's with a beautiful *khata* with a blessing. In exchange, he was presented with a Southern Vales calendar which he says he will take back to India with him.



### ***Christian workers in our schools***

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February at the Coast and Vines church at Willunga, the Pastoral Care Workers (chaplains) for our schools were invited to talk about their work, and were blessed and commissioned by Pastor Rod Dowie and the Rev. Coralie Evans. Each of the chaplains shared in their own way their inspiring commitment and their passion for the work. As one

of them said, when she started the work she felt clearly that "this was what I was made for". Building relationships of friendship and trust with the children and staff enable them to be there for them when things fall apart, and when the unexpected happens. Many of the children come from single parent families, and many boys have no men in their lives, so Jamie Wells' role at Aldinga R-7 is an important one, and the shared husband-and-wife work by Jamie and his wife Natalie is significant as a role model. Increase in numbers at the schools and the impact of family breakup was a recurring theme at all schools.

Pictured above are (L-R) John Anderson, Jamie & Natalie Wells, Marie Cester (McLaren Flat Primary), Karen Michelback (Seaford Secondary) and Sue Camac (Willunga Primary and Noarlunga Downs).

Paul Hodgson of the Schools Ministry Group spoke of the need for ongoing and increased support for the PCWs. There are hundreds of students in the schools, and Government funding covers only 8 hours a week; fundraising provides extra hours for them. He emphasised the need for prayer support, too, especially as their work can involve difficult and sometimes hostile situations.

Our PD raises funds for their work through our Gold Coin appeal on the first Sunday of every month—please give generously. We also assist by running a sausage sizzle at the Quarry Market, Willunga, on the third Saturday in October and November. For more details contact Ted Sandercock, ph 85564535.

Photographs needed for a Pastoral District Calendar for



2016. Anne Chittleborough [machit5@bigpond.com](mailto:machit5@bigpond.com) would be pleased to receive any photos of church life or our district (enlargeable to A4 size) for consideration.

### **We're updating our PD Directory!**

**Please check the forms at the back of your church, where you can make any changes or updates to the current (old!) directory, or add a new name.**

### **WANTED!**



Someone to collect BCA (Bush Church Aid) boxes twice a year, and either bank the money or hand it to the Treasurer. All information will be sent to you from the Adelaide office. *More details from Helen Spring, 8221 5444, or Anne Lear 0417 866 779. Remember—April is box month!*

English Rose Funerals have withdrawn their advertisement from this paper because a few people have expressed to them the opinion that it was inappropriate for them to advertise here.

It should be noted, though, that the option of taking paid advertisements to help defray the cost of printing was thoroughly discussed in 2013 before being passed by PD Council.—Ed.

### **St Ann's, Aldinga— 150 not out (cont'd)**

#### ***A church built, and an argument breaks out.***

With the decision made to build a church at Aldinga, an acre of land was given by the South Australian Company and a foundation stone laid by Mrs Short, wife of the Bishop, in 1865.

It was resolved that no debt was to be incurred, so work continued as funds came in to build the walls, roof, floors and doors. For the last £250 needed to finish the job, the six trustees were asked to lend £40 each without interest, with the loans to be repaid by pew-rents. The church was opened for services by Dean Farrell in 1866 as the Bishop was in England at the time. Fifty to sixty attended, and more than 70 seats were let. In four years the whole cost, £785, was met, without any help from the Synod or other church funds and the church was able to be consecrated, with Mrs Short presenting a fine communion service.

#### ***Quite a storm arose***

The services were held in the evenings, and the rector, E. K. Miller, tried to arrange for a lay reader to take a service at Willunga once a month to allow him to conduct a morning service at Aldinga, but at this "quite a storm arose. Some [at Willunga] were a little jealous on account of Aldinga succeeding in what most Willunga folk had pronounced an impossibility: while others contended that, as a morning service had always been held at Willunga, they ought not to be deprived in any degree of it. I explained, that if they would procure lamps I would hold an evening service at Willunga on the Sundays when I would be at Aldinga in the morning. But it was all no use. A resolution was passed that service at Willunga should be continued as it always had been, and no alteration permitted."

#### ***Resolution***

Allowing a little time for the excitement to subside, Miller found a lay-reader, bought some lamps, and proceeded to carry out his plans regardless of the vestry's decision. This caused another furor, but he eventually managed to get the assistance of more lay readers and was able to have services morning *and* evening at *both* centres. "After a while this met with general approval," he wrote in 1895. "I believe no one now would wish to see it altered."

(E. K. Miller: *Reminiscences of 47 Years' Clerical Life in SA* (1895), pp. 76-77.

### ***Southern Vales Pastoral District***

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*The Parish Office is not regularly attended but messages can be left on the message bank 08 8323 9155*

#### ***Visit our website!***

<http://www.southernvalesparish.org>

#### ***To contact your church wardens:***

**St Philip & St James, Old Noarlunga**

Bob Smith 0424 121 954

Stephen Wells 8326 7114

**St Margaret's, McLaren Vale**

Julia Drought 7009 7705

Greg John 8325 0277

**St Stephen's, Willunga**

Ted Sandercock 8556 4535

**St Ann's, Aldinga**

Peter Chapman 8557 7151

Pat Roper 8386 2470

#### ***Parish Service times***

**St Stephen's, St Andrews Tce, Willunga**

**Saturday: Vigil Mass: 5.30 pm**

**St Philip & St James, Church Hill Rd,  
Old Noarlunga**

**Sunday: Holy Eucharist: 8.45 am**

**St Ann's, South Rd, Aldinga**

**Sunday: Holy Eucharist: 9 am**

**with children's lessons and activities**

**St Margaret's, Main Road McLaren Vale**

**Sunday: Holy Eucharist: 10.30 am with  
Sunday School**

**Wednesday: Holy Eucharist: 9:00am**

***But please note: From time to time the four centres of the Pastoral District combine in worship to celebrate special events. On those days there is only one Sunday service in the Pastoral District.***



***On Sunday the 29th of March the only service will be at 10 am at St Ann's Aldinga, to celebrate Palm Sunday.***

***We are delighted that the lovely Shadow can be with us again this year.***