

ROBOS (Reaching Out Beyond Our Shores)

Fund raising has begun for the first project – an orphanage in Kenya. This project was suggested by Kate McBride, originally from Minlaton, who has first-hand experience of this centre. It is run by 6 Kenyan women who are trying to buy a property so they don't keep getting evicted. They also need money for their 6-15 year old children who need school clothes, shoes and money to cover school fees.

Recently Elizabeth Dau and Jill Huntley held a Body Shop party at their home in Hardwicke Bay. Twenty three people attended from the St Benedict's congregation and from the local community. Elizabeth and Jill (with help from Marilyn Cook) provided morning tea. It was certainly an enjoyable morning. Elizabeth and Jill will receive, from this party, products that will be passed on to other fundraising projects.

Also part of the fundraising was a raffle with donated goods. Tickets were sold on a number of occasions by Elizabeth and Jill and also Cheryl Carmichael and Marilyn Cook.

People were also generous with their donations. A total of **\$655.75** was raised. ROBOS is certainly underway and we are encouraging others, apart from those from the congregation, to take part in our meetings and fund raising.

First prize (a hamper of goodies) was won by Pat Williams of Minlaton.



From St. Christopher's, Curramulka

On Sunday 22nd September 2013, Elke Smith, daughter of Rebecca & Ellis Smith of Port Julia, was baptised in the Curramulka Uniting Church. For several years the Uniting Church and St. Christopher's Anglican Church, Curramulka have been sharing services. Pastor Rob Morgan invited Fr. Thomas to join him for the service and baptism.



From the Ministry District Registers

Confirmation: *Kylie Rae Cook* at St. Benedict's, Minlaton

Marriage: *Holly Kathleen Newbold & Stuart Matthew Dale*
at St. Benedict's, Minlaton

Funeral: *Nita Ellen Wilkins* at St. Neot's, Pt. Vincent

Bunny Warren at St. Mary's, Edithburgh

Audrey Lorraine Ahwan at St. George's, Yorketown

Christmas Services in the Ministry District

Christmas Eve (Tuesday 24th December):

Minlaton 5.30pm Crib Service (especially for children)

Warooka 9pm Holy Communion

Minlaton 11.30pm Holy Communion (followed by drinks)

Christmas Day (Wednesday 25th December):

Stansbury 8am Holy Communion

Yorketown 8am Holy Communion

Minlaton 9.15am Holy Communion

Pt. Vincent 9.30am Holy Communion

Edithburgh 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday (29th December):

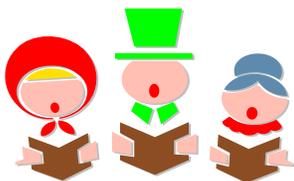
Minlaton 9.15am Holy Communion

Pt Turton 10am Holy Communion in Hall, followed by
Morning Tea



From St. Augustine's, Stansbury

St. Augustine's is a small but faithful congregation in the sea-side town of Stansbury. Services are held twice a month, with the first Sunday of the month being Holy Communion with Fr. Thomas and the third Sunday of the month being Morning Prayer, capably led by Jeanette Canton or Clinton Roberts. St. Augustine's has an outreach to the Elanora Aged Care facility in Stansbury and worship is held there once a month and members of the congregation visit the facility regularly.



Minlaton Community Carols

This year the Minlaton Carols, organised by the Minlaton Inter-Church Association, will be held in St. Benedict's Anglican Church on Sunday 22nd December, at 7.30pm. Come along and join us as we herald the birth of our Saviour. The music will be led by the Minlaton & District Brass Band. There will be an offering plate for the Christmas Bowl Appeal.

Confirmation at St. Benedict's

On Sunday 27th October, Bp. John Stead confirmed Kylie Rae Cook at the 9.15am service. Kylie and her daughter Annabelle were baptised by Rev'd Anne at St. Benedict's in 2011. Kylie has been a regular attendee at our Family Services, along with her husband Michael and daughters Matilda and Annabelle.



In the afternoon, Bp. John met with members of the Ministry District Committee and Licensed Lay Ministers, to discuss future directions for Ministry Districts and lay ministry within the Diocese.

From St. Neot's, Pt. Vincent

The St. Neot's congregation has been busy lately, with the help of Tidy Towns, clearing the church property of weeds and removing a tree responsible for clogging the toilet system. Trash and Treasure has resumed trading every Saturday 9am – 12pm, following fortnightly opening during the winter months.



The congregation was saddened recently by the death of Nita Wilkins, a long time member of St. Neot's. Nita's funeral was held at the church on 16th October, 2013. It was a private funeral, in accordance with Nita's wishes.

MONTHLY WORSHIP ROSTER

First Sunday

Mount Rat – 8.00am (HC)

Minlaton – 9.15am (HC)

Yorketown – 9.30am

Edithburgh – 9.30am

Stansbury – 11.15am (HC)

Second Sunday

Minlaton – 9.15am (HC)

Curramulka – 9.30am

Edithburgh – 9.30am (HC)

Port Vincent – 11am

Warooka – 11.15am (HC)

Third Sunday

Minlaton – 9.15am (HC)

Yorketown – 11.15am (HC)

Stansbury – 11.15am

Corny Point – 2.00pm (HC)

Fourth Sunday

Minlaton – 9.15am (HC)

Yorketown – 9.30am

Curramulka – 9.30am (HC)

Edithburgh – 9.30am

Port Vincent – 11.00am (HC)

Fifth Sunday

Usually one service only in the Ministry District

at a pre-arranged centre - 10.30am (HC)

(see local paper and church noticeboards)



Photo Finish



SYP Dinner



Washing up



Minlaton Garage Sale



At the Mission



On board ship



At the MD Committee Meeting



Joyce



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This is the third of our short articles explaining some of our practices in church life. Here, Michael Ford asks

WHY do we have different colours adorning our altars and lecterns during the year?

These are the so-called ‘liturgical’ colours and represent the different seasons of the Church’s Year.

As well as the correct colour on the altar with either the frontal, or the burse and veil covering the Communion vessels, the Priest wears a stole and a chasuble of that colour – and they should all match! There are four such colours, listed below :-

PURPLE - a penitential symbol for **Advent** (which we are in now) and **Lent** (Ash Wednesday to Easter Eve)

WHITE – a festival colour, for the seasons of **Christmas** (all 12 days of it!) and **Easter** (50 days) It is also used to celebrate particular Feast Days such as All Saints, Epiphany, Baptism of Our Lord, Trinity Sunday and other Saints who are not martyrs.

RED – this is the colour for the Martyrs and the Holy Spirit, so we have red for all the Apostles (except one), Martyrs of New Guinea, Palm Sunday (sometimes called Passion Sunday)

GREEN – this is the ‘default’ colour, in a way. It’s what we use for all occasions not covered by the special ones above. Therefore, we have green (for growth in our church life?) during the seasons of Epiphany and after Pentecost, the so-called ‘Ordinary’ Sundays.

Very ‘High’ Anglo-Catholic churches sometimes use black vestments and altar frontals for Good Friday and All Souls’ Day, but this is rare nowadays. The practices above are all derived from our heritage within the Catholic Church, and which the Church of England via Henry the Eighth and succeeding monarchs insisted on keeping. Aren’t we a colourful lot?

Mission to Seafarers – Pt. Giles/Edithburgh

From the Chaplain, Geoff Harrison



In August June, Thomas and I gave a presentation on seafarers' welfare at the Australian Maritime Safety Authority [AMSA] Forum in Sydney.

We then went to the bi-annual National MtS Conference in Townsville, where we gave another presentation. The conference was a wonderful way to meet and share with representatives from other MtS centres around the country. Thanks to Gina Voigt & Clinton Roberts who maintained the mission work in our absence.

On September 17th, we gave a presentation about the work of the MtS to the Inbetweeners Group from Stansbury. Mayor Agnew and Councillor Bob Nicholls attended and we provided a sit down 3 course hot meal to 24 people. Thanks to Sue, Bob and Penny Warren, Barb Freidenfelds & Joan Correll for their invaluable help. Since then the Inbetweeners have given us many beautifully wrapped Christmas gifts for the seafarers, which are now under a Christmas tree in the Flying Angel Centre.



On September 25th, we shared in the annual SYP Dinner which was held at the Yorke Hotel. An international theme was chosen and a good night was enjoyed by all.

We now have a good range of giftware which we will sell to the public as well as to the seafarers. Stalls were held at the Edithburgh Gala Day and at the Minlaton Show to promote the MtS. A raffle is currently being run to raise funds for our work.

June was able to obtain 20 tickets for the movie 'Captain Phillips' and people from Port Giles MtS, Wallaroo MtS & Stella Maris in Pt Adelaide attended the film which highlighted the dangers faced by seafarers.

On November 21st, June & I travelled to Melbourne to attend the Lloyds List Annual Awards evening. Port Giles MtS was again short listed for the Seafarer Welfare Award which we won in

2012. This year, however, it was won by Hunter Link Recovery Services.

Seafarers have continued to be well cared for by our volunteers, especially the Filipino men who arrived straight after the disastrous typhoon in their homeland. We gave free sim cards, internet access, toiletries and clothing to the men.

A basketball tournament, attended by many locals and followed by a barbecue, was held in October when Filipino seafarers played against a SYP Basketball team. Robert Martin made DVD's of the event & each man was given a copy when they returned for another match two days later. The Filipino team was presented with 36'rs caps & a SYP singlet which has since been signed by the crew to be displayed in our centre. Thanks to all who continue to support us with donations of magazines, toiletries, beanies, money..... in fact in any way! It is greatly appreciated by us and the seafarers.



An interview with Joyce Cacait

Joyce has spent the last three months in Minlaton as a guest of Fr. Thomas, staying with Joan Correll and then Michael & Rev'd Anne Ford.

Joyce was born and grew up in the city of Olongapo in the northern Philippines. Olongapo is a tourist destination because of its beautiful beaches. A city of ten thousand people, its main industry, besides tourism, is agriculture - fishing and growing fruit and vegetables.

Joyce is the eldest of four children and has two sisters and a brother. Joyce was baptised and confirmed in the Catholic

Church, which is the main Christian denomination in the Philippines. She has worshipped at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church all her life. Each Sunday there are three services of Communion, two in the morning and one in the afternoon. Joyce plays the keyboard at one or two of these services each week. Sometimes when she is not at the keyboard, she sings with the choir. The services are very traditional in style.

Within the congregation Joyce belongs to a group called the Legion Organization. The group visits the sick, visits other churches, helps parents prepare for baptism and helps couples prepare for marriage.

As well as Sundays, there is a Mass at 6.30am Mon-Fri. and Joyce tries to attend as often as possible, before going to work. Some people go every day.

During Advent, the 16th Dec. until 24th Dec is known as “Nine mornings” and parishioners attend Mass at **3am** each morning! Joyce has loved meeting so many people in the Ministry District and has taken home some very fond memories.

Crib Service at St. Benedict's

5.30pm on Tuesday 24th December. Ideal service for children – 20 mins. duration. Listen to the Christmas story, followed by cake and a drink.



MU Christmas Service at St. Benedict's

St. Benedict's Mothers' Union group will hold its annual Christmas service on Wednesday 11th December at 10am at the church. Invitations have been issued to members of other churches as well as family & friends. All are welcome to attend.



From St. Mary's, Edithburgh

Our small congregation has continued to meet regularly for worship and fellowship, joining sometimes with the people from St Georges, Yorketown. We have installed a lovely, refurbished sanctuary lamp donated from a Riverland church no longer in need of it. A new organ has been bought and is now waiting for some musical person to set it up so it can be used.

A funeral for Bunny Warren saw the church overflowing with people. It would be wonderful to see so many attend regularly! Monthly ecumenical services are shared with people from the Uniting, Catholic and Lutheran Churches. These are always happy occasions of shared worship and fellowship.

The church is often opened for seafarers who visit The Flying Angel Centre and wish to spend a few minutes in quiet reflection and prayer.

We would like to wish everyone a joyful, peaceful and blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy 2014.

From St. George's, Yorketown

On September 25th the Combined Vestries of SYP hosted our annual Fundraising Dinner. This year we went to the Yorke Hotel. A much smaller venue but those who attended had an enjoyable night and a lovely meal. Raffle prizes were a highlight and a Big Thank You to those who donated those.

Progress is being made for the re-roofing of our Op-Shop. The opportunity is still open for anyone wishing to donate towards this project.

The funeral for Audrey Ahwan was taken by Reverend Anne Ford on Thursday November 28th. Audrey had been a great supporter of our church and Op-Shop over many years.

Friday 29th Nov. was a busy day at St George's. At 9 am the Op Shop volunteers met with Rev'd Andrea Mc Dougall, Anglicare Willochra, to discuss future plans for the improvement of the Op Shop arrangements and focus.



A Working Party has been formed to follow up on the issues discussed. That meeting was followed immediately by a Leaders of Worship meeting in the church. Rev'd Anne Ford and Michael led an informative session which included an inspirational video of New Expressions depicting some alternatives to traditional worship and ways of connecting with local communities. Great food for thought.

Please Note : The Morning Prayer service on Sunday 22nd Dec will be held at 8 am instead of 9:30am.

We wish you all a Joyous and Safe Christmas and a Bright New Year.

Wardens, Cheryl and Pat.

**The Anglican
congregations
of
Warooka,
Yorketown and
Edithburgh
Invite you to...**

**Service
begins at
10.00am**



An Anglican service of Holy Communion will be held in the Pt. Turton Community Hall, on **Sunday 29th December at 10am** followed by morning tea. This is being hosted by the congregations of Warooka, Yorketown and Edithburgh. There will be an opportunity to donate to the Philippines Typhoon Appeal.

From Fr. Thomas



The Word Became Flesh: John 1:1-14

John begins his gospel “In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through Him and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it. **AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US**”
John 1:1 and 14.

Who is the word? The word is Jesus. It is amazing that he has existed since the beginning. The message of the angels became reality with the birth of the child Jesus in the manger.

John writes about the profound truth that Jesus is God in our human flesh. He became a susceptible baby. He lived among us. He became one of us, as a human person and made His home with us. He continues to live with us as we live our life now in Him. He was like us in every aspect except sin. He had the same emotions that we do. He loved people; He had friends; He cried when he was hurt and betrayed; He had fun; He smiled and laughed and rejoiced as a real human person; He felt pity for people when he saw them suffering. This child, whom we adore, while in the manger grew and became a man with a passionate love for the entire human race. His Sacred heart became broken from the pain caused by our own sin, our choices against Love. He understood the pain of betrayal because He was betrayed. He overcame doubt and fear.

How we respond to doubt and fear is what matters. They present us with a choice, inviting us to believe and to trust. Because this child was born, we are invited to live our lives ***in him***. He gives us the power to become, ***the children of God***.

In his grace we have the choice to love and be like him.

This Saviour, who has been sacrificed for us, has room for everyone within his loving embrace. He loves all people. He gives us the grace that we need to be changed and be made new by cooperating with him and living our life in his body.

The birth of Jesus invites us to live in a unity of life; to become comfortable in ourselves by being fully human, enjoying life, living and loving as Jesus lives and loves. He wants to live in us and invites us to live in Him. We need to stand and do good things for God so we can witness for Jesus.

Christmas reminds us that in the "fullness of time" God came among us. May God, through Jesus Christ, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is truth, and bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of our minds, so that we can see what hope and love holds for us.

In 2014 let us have this motto -

“The most powerful weapon on earth is the human soul on fire”.

Have A Blessed Christmas and
a Happy New Year.



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