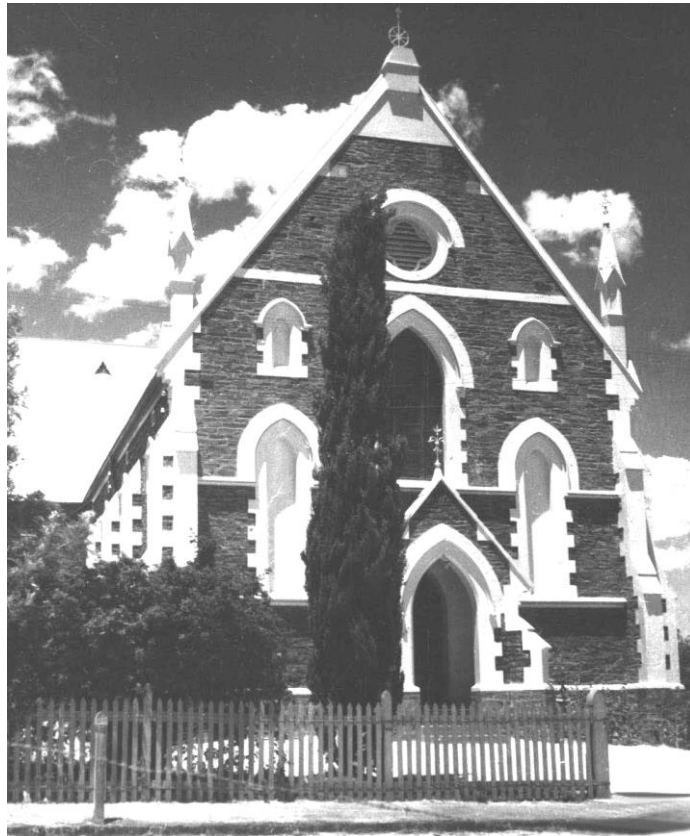


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FOREWORD

Church historians of the future will have cause to be deeply grateful to Olive Walton.

It was providential that at a time when the stream of its life was to change course and burst out into an entirely new confluence there was in the Magill congregation a person who recognised the importance of tracing the stream to its source and identifying the many tributaries that had fed into it or the well-springs that had been watered by it, before all became lost in a landscape eroded by time and the winds of change.

Regrettably, this had already occurred to some extent. Records kept by some organisations had become lost. In other cases records had never been kept. The chronicler had to rely upon oral tradition, the few repositories of which were themselves somewhat hazy as to what occurred when, and the people who were involved at the time. This combination of factors accounts for gaps and omissions in the following material, some information in respect of which, it is hoped, may yet be provided by those who read it.

Apart from Olive Walton's initiative and sense of urgency much of this material may have been lost for ever. Her enthusiasm provided a stimulus to other members of the congregation to become interested in the project and where that did not produce the appropriate responses she encouraged, cajoled and goaded us until they were forthcoming.

Reading the documents has been sometimes entertaining and always interesting as windows of memory have been opened on to events long forgotten and people who have been servants of God and lights of the world in the several generations spanned by the story of this congregation, surprisingly perhaps by no means as prosperous as we, from the relatively comfortable perspective of today, might imagine it to have been.

The compiler refers to her work as a 'report'. It is not a history of the Magill Methodist / Uniting Church. It does include a brief historical overview but the various documents brought together provide an invaluable archive, fortunately preserved before 'the wind passes over it and it is gone, and its place knows it no more' and easily accessible to historians of the future and other interested people.

It bears witness also to that which does not change, 'the steadfast love of the Lord which is from everlasting to everlasting upon those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children'.

Kyle Waters

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PREFACE

This report is an attempt to bring together, in one document, an outline or overview of the Church in Chapel Street, Magill, from its inception in 1855 to December 1990, when it became part of the Morialta Uniting Church with the other churches from Finchley Park, Newton and Rostrevor.

It has been difficult to verify some of the information as many of the early records have been lost, but I have tried to use factual material, where possible, rather than hearsay.

It should also be understood that the information included is selective rather than exhaustive in presenting a picture of the establishment, growth, work and life of the 135 year old Church.

Many people have served this Church faithfully and well in its lifetime, but it is impractical to include all of them in this summary. In the section on personalities I have restricted it to those families who have had continuous association with this Church for 50 years or more.

A debt of gratitude is owed to the Rev Don Howland for his support, to Rev Kyle Waters for proof-reading the manuscript and writing the Foreword, to the Church Office and the many volunteers who assisted with typing and proof reading and to the many members of the congregation who have written reports and answered the many queries, for without them this report would not have been concluded, and to my husband who has been a tower of strength during the preparation of this history.

Olive Walton

MILESTONES

- 1841 Early services recorded at Magill
- 1853 Regular services began
- 1855 New Wesleyan Chapel opened on the site of the present hall
- 1859 Ship's Bell purchased for the Sunday School
- 1867 Original Sunday School opened at rear of Church
- 1875 New Wesleyan Church opened - Nave of present Church
- 1884 Transepts of present Church opened
- 1891 First manse completed
- 1896 No ordained minister appointed to Magill for 20 years
- 1896 Christian Endeavour began on Sunday morning to replace morning Sunday School
- 1912 Girls' Guild and Ladies' Guild began
- 1916 Rev A A Smith appointed as first ordained minister since 1896
- 1917 WAOM commenced
- 1935 Order of Knights held first meeting
- 1936 Methodist Girls' Comrades began
- 1955 Centenary Celebrations
- 1956 Young Women's Evening Fellowship commenced
- 1957 Kindergarten built
- 1958 Men's Fellowship formed
- 1962 Fire destroyed the Sunday School Hall, the original Church
- 1963 New Hall opened
- 1968 New manse erected
- 1974 Dedication, after renovations, to interior of present Church
- 1975 Centenary of erection of Nave of present Church
- 1977 Uniting Church - Magill Methodist Circuit (ie Magill, Newton and Montacute Churches), Finchley Park Presbyterian and Rostrevor Congregational Churches joined under the new name 'Morialta Parish'
New manse was purchased at Rostrevor and a second Minister, Rev Ray Creevy was appointed
- 1990 2nd December Magill became part of the Morialta Uniting Church with one congregation and two Worship Centers - Chapel Street, Magill, and Bonvue Road, Rostrevor.

BEGINNINGS

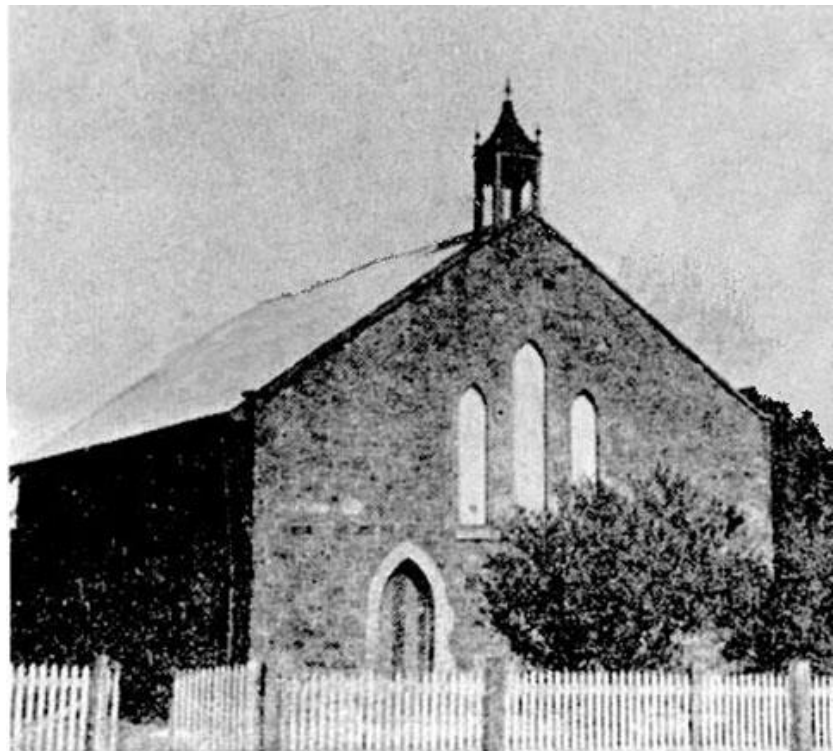
Within a few months of Governor Hindmarsh proclaiming this State to be a colony of the British Empire, in 1836, families settled in this district called Mackgill.

There must have been a good proportion of Methodists amongst those early settlers, who soon banded together for worship and fellowship. Reference has been made of services being conducted here by the Adelaide Circuit in 1841, and again in 1847 occasional services were being held at Mackgill and Montacute.

In 1853 there arrived in Magill the Roscove, Harris, Gill, Creeper, Symonds, Pepper, Walker, Puddy and Bennett families, who soon felt the need to meet for prayer and praise. At first regular prayer meetings were held in various cottages, but soon preaching services were held, first in the old school, and then in the homes of Symonds and Roscove.

THE FIRST CHURCH

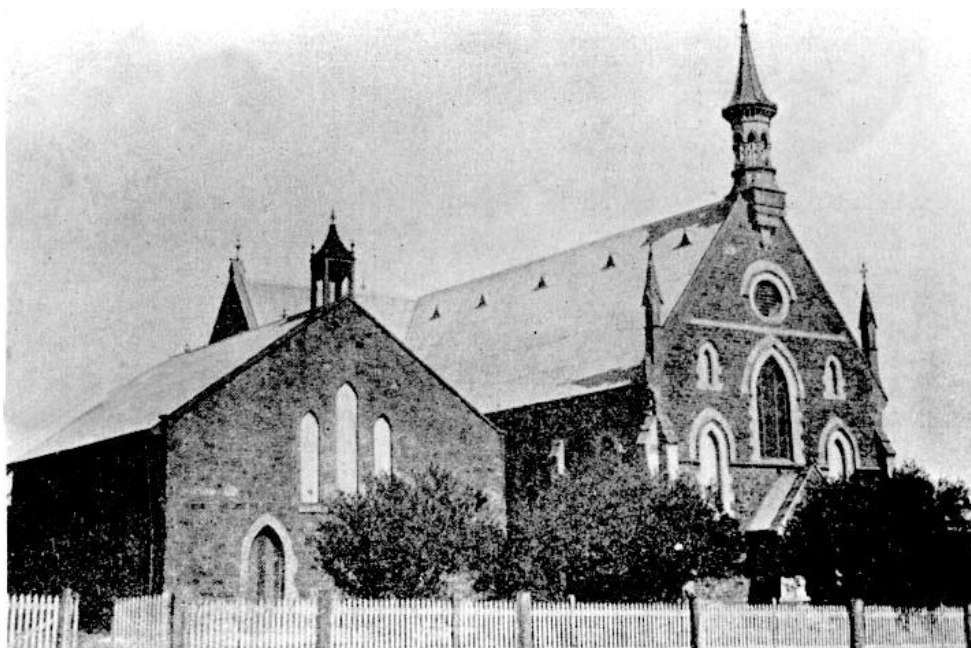
In order to build a Church, land was purchased from Mr William Thorne on 30 May 1854. The first Trustees appointed were Henry Grosse, Henry Broad, Thomas Hill, William Clarke, Henry Roscove, William Orchard, John Langsford, Michael Harris and James Coombe. The foundation stone was laid by the Hon John Baker MLC of Morialta, after which he gave a short address. The preachers at the opening ceremony, on 8 April 1855, were Rev Thomas Williams and Rev Joseph Dare, later Dr Dare, who spoke on the doctrines and polity of the Methodist Wesleyan Church. Soon after the opening of the Church more Methodists settled in the district, among them being the Uren, Padman, Longbottom, Gault, Ballantyne and Gillard families.



The First Church c 1945

NEW CHURCH

In 1874 a decision was made to build a new Church, which is the nave of the present Church. Mr Bundy's tender of £1,800 for the work was accepted.



The Old and New Church - before 1954

Mrs Longbottom Jnr laid the foundation stone on Monday 19 October 1874 at 5 pm. The silver trowel, purchased for ten guineas and used for the ceremony, was presented to Mrs Longbottom. It is interesting to note that, in January 1963, this trowel was returned to the 'safe' keeping of the Trustees of this Church. However, the foundation stone cannot be found.

Mr William C Uren chaired the public meeting timed to start at 7 pm. In preparation 250 tea tickets and 100 'promise' tickets were procured. Messrs Wm Longbottom and R N Gault sent 'gratis' tickets to as many friends as they thought proper, while Messrs Pellew and Uren were to ask the ladies to give trays of food and to make all arrangements for the tea. The speakers for the crowded meeting were Revs J Bickford, W Binks, W P Wells and S Knight.

Early Church minutes show some of the difficulties facing the Trustees as they watched the erection of the new building. There was a slight settlement on two windows caused by the front gable being heavier and having deeper foundations than those of the side wall. After the opening services there was still work to be done, including putting some moulding on the ridge of the Church, the centre seats to be moved back eighteen inches and to be fixed at an angle, and if required to be installed to fill the centre of the 'Singing Gallery'. In addition the architect was to be approached for an estimate for removing the old platform and communion rail and to give the cost of new seats. The organ was to be raised sixteen

inches above the singers' seats while the singers' seats were to be lowered eight inches. Also the side seats were to be removed from the old chapel and to be placed diagonally in the new Church.

The first services held in the new Church on Sunday 17 October 1875 were conducted by Rev W P Wells and Rev W L Binks. The Special Services the next Sunday were taken by Rev Samuel Knight and Rev J Bickford, President of the Conference.

TRANSEPT

In mid 1883 the Trustees accepted a tender by W Pett & Sons to build the transept on to the new Church, with Mr Garlick as the Architect.

The foundation stone was laid by Mrs Cotton, on Tuesday 2 October 1883 at 4 pm, followed by a tea meeting and public meeting at which Hon John Cotton was to conduct the choir. Mr Rob Burgess and Mr Uren were to purchase a silver trowel for presentation to Mrs Cotton. Where is the foundation stone? Is it the large rectangular stone, bearing no inscription, on the exterior western wall of the transept? The opening of the transept in the new Church was held in March 1884.

RENOVATIONS

Over the years the interior and exterior of the building have been repaired, painted and renovated.

Early in 1950 the steeple on the north of the Church was removed, as it was considered to be unsafe and dangerous.



1971 - before renovations

Then in 1961 the foyer of the Church was made more attractive with the removal of the very narrow passage and classrooms immediately inside the front door. Also a window was let into the panelling which afforded a splendid view of the interior of the nave and transept.

In 1974, under the guidance of Mr Malcolm Doley, an architect, major alterations were made to the interior of the Church. The aim was to use the existing space without adding additional external structures.



1974 - after renovations

The elevated centrally placed choir seats, pulpit and organ were removed to the western transept with the pulpit free standing. Pews were placed in the eastern transept. The centre of the transept became the sanctuary dominated by a free standing communion table with a 12 foot cross, in dull green, suspended over it. The baptismal font is also in this area.

The foyer of the Church was enlarged to allow for a minister's and a choir vestry on the right, with a 'crying room' on the left.

Many people were sad to see the fleur-de-lis removed from the ends of the pews, which were re-shaped.

It is interesting to note that the tops of pew ends, the Church windows, the pattern in the Church carpet, the pillars at the intersections of the walls, the electric lights and other items are or were in groups of three, reminding worshippers of the Triune God.

The beautiful window known as 'The Longbottom Memorial' was placed in the northern wall of the Nave in 1874, when the new building was erected.

The window depicts St Paul who was shipwrecked on his way to Rome. It was donated by

Mr Wm Longbottom Jnr who was a successful businessman and the son of Rev William Longbottom, who was the first ordained Wesleyan preacher in South Australia.

In 1974, when the Church was modernised, the window was resited from the north front wall to the east wall and set in two existing sites. The two side panels have been combined into one window and the middle left on its own.

On the western wall of the nave are the two 'Chinner' windows acquired from Pirie Street Methodist Church when it was demolished.

The re-dedication of the Church, following the renovations, was held on Sunday 15 September 1974 at 11.00 am with Rev Kyle Waters as the preacher.

It is interesting to note that the plans for the new Church have never been completed with the stones in place on the southern wall to enable the original shape of the cross to be finalised at a later date.

MANSE

Prior to the building of the first parsonage in 1890-91 the minister lived in a house rented from Mr E Nation and situated on the north east corner of the intersection of Pepper and Chapel Streets.

The first minister to move into the parsonage was Rev Vivian Roberts, whose daughter, Jean, is believed to be the only child born into a minister's family while resident at Magill.

From 1896 and for the next twenty years when Magill did not have a resident minister the parsonage was rented to the Police Department.

In April 1968, because of the great expense that would be involved in repairs and making the building safe and habitable, the decision was taken to demolish the old parsonage and erect a new one on the same site. Mr G T Tetley, Dip Arch SAIT, was the architect and Mr J Graaf the builder.

The dedication and opening of the new parsonage was on Sunday 22 September 1968 at 2 pm. Rev A R Medson, Secretary of the SA Conference, was the officiating minister, and Rev W J Stafford and family were the first occupants of the new parsonage.

PROPERTY

A short summary of the buildings erected during the life of the Church is as follows -

Old Church	1855	£738
Original Sunday School	1867	-
Nave of present Church	1875	£2,540
Transept of Church	1884	£1,432

Parsonage	1890/1	£637
Land for parsonage	-	£50
Kitchen at rear of school	1918	-
Kindergarten	1957	-
New Church Hall	1963	£9,284
New Parsonage	1968	\$10,640
Renovations to Church	1974	\$24,000

CONNEXIONAL

In a circuit plan dated 1864 Magill Wesleyan Church is shown as being included in the **Adelaide Third Circuit** of which Norwood was the head Church. Other churches in the circuit were Kent Town, Payneham, Athelstone and Montacute. In about 1883 churches were established at East Adelaide and Maylands and these two churches were included in the circuit.

Further boundary changes were made in 1885 with the forming of the Norwood-Magill Circuit and having a minister stationed at both Norwood and Magill. Maylands, Athelstone and Montacute were included in this circuit and later Kensington Park and Newton were added.

In 1914 there was a further division made and Magill became the head Church with Athelstone, Newton and Montacute churches included in the circuit with it. In 1951 Athelstone was transferred to Payneham circuit, leaving just the three churches.

A United Parish was formed in 1976 with Magill Methodist Circuit - Magill, Newton and Montacute churches - Rostrevor Congregational and Finchley Park Presbyterian Church uniting to form one parish with two ministers, Rev Rob Davis and Rev Ray Creevy.

In 1977 the parish adopted the new name of 'Morialta Parish' at the time of the inauguration of the Uniting Church.

Montacute Church was closed in 1983 after 122 years of witness.

On 2 December 1990 Morialta Uniting Church was formed with Magill, Finchley Park, Newton and Rostrevor Churches uniting to form one congregation with two worship centres - Chapel Street, Magill and Bonvue Road, Rostrevor. Two ministers, Rev Don Howland and Rev Elwyn Penna shared the worship and pastoral responsibilities.

MINISTERIAL

The first official appointment of a preacher to Magill was that of G W Kendrew, a probationer, in 1883. Three more probationers were to follow for terms of one year.

In 1887 Rev B G Edwards was an ordained minister appointed for one year. Four more ordained ministers were to serve Magill before the lack of finance brought about by heavy debt, and the fact that several Methodist families left the district, forced the Trustees to ask that no appointment be made of a resident minister to Magill. The Norwood minister worked the whole Circuit, while the parsonage was let to the Police Department and the money used to help the Trust to liquidate its debts.

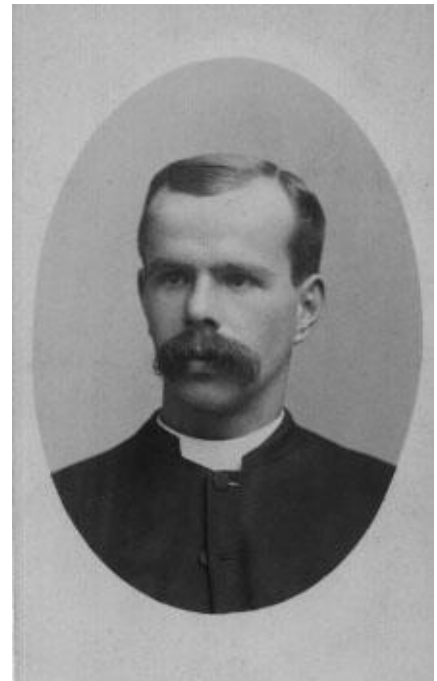
No ordained minister was appointed to Magill for twenty years, 1896-1916. Fortunately during this time Rev Charles Lane, or 'Father Lane' as he was lovingly called, came to reside in Magill in his retirement, and for 17 years he ministered to the needs of the people. A tablet to his memory can still be seen on the south wall in the Church. Others who gave valuable assistance at this time were Revs E Gratton, W Jarrett, Wheller, Gibson, A G Ward and J J Kilmartin.

MINISTERS WHO HAVE SERVED AT MAGILL

PROBATIONERS

1883	G W Kendrew
1884	J C Hill
1885	W A Potts
1886	S Rossiter

**Rev G W Kendrew
First minister appointed
To Magill Methodist**



ORDAINED MINISTERS

1887	B G Edwards
1888 - 1891	W A Langsford
1891 - 1894	V Roberts
1894 - 1895	J Hopkins
1895 - 1896	C T Newman
1897 - 1915	No appointments were made for 20 years
1916 - 1920	A A Smith
1920 - 1922	H Trewren
1922 - 1924	A H Melbourne
1924 - 1929	E A Pederick
1929 - 1932	A D McCutcheon
1932 - 1935	E T Pryor
1935 - 1940	J Gilding

1940 - 1945	A M Davis
1945 - 1947	H P Lambert
1947 - 1952	D E Dickson
1952 - 1959	A R Medson
1959 - 1962	G B Stribley
1963 - 1968	A H M Ellison
1969 - 1973	W J Stafford
1973 - 1982	R G Davis
1983 - 1991	D Howland



**Rev D Howland
Last minister
appointed to Magill
Uniting Church**

FINANCE

Early records seem to have been lost, but we do know that in 1874 the account books show some entries relating to the building of the new Church, eg Donations £1124, Foundation Stone £23, Proceeds of Bazaar held in Adelaide £181, Bazaar held at Magill £77, Collections from opening and tea meeting £42, Sundries £7, giving a total of £1454.

An entry dated 28 November 1876, shows a debt of £977 @ 7% interest.

By September 1883, the debt had been reduced to £300 but it then became necessary to obtain a loan of £1,000 @ 7% in connection with the building of the transept. Donations given in connection with the opening of the transept, on 9 March 1884, totalled £374. A further loan of £500 @ 8% was required in 1884.

By 1887 the debt had been reduced to £1,390, but the cost of building a parsonage in 1890-91 increased the debt again, and in 1896 it stood at £2,208. With an interest bill of £100 per year in addition to general expenses the Trustees had a very anxious period, and it was at this time that they found it necessary to dispense with a resident minister.

For the next 20 years several new loans were required but with the continued support of a much depleted congregation the debt was reduced to £750, of which £530 was at 6% and the balance free of interest.

The minutes of the time reveal that the Church was having a great battle against heavy odds. During the depression money troubles weighed heavily on the Church. On 22 September 1930 the Trust requested the Treasurer of the 'Mile of Pennies' for an advance of £50 to meet the accounts due. Also, owing to the unsatisfactory state of the finances the cleaner-caretaker was appointed for three months at the rate of ten shillings a week.

On 18 February 1931 the treasurer reported that he did not have sufficient funds to meet accounts. An application for a loan of £200 was refused, so the Trust decided to ask for loans from private individuals and to approach the Athelstone Sunday School. Mr Hammit loaned £400 @ 5% and the Athelstone Sunday School £25 @ 4½% while the overdraft was at 7%. Members of the Church were also asked to clean the buildings on a voluntary basis for a period of time.

By 1949 the treasurer was pleased to announce that all interest bearing loans had been paid off and there was sufficient cash in the bank to meet non-interest bearing loans.

FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

During the early days of the Church at Magill portion of the income was derived from Pew Rents, a system by which members paid a regular quarterly sum of money, and in return

had a particular seat in the Church reserved for them. This system was discontinued in 1946. It was also recorded in 1893 that a collection for the poor was taken at the monthly Holy Communion.

A special Centenary Fund was inaugurated in 1947 for the purpose of achieving a number of specific objectives, which were to thoroughly renovate the property including the Church, hall and manse, to liquidate the debt on the property, to provide new and up-to-date lighting, to re-establish the Sports Clubs, to install a new organ and to provide additional Sunday School accommodation. With the exception of the Sunday School accommodation all objectives were accomplished.

At times of special need, like raising money for a new piano, the Church people responded generously. It is the area of over-all expenses of the Church that has seen the greatest change. For about the last 40 years most churches have found that the Sunday Collections are quite inadequate to meet all expenses. The previous methods of arranging fetes, fairs, auctions, bazaars and concerts have been successful to a degree, but could not cope in more recent times with the necessary expenditure. No word of praise would be too great for the Ladies' Guild, Margaretta Guild, WAOM, Evening Fellowship whose members have been to the forefront in supporting financially, and in other ways, projects instigated by the Church leaders. Other societies like Girls' Comradeship, Order of Knights, Men's Fellowship and Youth Club have all contributed financially and with human resources in many and varied ways.

To meet the need of acquiring income for the greatly increasing expenditure, various forms of systematic giving have been tried. These have included Envelope Systems, Canvasses, Pledges and Planned Giving. The Wells Fund-raising Organisation was the leader in this field and really showed the churches how, to a greater degree than before, they could overcome some of their financial difficulties.

In 1893 the Envelope System was investigated, and it is mentioned again in the 1928 minutes. In 1957 the Wells Organisation ran the first canvass at Magill Methodist Church with Mr Goddard as Campaign Director and Mr R J McDougall as Chairman. This first effort resulted in 'promises' of £11,550 over a period of 150 weeks. Again in 1960 Wells carried out a second canvass, but in 1963 the Church organised its own canvass. Those of 1966 and 1969 were run by the South Australian Department of Stewardship, while those of 1972 and 1975 were organised by the Victorian Director of the Division of Stewardship. The Church has continued to conduct three yearly canvassing programmes, mostly with outside help, but in 1987 a self-run programme 'Forward in Faith' was carried out by the Church itself.

In 1990 a Planned Giving Programme was run on a Parish basis with Magill, Newton, Finchley Park and Rostrevor Churches participating in a combined effort. Stewardship

Australia with Mr Richard Parsons as Director and Mr Don Bennier as Chairman organised the programme.

MISSION

Throughout Magill Church's history it has always supported Home and Overseas Missions along with other special needy causes such as Kate Cocks' Babies' Home.

Over the years various ways of supporting these causes have been used. One such way was the envelope system, whereby each member of the congregation could make their own personal gift, and place it in the offering plate on Mission Sunday. The 'Mission Box' was an individual or family way of contributing to mission work. The special boxes were collected from the Church and returned when full, the money going towards the Church's allocation to mission. Other fundraising efforts have been progressive dinners, concerts, theatre nights, fashion parades, making goods for sale and a sausage sizzle.

Organisations within the Church community all support the Mission Fund with donations, especially the WAOM which raised most of the money for Mission during the early years of the Church at Magill.

Early in 1971 a directive came from the Connexional Board of Finance asking that a special project be undertaken to supplement the contribution to mission work through the Budget Allocation. As a result a special Task Force was formed to look into the work of mission at Magill Church.

After Union in 1977, when Magill became a member of the Morialta Parish, Mission became the responsibility of the Parish Council.

At first, Parish Council set the monetary target to aim for, as well as approving of the project/s chosen for the year. Each year a Parish Mission Committee, with a convenor and representatives from each of the churches within the Parish, was formed and it was their responsibility to promote and organise activities to raise funds for the Mission Projects. Each Church was given a pro rata amount to raise. It was stressed that this was a Parish venture and that activities should, where possible, involve members of the Parish as a whole, rather than individual congregations.

In 1987 the Mission Committee was given the responsibility of educating the Parish on projects allocated to the Mount Lofty Presbytery, and also to raise funds for other Mission Projects as approved by Parish Council. The money raised in this way was extra and beyond the amount allowed for in the Parish's allocation to the Outreach and Service Fund. The money raised was paid into a central fund and at the end of the year it was equally divided amongst the projects chosen.

Some of the projects chosen included Chile, Papua New Guinea, Murchison Patrol, Birdsville Hospital and the Uniting Aboriginal & Islander Christian Congress.

In 1990 the Parish Council approved three worthy causes, and the Mission Committee worked in a slightly different manner than previously. It arranged a Progressive Dinner to raise money for the Hackham West UC Building Fund, a concert for Partners in Ministry and a luncheon for the Korean UC Mission mini bus. At the end of each function the money raised was given directly to the recipient. Any other money that was donated during the year was equally divided amongst the three projects.

In 1988 our Parish, along with two or three other Parishes in the Mt Lofty Presbytery was chosen as part of a Pilot Scheme based on what Christ is saying to us about mission and to become a Partner Church with Korea - sharing our country and faith with them. Working groups were formed and our Parish compiled information about our Presbytery to send to a partner Presbytery in Korea. In return the Korean Presbytery exchanged similar information with us to form a partnership in mission.

MISSION

Overseas Mission Secretaries

1950-1952	Mrs Robert Nightingale
1953	Mr J May
1954-1955	Mrs Aileen Brooks
1956-1958	Mr J May Jnr
1959-1960	Mr J May Snr
1961-1962	Mr John May
1963-1968	Mr J W May
1969-1971	Mrs M Ridgway
1972-1974	Mrs M Burns
1975	Mrs Betty Hosking

Home Mission Secretaries

1950-1952	Miss Beryl Lange
1953	Mrs Aileen Brooks
1954-1962	Miss Clare Brooks
1963-1970	Miss Ethel Bennett
1971	Miss R Holmes
1972-1975	Miss Clare Brooks
1976	
1977	
1978	

Parish Council Mission Committee Convenor

1979	Mrs Ruth Ready
1980	Mrs Elaine Lambert
1981	Mrs Ruth Ready
1982	Mrs Margaret Dolan
1983-1984	Mr Ralph Holmes
1985-1987	Mr Vic Ready
1988-1989	Mrs Helen Stephens
1990	Mrs Joan Schunke

THE LAITY

The first TRUSTEES were -

Henry Broad, William Clarke, James Coombe, Henry Goss, Michael Harris, Thomas Hill, John Langsford, William Orchard, Henry Roscrowe

In 1955 THE CENTENARY YEAR the TRUSTEES were -

W R Bennett, A S Brooks, E W Brooks, R J McDougall, O B Flavel, J Grivell, E B Hockridge, H Lillywhite, Septimus Lillywhite, E S May, J May, L Mills, A M Nightingale, R J Nightingale, H Ross, J Warner.

1990 COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Miss Mary Barrie, Mr Merv Boundy, Miss Win Bull, Miss Jenny Charlesworth, Mrs Rhonda Cheel, Mrs Margaret Dix, Mrs Margaret Dolan, Mr Dean Dyer, Mrs Maxine Dyer, Mrs Betty Hosking, Mrs Mavis Hounslow, Mrs Moreene Howland, Mr Bruce Ind, Mr Fred Martin, Mrs Glad Mason, Mrs Jenny Munton, Mr Robert Munton, Mrs Pauline Norman, Mrs Jan Schroeder, Mrs Jan Sillett, Mrs Bev Tredrea.

The above Trustees and Elders have seen many changes and developments during the Magill Methodist Church's 135 years, as the following extracts will show.

EXTRACTS FROM OLD MINUTE BOOKS

The only lasting records available today are the minute books of the Trustees, Quarterly Meetings, Leaders' Meetings and of the different societies within the Church community. However, the very earliest official records have been lost, but the following excerpts indicate something of the life and progress of the Church in those earliest times.

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| 4 January 1870 | Resolved that Mr Padman be appointed Poor Steward for the year.
Resolved to have the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper 3 times a quarter if practicable.
Resolved that Mr Ballantyne take charge of Mr Padman's Class during his absence. |
| 22 March 1870 | Rev R S Casely in the chair. Messrs Gault and Pellew reported that the attendances at Classes were very unsatisfactory. A long conversation ensued and it was resolved that the secretary of this meeting intimate to the Leaders of the Classes that it is desired of them that they bring their Class Books to the Leaders' Meeting for examination. |
| 23 April 1872 | Resolved that the Poor Steward give to Brother Lee 10/- to be paid in weekly instalments of 2/-. |

- 25 June 1872 The Poor Steward reported that he had £5 in hand. Resolved that the sum of £2/9/- be given to Sister Kempster to pay for repairing her house which was in danger of falling down.
- 17 December 1872 Mrs Pellew was appointed to succeed the late Mrs Longbottom as leader of the Thursday afternoon Class.
NOTE: Mrs Longbottom was widow of Rev W Longbottom, first Methodist Minister in South Australia.
- 17 December 1872 Small attendances attributed partly to the Leaders being unable to visit absentees as required by our rules.
- 19 December 1876 'Quire' practice on Wednesday evenings considered to be prejudicial to the well-being of the Class held on that evening.
Rev C T Newman to confer with members of the Quire and endeavour to alter their time of meeting.
- 7 August 1877 Bible and hymn book presented to Mrs Parks the first bride married in the new Church.
- 19 November 1882 Floral Service in afternoon of day of Church Anniversary.
Select Classes of Sunday School asked to make decorations for the Floral Service.
- 29 July 1885 Mr Henry Donald appointed Leader of a new Society Class which had recently been formed at Stoneyfell to meet on Tuesday evenings. Minutes signed by Rev W A Potts.
- 22 March 1893 Envelope system for regular giving to be investigated.
- 1895 Mr S Lillywhite to have charge of the key for the piano.
- 26 March 1905 A letter was received from Mr J Golding and family requesting that unfermented wine be used instead of fermented wine. After discussion it was decided that the use of fermented wine be discontinued and Messrs J Gillard and H Lillywhite were appointed as a committee to provide a suitable unfermented wine.
- 18 April 1905 To ask for permission to have acetylene gas lights installed in the Church.
- 4 July 1911 Gum trees to be removed from eastern boundary of property.

13 July 1911	High tea after Church Anniversary for 1/-.
13 May 1915	Electric light installed.
2 August 1921	Mr H Lillywhite to make up plan for seating holders in Church.
6 August 1946	Mr A S Brooks moved Mr R J McDougall seconded that 'pew rents' be abolished.
1957	Discontinued ringing the bells for evening and morning services.
4 February 1966	The desirability of appointing a Vestry Steward to welcome visiting Ministers was considered and after some discussion Mr A S Brooks was appointed to this position.
30 June 1970	Picnic - Mrs Weaver had been catering for the picnic for 40 years and now wishes to discontinue. Recommended that a committee be formed, representatives from all groups to organise the day as a Family Picnic.
29 March 1974	Letter from Margareta Guild - 'The Trust has carefully considered the letter taking into account the fact that the pulpit will be lower and the pews will be on both sides of the pulpit, while also taking into account that some of the fleur-de-lys are cracking the Trust has felt it necessary to remove the fleur-de-lys from all the seats for the sake of conformity'.
6 June 1980	Church Pews - resolved that work be completed, to have book rests in all pews and repairs effected to the sliding door.

ANNIVERSARY DATES

Why is the Church Anniversary held in October or November when the official opening of the first Church was 8 April 1855?

Up to 1874 the Church Anniversary was held around March or April, while the Sunday School celebrated its Anniversary around October. However, with the opening of the new Church on 17 October 1875, the Sunday School Anniversary was deferred until March 1876. These arrangements remained with the Church holding its anniversary around October and the Sunday School its celebrations in March or April.



Magill Methodist Church Anniversary (early 1930s)

The Golden and Diamond Jubilees were held in June while the 'mini-centenary' of the opening of the nave of the present Church was held in November 1975.

DEVELOPMENTS

There will always be change in our Church. Ministers and congregations change, buildings are altered, ideas and methods change. Below I will mention just a few of the major developments that have happened at Magill Church since it celebrated its centenary in 1955.

SUNDAY SERVICES

During the late 1960's some members of the congregation were seeking a change from the 'traditional' type of service.

In 1971 the Leaders' Meeting authorised a small committee to conduct 9 or 10 'contemporary services' which aroused interest, but they were not persisted with.

However, with the spreading of this type of service to more churches, requests were made for them to be introduced at Magill. The resident minister at Magill, at that time, was Rev R G Davis, who showed a great enthusiasm for this type of service. This was eventually introduced at Magill on 1 July 1973.

A Worship Committee was formed and in the beginning used the Christian Life Curriculum as its basis for planning this service.

The Sunday morning services at Magill have included a 'Contemporary Service' at 9.30 am and a 'Traditional Service' at 11.00 am, separated by a 'coffee break' at 10.30 am. Since 1988 the 'Contemporary Service' has been called the 'All Age Service' and now meets at 9.15 am.

UNION

After the uniting of the Methodist, Congregational and Presbyterian Churches within Australia, the Methodist Churches of Magill, Newton and Montacute formed a Uniting Parish with Finchley Park Presbyterian and Rostrevor Congregational Churches. In 1977 the parish was renamed the 'Morialta Parish' within the Mt Lofty Presbytery.

Magill elected a Council of Elders to supervise the spiritual and pastoral needs of its congregation, while a Finance and Property Committee attended to its financial and material needs. Congregational meetings were held at various times during the year to look at its life and work, to elect persons to council and other positions, to plan and share concerns. Magill Church also had representatives on Parish Council, which was responsible for planning and general management of the parish's affairs. At least once a year a Parish Meeting was held, which was open to all members of the parish.

VISION UNLIMITED

'The search for a vision began at a meeting of the congregation in August 1985, which reviewed the stewardship programme twelve months after the event. Many people felt that raising money to meet 'the budget' without a clear commitment to service and witness was empty. The emphasis was on raising money, not on witnessing for God through commitment to his works. It seemed that stewardship should be more than raising money - it should be a time of renewal, a time of setting goals, a time for discovering the direction that God was calling us. These desires for a new approach had been strengthened by a very successful renewal programme held earlier in the year. At this meeting a group of four people, with power to co-opt, was asked to consider ways that a series of projects could be developed in the form of a Vision for God's people in Magill.

So began 'Vision Unlimited'.

From the first meeting it was clear that the process could only be successful if the Vision came from God and was owned by the Congregation. These concepts remained the basis of the programme throughout.

A timetable was established at the first meeting so that the programme would conclude by the end of 1986. The first step was to discover the needs of the congregation, its members and the people in the surrounding community, and how to meet them. The target for this was December 1985. The next step was to identify the projects and to establish teams to develop outlines and options for the congregation to decide upon in June 1986. The final plans, including costing and the level of commitment required, would be ready by October for approval by the congregation in November 1986. The projects would then become part of the planned giving programme for 1987.

Not all programmes will get off the ground by 1987. However, the fire is alight and the commitment is strong. Some projects have already been set up and will be operating before the end of 1986. Others may take a few years to establish. Two projects that received strong support - a community centre and a social centre for young intellectually disabled persons - will need ecumenical support. This is seen as one means of bringing the Church communities in the area together into one community of Christ, living out the Gospel in our daily lives'.

The above extracts were taken from an article written by Colin Cargill, a member of Magill Uniting Church, for a Uniting Church paper called 'On the Move'.

MY CLUB

In 1987 a social centre, called **MY CLUB**, for young intellectually disabled persons, and a social activity programme for frail elderly and 'shut ins' began operating with ecumenical support. They are both proving very successful.

ROBERT'S HOUSE, opened in July 1988, provides accommodation for country and overseas students needing a place to live while undertaking studies at Magill Campus of the SACAE.

In 1990 the **STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMME** was conducted on a Parish basis instead of a local Church basis. It was the first time that the Parish had shared resources to have such a programme and it was most successful.

At a meeting in 1989, and after group discussions, a vision of the possibility of amalgamating our churches into one building complex was put forward. The suggestion took many people by surprise but after many meetings, much discussion and many prayers, the vision has come to fruition. The Morialta Parish is now functioning as one congregation with two worship centres - one at Chapel Street, Magill and the other at Bonvue Road, Rostrevor. The inaugural service of the Morialta Uniting Church was held on Sunday 2 December 1990 in the Chapel Street Worship Centre.

A Parish Office Co-ordinator had been appointed and a building programme was under review.

PERSONALITIES

In the life of the Church, which has been in this area for 135 years, many people have given long and devoted service. To record their names even would be a lengthy task, and it certainly would not be complete. It happens, too, that there is little or no information about the vast majority of the members. Set out below are outlines of the achievements of eleven families only. The first four have attended the Magill Methodist Church for over one hundred years while the others are among those who have served the Church for fifty years or more. The Longbottom family has been included because of special interest.

BENNETT FAMILY

About the year of 1849 **Francis and Louisa Bennett** arrived in South Australia from Somerset, England. They built their home in Chapel Street, Magill and it was there that the family of four boys and three girls grew up.

Charles Bennett was eight years old when the family settled in Magill, just prior to the building of the first Church. During his lifetime he served the Sunday School well as secretary for 17 years and auditor for 31 years.

The Bennett family is now in its seventh generation and has given much valuable service. It is interesting to note that the Bennett family has kept the pulpit supplied with hymn books since 1874 when the nave of the present Church was built.

Mr William Reginald Bennett will long be remembered for his long service to the choir, Sunday School, Church Trust as Secretary for 22 years, Circuit Steward for 3 years, and Patron of the Tennis Club for 7 years. He also laid the Foundation Stone of the new Church Hall in March 1963. His children have also been active in the Church. His daughter Nancy was a Sunday School teacher, choir member and has held several positions, including Director, in 1955, of the Methodist Girls' Comradeship. Son Robert has contributed much to the Church through music as Sunday School pianist for 13 years, choir master 11 years, Church organist, and through the Order of Knights, of which he was Knight Commander in 1955.

Win Bennett contributed to the life of the Church as Kindergarten Superintendent for 28 years, and also a member of the choir and Girls' Comradeship.

Ethel Bennett was assistant General Sunday School Superintendent for 18 years, Junior and Intermediate Superintendent 11 years. She held positions of office in the WAOM, Ladies' Guild, Girls' Comradeship, of which she was Director in 1948, and was Home Mission Secretary for 7 years.

BROOKS FAMILY

Before his marriage **Nicholas Brooks** attended the Payneham Methodist Church. In 1875 he and his wife transferred to the Magill Wesleyan Church where they laboured for many years. His family grew up in the Church and his descendants have continued to take positions of responsibility, especially in the choir and Sunday School.

Annie, Mrs Clisby, except for 18 years when she lived at Woodside, was a member of the choir from 1908 to 1985. She was Kindergarten Superintendent for 13 years and an original member of the Girls' Guild.

Ern Brooks was a choir member for over 60 years, taught in the Sunday School for 43 years and as a member of the Order of Knights held the position of Knight Commander in 1937.

Allan Brooks also was an active member of the Sunday School as teacher, and as General Superintendent for 19 years. He also held the positions of Trust Treasurer, Circuit Steward and Auditor for varying lengths of time. His son, David, served the Church in various ways throughout his life.

Clare Brooks continued the family tradition of teaching in the Sunday School and singing in the choir. She played the harmonium for the Kindergarten for about 30 years, while at different times she was secretary for the Girls' Guild and Home Missions.

Florence Brooks was the Girls' Guild first treasurer.

LILLYWHITE FAMILY

Mr and Mrs James Lillywhite came to Magill in 1875 and since then the family has given many years of valuable service to the Magill Methodist Church, especially in the sphere of the Sunday School and Choir. James and especially his son Septimus were natural leaders.

James Lillywhite, born in Marden, England, in 1834 came to South Australia on the 'Adelaide'. In 1857 he joined the Bank of SA. Prominent at Gawler and Archer Street in the musical life of the Wesleyan Churches he brought his talents of music to Magill.

At Magill, James soon made his mark in almost every aspect of Church life. He served as organist, choir master, Sunday School teacher, Sunday School Superintendent for 14 years and as Trust secretary for 46 years. As well as serving his Church, James also served the community, for he was auditor at PAC for 25 years, auditor for Epworth Book Depot for 34 years and a member of the Philharmonic Society for 30 years.

Septimus Lillywhite seemed to have inherited the musical talent of his grandfather and

father. He served in the choir for many years as a member, choirmaster for 19 years and as organist. Joining the Sunday School staff at 17 he was a teacher, Bible Class leader and for 17 years General Superintendent. He served the Sunday School for 63 years. In addition he was a local preacher from more than 60 years and Trust Treasurer for 27 years.

Septimus, or Sep as his friends called him, was chief of the Adelaide Money Order Office and the Head of the Drought Relief Department. Because of his administrative ability he was seconded to be Secretary of the Minister for Munitions. For this service he was awarded the MBE in 1951.

During the Centenary celebrations in 1955 it was Septimus who researched, wrote and read the history of the Church at a public meeting. Much of what he found has been incorporated into this report.

Septimus' children carried on the family tradition by taking an active part in the Sunday School. His daughter **Sally** held such positions as Superintendent of the Intermediate and Junior Department, Junior Department and Kindergarten Department. Son **David** was Sunday School Treasurer for a time and was active in the Order of Knights.

Hugh Lillywhite had a quiet retiring nature but he served his Church faithfully. He was a teacher, Librarian and treasurer for the Sunday School, Communion Steward for 24 years, and leader in the Christian Endeavour. In 1920 he answered the call from Newton to be their Sunday School Superintendent, a position he held for 11 years.

Win Lillywhite shared the family love of music. She was organist for the Church for 18 years and the Sunday School for 13 years. During this time she was also Junior Department Superintendent in the Sunday School.

Dora Lillywhite held the positions of teacher, secretary and organist in the Sunday School for varying lengths of time. She was also Church organist for 9 years.

Ralph and **Ernest Lillywhite** also laboured in the Sunday School holding such positions as Librarian and Secretary.

UREN / NIGHTINGALE FAMILY

Mr and Mrs William Curnow Uren came from Cornwall to South Australia in 1848. In 1854 he purchased land at Magill, built Woodforde House and came to live there soon afterwards. He was a staunch supporter of the Magill Wesleyan Church.

In 1885 **Joseph Uren**, their son, married Emily, the daughter of Rev W P Wells who was a speaker at the laying of the foundation stone of the Nave of the present Church. Joseph was Trust Treasurer for 24 years.

Gertrude Uren, Joseph's daughter married Alan Nightingale and together they became staunch members of the Church. She was an active member of the Girl's Comradeship and choir.

Alan Nightingale, a choir member for 34 years had a fine tenor voice, which brought him success at the Ballarat Competitions. Among other things he served as Circuit Steward and Sunday School General Superintendent. His three children were also members of Church groups.

Melvin Nightingale was a member of the choir, Church Trust, and took an active interest in the Tennis Club. Over a period of some 12 years he served as Treasurer, 'B' Captain, Vice President and Patron of the Club.

Robert Nightingale was active in the Sunday School as secretary, pianist, Auditor, Treasurer and for a brief period General Superintendent. He was also a choir member, Church organist, Circuit Steward and a member of the Order of Knights.

Margaret Nightingale was a member of the choir and Methodist Girls' Comradeship and was a teacher in the Sunday School.

LANGBOTTOM FAMILY

Rev William and Elizabeth Langbottom began their married life in India where their son William Jnr was born in 1832. For health reasons the family moved to Cape Province for a short time and then sailed to Hobart Town. Seeking a healthier climate for his wife Rev Langbottom secured an appointment as a missionary to the New Swan River Settlement in Western Australia. While sailing there the ship 'Fanny' was wrecked off the Coorong in June 1838. Fortunately the minister, his wife and six year old son were saved. They settled in South Australia and Rev Langbottom became the first ordained Wesleyan preacher in South Australia.

William Langbottom Jnr lived at 'Home Bush' Magill in 1860-70 attending the Wesleyan Church in Chapel Street. He was a successful business merchant and in association with Sir John Colton imported goods from England. William served the Church faithfully and was generous in his gifts. The beautiful stained glass window and the 'Ecclesiastical crockery' are solid mementoes of his activity here.

His wife laid the foundation stone of the new Church in 1874.

Mr Langbottom also donated the pipe organ which was first used in the original Church, now replaced by the present hall, and later transferred to the new Church.

GRAY FAMILY

Alfred Gray who retired in 1915 was the caretaker of the Church for 29 years. In addition to cleaning the building and ringing the bell, he made the gas for lighting the property.

First there was the old gasoline plant at the back of the Church. Sometimes the gas leaked out or the pressure was insufficient and then Mr Gray would walk out of the service, put a few more weights on the machine and the lights would brighten. Then followed the shale oil gas, and then acetylene and later electric light.

He was a very faithful worker and, with his wife and large family of daughters, attended regularly.

WADMORE FAMILY

Richard Wadmore was a member of one of the earliest families to settle in Magill and to attend the Wesleyan Methodist Church. He was a Sunday School teacher in the 1890's formed a 'Mutual Improvement Circle' for boys, and went on to be Sunday School Superintendent for 13 years. He was also a Church Trustee. His wife Marguerite was President of the Margaretta Guild for 25 years.

Although his children grew up in the Church and Sunday School they all left the district except for his daughter Doris, Mrs Lange, whose daughters still attend Magill Church and his son John who was a member of the Church Choir.

Both **Beryl**, Mrs Davies and **Dorothy**, Mrs Clem Adams have taught in the Sunday School, were Christian Endeavour leaders, members of the Church Choir and Girls' Comradeship. They are both still active in the Church in various ways.

Colin Lange was a member of the Order of Knights and played tennis for the Church as did Beryl.

WEAVER FAMILY

Dorothy Weaver was a staunch worker for the Church, especially in the Sunday School from which she retired in 1977 after 60 years of service. There are members today who fondly recall how Mrs Weaver used to pack the 'Ecclesiastical crockery' in a tub to take to Church picnics. She was a member of the Margaretta Guild and for many years was the Church cleaner. Her two daughters and a son also attended Magill Church.

Audrey Weaver, later Mrs Emery, was a member of the Girls' Comradeship and founding treasurer of the Evening Fellowship.

MILLS FAMILY

Len Mills came to Magill in about 1926 and he and his family became regular attendees of

the Magill Methodist Church. Both he and his wife were active members, she in the field of Church organist and pianist for the Ladies Guild and WAOM. Len was Trust Secretary, Circuit Steward and for many years auditor of the Ladies Guild and Men's Fellowship.

Gene Mills, Len's daughter, was a member of the Christian Endeavour and Girls' Comradeship, Sunday School pianist and Church organist for a brief period. In 1951 she took up full time missionary work and was sent to Fiji as a school teacher.

Len's grandchildren **Janet** and **Andrew Mills** grew up in Magill Church, attended the Sunday School and took part in Youth activities. His son **Ron's** wife **Dorothy**, is an active member serving the Friendship Centre, is a Church Steward and was a foundation member of the Evening Fellowship.

ROSS FAMILY

Harold (Dick) Ross came to live in Magill in about 1930 and since then he and his family have faithfully served the Church at Magill. He served as Trustee, Trust Secretary and Circuit Steward for a number of years, as well as holding office in the Order of Knights and Men's Fellowship. He took an interest in the tennis club, where, at varying times he was auditor, vice-president and Patron.

Harold's wife **Hazel**, was and is an enthusiastic worker for the Church. She was Cradle Roll Superintendent for 36 years, held office in the WAOM and was a member of the Ladies Guild. Harold's children were and are also active members of the Church.

Pam Ross was a member of the Girls' Comradeship, Superintendent of Christian Endeavour, held office in the Evening Fellowship and was a Youth Leader. She was also coach for the Tennis and Netball teams.

Pauline Ross, Mrs Peter Norman, is an active member of the Evening Fellowship holding several positions at varying times. She was a member of the Christian Endeavour, Youth Club and Girls' Comradeship. She supported the Netball Club as umpire and at the present time is an Elder in the Church.

Kevin Ross held office in the Order of Knights, and attended Men's Fellowship before leaving the district in his employment.

Jeffrey was a member of the football team.

GRIVELL FAMILY

Jack Grivell was a man of many talents and he used them to the full in his witness to the Lord. He was an accepted Local Preacher and served as a Sunday School Superintendent, secretary and teacher. The Order of Knights and Men's Fellowship provided him with a

challenge. His contribution as a Church Trustee, Circuit Steward and his regular attendance at Leaders' and Quarterly Meetings was always appreciated. Jack's particular concern was for young people and he was a moving force behind the Christian Endeavour Movement at Magill.

Jack was a founding member of the Magill Paper Team which raised money for various worthy causes. It was at his suggestion that a Prayer Meeting prior to the Sunday Evening Service was introduced. He and his son **John** installed hearing aids and microphones in the Church to assist the folk with hearing difficulties.

Elizabeth, Jack's wife, brought joy to many with her music as a pianist. She was a member of the Ladies Guild, Margaretta Guild and WAOM.

John, Bill, Margaret and **Jennifer**, like their father, were all actively involved in Church societies. They were Sunday School teachers, members of the Youth Club and active in the Christian Endeavour Movement. The four of them were members of the Church Choir taking a lead as soloists, singing duets and quartets on occasions. Margaret was pianist for the Sunday School and Christian Endeavour. **John** and **Bill** belonged to the Order of Knights and **Margaret** and **Jennifer** the Girls' Comradeship.

John, Bill and Margaret all played tennis for the Church Club, while Jennifer played basketball or netball as it is now known as did Margaret. John was the Tennis Club Captain in 1956 and Margaret Vice-Captain in 1959.

OTHER FAMILIES

Recorded here are some of the **very early** families who served the Magill Methodist Church in Chapel Street.

Ballantyne, Barclay, Barnes, Bartlett, Colwill, Cosgrove, Gault, Gillard, Halls, Hickman, Horsnell, Keays, Lerwell, May, Martin, Mercer, Padman, Pellew, Piercy, Pitman, Thorn, Vickery, Walker, Warner, Waterhouse.

There are many more, too numerous to mention.

Listed below are some of the families who have attended Magill Church for twenty five years or more.

Adams, Barrie, Boundy, Buddle, Bunnett, Cundy, Dolan, Fereday, Gillett, Gruhl, Gunn, Hailstone, Heinemann, Hogben, Hosking, Ide, Johnson, Little, Lloyd, A F Martin, Ready, Sanders, Tideman, Ulyett, Waters.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School which has continued to function throughout the history of the Church, began at Magill in 1867, in a building at the back of the original Church, but in 1988 it took a new direction and was called KUCA.



Beryl Davies - Sunday School class

From 1874 two sessions were held each Sunday, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon, with the Infant Class meeting in Mr Thorne's cottage. The morning session was discontinued in 1898 on the condition that the Junior Christian Endeavour Society would meet at that time, which it continued to do for about twenty years when it lapsed.

In the 1950's the school enrolment necessitated classes being held, not only in the hall, but also in the Church as well as around the dining room table in the manse.

In 1964 the afternoon Sunday School was abandoned for a morning school at 9.45 am. Since then there have been several changes, until now, when the school meets at 9.15 am Sunday mornings at the same time as an All Aged Church Service. The children participate in the first segment of the Church Service aimed at them before dispersing to their appropriate classes.

The school sought to continually up-grade its curriculum and teaching methods. In 1940 graded lessons were introduced, while in the 1980's the 'Living Faith' curriculum produced in South Australia was used.

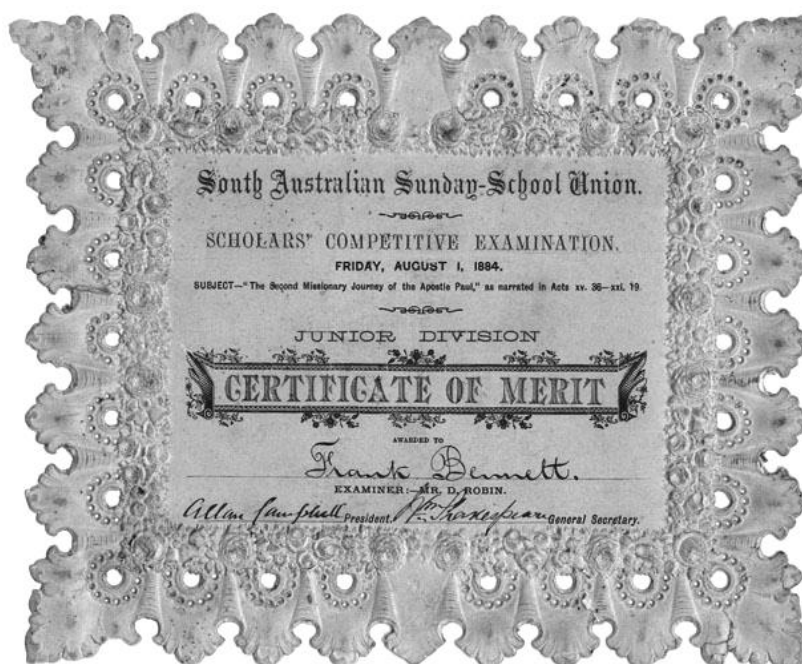
In 1912 the school was divided into four departments - Infant, Junior, Intermediate and Adult Bible Classes, but in 1914 the Infant Department was changed to the Kindergarten Department. Later, in 1944 the Primary Department was established with Miss Ethel Bennett as Superintendent, a position she held for 12 years. Each department had its own

superintendent whose role was to co-ordinate the work and study of the separate sections. A General Superintendent had oversight of the whole school, but with modern trends this title was changed to Director.

The **LIBRARY** was an integral part of the Sunday School, with the Librarian appointed each year, along with the other officers of the school. At first the library was for the use of the scholars, but in 1958 it was closed and later re-opened as a teachers' reference library. The first recorded librarian was Mr W Pellew in 1871. Many others have served in this position but the longest serving was Mr Ern Brooks who served for fifteen years. The last recorded librarian appointed was Mrs D N Ide in 1962.

DECISION DAY for the Upper School, and attended by the minister of the Church, was an important day in the year when young men and women indicated their intention of giving their lives to the service of Christ. In later years this custom has been replaced with Confirmation Classes conducted by the Minister.

SCRIPTURE EXAMINATIONS were held regularly in the early periods of the Sunday School and a great number of awards were won. In 1951 the school won the Young People's Department Shield for schools having between 50 and 200 students attending. In 1902 only four scholars sat for the exam. They were **Win, Hugh, Dora and Noel Lillywhite.**



Certificate of Merit

One of the highlights of the year was the **SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY** which, at first, was held in October, but later changed to April to fit in with the Church Anniversary held in October. Three services, morning, afternoon and evening, were held on Sunday with a mid-week meeting during the next week. It was not unusual for a cantata to be

performed at one of the services. In the 1960's this event was called the Festival of Music. A special platform was erected in the Church for the school on these occasions.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC was an annual event and in the 1800's it was held in someone's paddock, for instance on Mr George Wright's Olive Farm, or in 1892 in Mrs Swan's paddock. The first Labour Day picnic was held at Beaumont in 1911. Other venues were Brookside, Mitcham and Ridge Park. Scholars, parents and friends were transported in horse-drawn trolleys, vans and drays. It was also the custom then to engage a brass band to attend the picnic and to perform during the day. Everyone returned to the Sunday School hall for tea, followed by a concert.



Sunday School Picnic at Uraidla 1946

Up until the late 1960's the picnic was held at such places as Tranmere Park, Summertown, Aldgate, Uraidla, Para Wirra and Kangarilla. Transport was either by bus, train or cars. Some members of the present day congregation can remember arriving at the hall very early to prepare sandwiches and other food for the day. In 1968 some young people walked from the Church to the picnic at Uraidla to raise money to buy shelving for the new manse.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS were made each year and donations were given to the Children's Hospital, Home and Foreign Missions, Bible Society, Minda Home and Mail Bag Sunday School.

KINDERGARTEN

On 2 February 1958 the new Kindergarten and classroom building was officially opened by Hon Norm Makin. Mr Septimus Lillywhite had previously laid the foundation stone, Rev A R Medson was the minister at the Church, and Miss Sally Lillywhite was the Kindergarten Superintendent.



Opening of the Kindergarten building 1958

FIRE

On Monday 28 May 1962 the Sunday School Hall was destroyed by fire. All the chairs, a piano and some tables were saved.

On Sunday 31 March 1963 the foundation stone of the new Church Hall, being built on the site of the old hall, was laid by Mr W R Bennett, and on the 10 August 1963 the hall was opened by the President of the Conference the Rev G T Inglis BA, BD. The ceremony was



W R Bennett and F Edwards laying of foundation Stone for new hall 1963

followed by a family tea, concert and social. The next day there was a 'Back to Sunday School' when the preacher, Dr Southgate, took as his subject for the Thanksgiving Services 'Youth in the Community'.

SERVICE

During the two World Wars young men from the Sunday School enlisted in the Armed Services with some paying the supreme sacrifice.

At least five scholars from the Sunday School have entered the ministry - A J Barclay who

became President General, R S Stephens, C R Dadds, R G Davis and Neale Michael, who became Moderator of the Synod of the Uniting Church in South Australia.

In 1951 Gene Mills, who had been a scholar, teacher and Christian Endeavour Superintendent at Magill, was dedicated into overseas missionary service and was sent to Fiji as a school teacher.

INTERESTING FACTS

Before the advent of motorised transport the teachers and scholars either walked or used horse-drawn vehicles. In 1922 it was recorded that Mr S Lillywhite requested a hitching post on the eastern side of the Church transept so that his horse and trap could be in the shade while he attended to his Sunday School duties.

An attractive Centenary Souvenir Certificate was presented to every person associated with the School at the time of the 100th Anniversary.



Centenary Souvenir

It is interesting to note that in the early days the Sunday School Hall was 'completely' renovated at a cost of £13/10/0. Other charges were Piano Tuning 7/6, chairs cost 6/9 each, cups at 3/8 a dozen, Hymn Books 3d each and Bibles 11d.

In 1959 a severe storm partly unroofed the Sunday School, and it was then revealed that the roof had been a shingle one before being covered with galvanised iron.

STONYFELL SUNDAY SCHOOL

In June 1886, a branch of the Magill Wesleyan Sunday School was established at Stonyfell, by Rev S Rossiter and Mr James Lillywhite. Mr Arthur Keays was appointed superintendent

along with four teachers, and a small organ was purchased for the school.

In June 1889 the school was closed because of the lack of numbers, but at the request of parents living in the area it was re-opened with Mr H McDonald as superintendent. However it was not long before the proprietor wished to use the building himself, so the school was closed again, and the furniture returned to the Magill Sunday School.

It is interesting to note that Mrs S Lillywhite attended the Stonyfell Sunday School and was christened there by Rev W A Potts.

KUCA - 'KIDS OF THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA' AT MAGILL

Magill KUCA began in 1988 and was formed in response to the needs of the children and the difficulties that the Sunday School was experiencing in obtaining teachers.

The aims of KUCA are -

- to provide a planned Christian learning programme for children aged 3-12.
- to encourage and invite members of the congregation to become teachers for 6 week blocks. The children will benefit from the variety and richness of experience of the congregation and get to know a wider cross section of the congregation whilst members of the congregation need only make a short commitment of their time.
- to integrate children into the Church Community.
- to provide relevant learning and teaching opportunities.
- to develop and build relationships with both the children and their parents.
- to link learning with worship.

Each year the specific learning objectives are based on the Living Faith Curriculum. KUCA is divided into two groups, 8 years and under and 9 years and above. The numbers have gradually increased to an average attendance of 30. During 1991 three groups will be needed, 3-5 years, 6-8 years and 9-12 years.

Jan Sillett has been the co-ordinator since its inception. Teachers who have given most readily of their time and Christian experience have been Margaret Dolan, Rusty Palmer, Ann Ind, Bruce Ind, Margaret Dix, Pauline Page, Lorraine Powers, Christine Secombe, Paul Secombe and Leonie Kentish. Children attend the early part of worship and then leave to go to KUCA. This enables the children to feel part of the worship of the Church whilst having their needs met by KUCA. Activities included each week are music, bible story and reading and a follow up which could be drama, art or craft on a worksheet from the Living Faith take home pack. Activities are planned to complement the ages of the children involved.

A highlight of each year is Kids' Camp Out, a camp held at West Beach for all metropolitan Uniting Church children. We are becoming experienced campers.

During 1990 a KUCA committee was established to oversee and support KUCA in the parish. On this committee are the minister, a parent representative, a person nominated by the elders and the KUCA superintendent. Also during 1990 it was decided that all offerings made at KUCA be placed directly into the Church offering and that any requests for funds be made directly to the finance committee. There are no separate KUCA funds.

During the past three years KUCA children have participated in the Mailbag Sunday School video and audio tapes, have raised funds for mission projects and have held a successful stall at the April Fool's Day Fair.

Some reminiscences of my connection with the Magill Methodist Sunday School,

by Hugh Lillywhite, December 1957.

'I suppose I started going to Sunday School at about the age of 3 years.

My first teacher in the Infant class was Mr Wm Piercy (oldest brother of Mrs Bennett Snr). The Infant Class Room was where the stage is now, and we infants sat on a platform of seats rising like the seats in a sports pavilion.

I do not remember anything Mr Piercy taught us, but I do remember going with a sister to see him. We found him working at his potter's wheel, but the thing that impressed me was the fact that he had the flowers we had given him on Sunday, stuck in lumps of damp clay on the tray top of his potter's wheel. (The Pottery was somewhere near where the new Norton Summit Road branches off from Magill Road).

After he left Miss Searle became Infant Teacher, and one Sunday, at the close of the lesson she said 'Hughie Lillywhite, you are the worst behaved boy in the class'. I was terribly hurt, for I knew I was not. I went home crying and crawled into a playhouse we had made under a big yellow jasmine bush. The cat came and rubbed against me, and I told him my troubles, and he quite agreed with me that it was a shame I should be falsely accused in this way, so I was comforted.

The good thing about it was that in all my teaching years I remembered it, and was careful about accusing any pupil of misconduct.

Our Sunday School Picnic used to be held on the 'Prince of Wales' birthday, 9 November. Quite a number of times it was held in 'Pile's Paddock' (now Kensington Gardens). We would meet at the Sunday School, and march in formation to the Picnic Grounds.

On one occasion my brother, Cuthbert, and I marched at the head of the procession playing 'Onward Christian Soldiers' and other marching Hymn tunes on our piccolos!

On one occasion rain came on and we were taken into Trewenack's Pottery at the corner of Sandford Street and provided with planks laid on large upturned flower pots as seats, whereon we sat for lunch.

In my late teens, I was appointed Librarian. As there were at that time over 50 names on the Library register, it was impossible for one to get through during the lesson time, so I was given a young lady assistant, Daisy Emery. I had to stand a good deal of 'chaff' about it, because in those times, girls were not much employed like this. Some of you may have known her as Mrs Geo Uffindell.

In those days the classes were all provided with green baize curtains running on iron rods, and in lesson time these curtains were drawn so as to enclose each class.

When I was about 20 I was given a class of big boys in the corner where the kitchen door is now. They were a pretty tough lot, and I found it necessary to do something during the week to gain their confidence. There were no High Schools then, so we formed a class club, meeting in the Infant classroom on Friday nights. It was quite a success. But there was one lad who was very troublesome in the class. If I called him to order he would say 'Thanks for the tip, old man!' At last I called on his mother. She took offence and said Jim should not come then, but he did come and was much improved.

There was a morning Sunday School and I was appointed Superintendent - a Junior C E had recently been established, meeting after School on a week day. So I was asked to take charge of this on Sunday mornings and the School would be closed. For a good many years I carried this on, until circumstances arose that made it necessary to close the Society.

About 45 or 50 years ago, a Mr Archibald came to SA. He was the Superintendent of the Model Sunday School in garden city in England, founded by one of the big cocoa firms - Cadbury's I think. He came to tell of the improved School. My sister, Win, and I attended his lectures and demonstrations in Adelaide, and were much impressed - so much so that Win managed to get leave from our Teachers' Meeting to organise the junior school on these lines - small classes with young teachers schooled in preparation class each week. I was her assistant and blackboard man.

Ralph Mercer backed us up, and undertook to organise the Intermediate Section, but as yet the Infant Class remained unchanged - the Kindergarten set-up came later.

All this, of course, was the beginning of the graded School which we now have.

About 30 years ago Mr Trewren, our then Minister, brought to our teachers' meeting an appeal from the Newton school for a man to be sent as Superintendent. The school, then of about 50 children was held in the Council Chambers Hall. Miss Olive Pope was in charge, and she found it too much for her. After some discussion, I offered to go if the meeting thought fit. So I was sent, supposedly for a few months, but as it happened it lasted for about eleven years.

I followed the same idea of small classes and young teachers with a week night preparation class. The young people there were very responsive to my leadership and the School prospered.

It was during my time that the little Church was built and we were all very glad to move into it. A rather amusing little incident - at one of our Anniversary meetings Rev Mr Dunn was the speaker and he told us of some of his experiences in country schools. At one school the Superintendent was an old bachelor. 'Fancy, said he, an old bachelor! What's the good of an old bachelor for Superintendent!'

I was in the chair, so when he sat down I said, 'Well after that, I certainly will have to resign'. He looked puzzled so I said, 'You see, I'm an old bachelor'.

The time came when I considered I ought to leave for there were several young men in the school who I considered were quite capable of carrying on. So I resigned and returned to the Magill School. I was given a class of big boys, and carried on for a while, but I had been somewhat unwell so I asked the Superintendent, Mr A S Brooks, if he could give me an easier class. So next Sunday he asked me somewhat shamefacedly if I would take a class of little girls. I agreed that that would suit me quite well.

So ever since 1938 that has been my special job, and generally speaking I have found myself capable of gaining their confidence and of making lessons interesting and impressive to them.

In my private class note book I have the names and ages of all the girls who have passed through my class. Some of these I have lost sight of altogether, but some are now teachers in the School'.

Hugh Lillywhite Dec 1957

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

Morning Superintendents

1874-1884	Mr William Piercy
1885	Mr J Pellew
1886-1887	Mr Frank Bennett
1888	Mr R N Gault
1889	Mr Turner
1890	Mr A E Gault
1891-1892	Mr Sampson Stephens
1893	Mr A McDougall
1894	Mr James Lillywhite
1895	Mr Ralph Lillywhite
1896	Mr Frank Bennett
1897	Mr Ralph Lillywhite

Afternoon Superintendents

1871-1873	Mr A T Waterman
1874-1876	Mr R H Gault
1877-1890	Mr James Lillywhite
1891-1897	Mr Arthur Keays
1984	Mr Bruce Ind

General Superintendents

1898-1906	Mr Arthur Keays
1907-1919	Mr Richard Wadmore
1920-1936	Mr Septimus Lillywhite
1937-1954	Mr Alan Brooks
1955-1956	Mr Robert Nightingale
1957-1961	Mr Jack Grivell
1962-1964	Mr Max Michael
1965	Mr Arthur Tideman
1966-1967	Mr Richard Brooks
1968-1969	Mr Geoff Catford
1970-1971	Mr Daryl Pedler
1972-1973	Mr Geoff Whimpress
1974-1975	Mr A Fred Martin
1976-1977	Mr Vic Ready
1978	
1979	
1980-1981	Dr Robert Penhall
1982-1983	Mrs Margaret Cargill
1985-1987	Mrs Jan Sillett

KUCA Co-ordinator

1988-1990	Mrs Jan Sillett
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MERITORIOUS SERVICE TO THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Name	Years	Position Held
Miss Ethel Bennett	5 years	Young Ladies Class
	18 years	Assistant General Superintendent
	11 years	Junior & Intermediate Superintendent
Miss Win Bennett	28 years	Kindergarten Superintendent
Mr W C Bennett	17 years	Secretary
	31 years	Auditor
Mr Ern Brooks	15 years	Librarian
Mr Allan Brooks	19 years	General Superintendent
Miss Annie Brooks	13 years	Kindergarten Superintendent
Miss Clare Brooks	30 years	Played harmonium in Kindergarten
Miss Lois Buddle	6 years	Secretary
Mr Jack Grivell	5 years	General Superintendent
	6 years	Secretary
Mr Arthur Keays	16 years	Afternoon & then General Superintendent
Mr James Lillywhite	14 years	Afternoon Superintendent

Miss Sally Lillywhite	1 year	Intermediate Superintendent
	3 years	Junior Superintendent
	6 years	Kindergarten Superintendent
Mr Septimus Lillywhite	17 years	General Superintendent
	63 years	Serving in Sunday School
Miss Win Lillywhite	10 years	Junior Superintendent
Mr Richard Wadmore	14 years	General Superintendent

CRADLE ROLL DEPARTMENT

The aim of the Cradle Roll Department has always been to form a link between the home and the Church.



Cradle Roll Certificate

It was in 1909 that the Sunday School began to take an interest in the infants of the Church and formed a Cradle Roll Department with Mrs James Lillywhite as its first Superintendent. The names of the children were recorded on an illustrated 'Wall Membership Roll', which was hung permanently in a prominent place in the Sunday School in the care of the Kindergarten.

By 1914 the Cradle Roll was given more prominence and once a month the names of the babies were read out and hymns with reference to the babies were sung.

Once a year mothers and babies attended a Cradle Roll afternoon in the Sunday School when some of the babies were baptised while others were baptised at other times during

the year. Each new member was presented with a certificate of membership. They were visited each year for their birthday and presented with a card and birthday greetings, until the age of four years, when they could transfer to the Kindergarten Department.

The illustrated 'Wall Membership Roll' was discontinued in 1964 and has been replaced with a register of all children baptised in the Magill Uniting Church, until they turn 5 years old or transfer to another Church.

The Elder associated with the baptism gives the details of each child to the Cradle Roll Superintendent. Small Biblical cards are sent to each child on their birthday until they reach school age.

CRADLE ROLL SUPERINTENDENTS

1909-1914	Mrs James Lillywhite
1915-1919	Mrs Uren
1920-1922	Mrs Trewren
1926-1933	Mrs Septimus Lillywhite
1933-1945	Mrs Ern Brooks
1946-1949	Mrs R G Beck
1950-1965	Mrs Allan Brooks
1966-1988	Mrs Hazel Ross
1988-	Mrs M (Rusty) Palmer

YOUTH

There have always been youth activities, in some form, at Magill whether it be a society, discussion group or club. It has been a natural progression from Senior Classes in Sunday School to the need for other kinds of activities for the maturing youth.

1931	Magill Methodist Young People's Society
1945-1949	Discussion Group
1948-1956	Youth Club
1960-1982	Youth, Youth 3, Youth 2, Youth 1
1983-1990	Magill Uniting Church Youth Group Young Adults

MAGILL METHODIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

In March 1931 a meeting was held to consider the question of forming a society to hold midweek meetings for young people.

This meeting resolved to call the group the '**Magill Methodist Young People's Society**' and that the meetings would be held on Wednesday of each week at 8 pm.

Each meeting opened with a hymn and devotions, while the activities of the group included discussion papers on such topics as 'Ancient Civilisation', 'The Value of Music in the Church Service', debates, Bible Studies, mock trials and social events.

The last meeting of the society was held on 16 September 1931.

The elected officers were -

President	Rev A D McCutcheon
Chairman	Mr T A Philps
Secretary	Mr A S Brooks
Ass Secretary	Mr R Pitman
Committee	As above and Misses E Bennett, H Denley, Mr M Hockridge

DISCUSSION GROUP

In 1945 a **Discussion Group** for young people began under the leadership of Robyn Warner, with Faye Cosgrove as helper, and was held at the same time as Junior Christian Endeavour.

Each meeting, held on Sunday mornings at 10 am, opened with devotions followed by a discussion focusing on such books as 'Christ's Way of Living', 'God's Will for a Man's Life', 'In Order to Live', 'The Young Methodist', 'God's Purpose for Human Life', and 'Venturing in Friendship'.

On every third Sunday the group accompanied the minister, Rev Darcy Dickson to the Magill Old Folk's Home to conduct a service.

It appears that the group went into recess in early 1950.

OFFICE BEARERS

1948	President	Lois Marker
	Vice-president	Brian Brooks
	Secretary	Delcie Story
	Treasurer	Brice McDougall
1949	President	Brian Brooks
	Vice-president	Nancy Bennett
	Secretary	Kevin Ross
	Treasurer	S J Fereday
1950	President	Aileen Brooks
	Vice-president	John Fereday
	Secretary & Treasurer	Jack Grivell

OTHER MEMBERS

Pam Ross
Robert Bennett
A M Duguid

YOUTH CLUB

On 20th December 1948 a meeting of young people unanimously agreed to ask for permission to form a Youth Club. It was felt that there was a need for something extra in the way of youth activities at our Church to interest young people not already connected with the Church, and for those older scholars in the Sunday School who were not interested in the Order of Knights and Methodist Girls' Comrades.

The aim of the Club was to bring new young people to the Church, and to retain the interest of those growing up in the Sunday School, by having programmes which develop every aspect of life for the members.

At first the meetings were held on alternate Friday evenings, but later it was changed to the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. Devotional meetings were mostly short addresses by Club members with a few visiting speakers. Some of the topics were 'The Lord's Day', 'Gambling', 'Overseas Missions', 'Youth Club - What is our Job'. Other activities have included folk dancing, dramatics, quizzes, debates, impromptu speeches, picnics, hikes, and visits to The Pottery Works, airport and Colebrook Home.

Some of the special activities undertaken by the Youth included staging several plays like

'Aladdin and his Blow Lamp', providing entertainment at the Reformatory, taking Services at the Magill Old Folks' Home, helping with the annual Christmas Market, providing squash for the children of the Sunday School, being responsible for the evening Church Service, including a preacher from the members, assisting with the programme at the opening of the Montacute Sunday School and cutting wood and trimming hedges for people in need of this kind of help.

OFFICE BEARERS

1948	President	Andrew Duguid
	Secretary	Pam Ross
	Treasurer	Leith Hickman
1949	President	John Fereday - Robert Bennett
	Secretary	Pam Ross
	Treasurer	John Grivell
1950	President	John Grivell
	Secretary	Pam Ross
	Treasurer	Joan Martin
1951	President	John Hailstone
	Secretary	Pam Ross
	Treasurer	Ross Elliott
1952	President	John Hailstone
	Secretary	Pam Ross
	Treasurer	Norm Greet
1953	President	John Hailstone
	Secretary	Heather Whitrod
	Treasurer	Norm Greet
1954	President	Barbara Carter
	Secretary	Maureen Millan
	Treasurer	Ian Medson
1955	President	
	Secretary	Valmai White
	Treasurer	Michael Fereday

YOUTH I YOUTH II YOUTH III

In 1966 there was a request from the Senior Classes in the Sunday School to have their own meeting place away from the Senior Department with 11 and 12 year olds, as their needs for discussion were different from those of the younger children. It was agreed that they could meet at Lentara at the same time as the Sunday School was meeting. Graham Thomas was asked to form such a group.

In 1974 changes were made to the interior of the Kindergarten building and the youth moved into this area as their meeting place. At this time there was a wide range of age

differences in the group and so Youth I, Youth II and Youth III were formed to overcome the problem.

Youth I participated in the planning of their sessions which took the form of discussions on a variety of subjects, led by either a leader or a member of the group. Once a month a social activity, where members could get to know each other, was held.

Youth II programme was aimed at strengthening the religious and social awareness of the energetic teenagers, 14-17 year olds.

Sunday morning sessions included guest speakers, and discussions with relevance to everyday life, games and activities with a religious and moral theme. Monthly social events included bowling, swimming, ice skating, an overnight stay at Norton Summit Youth Hostel and a two-night camp at Adare, Victor Harbor.

Youth III 18-25 year olds elected their own president, secretary, treasurer and committee, and were responsible for organising their own activities within the context of the three arms of youth activity, being Church attendance, Sunday meetings and social activities.

Two adult advisers were attached to the group to offer guidance if requested.

Each member was expected to take at least one Sunday meeting throughout the year, and in addition guest speakers were invited. Social events included camps, barbecues, hikes, progressive dinners and helping at Lentara fete.

Some of the leaders at this time were Max Williams, Mrs Mary Wills, Mark & Janet Ready, Geof Goodwin, Robyn Clothier, Janet & Ann Wilson and Laurie Palmer.

In 1978 the Church appointed Rob Brown as youth worker and leader among the youth of the Church. Youth I became the Intermediate Youth and Youth II and Youth III combined to form the Senior Youth Group under the guidance of a youth leadership committee.

The format of the Intermediate Youth was discussion with such topics as Prayer, Self worth and Christian Commitment. They enjoyed combining with the Senior Group for social activities.

The Senior Youth Group Sunday meetings under the guidance of Rob Brown and adviser Jeff Bone, contributed much to the spiritual development of the youth. The group became more involved in Presbytery and Synod activities such as Kairos, Presbytery Youth Services, Easter Camp at Macclesfield, and a teach-in at 'Nunyara'.

A youth singing group was formed and they produced the musical 'Tell it Like it is', which

they performed at both Magill and other venues. Rob Brown held a Bible Study at his home every second Sunday evening, while their Community Outreach participation included sponsoring a child in India and Walk against Want.

Mark Waters edited a magazine, The Magillian, produced by the Youth Group, and their social activities included a regressive dinner, square dance, picnic and a bike hike on Kangaroo Island.

For the next few years the Church continued to appoint Youth Workers - Tanya Wittwer and Leigh Newton 1980-81, and Miss Neryl McCullum 1982, to continue the work started in the late 1970's.

MAGILL UNITING CHURCH YOUTH GROUP

In 1983 the Magill Uniting Church Youth Group, to cater for High School aged youth, was formed, with Mr & Mrs Graham Tippet as co-ordinators, and Margaret Dix as helper. Occasional Friday night activities were held, and on Sunday mornings members of the congregation were asked to take the group for discussion sessions on appropriate topics. In 1985 Rob Munton was asked to help and later Bruce Ind joined the group.



Youth Camp at Macclesfield 1990

Since then the group has developed and grown into its present format. Once a fortnight, on a Friday night, social activities were arranged and these included games nights, indoor netball, volleyball, cricket, progressive and regressive dinners, and mystery tour nights. On Sunday mornings, at 9.15, the group joined the congregation for part of the worship service and then met as a group for discussion and Bible Study, while on the first and third Sundays of the month there was an evening service for youth in the Church.



Young people who attended the Youth Camp at Macclesfield 1990

Twice a year the group were involved in transporting patients from the wards at the Royal Adelaide Hospital down to the Chapel Service. The young people raised funds for Walk Against Want, 40 Hour Famine and this year for NCYC.

The leaders were Margaret Dix, Bruce Ind, Rob and Jenny Munton. Paul Secombe and Darren Ball both took a strong leadership role when they left school at the end of 1989.

YOUNG ADULTS

This group, 18-25 year olds, evolved from the Senior Youth Group. They were looking for more stimulating activities and deeper and more meaningful Bible Studies. In 1986, the group met at the home of Jenny and Rob Munton on a fortnightly basis, for Bible Study. The evening began with a shared meal, followed by singing and prayer time, leading into a study of the First Letter of John. The book 'Bursting the Wineskins' by Michael Cassidy was another study undertaken by the group.

The group also arranged social activities on alternate Friday evenings and occasionally joined the Junior Youth Group for their outings.

Some of the leaders were Ken & Rhonda Cheel, Graham & Helen Lloyd and recently Jan Schroeder and Peter Martin.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR

It was early in 1892 that the question of forming a **Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavour** at Magill was first proposed and it is evident that a YPSCE was eventually formed about this time, as we have this statement recorded in a minute book - '25 Oct 1893 Recommendation from the CE Society re substitution of water for wine in the celebration of the Holy Communion. The matter was allowed to stand over until next meeting.'



**Junior Christian Endeavour mystery hike at Norton Summit
with Dot and Beryl Lang and Fay Cosgrove**

The aim of the Christian Endeavour Movement is to serve Christ and the Church, and the objective of Christian Endeavour is Evangelism.

The Christian Endeavour Society at Magill has had a chequered career over the years due to the shortage of members and/or leaders. The Junior Grades have operated more successfully than the Intermediate Grade although in the 1950's attempts were made to form three groups of Intermediates.

In 1898 when the morning Sunday School ceased to function the Christian Endeavour Society began holding its meetings at that time before the morning Church Service. Later, the exact date is not clear, the Endeavourers attended the first part of the morning Church Service before going to their own meeting and activities. It was usual for the group to sit in the eastern transept while attending Church, and before leaving the minister would pronounce a blessing on the young people. In the 1970's, once a month, the group extended its meeting to include lunch so they had more time for their activities.

Each child was encouraged to participate in all activities whether it was singing choruses or presenting a paper. It was tradition each week for one of the children to bring a flower accompanied by a small card with a Biblical verse on it and place it in the pulpit for the

minister to wear in his buttonhole. On Mother's Day the Endeavourers gave a small spray of flowers to each of the folk attending Church that day. On Palm Sunday the children gave out small crosses that they had made.

Over the years it was customary for the Magill Christian Endeavour Society to visit the Magill Old Folks' Home once a month, often helping the minister with the Church Service conducted there. Another custom was a monthly visit to the lonely and elderly 'shut-ins' and sometimes present them with a small posy of flowers. When the Magill Old Folks' Home closed the group began visiting Montrose Nursing Home.

Church Parades were held, and once a quarter the Intermediates helped in the evening Church Service. A Consecration Meeting was held once a month when new members could take their Pledge. Members attended Christian Endeavour Conventions, and in 1971 the State Convention was held in Magill Church Hall.

In the very early beginnings of the Christian Endeavour Society at Magill it was not unusual for the Society to perform a Cantata, one of which was 'The Flower Queen'. In the 1950's and 1960's the highlight of the year was the CE Eisteddfod, in which the Magill Society usually did very well.

Junior Diploma Exams were held annually during August and in 1975 Magill were thrilled when Peter Dolan, one of their members, received First Prize for South Australia in the Diploma Examination, and then in 1976 he received First Prize in Australia.

LEADERS

It is not known who appointed the Christian Endeavour Leaders in the very early Church, but from 1942 to 1945 the Superintendent, and presumably the assisting leaders, were appointed by the Sunday School at their Annual General Meeting. From 1946 onwards the Christian Endeavour Society came under the jurisdiction of the Leaders' Meeting.

The first Leader mentioned was Mr Hugh Lillywhite in 1914, a position he held for a number of years. Others to follow as superintendents of Junior CE were Miss M Davis, Miss Fay Cosgrove, Miss Gene Mills, Mr Jack Grivell, Mrs Ruth Ready and Mrs Margaret Dolan.

Some of the Intermediate CE Leaders were - Miss Badcock, Mr T A Philips, Mr Treloar, Mrs Pam Hailstone and Mrs Ruth Ready. Other Christian Endeavour Leaders include Sister Alice Stubbs, Mrs Lambert, Misses Beryl & Dorothy Lange, Mrs Tonkin, Mrs Vizard and Margaret Pedler. The last two leaders for the Bud Grade were Miss Jan Ettridge and Miss Jacqui Edwards.

Two people who gave long and faithful service to the Christian Endeavour movement at Magill were Hugh Lillywhite, in the early 1900's, and Jack Grivell who was a driving force in

the Society from 1951 until he passed away in 1971.

Unfortunately because of the lack of members the Intermediate CE was disbanded in 1973, the Bud Grade joined with the Juniors in 1978 and then in April 1980 the Society at Magill went into recess.

INTERMEDIATE GRADE

Office bearers

1954	Superintendent	Mr G J Treloar
	Secretary	Miss Jennifer Treloar
	Treasurer	Mr Peter Harman
1955	Superintendent	Mr G J Treloar
	Secretary	Miss Jennifer Treloar
	Treasurer	Miss Merrilyn Smith
1956	Superintendent	Mr G J Treloar
	Secretary	
	Treasurer	
1957	Superintendent	Mr G J Treloar
	Secretary	Miss J Elliott
	Treasurer	Miss Merrilyn Smith
1958	Superintendent	Mr G J Treloar, Bill Grivell
	Secretary	Miss Jennifer Grivell
	Treasurer	Mr Ross Burns
1959	Superintendent	Mr Bill Grivell
	Secretary	Miss Margaret Hockridge
	Treasurer	Mr Ross Burns

FELLOWSHIP

MARGARETTA GUILD (GIRLS' GUILD)

The Magill Methodist Girls' Club had its inaugural meeting on the 21 May 1912 at the home of Mrs Murphy, the wife of the then Headmaster of Magill School.

The aims of the group were to bring teenage girls into the fellowship of the Church and to help the Church financially.

The meetings were held fortnightly in various members' homes. These ladies were untiring in their support for the Church and provided such things as carpets, heaters, communion cushions, and stage curtains. In the early days the Guild staged operettas such as 'Cinderella', three times, 'Snow White', 'The Magic Key' and 'Princess Ju-Ju'. Over the years considerable sums of money were raised in various ways.

In 1930 the Guild presented the Church Trustees with a pulpit chair which, although recovered, is still in use in the Church. During the war 'comfort parcels' were sent to men from the Church who were serving in the Military Forces. Garments were made for the Babies' Home and support given to them for the Annual Fete. From time to time the Guild adopted a girl in a Children's Home and provided her with clothing. The Red Cross and the Port Adelaide Mission were recipients of parcels from these ladies, and during the depression in the late 1920's and early 1930's the Guild made many garments to give away to the needy.

One lady who will always be remembered is Mrs Margaretta Wadmore who became President in 1918 and served in that capacity until her death in 1943. To remember a much loved Past-President it was decided in 1945 to rename the Guild, the Margaretta Guild, and to place in the foyer of the Church a beautiful marble flower pot on a pedestal in her memory.

Two nieces of the late Mrs Wadmore, Miss Dorothy Pitman and Mrs Jean Turner, also served as presidents of the Guild. Mrs Turner was president from 1973 until the Guild ceased to meet as an official organisation of the Church in 1982.



**Marble Flower Pot
given in memory of Mrs M Wadmore
President of Margaretta Guild 1918 – 1943**

PRESIDENTS

1912 - 1913 Mrs Murphy

1914 - 1915 Mrs Gibson

Records from 1916 to 1922 are missing

1923 -1943 Mrs R Wadmore

1944 - 1972 Miss Dorothy Pitman

1973 - 1982 Mrs Jean Turner

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY TO OVERSEAS MISSION

At a meeting held in the home of Mrs James Lillywhite, on 29 March 1917, it was unanimously resolved to form a Branch of the South Australian Women's Auxiliary of the Methodist Society of Australia at Magill. This was the 103rd Branch of the Society to be formed.

The objectives of the group were to maintain and extend the interest of the women and children of the Home Churches in the Overseas Mission work of our Australian Methodist Church, and also to support and further missionary work amongst the native women and children of the Mission Field.

Most monthly meetings were held in members' homes, but after the new Church hall was built in 1963 it was decided to hold the meetings there. Each meeting opened with a hymn and a prayer followed by a speaker who, most times, was a missionary home on furlough.

These missionaries spoke of their work and experiences in such places as Fiji, Tonga, India, China, Crocker Island, New Guinea, New Britain and Arnhem Land. Some of these speakers were Sister Worbey, Sister Hettie, Sister Watts, Gwen Davis, Mrs Jarman, Ruth Ready and Miss Walkley.

Originally the emphasis was on making garments, bandages and gifts for hospitals, but later special efforts were made in the raising of these funds for Mission work generally. These efforts included picture evenings, morning teas, musical afternoons, the collecting of used stamps and luncheons, often held in Woodforde House. A trading table was always a feature of these meetings.

Members attended district Conferences, combined Missionary Luncheons, and annual 'At Homes' were held in the Adelaide Town Hall.

In 1922 a baby girl waif, Winnie, was supported by this Branch until she died, and then a boy waif, Llasi Peres, became the Branch's responsibility. In 1927 Mrs Uren received a letter from Llasi saying that he was a preacher on trial. At another time the Magill Branch sponsored two student teachers from Fiji for two years.

The original name of the Branch was changed to 'Women's Auxiliary to Overseas Mission', then in 1979 when the Branch amalgamated with the Women's Day Fellowship, the name changed again to 'The Magill Uniting Church Day Fellowship on Mission'.

Two ladies who served this Branch with distinction were Mrs Len Mills, who was pianist for 16 years, and Mrs Hazel Ross, who was secretary from 1959-1977. The records show that Mrs Ross was also treasurer for 13 years during that time.

PRESIDENTS

1917 - 1919	Mrs A A Smith
1920 - 1922	Mrs H Trewren
1923	Mrs Uren
1924 - 1925	Mrs A H Melbourne
1926	Mrs E A Pederick
1927-1931	Mrs A Lillywhite
1932	Mrs J Uren
1933	Mrs E T Prior

Records from 1937-1949 are missing

1950	Mrs Stokes
1951-1958	Mrs M Arnold
1959-1962	Mrs I Stribley
1963-1967	Miss Ethel Bennett
1968-1972	Mrs Jean Stafford
1973-1975	Mrs Payne
1976-1977	Mrs Mavis Hounslow

MAGILL UNITING CHURCH DAY FELLOWSHIP ON MISSION

The Fellowship, formerly the Ladies' Guild, began in either 1912 or 1914. As the Golden Jubilee was celebrated in 1964, we will assume that the real beginning was in 1914.

According to a Commemorative Booklet, Mrs A H Carne, the wife of the Norwood Circuit Minister, presided over the first meeting, but the first elected President was Mrs Gibson, the wife of the Home Missionary stationed at Magill.

The earliest meeting, for which minutes are available, was held on 8 February 1917, with Mrs A A Smith presiding. The minute book shows a statement of the aims of the Guild, namely to develop the spiritual and social life of the Church and to give practical assistance wherever possible. Officers were to be elected annually, and each member was to pay a subscription of sixpence per month.

The average attendance at these early meetings was eight, and at first they were held in private homes, but later in the Lecture Hall.

As the Church depended to some extent on the money-raising efforts of the Guild, the meetings dealt mainly with the organisation of fund-raising functions, especially the annual Spring Fair. In 1917 the amount donated to the Church Trust was £11/11/0.

During the following years, regular donations were also made to the Home and Foreign Missions and support was given to various Methodist and charitable organisations such as Kate Cocks' Babies' Home and Resthaven. From time to time quantities of calico and flannelette were bought and made into clothing for the Magill Children's Home. The Guild also helped with the purchase of various items to improve the Church.

After the introduction of Planned Giving, the Guild was less concerned with fund-raising, and was able to give more time to fellowship and social activities. Now-a-days our meetings are varied and interesting, but we still raise a considerable sum of money each year by means of a trading table and collections.

In 1970 the Ladies' Guild became the 'Magill Methodist Women's Day Fellowship', and in 1979 it amalgamated with the Mission Fellowship to become 'Magill Uniting Church Day Fellowship on Mission'. Two meetings were held each month until 1981 when it was decided to change to only one meeting per month.

In December 1990 when the Magill Church amalgamated with Finchley Park, Newton and Rostrevor Uniting Churches to form one congregation there was another name change to 'Morialta Uniting Church Thursday Fellowship'.

PRESIDENTS

1917-1920	Mrs A A Smith
1921-1922	Mrs H Trewren
1923	Mrs C Pitman
1924-1925	Mrs O Melbourne
1926-1931	Mrs S Dawson
1932	Mrs Tonkin
1933-1935	Mrs Pryor
1936-1940	Mrs Gilding
1941-1945	Mrs A M Davis
1946-1947	Mrs Lambert
1948-1951	Mrs Powell
1952	Mrs E Brooks
1953-1958	Mrs I Medson
1959-1962	Mrs Stribley
1963-1967	Mrs Ellison
1968-1972	Mrs J Stafford
1973-1979	Mrs V Davis

Ladies' Guild and WAOM Combined	
1979-1980	Mrs V Davis
1981-1983	Mrs E Nankivell
1984-1986	Mrs M Howland
1987-1989	Mrs M Hounslow
1990-	Mrs M Howland

MAGILL EVENING FELLOWSHIP

On June 6 1956, 14 members of the Magill Methodist Church met to discuss the foundation of a Young Women's Fellowship. Rev Medson presided and explained that such a fellowship would provide a means whereby young women of the Church could have the opportunity to meet together and also enable them to invite newcomers of the district to join, and in that way offer them friendship. This was unanimously agreed and a President, Secretary and Treasurer were elected. Birthday dates were recorded and it was decided that name tags should be worn and that Christian names be used to help create a more friendly atmosphere.



Nancy Long's farewell

It was decided that short devotions be given at each meeting and that a supper of tea and biscuits be served. At a later meeting it was suggested that the program be based on the four square idea of the Comrades ... namely devotional, educational, social and physical. This idea was used where practicable.

Over the years many excellent speakers have taken us in thought to almost every corner of the globe. To India, China, Africa, Israel, Somalia, Ethiopia and Tonga, to name but a few. And of course, to many Mission Fields in Australia.

We have had demonstrations of almost every home-making craft from cooking, freezing food, flower arranging, cake icing, pottery to sewing, spinning, weaving and gardening. We have also done our best at Scottish and Folk dancing, Yoga and other kinds of exercises. We have had speakers on many different subjects, including Child and Marriage Guidance, Medicine, Mental Health, Children's Libraries and Psychology. We have had the benefit of very knowledgeable people and a few of the more well known are Rev Arthur Jackson speaking on God's Spirit at work, Max Fatchen on the Media, Helen Caterer on social problems, Les Dayman on drama, Kemerie, now Justice Murray, on Women and the Law. Other wide ranging subjects have been the Blood Bank, Guide Dogs, Women Police, Heritage, St John Ambulance, Pollution, Nutrition and much more.

Busy fingers have mended for the Morialta Children's Home, Lentara Children's Home and Resthaven. We have sewed new garments such as frocks, skirts, shorts of all sizes for the Missions. For many years we provided a small birthday gift for Lentara children and manned a cake stall and the afternoon tea at their Annual Fete. Another annual job was the selling of tickets for the Kate Cocks' Film morning and helping with the morning tea. Badge selling for many charities in the city and around the district was another service. For a number of years we took a program and supper to the Lockiel Boys Home, to Resthaven and also Parkside Mental Hospital (now Glenside). From that came the care of one of the patients. She was collected fortnightly and either taken to a private home for the day or given an outing. She made such good progress she was placed at Bedford Industries and found accommodation near there. A Fellowship in the district promised to keep an eye on her.

Every Christmas we have given a party or luncheon for elderly and shut-in people or residents of a Nursing Home. We pick them up and bring them to our Hall, provide a program, ply them with home-made cakes and sponges and deliver them home again and leave them with a gift of home-made biscuits. We helped with the catering of the Sunday School picnics until they were discontinued and also ran the Church Creche and took our turn with the flowers.

Our first fundraising effort netted £1/2/0. Since then we have run trading tables, morning and afternoon teas, fashion and hat parades, art and craft displays and floral art shows to raise funds to help buy a new organ and later a piano for the Church. We also helped furnish a new Manse and a new kitchen for the Church Hall.

Over recent years we have done a great deal of catering for birthdays, anniversaries and weddings. These are good fundraisers and at the end of each year we allocate our money to various Missions, Parkin-Wesley, Helping Hand, Kate Cocks', Lifeline, Save the Children etc. For the last two years we have collected groceries at each meeting for Hackney Mission. We have also catered for Loyalty or Stewardship dinners as they were called at

that time, often for Newton who in turn catered for ours. Our Birthdays have been fun times when we entertained members from other Churches and often included our husbands to a great variety of entertainment including Pantomime and concerts with items taken from Operettas or Musical Comedy or short plays, skits and song and dance. We have had two very special birthdays, our 21st and our 25th when we invited all the past members we could trace to join us at a dinner. Our program theme for the year of the 25th Birthday was 'Thanks be to God' and we did indeed thank God for our many blessings.

This year as our contribution to the 150 Jubilee Year we have bought two Tape Recorders. We have made a tape and sung favourite Hymns as a Choir. There were solos and duets, organ and violin items and interspersed with each item we had short poems or favourite readings. These Recorders and the tape will be loaned to interested people at Magill Wards, or Nursing Homes as well as our own people who can no longer get out and about. Usually whenever there is a Church function involving lunch, afternoon tea or supper our help is requested for catering, washing and setting up. We do endeavour to give help wherever it is needed and in so doing have been blessed with friendship, fellowship and fun. We have been fortunate to have had Presidents and Committee members who have been dedicated and hardworking. We have always had a bank of willing workers and many hands do make light work. We have a joy in working together for the good of the Church and furtherance of God's Kingdom.

PRESIDENTS

1956	Roma Lower
1957	Beryl Wood
1958	Enid Lewis
1959	Gwen Solomon
1960	Elma Lloyd
1961	Pam Hailstone
1962	Ruth Tideman
1963	Margaret Moore
1964	Margaret Ulyett
1965	Mavis Wrigley
1966	Mavis Wrigley
1967-68	Ruth Ready
1969	Pam Johnson
1970	Joyce Thomas
1971	Pauline Norman
1972	Aileen Brogan
1973	Christine Russell
1974	Ruth Ready
1975	Margaret Boundy
1976	Alison Doley

1977	Mary Cundy
1978	Melva Freeman
1979	Margaret Ulyett
1980	Loma Nash
1981-1982	Vivienne Davis
1983	Pauline Norman
1984-1985	Kathy Williams
1986-87	Rhonda Cheel
1988-1989	Anne Ind
1990	Arlene Lomman

MAGILL METHODIST MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

It was in May 1958 that Mr Jack Grivell suggested to the Leaders' Meeting that a Men's Fellowship be formed as there was a real need for men's activities within the Church community. However, it was not until 5 August 1959 that a positive step was taken, when Rev G B Stribley presided over a gathering of men, who had gathered in the Sunday School Hall to consider the establishment of a Men's Fellowship at Magill. After discussing the constitution of the Methodist Men's Society and other relative matters the election of officers was deferred until the next meeting.

At first the meetings were held every four weeks on a Wednesday at 7.45 pm, but in 1963 this was changed to the first Friday in the month at 8.00 pm and then later to the second Friday. Each meeting opened with a hymn, devotions and prayer followed by a speaker or activity.

The guest speakers, including members from the Men's Fellowship, came from wide and varied backgrounds, presenting educational, interesting and entertaining subjects, often illustrated with slides and films. The list of speakers and topics is too long to include but I will mention just a few -

<i>Worse Things Happen at Sea</i>	<i>by Professor Bull</i>
<i>Art of Speech making</i>	<i>by Mr Keith Main</i>
<i>Comics - Good and Bad</i>	
<i>Wills and Executors</i>	<i>by Mr Fred Clayton</i>
<i>Cobbled Christianity in a Christian World</i>	<i>by Mr Moore</i>
<i>Caving in the Nullarbor</i>	<i>by Mr A Jackson</i>
<i>Pioneers of the Inland</i>	<i>by Rev H Griffith</i>

Other activities were games nights, including darts, tennis, indoor cricket and Ten Pin Bowling, musical evenings and visits to such places as Adelaide Airport, Bennett's Pottery, Police Barracks, Nunyara and Epworth Book Depot.

In February 1964 because of lack of interest by the men of the Church the regular monthly meetings were discontinued and in its place came the Quarterly Teas held on the third Sunday of February, May, August and November at 5 pm.

It appears that from early 1966 the Magill Men's Fellowship ceased to exist. Then on 19 May 1968, 23 men from Newton and Magill Churches met at 5 pm for a basket tea to consider forming a combined Men's Fellowship on a circuit basis. The meetings were to be held fortnightly alternating on the first Sunday of the month at 4.45 pm and Monday evening at 8 pm at Magill and Newton Churches. The aim was to meet for fellowship and learning.

These gatherings were a time of interest, happiness and fellowship. The men maintained contact with the Society of Men's Fellowships, attended Fellowships in other Churches and in 1971 planned a weekend visit from a country Men's Fellowship. In 1976 the Magill Circuit Fellowship was host to the Society of Men's Fellowships annual dinner, which was a great success.

The group was affiliated with the Methodist Men's Society of South Australia and subscribed to the SA Methodist and bi-monthly men's magazine. The Society of Men's Fellowship Badges were first available in 1962 for the sum of 1/6.

A small monetary contribution was made by each member at the meetings and this eventually was donated to such organisations as Kuitpo Colony, Helping Hand Fund, Home Mission, Central Mission Homes for the Aged as well as prizes for the Sunday School picnic and a piece of furniture for the new manse. The men also provided mystery parcels for the Conference Garden Party at Annesley Deaconess College.

The men utilised their talents in various ways. They provided a men's choir for Mothers' Day, assisted with items for the Church Anniversary Social and entertained the patients at the Parkside Mental Hospital with singing, films, sketches, recitations and community singing.

Other tasks undertaken were painting the Sunday School Hall's woodwork, washing dishes at functions held in the Church Hall, cleaning and tidying the Church grounds, erecting the platform for the Sunday School Anniversary, assisting in arranging the Sunday School picnic and repairing chairs for the Sunday School.

In June 1977 the name of the group was changed to 'Morialta Parish Uniting Church Men's Fellowship'. The last recorded meeting of this group was 4 November 1979. It appears that this Men's Fellowship faded from existence without any formal decision being made by the men of the Magill and Newton Churches.

PRESIDENTS

1960-1961	Max Michael
1962	Fred Martin
1963	Gerald Moore
1964	A Lewis
1965	Vic Ready
1966	
1967	
1968	Colin Nottle
1969	Colin Nottle
1970	Ralph Holmes
1971	Ralph Holmes
1972	Bryan Forbes
1973	M B Williams
1974	Maurice Cundy
1975	Brian Piller
1976	
1977	Bryan Forbes
1978	
1979	

ORDER OF KNIGHTS

The first meeting of the Order of Knights at Magill was held on 20 August 1935. The objectives were to keep the young men in association with the Church in four ways, spiritually, physically, socially and usefully. The group was called the Court of the 'Obedient Knight' Magill No 54, and the Knight's Motto was - 'Live pure, speak true, right wrong, follow the Christ the King, else wherefore born?'

Each meeting opened according to ritual followed by a hymn, Scripture reading and prayer. Their devotional meetings and bible quizzes helped to develop these young men for such tasks as teaching in the Sunday School and sharing in the conducting of services in the Church on Sundays. As they grew older they became involved in a variety of activities within the Church community. The Order of Knights rang the Church Bell on Sunday mornings, arranged working bees to remove trees and to generally keep the Church grounds tidy. These young men not only supported their own Church, but also gave donations to Home Missions, Kate Cocks Babies' Home and the Mail Bag Sunday School.

In 1941 the Order of Knights at Magill went into recess as many of the young men had enlisted in the Armed Services during World War II and there were insufficient members to hold meetings. However, in August 1946 'The Magill Methodist Young Men's Club' was formed with Rev H P Lambert, Chairman, Mr R G Nightingale, Vice-President, and Mr Colin

Lange, Secretary and Treasurer. Later, the name of the Club was changed to Order of Knights and a new set of officers was elected.



Young men and women at working bee with Rev Dickson 1947

The topics for their meetings were wide and varied. They took the form of impromptu speeches, quizzes, lantern shows, First Aid Lectures, games evenings, Father and Son Banquet, Amateur Hour, debates with the Girls' Comrades, as well as visits to such places as the Central Mission at Port Adelaide, Radio Station 5KA, Golden Crust Bakery and Police Headquarters.

The last meeting of the Magill Order of Knights was held in 1955, when the group went into recess.

Knight Commanders

1935-1936	Mr Len Mills
1937	Mr Ern Brooks
1938	Mr Jack Gilding Jnr
1939	Mr C Cope
1940-1941	Mr Fred Edwards
1942	Court adjourned during World War 11
1946	Magill Methodist Young Men's Club formed
1947	The above club changed to Order of Knights
1948	Mr Martin
1949	Mr Robert Nightingale
1950	Mr J G Grivell
1951-1952	Mr Colin Lange
1953	Mr Harold Ross
1954	Mr Leigh Hickman
1955	Mr Robert Bennett

METHODIST GIRLS' COMRADESHIP

On Wednesday 8 July 1936 a meeting was held at the Magill Manse to decide whether a Methodist Girls' Comradeship Branch would be formed at Magill. From this meeting fifteen young women, for initiation, attended the Payneham Branch on Monday 27 July 1936. Then on Tuesday 11 August 1936 Officers from the Norwood Wesley Branch took charge of the meeting and the installation of officers at the Magill Branch of the Methodist Girls' Comrades. This Branch was to be known as Lachenalia No 70 and the meetings were to be held fortnightly.

The aim was to provide activities for the young women of the Church to develop them spiritually, intellectually, socially and physically, and to keep them in close contact with the Church.

The uniform, a white dress, worn with the appropriate regalia of blue, gold and white, was an important part of each meeting and all Church services. The significance of the colours was white for purity, blue for loyalty and gold for fidelity.



Girl Comrades mock wedding 1948

Each meeting began with a ritual followed by a Bible Reading, prayer and a hymn. The Order of the Day was closely linked to the development of each girl as set out in the aims of the Comradeship.

The first Church Parade was held on Sunday 22 November 1937 at the morning service. As the years passed it was common to combine Church services with the Order of Knights. At these times the Comrades shared the conducting of the service. A Dedication Service was held in the Magill Church, early in the year, shortly after the installation of the new officers. In 1939 there was a special Church Parade to celebrate the twenty first birthday of

Comradeship. Then in August 1941 a Thanksgiving Service was held in Pirie Street Methodist Church to celebrate the 150th Comrade Branch started in this State.

The Comrades from Magill were regular attendees at District Rallies in Kent Town Methodist Church, Annual Comradeship Dedication Services in Pirie Street Methodist Church, and the Comrades' Picnic in the Botanical Gardens.

The first birthday took the form of a Chinese Evening, and the second was celebrated with a 'Cafe Musicale'. For the next two years a Thanksgiving Service was held in the Church followed by a Social Hour in the Hall. In 1941 the birthday was celebrated by giving a concert at the Old Folks' Home, and a party for the children at the Methodist Home in 1942. The varied meetings arranged included devotional, impromptu speeches, writing papers on given topics, guest speakers, games evenings, Bible Cricket Matches against the Order of Knights, and visits to factories. Once a year a Mother-Daughter evening was arranged. Other social evenings, when the Order of Knights or members from other Branches were invited, included mystery hikes, Amateur Hours or Handicraft Exhibitions.

The Comrades were supportive of others as well as groups within the Church community. They knitted and mended clothes for the Kate Cocks' Babies' Home. During World War 11 they knitted balaclavas and sent parcels to the young men from the Church who had enlisted in the military services. At home they gave donations to the Church Trustees and others in need. Miss Gene Mills was the first person from Magill Church, who had grown up in its activities, to offer herself for full time missionary work.

The last meeting of the Magill Methodist Girls' Comradeship was held in November 1966.

DIRECTORS at Magill

1936-1937	Mrs K Gilding
1938	Miss Ethel Bennett
1939	Mrs K Gilding
1940-1944	Mrs A M Davis
1945-1947	Miss Lois Buddle
1948	Miss Ethel Bennett
1949-1950	Mrs Aileen Brooks
1951-1952	Miss Beryl Lange
1953-1954	Miss Delcie Story
1955	Miss Nancy Bennett
1956-1957	Miss Rhonda Hailstone
1958	Miss Barbara Carter

MAGILL RAYS' BRANCH

On 25 February 1971 sixteen girls attended a meeting in the Magill Sunday School Hall to discuss the idea of forming a Ray Branch, a club for junior girls of the Methodist Church. The response was enthusiastic and it was decided to have the election of officers at the next meeting. The girls were told of the 5 cent fee for each meeting and that badges, which cost 50 cents, were earned by attendance at six meetings.

Miss Collard, Assistant State Chief Ray, was present at the meeting on 26 March 1971, firstly to initiate the Magill Ray Branch, secondly to initiate the nineteen girls present into Ray membership, and also to install the officers for 1971, with Mrs Barbara Brooks as Chief Ray.

The meetings opened according to ritual followed by devotions and a hymn. After the business part of the meeting was concluded an activity followed before closing according to ritual. The fellowship and training in this group was preparation for advancement to the Methodist Girls' Comradeship as senior young ladies.

The girls experienced a wide range of activities such as charades, Sing Say Do Night, Scavenger Hunt, Bugs Evening, Cooking Evening, Hike and barbecue. They visited Woodroffe's Cordial Factory and the Road Safety School. Guest speakers came from the Red Cross and St. John Ambulance. Other interesting activities were decorating eggshells at Easter and making Christmas decorations.

Special times were when the Rays took part in a Church Service and when they invited their mothers to the club's birthday meeting. In 1972 the Rays organised two important functions, a Fashion Parade and a Dolls' Show, to which the Church community was invited.

The girls contributed to the wider community by giving donations to Kate Cocks Babies' Home, Junior Red Cross, St John Ambulance and by singing Christmas Carols at Montrose Nursing Home.

Over the years the number of girls attending grew to 25, but during the second half of 1973 the attendance decreased, especially the secondary students. Due to this problem it was decided in March 1974 that the Magill Ray Branch would be disbanded because of lack of interest.

OFFICER BEARERS

1971	Chief Ray	Mrs Barbara Brooks
	Deputy Chief Ray	Mrs Rae Parker
	Deaconess Ray	Jacki Thompson
	Recording Ray	Christine Brogan
	Receiving Ray	Bronwyn Thompson

	Companion Ray	Miriam Ready
	Assistant	Jenny Cox
	Entrance Ray	S Forsberg
	Assistant	Judith Bennett
	Harmony Ray	Sue Cox
	Assistant	Karen Boundy
1972	Chief Ray	Mrs Barbara Brooks
	Deputy Chief Ray	Mrs Howland
	Deaconess Ray	Karen Boundy
	Recording Ray	Jenny Cox
	Receiving Ray	Sally Wayte
	Companion Ray	Michelle Bressington
	Assistant	Gail Howland
	Entrance Ray	Sue Cox
	Harmony Ray	Judith Bennett
1973	Chief Ray	Mrs Barbara Brooks
	Deputy Chief Ray	Mrs Margaret Howland
	Deaconess Ray	Bryony Brooks
	Recording Ray	Sally Wayte
	Receiving Ray	Carey Edwin-Scott
	Companion Ray	Meredith Johnson
	Entrance Ray	Valerie Wayte
	Harmony Ray	Allison Johnson

MUSIC

MAGILL CHURCH CHOIR

Within a short time of the establishment of regular services in the area, and well before the appointment of an ordained minister, a choir was formed and by 1875 it was well established. There is mention of members of the Padman family, the Piercy family, Miss Turbill, Mr Charles Hack, father of one of the first teachers at the Adelaide Conservatorium, Miss Vaughan, a soprano soloist in early Adelaide Town Hall 'Messiah' performances and a contralto, Mrs Tyler. Also at this time there came to the district two Methodist families, the Brooks and the Lillywhites, who since have served the choir through three generations. It is not surprising that such a group of people laid the foundations for a choir that flourished for well over 100 years, a choir that at all times has shown the same joy and conviction in their ministry of song as their forebears.

At different times the choir and organ have occupied four positions in the Church. When the present Church was opened in 1875 the organ and choir gallery were placed just inside the front door of the Nave of the Church. After the addition of the transepts in 1884 the choir and organ were transferred to the western transept. Not long after this, choir, organ and pulpit were transferred onto a raised platform in the centre of the transept and remained there until the extensive renovations in 1974, when the choir and organ returned to the western transept.

At the opening of the new Church in 1875 the organ used was a small pipe organ with hand-operated bellows to supply the wind, but prior to this an old harmonium was used and one of the earliest players was Mr Tom Padman. Mr Longbottom, who presented the pipe organ to the Church, was the first organist and others to follow him were Messrs Joseph Pellew, Edward Gault and J Lillywhite, succeeded by Miss May Lillywhite for a short time, then Miss Win Lillywhite.

All six played this small organ, and Miss Win Lillywhite for 20 years until the organ, because of its age, and perhaps inadequate maintenance had become temperamental and unpredictable and was replaced by an American Esty in 1924. Another sister Miss Dora Lillywhite was organist until 1931 when she found it necessary to retire owing to indifferent health. She was succeeded by Mr Eric May who continued as organist for the next 40 years, except for a break for service in the Army during the war years.

During the war years Mesdames L Mills, Olson, Davis and Mr Robert Nightingale were temporary organists. In later years Miss Aileen Brooks, Miss Gene Mills and Mr Robert Bennett were assistant organists. In 1954 an electronic organ, made by W Sanders of Adelaide was bought for £740 to replace the Esty. In 1971 Peter Waters was organist for a few months before he went to Europe to further his studies. The present organ, a Baldwin electronic, was installed in 1972 and with Pam Johnson, our present organist, is making a

pleasing contribution to our Church Music. It was on this organ that Mel Waters gave an organ recital in the Church in 1972.

During the period 1909 to 1935 three choir masters strongly influenced the work of the choir. The first two, Mr Bert Evans and Mr R H Paul, hailed from the Cornish mining towns on Yorke Peninsula, as did a later organist and choirmaster, Eric May. Both were competent musicians and each in his own way beloved by the choir. It would seem that Mr Evans brought musical discipline to the enthusiastic singing of the choir, and so laid a firm basis for further development. Mr Paul, in his turn, stressed pitch and much emphasis was given to unaccompanied singing.

It was at this time that a first 'Messiah' concert was held in the Institute. Mr R P Fotheringham, a forceful personality, was the next choirmaster and during his term of 12 years the choir experienced more publicity than at any other time. It appeared at one Public Meeting of the Annual Conference, it broadcast several concerts with its own soloists on the ABC in the early days of broadcasting, it provided annual performances of part of the Messiah and gave the well-loved and patronised yearly Scotch concert in the Magill Institute.

These concerts provided much-needed circuit funds during the early days of the depression. They also afforded the choir an opportunity of practising secular part songs of the day. Mr Fotheringham had an unerring sense of tempo at which a particular hymn or anthem should be sung and he had complete confidence in the ability of the choir to learn and present almost any music.

Mr S Lillywhite was the next conductor, and he kept the choir extending its repertoire of anthems and hymns. He continually strove for accuracy in singing and rarely passed over a false note or error in time. Under his direction the choir learnt and presented Mendelssohn's 'Hymn of Praise'. The spirit of reverence shown by the choir in their singing of the 'Crucifixion' at this time in some measure reflects Mr Lillywhite's contribution to the choir. In 1954 he handed over to Mr Eric May and for the next 16 years the choir enjoyed its best years numerically, if for no other reason. In 1956 there were 60 members and the section for the choir was enlarged to cater for them. New anthems were regularly added to the repertoire, a roster set for members to sing solos, quartets, duets at each service, and the oratorios, 'Elijah', 'The Creation', 'Hymn of Praise' were given in addition to a performance of the 'Messiah' each December.

It has always been the policy of the choir to encourage young members. Mr S Lillywhite joined the choir when he was a little boy of 9 or 10 years and stood on a hassock to enable him to see over the book board. During the 1950's a feature of the choir was the number of young people in its membership, and of these at least 12 were doing University courses yet found time for weekly practice. Four of these young members have since become

choirmasters. Mr Robert Bennett was one of the younger members mentioned and his enthusiasm as a junior member of the tenors often inspired a flagging conductor. He also represents a family that has served the choir for three generations.

Three families who have served the choir for three generations have been mentioned but the Uren-Nightingale family should also be included. Mrs Nightingale, two sons and a daughter have charmed with their singing. Melvin Nightingale had a fine tenor voice. The old Uren Homestead was the venue for many a fine evening of song and music.

After Mr Eric May retired as choirmaster, the Magill Uniting Church Choir continued with Robert Bennett as conductor until 1982 when Elsa Nankivell took over until 3 weeks before her death in 1985.

Robert Bennett again took charge until April 1986 when Lorraine Powers became choir mistress until the choir was reluctantly disbanded because of lack of members in 1987.



Choir in new gowns 1974

During the 1970's the choir had 35 members with leaders in each section who could sight-read music. They prepared a Christmas Cantata in 4 weeks, a brilliant accomplishment. During this time many Cantatas such as 'Night of Miracles', 'Hallelujah What a Saviour', 'Carol of Christmas', and full choral services were performed for special occasions with Pam Johnson at the organ and many soloists taking part. Assisting organists have included Don Bennier, Gordon McGargill, Robert Bennett and Jey Edwin.

No record of this choir would be complete without reference to the wonderful spirit of fellowship that has prevailed for so long. One may well ask why such a spirit should prevail so strongly? The availability of good choirmasters and organists has helped, while there has always been a core of trained voices. The practices, and there is no other group that meets every week to prepare for next Sunday's services, have certainly helped to develop this fellowship. But most important is the fact that in this choir there have always been so many members who mean what they sing, have gained so many of their Christian insights through song and have infected other members. To quote Miss Win Lillywhite when she wrote in 1941 - 'The best material for a successful Church choir are Christian men and women, boys and girls, who with music in their hearts sing to the praise and glory of God.'

CHOIR MASTERS

	Mr Edward Gault
1909 - 1912	Bert Evans
1913 - 1924	Mr R H Paul
1924 - 1934	Mr R P Fotheringham
1935	Mr E May
1936 - 1954	Mr S Lillywhite
1954 - 1970	Mr E May
1971 - 1982	Mr Robert Bennett
1983 - 1985	Mrs Elsa Nankivell
1985 - 1986	Mr Robert Bennett
1986 - 1987	Mrs Lorraine Powers

ORGANISTS

1875	Mr Longbottom
- 1880	Mr Joseph Pellew
1883 -	Mr Edward Gault
1880 - 1883	Mr J Lillywhite
	Miss May Lillywhite
1904 - 1924	Miss Winnie Lillywhite
1922 - 1931	Miss Dora Lillywhite
1931 - 1970	Mr E May
1931 -	Mrs Mills Assistant Organist
1936	Mr R Nightingale
1942	Mesdames L Mills, Olson, Davis, Mr R Nightingale - temporary appointment while Mr May away at the war
1943	Sergeant Eric May, Mrs L Mills - assistant
1945	Miss Aileen Brooks - assistant
1948	Mr E May resigned to go to the country
1949	Mrs L Mills, Miss Gene Mills AUA assistant
1950	Mr E May returned from country
1970	Mr E May resigned
1970	Mr R Bennett in Mr E May's absence
1971 - 1972	Mr Peter Waters, Mr R Bennett - assistant
1972 - 1990	Mrs Pam Johnson

MAGILL UNITING CHURCH 9.15 am MUSIC GROUP

This group, under the leadership of Pam and Kel Johnson, was formed in 1975 to meet the needs and style of music used in the contemporary worship of the day.

Over the years we have seen the music contribution to services vary in content. In addition to the Australian Hymn Book we have used religious songs composed and written by local

Adelaide musicians, 'Songs for People of God', 'Altogether Now' and ' Praise and Worship'.

The ages of our musicians have varied from early teenage to more senior members of the congregation and have consisted of family groups as well as individual members.

Musical instruments used in the group have been diverse over the years consisting of violins, violas, double bass, flutes, clarinets, trumpets, melodicas, French horns, oboes, percussion, saxophones, guitars and drums supplemented by piano and organ.

Young musicians in the group have gained confidence in their playing from participation on a regular basis. Improvement in sight reading and sense of rhythm have been evident in contributing to their musical studies at school.

The group has and will continue to be an integral part of worship in this service.

OTHER MINISTRIES

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Sunday Evening Fellowship

Services began in 1985 and were first organised by a small committee which included Rob Munton, Rhonda Cheel, Jenny Charlesworth and Graham Lloyd. They were held monthly on Sunday evenings in the Magill Uniting Church, and were mainly attended by Magill folk. The emphasis for the first 12 months was on Healing of the whole person, not just physical healing, and a number of visiting speakers were invited to share their understanding of Healing. Rev John Lawrie and Rev Don Howland from within the Parish were speakers during the first 12 months, and each contributed their own thoughts on Healing. Services were informal, with singing and prayers led by various members of the committee and group. During each Service there was opportunity for sharing and for prayer for specific needs and concerns. At the first Service we concluded with a cup of tea, but realised that this was not necessary as people preferred the time of mutual support and fellowship.

At the beginning of 1987 it was decided that the Service should have a wider focus than healing and should include praise and teaching on various aspects of prayer, as well as continuing to provide prayer support and real fellowship for those who attended.

In 1988 during the winter months the Services were held in individual homes rather than the Church, but some felt by doing this the service was less accessible to all who might want to attend.

In 1989 the Service became a Parish venture with Joan Schunke from Rostrevor joining the small planning committee, and Services, still held monthly, being held in Magill Hall rather than the Church. Most services had people from at least 3 churches in the Parish present. Speakers included Rev Elwyn Penna and Peter Martin, student minister, talking on aspects of prayer and Ann Siddall on Meditation, each providing opportunities for people to participate in different kinds of prayer.

In 1990 services were held at Newton and Magill, and the speakers included our own ministers and Ross Gaskin, a student minister, as well as members from within the group and Parish.

While numbers attending were not large, (the highest about 35), different people have attended over the years and many appreciated the fellowship, prayer support and opportunity to extend their own faith.

PRAYER CHAIN

The Magill Uniting Church Prayer Chain commenced on 13 August 1986 with Glad Mason as convenor and Lorraine Powers her assistant.

The original links in the Prayer Chain were -

Betty Hosking
Moreen Howland
Margaret Dolan
Ruth Ready
Edith Buss
Helen Goodwin
Olive Pope
Judy Tippet
Ethel Bennett
Pauline Norman
Valmai Addison
Keith Addison
Jenny Munton
Rob Munton

Members prayed faithfully, then telephoned the person next in line, finally contacting the convenor who then recorded that the whole chain was functioning. This proved to be a great source of strength and compassion to all concerned, and we praised God for His many answers.

TAPE MINISTRY

A sound amplifier and aids for the deaf were first installed at Magill Church in 1965 and then, after the Church interior was renovated in 1975, Dean Shinkfield installed a new amplifier.

During 1976 a new speaker column, to match the building acoustics, was installed and gave Jim Miles the opportunity to record all Church Services on a cassette recorder. Copies of special services, sermons and choral services were also made and distributed by Jim Miles and various Church Elders to members of the congregation who were unable to attend Church because of health problems.

When Jim Miles moved to Victor Harbor at the end of 1984, Ray Smith continued the editing, copying and distribution of tapes, while a team of six volunteers, convened by Arthur Sanders, shared the recording duties.

Ray Smith moved to Clarendon in 1987 and Sue Dolan took over the editing and copying of tapes, while various volunteers, including Sue, shared the recording duties at the 9.15 am and 11.00 am services.

During 1989 the Church obtained the services of Rev Arthur Johnston, who had taken up residence at Rostrevor after retiring from the ministry, to edit and make copies of tapes for

distribution. A number of new operators commenced recording duties at this time. In October 1990 a completely new sound system was installed incorporating the cassette recorders and Audio Loop for those wearing hearing aids. New operators / recorders were trained.

Over the years this ministry has included taping weddings, Annual Men's Service, farewell to Rev Rob Davis, his wife and family, and songs sung by the Sunday School have been included in tapes that were made for the 'Mail Bag Sunday School'.

We thank God for this ministry that started in a very small way by making a tape for an elderly gentleman unable to attend Church.

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

MAGILL UNITING CHURCH FRIENDSHIP CENTRE

At the Congregational meeting, November 1982, it was decided that the committee for Recreation and Fellowship should look at the idea of commencing a Friendship Centre, as an outreach into the community. Several folk visited other such centres to gain insight into this type of activity. Others were approached to lead groups of craft, art, handwork, music etc.

A decision was finally made to commence, in faith, using the facilities of the small rooms of the Sunday School, Church foyer and Transept. 1 June 1983 saw a very excited group of leaders awaiting the response. Ruth Ready was the Co-ordinator, and leaders included

Wendy Brown and Melva Miles - Craft

Jenny Tully - Crochet

Connie Grant - Knitting

Margaret Jenkins - Relaxation

Gordon McGargill - Music

Brenda Waters - Discussion

Florence Gillett - Spinning.

The relaxation class was the most popular and Margaret Jenkins ably introduced members to the therapy of relaxation.

The Auction Committee kindly donated \$500 to the Centre.

1984 It was much appreciated when the Church Hall became available - the facilities were better and there was an enhanced sense of togetherness. Later, facilities were made available for any who wished to bring lunch. Ruth Ready became the main leader.

Activities were -

Win Bull and Brenda Waters - Discussion

Pat Hosking - Ceramics

Gordon McGargill - Mahjong

Included was a small painting group, cards and a general craft and chat group.

1985-1988 The roll reached about 45 with an average attendance of 30. Bus trips during this period were run to Port Adelaide, Barossa, Cape Jervis, Goolwa, Hahndorf etc. Christmas Breakups and June birthday celebrations were held - usually with club catered lunches and a short programme. Several members were appointed as a back up committee for Ruth Ready.

In the event of sickness or bereavement contact was made by a member of the Centre. Ruth Ready was the main support person at such times. The discussion group covered many subjects and, because most participants were elderly, discussions re the distant past were favourites and all were enlightened by the stories that emerged. We were able to get to know each other by the responses to questions and the sharing of personal experiences. We were always happy with the injection of humour - and unanimous that humour was and is a vital ingredient!

1989 Friendship centre farewelled Ruth Ready who left the district. Mavis Hounslow and Dorothy Mills were appointed leaders. The committee was enlarged and met to plan activities. Gordon McGargill was appointed treasurer. Bus trips went to Apple World and Mannum. Dorothy Mills catered for the birthday lunch with a three-course meal, members paying \$5 each. The membership was changing with several deaths and removals but new members were brought in from Aged Cottages etc.

1990 The Committee which met in January now included W Bull, J Izzard, U Gruhl, R Grant, G McGargill, D Mills, R Allanson and M Hounslow. R Allanson was appointed Treasurer. The discussion group had become so small it was decided to combine it with the Craft and Chat group. Mahjong and Ceramics remain in good heart. Interest was expressed in reviving painting and card groups. With the union of the churches of Morialta Parish on the Magill site we hoped that there would be an influx of members, skills and ideas. Meanwhile the roll book, listing names, addresses, phone numbers and birthdays, is being maintained, as are the financial books in the hands of the Treasurer. The Centre is not a money-raising movement, but charges members 30c for afternoon tea (previously 20c) and the small trading table is sometimes patronised.

Over the years attendances have fluctuated according to the seasons and travel to warmer climes etc. The Friendship Centre continues to serve the needs of the participants for companionship and activities and our Parish owes a debt of gratitude to those who offered leadership and support - short-term or over a long period of time. Some of the original members have remained with the Centre and have expressed their appreciation of the friendship offered and the programmes provided.

SPECIAL SENIOR FRIDAY GROUP

This is an ecumenically based group meeting in the Magill Uniting Church Hall, Chapel Street, on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month between 1.30 and 3.00 pm. The aim of the group is to provide social activities for frail elderly and housebound who have little, if any, opportunity for social contact.

In 1986 the Magill Uniting Church took the initial step to form an ecumenical outreach programme for the Churches of Magill when a goal setting exercise identified the lack of neighbourhood related services in the Magill area. After many months of meetings and negotiations with all sections of the community, the idea of a community centre serving the Burnside and Campbelltown areas was abandoned for the lack of financial support.

It was then that the Burnside Council spoke of the need for a social programme for the elderly within its area, and so, The Special Senior Friday Group was initiated with the Burnside Community Bus providing the transport and the Community Care Worker supporting us in time of need.

The first meeting was in March 1987 with Lynne Taar as leader and volunteers from St George's Anglican Church on St Bernard's Road and Magill Uniting Church to assist her. In June 1988 Lynne left the group to make her home in Queensland with her husband and family. Olive Walton took up the challenge as co-ordinator with the volunteers taking more responsibility in arranging the programme of activities.

The programme was wide and varied and catered for a wide range of abilities. It allowed for decision making, promoting dignity and purpose, providing opportunities for companionship and conversation. The activities included music, table games, craft, slides, speakers and entertainers. The barbecue held in March and the Christmas Luncheon in December were greatly enjoyed by all. Each meeting concluded with afternoon tea.

The folk who attended came from individual homes, a hostel for rehabilitating alcoholics, Leahurst Retirement Home for Trained Nurses and Auldana Retirement Home. The attendance fluctuated from meeting to meeting.

There is no doubt that the folk who attend are appreciative of all that is done for them, while the volunteers find it a rewarding experience. May it, with God's Grace, continue to be so in the future.

VOLUNTEERS

Morialta Uniting Church

Dorothy Adams
Edna Evans
Alva Harris
Glad Mason
Kay Nealy
Jan Shanks
Olive Walton - Co-ordinator

St George's Anglican Church

Ethel Dobie
Anne Fowler
Beryl Greer
Maureen Huggard
Dinks Love
Olive Mitchell
Val White
Dorothy Woolnough

MY CLUB

In 1986 Magill Uniting Church undertook a 'Vision' exploration of how the Church could reach out into the community. One of the needs raised was that of social activities for young intellectually disabled people, separate from their school and sporting activities, and which would enable them to participate as other teenagers do.

A working party was formed with Ralph Carter as convenor. A general meeting was strongly supported by Special Education teachers of the area, The Intellectually Disabled Service Commission and parents of disabled young people.

The first meeting of MY Club, a social club for intellectually disabled youth within the Magill

area and further afield in the eastern suburbs, was held on 13 February 1987 and took the form of a shared meal and social.

The aims of the club are:

- to bring together intellectually disabled youth to socialise with each other and with non-disabled youth of similar age
- to develop competence, independence and at the same time, friendship between participants
- to stress 'normality' of the intellectually disabled
- to feature activities which are enjoyable and in which the young people can participate without highlighting their disability

The Club meets in the Guide Hall on St Bernards Road, Magill on the second Friday of each month from 7.30 - 9.30 pm. A management committee acts in a supervisory capacity and since 1989 the young people not only put forward their ideas for programme planning, but also elect their own office bearers. Club members contribute each meeting towards expenses and for gifts on special occasions. The local churches support the club financially, while the Campbelltown-Rostrevor Kiwanis Club gives valuable assistance in arranging barbecues and picnics and supplying a bus for outings.

The parents of disabled youth from Magill Uniting Church, St George's Anglican Church and St Joseph's Catholic Church with support from Special Education teachers and other Church people have been the nucleus of the development of the Club. The Church of the Annunciation, Hectorville, has been involved because a Special Education teacher, Mary O'Donnell, is a member there, and is a strong supporter and organiser of the Club. Several of the youth leaders come from there too.

A core group of caring youth leaders regularly give of their talents, time and friendship at Club meetings. At least once a year the Youth Group from either the Campbelltown or Magill Uniting Churches arrange an evening for MY Club members. Activities include such things as indoor cricket, bowls, mystery bus trip, progressive dinner, disco, craft and bingo.

It has been interesting to watch the development of the members. They have become more independent in handling their own finances on outings, they are supportive of each other, remember each other's birthday, especially a twenty first, when a party is arranged. They share each other's successes in sporting events outside of club activities. In 1988 three members participated in the Pan Pacific Games in Sydney. After the fire destroyed part of the Magill Junior Primary School the Club members decided to send a donation.

MY Club is a successful ecumenical and community initiative, which has given a real sense of achievement to all of those involved.

THE ORIGINAL MEMBERS OF THE INTERIM COMMITTEE 1987

Mrs Mary O'Donnell	Special Education Hectorville Primary School
Mrs Yvette Doublet	St Joseph's representative and mother of disabled youth
Mrs Anne Lee	St George's representative and mother of disabled youth
Mrs Jan Collins	Magill UC representative and mother of disabled youth
Mrs Pam Johnson	
Mrs Jean Cox	Special Education Teacher
Mrs Judy Tippett	Magill UC Youth Group rep
Mr Ralph Carter	

OFFICE BEARERS 1988

Co-Convenors	Ralph Carter, Mary O'Donnell
Secretary/Treasurer	Jean Cox
Core group to plan youth activities	Jan Collins, Jean Cox, Mary O'Donnell, Tracy Cook

OFFICE BEARERS 1990

President	Mrs Mary O'Donnell - Church of Annunciation Hectorville
Secretary	Mrs Jean Cox
Treasurer	Mrs Jan Collins

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mrs Anne Lee	St George's Anglican Church Magill
Tracy Cook	Youth Worker
Mrs Pam Johnson	Magill Uniting Church
Dennis Southern	Campbelltown, Rostrevor Kiwanis Club

MUMS

During 1984 a group of young mums began weekly get-togethers, where their pre-schoolers would have the opportunity to play together while their mothers participated in short bible studies. The Young Mums group developed into a support network for young mothers and their children. The weekly meetings became a time of Christian fellowship and growth.

During 1989 the needs of the group changed. Some members of the group still wanted to get together but could not attend the daytime meetings. Many of the children were now at school or pre-school and did not need the playgroup which Young Mums had previously provided. There were other women who had expressed an interest in attending but were a little unsure if they fitted the 'young' of Young Mums.

From 1990 the Young Mums group became MUMS and following much jovial discussion, it was suggested that because of the amount of happy fellowship that occurred at the meetings the initials should stand for Magill Uniting Merrimakers Society. The MUMS group

began meeting one evening a month and its aim was to provide a support network for the women of our Church, and an opportunity for Christian fellowship and growth.

The activities of the group have included catering for a wedding, a discussion group on Child Abuse, Christmas Dinner in the middle of the year, a mystery bus tour, a Bush Dance fundraiser and coffee evenings. Although all members contribute to the programme of activities, the group has been ably guided by Anne Ind, Rusty Palmer and Jan Sillett.

With the amalgamation of the churches in December 1990 the initials remain but MUMS became Morialta Uniting Merrimakers Society.

ROBERTS HOUSE

The proximity of the Magill Uniting Church to the SACAE Magill campus has resulted in regular requests for board for students from the country and overseas undertaking studies there. As the Church community was not able to meet the need, alternatives were explored over a period of time.

In May 1988 Adelaide Central Mission made Roberts House on the corner of Adelaide Street and Penfold Road, Magill, and formerly part of the Lentara complex, available for a student house, to be managed by the Magill Uniting Church.

Prior to occupancy in July 1988 extensive maintenance work was carried out by Central Mission, while members of the Magill Church cleaned, assisted with furnishing the house and provided a loan of \$2000 to meet the establishment costs of the project and to have a partition installed to make a seventh bedroom.

Initially the Magill congregation appointed Lesley Tideman, K Heath and Jenny Charlesworth to the Management Committee in addition to a Central Mission representative and a resident representative. Ralph Carter joined the Management Committee at the beginning of 1989 and M Thornley replaced K Heath. At the request of the residents it was agreed to increase their representation to two. T Walmesley and E Leleai filled this role in 1989-90.

The first five girls, 3 Australian and 2 Samoans, moved into Roberts House in mid July 1988, and a further Samoan took up residence in the following month. The seventh room was occupied in early 1989. To the end of 1990 eleven girls have lived in Roberts House for periods of six months up to 2½ years.

Initially Roberts House was made available to the Church rent free making it possible to provide accommodation at a reasonable rate. From the beginning of 1991 Central Mission will be charging the Church a rent of \$6000 pa but it is not anticipated that this will have any adverse affects on the project.

PAPER FUND

It was in 1958 that Mr Jack Grivell, with the help of Len Mills, Jack May and Cec Woodward started the 'Paper Gang' at Magill Methodist Church.

In the early days special bundles of size, shape and weight were made up to sell to different stall holders at the Adelaide Central Market. Orders were received one week and delivered to the Market the following week on Thursday morning. This lasted for 15 years. Once the team loaded 125 bundles for the 'Christmas Rush'.

This work became too much for the few helpers and now our paper is sold in bulk for recycling. For the year 1989/90 the team was averaging over 10 tonnes of paper every five months.

Over the years other men have joined this group and in working together they have experienced fellowship with one another and gained pleasure from supporting worthy causes. Confirmed donations from records available total over \$7000.

The Paper Fund has supported various projects at Magill Church including refurbishing the Sunday School Hall, chairs for the hall, a piano, tape recorder for the Sunday School, organ fund, chairs for the Church, Communion cupboard and ceiling fans for Church.

Other causes to benefit from the Paper Fund are District Nurses, Crippled Children's Assoc, Newton Church, Christmas Bowl Appeal, Port Pirie Mission rebuilding, Tonga Mission and Street Kids Island conference.

HONOUR ROLL

Jack Grivell	Jack Story
Len Mills	Ken Hutchinson
Jack May	Allan Bunnett
Cec Woodward	Rev Rob Davis
Allan Brooks	Geoff Evans
Ern Brooks	Fred Martin
Stan Mason	Lindsay Hannaford
Reg Gunn	Ron Grant
Wally Reichstein	

SPORT

MAGILL METHODIST TENNIS CLUB

The Magill Methodist Tennis Club originated in 1913 as the result of a request from the Girls' Club for the Trustees of the Church to make available, for tennis courts, land at the rear of the manse. The assistance of the Young Men's Class was enlisted to clear the ground and Mr Allan Mercer was the first Secretary of the Club.

For some years matches were arranged with teams from other places in the district until 1924 when the Methodist Tennis Association was formed. This innovation was partly due to



the efforts of Rev A H Melbourne, who was then resident at Magill and played in the team. Not only was Magill Team a foundation member of the Association but also won the first premiership.

A friendly tennis match at Bennett's Court in Chapel Street

The Club went into recess in 1941 until the end of World War II, when in September 1945 a meeting was called to reform the Club. However, the Magill Club did not immediately re-enter the Association but played Social Tennis at the home of the Nightingale family.

Match play was resumed in 1948-49 and in the following season two teams were entered. The senior team under the captaincy of Mr Melvin Nightingale was successful in winning the premiership of Division III.

The Magill Methodist Tennis Club again fielded foundation teams when the Association was extended to promote Junior Tennis on Saturday mornings. Our Junior Girls' team won the first premiership in this division in the 1953-54 season.

From this time on Junior Boys and Girls tennis has been an integral part of the Tennis Club at Magill, with the number of Junior Teams rising to ten teams, each season, during the

early 1970's. Parents were encouraged to supervise the teams and to provide transport to the various venues. In 1971 a professional coach was available at a fee for those who wished to improve their tennis.

The season opened each year with a Tennis Tournament usually followed by a barbecue. Over the years the Club has used courts at Lentara, the Burnside Courts in Jackson Street as well as the Church courts. The Club did not award individual trophies, but the players were encouraged to attend the Association's end of season function where Premiership Pennants were presented.

In 1956 Rev D E Dickson and Miss L Buddle were made Life Members of the Club as was Mr Ross and Robert Nightingale in 1960.

In about 1956 Social Tennis for ladies was introduced and played on Thursday afternoons, but this was later changed to Tuesday mornings and is still functioning today. In 1978, after lights were erected on the Church courts, social tennis was introduced for those who wished to play mid-week under lights.

The Club's last Junior Team to play for the Association was a Boys' Team in 1976-77 season, while the senior teams played their last games in 1985-86 season, after which the Club went into recess.

TENNIS CAPTAINS

1955	Mr J C May
1956	Mr B J Grivell
1957	Mr David Rycroft
1958	Mr John Randles
1959	Mr John Rycroft
1960	Mr Arthur Howland
1961	Mr Max Michael
1962	Mr Max Michael
1963	
1964	Mr Howard Harrison
1965	Mr Howard Harrison
1966	M Burdett
1967	D Goldsworthy
1968	'A' Mr Graham Thomas 'B' Mr Daryl Pedler
1969	'A' Mr Graham Thomas 'B' Mr Andrew Stock
1970	
1971	
1972	
1973	

1974	Mr Andrew Nightingale
1975	Mr Andrew Nightingale
1976	Mr Kevin Gruhl
1977	Mr Kevin Gruhl
1978	Mr Kevin Gruhl
1979	'Ladies' Susan Fricker
1980	'Ladies' Miss Michele Bennier 'Blue Div 3'
1981	'Blue 16' Miss Michele Bennier 'Ladies' Jane Davoren
1982	'Div 18' Mr Gary Hales 'Ladies' Helen Penhall
1983	'Div 17' Miss Michele Bennier 'Ladies' Mrs Linda Fahy
1984	'Div 16' Miss Michele Bennier 'Ladies' Mrs Linda Fahy
1985	'Div 15' Miss Karen Hales

MAGILL UNITING CHURCH CRICKET CLUB

The possibility of forming a cricket club as one of our Church activities was discussed informally on many occasions but the first definite step in this direction was taken in 1949 by Rev D E Dickson the minister at Magill Methodist Church at the time.

The move to form a cricket club was encouraged by the Trustees of the Church and a grant of £25 towards the cost of equipment was made. The Club was also assisted with a loan of £25 which was repaid by the proceeds of concerts organised by Club members.



1959 Interstate Carnival Cricket Team

A small ground was secured in the north-eastern corner of Kensington Gardens and it was retained as the home ground for three seasons. Arrangements were then made with the Campbelltown District Council to share a new oval being established at Daly Oval. However, owing to revised plans the Club was forced to make temporary use of a ground in

the northern parklands, and one in National Park, until the Daly Oval was ready. Over the years the Club has used ovals at Murray Park, Klemzig Primary School and Morialta High School, which has been the home ground for about 12 years.

Magill Club has always had the people with character and dedication required to develop team spirit, the will to win and a sense of direction. Two men who gave so much in the beginning of the Club to develop 'traditions of competitiveness, of skill, of fun, of fairness and of Christian Comradeship' in the players were Rev Dickson and Allan Brooks.

Although not a young man Darcy Dickson played the game to the full, taking his turn at batting and bowling. It has been recorded by one player that he was a colourful lovable character who in a real sense was the 'Father of the Magill Methodist Cricket Club'. Another great player was Allan Brooks, the first captain of the Club, a hard-hitting left-handed batsman and an excellent wicket keeper against either medium or pace bowlers.

The Brooks and May families have given the Club strong support with father and three sons and later a third generation from each family participating. David Brooks, a foundation member, was patron of the Club for a number of years.

In its first season (1949-50) the ages of the players varied greatly. A team was entered in the 'E' grade of the United Church Cricket Association and won the premiership in that grade in its first year. The next year the Club was promoted to 'B' grade and then 'A' grade in the 1953-54 season when it again won the premiership for that grade.

Magill has won 18 premierships in 40 seasons of the Club. Twelve of these have been in 'A' grade which is the most of any club in the Association, four in 'B' grade, one in 'E' grade and one in 'D' grade. The 1986-87 season was most successful with the 'A' grade and 'B' grade each winning a premiership. The last time this happened was in 1958.

Over the years players have not only won Club trophies for bowling, batting and fielding, but have also won awards in the South Australian Church Cricket Association, competing against all players in the Association. Some of the recipients have been Malcolm Day, John Hailstone, Lyn May, John King, Ian Barwick, Darryl Smith and Dean Watson. Magill Club has won 19 Association batting and bowling trophies.

Since 1954 several players from the Magill Club have been selected to play in the Australian Church Cricket Association Carnivals at interstate level and from that, various players, Ian Amey, Terry Evans, Lyn May, Darryl Smith and David Hooper were selected for the Australian Team. In 1968 Lyn May won the Carnival Batting Trophy and in 1980 he had the honour of captaining the Australian Team.

Since 1956 the following players have held office or offices in the South Australian Church

Cricket Association for varying periods of time -

A S Brooks	R H Spence
V C G Baillie	L E May
H Wood	I F Amey
R G Glenn	J K Waters

In 1952 Rev D E Dickson was elected Honorary Life Member in recognition of the part he played in the foundation of the Club, and for his services as a player. Since then Allan Brooks, Tom Hill, Eric May, Lyn May, John Waters and Glen Revell have been given the distinction of Life Membership.

For many years the social activities of the club included Presentation Dinners, pre-season socials, barbecues and social evenings arranged in club members' homes. Once a year the Club participated in a Cricket Club Service at Magill Uniting Church.

The team had a staunch supporter in Rhonda Hailstone who was the team's scorer, a task she did faithfully each week.

CRICKET CAPTAINS

1949	Mr Allan Brooks	
1950	Mr Allan Brooks	
1951	Mr Eric May	
1952	Mr Allan Brooks	
1953-54	Mr R Michael	
1955-1982	Unknown	
1983	'A' Mr Lyn May	'B' Mr Ian Amey
1984	'A' Mr Lyn May	'B' Mr John Waters
1985		
1986-1989	'A' Mr Glen Revell	'B' Mr Ian Barwick

BASKETBALL - NETBALL

In April 1946 the Girls' Comradeship began discussing the idea of forming a Basketball Club at Magill Church. Then in the winter of 1947, under the leadership of Rev D E Dickson and Miss Lois Buddle, a team was entered in the United Churches' Basketball Association.

Permission was obtained to use the Magill Primary School courts for practices and matches. Rev Darcy Dickson was the team's coach and they practised at 6.30 am Friday mornings.

The ball was made from leather with a rubber insert and had to be polished with brown shoe polish before each match.



Magill Methodist 'A' Basketball Team 1949

The uniform was a fawn coloured pleated tunic with gold and green bands around the bottom, and a gold coloured girdle, worn over a white blouse. White sandshoes and white socks completed the uniform.

In 1955, the Church's Centenary Year, the Club had five teams entered in the competition. At the end of each season trophies were awarded for good play and improvement.

Permission was sought from the Church Trust in 1959 to place lights on the courts south of the Church so that the girls could practise at night.

Three teams reached the finals in 1969 and the 'D' team won the premiership in 1970.

A national step was taken in 1976 when the sport's name was changed from Basketball to Netball.

FOOTBALL CLUB

The Magill Methodist Church Football Club, formed in 1953, was affiliated with the United Church Football Association. The home ground was located at the Victoria Park Racecourse with games being played on Saturday afternoons throughout the metropolitan area. The Church Trust donated £30 to the Club to help establish itself and guaranteed a loan of £50 if it was required.

Each year the Club had a Dedication Service in the Magill Church, and it was in 1960, at such a service, that Mr A S Brooks and his sons David, Bruce and Richard formed a quartet.



Magill Methodist Football Team 1959

The members arranged social evenings, also a Presentation Dance in the Church Hall to celebrate the end of the season and to award trophies. In 1963 the trophy winners were -

Best and fairest

Leading Goal kicker

Best Junior

Best Utility

Most Improved

Mal Day

Lyn Norton

Graham Swincer

Lance Hickman

Mike Hainsworth

In March 1968 it was reluctantly decided to wind up the Club as only nine people could be found to play regularly.

TREASURES AND MEMORIALS

BELL

In 1959 the old ship's bell was purchased by the Sunday School for £5 and brought across from Melbourne. This bell, which has called folk to worship for many years, is at present in the foyer of the Church Hall.

PULPIT BIBLE (1)

This Bible, printed in 1857, is probably the Bible used in the first Church opened in 1855.

SILVER TROWEL

This silver trowel was presented to Mrs Longbottom Jnr on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of the Nave of the present Church in 1874.

PULPIT BIBLE (2)

This Bible, printed in 1874, is probably the first Bible used in the present Church.

KEYS

These are the original Keys to the front door of the present Church.

MEMORIAL WINDOW

The beautiful stained glass window depicting St Paul was placed in the Church by Mr William Longbottom Jnr as a memorial to his parents, William and Elizabeth Longbottom, in c1875 soon after the present Church was opened.

CROCKERY

Nicknamed 'Ecclesiastical Crockery' it was very heavy and strong and especially imported. Even after very rough handling at tea meetings and picnics for almost a century some pieces have survived.

CHALICES AND JUG

It is not known when these were used, but the Jug is marked with 'IHS'.

MARBLE PLAQUE

Erected in memory of Rev Chas Lane, a retired minister, who served the people of this Church during the time of not having an ordained resident minister at Magill.

ROLL OF HONOUR

In memory of those who served their country during World War 1.

STUDY CHAIR

Presented in memory of Mrs Chas Lane, wife of Rev Chas Lane.

MARBLE BAPTISMAL FONT

Its origin is unknown but it is visible in a photograph taken in the late 1920's.

PULPIT CHAIR

Presented to the Magill Methodist Church by members of the Girls' Guild in 1930.

MARBLE FLOWER POT AND PEDESTAL

Presented by the Girls' Guild in Loving Memory of Mrs M Wadmore, President of the Margareta Guild from 1918-1943.

HYMN BOOK

In memory of W Alan Nightingale who served the choir from 1912-1946.

ILLUMINATED CROSS

and Communion cabinets in the front of the pulpit were installed by Rev Jasper and Mrs Gilding in 1949 in memory of their son Jack Gilding who lost his life while a Japanese prisoner of war. During the renovations to the interior of the Church in 1974 the cross was placed in the front of a new pulpit.

SILVER PLATE

Presented by the Girls' Comradeship on the occasion of the centenary in 1955.

CENTENARY PLAQUE

was erected on eastern wall of Church to commemorate the centenary of the first service held in the original Church on 8 April 1855.

BIBLE

Presented to Magill Methodist Sunday School Kindergarten by Rev A R Medson 9 February 1958.

BIBLE

Presented to Magill Branch of Methodist Girls' Comradeship by Miss Ethel Bennett September 1941.

PULPIT HYMN BOOKS

Presented to Church by the Bennett family from 1874-1955.

HYMN BOOK CUPBOARD

Presented in 1961 in memory of Emily Edith Threadgold.

CABINET

Presented by the Bennett family in memory of Mr William Reginald Bennett.

SILVER COLLECTION PLATES

Two plates presented by Mrs W Bennett.

SILVER PLATES

Four small beautifully decorated silver plates are inscribed with 'Wesleyan Church Magill'.

PULPIT BIBLE

Presented by their family in 1966 in memory of Septimus and Lucy Ariel Lillywhite.

COMMUNION TRAYS

Presented in 1968 in memory of Fred G Edwards.

CHINNER WINDOWS

Were acquired from Pirie Street Methodist Church when it was demolished in 1974.

BRASS PLAQUE

To commemorate the erection of this Church, the resetting of our St Paul window and the Chinner Windows from Pirie Street Methodist Church.

SILVER CHALICE

Presented in memory of Allan Stirling Brooks 18 April 1976 by David Brooks, his son.

LECTERN

This small movable lectern was presented in loving memory of George Basil Payne a devoted member of this Church.

PAINTING

'Faith of Our Fathers Living Still' by Ruth Smith 1981.

SILVER URN

Presented in loving memory of Lillian Mary Harrod, for many years a devoted member of this Church.

COMMUNION CLOTH

This handmade and embroidered Communion Cloth was made by Melva Miles and presented to the Magill Uniting Church when she and her husband left Magill to reside in Victor Harbor.

HYMN BOOK

Presented to Magill Church Choir by the Broken Hill Philharmonic Society in memory of Elsa Nankivell.

PIANO

Donated to the Magill Uniting Church October 1987 by the Schroeder family in loving memory of their son David.

BRASS PIANO LIGHT

Donated by Nealy family in memory of David Schroeder.

DISPLAY CABINET

Donated by Melvin Nightingale in loving memory of -

Emily Uren	-1941
Gertrude Nightingale	1887-1959
W Alan Nightingale	1889-1946.

LETTER SENT TO 'STAINED GLASS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA'

PO Box 436 Blackwood 5051

National Estate Program for 1982/83 compilation of an inventory of Stained Glass.

Dear Sir

In response to the article in the National Trust of South Australia Newsletter October 1982, I am sending these details about the stained glass windows in the nave of the Magill Uniting Church (formerly Wesleyan and Methodist) Chapel St Magill.

Our beautiful window known as 'The Longbottom Memorial' has long been admired. Rev William Longbottom Snr and Mrs Longbottom and son aged 6 years sailed from Hobart Town to go as Missionaries to the new Swan River settlement in WA. While sailing there the ship 'Fanny' was wrecked off the Coorong in June 1838. The minister and his wife and son fortunately were saved and settled in SA. Rev W Longbottom thus became the first Wesleyan preacher in SA.

Mr William Longbottom Jnr and his wife lived at 'Home Bush' Magill in 1860-70, attending the Wesleyan Chapel in Chapel St. Mrs Elizabeth Longbottom Snr, widow of Rev Wm Longbottom, lived with her son for some years.

In 1874 a new larger Church building was erected in Chapel Street, the foundation stone being laid by Mrs Longbottom Jnr. Mr Wm Longbottom Jnr and family were very active and generous members of the local Wesleyan Chapel and gave the Church many gifts (specially imported) including the beautiful memorial window.

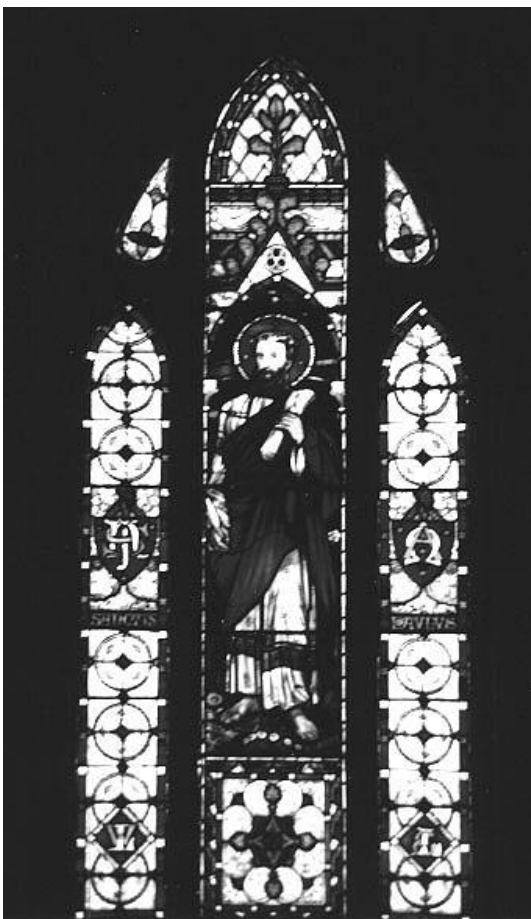
The window appropriately depicts St Paul who was shipwrecked on the way to Rome and 'forwarded the work of the Kingdom of God' in overseas islands. The Church faces

north and the window was placed in this front wall of the nave. It consisted of 3 panels. The centre panel depicts St Paul barefooted and dressed in red robe and blue cloak. The 2 side panels were similar but on the right were the letters W L (entwined in the corner) and higher up the symbol of alpha and omega. Similarly the left panel had E L entwined and Greek symbol for Saviour of men, higher up. The St Paul figure is approximately 72 inches high x 19 inches wide, his robe is a lovely glowing red and the cloak shaded deep blue. The outside border edges of all panels are green.

The window must have been put in shortly after the building was erected as provision has been made for the panels to fit in exactly. The window was given by Mr Wm Longbottom Jnr who was a successful business man and imported goods from England with his associate Sir John Colton. On the bottom of the window is the inscription

? BAILLIE & GEO MAYER
LONDON 1875 fecit.

The transepts of the Church were opened in 1884 but the window in the nave stayed in the original position.



W Longbottom window c 1875

In mid 1970 the Church was modernised and the window was resited from the Northern front wall to the Eastern wall and set into 2 existing window sites. Thus the 2 side panels have been combined into 1 window and the middle panel is on its own. It is a pity that this had to be done as the balance and full beauty of the whole is spoilt but they are still lovely. The colouring in the main panel has always been lovely and glowing both in the sunlight and by electric light when flood lit.

On the western wall of the nave are 2 identical windows called the 'Chinner' windows.

These were acquired from Pirie St Methodist Church when it was demolished. These are 2 similar panels of 5 medallions each in soft colouring - pale pink and soft greens.

Sarah A Lillywhite

18 November 1982



Chinner Window 1974

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