

THE ANGLICAN MINISTRY DISTRICT OF LOWER YORKE PENINSULA



Corny Point

Pt. Vincent

Curramulka

Stansbury

Edithburgh

Warooka

Minlaton

Yorketown

Mt. Rat

Keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, and make us strong in faith, so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth, we may go out joyfully to greet him;

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Sharing God's gifts*from Father Thomas*



At this time of the year all the farmers are very busy with the harvest. Wheat, barley, canola, lentils etc., harvested and then transported all over the world.

What we produce here becomes food for millions of people around the globe. As the farmers eagerly await the harvest, Advent is a season to prepare for the birth of Jesus. We celebrate the love of God, who shared His Son Jesus Christ with the world. How can we share God's love or Christmas joy with others?

As you all know I am just back from India and Nepal. I had a great time with my family in India. I would like to share some of my experiences in Nepal.

I stayed at the 'Helpless Colony Orphanage', along with my friends from Gippsland, John and Julie Papworth. Nepal is still recovering from the April 25th earthquake.

Nanu Rai, who runs the orphanage, is an amazing woman.

A victim of domestic violence, she had to leave her home, with her 3 small children and go onto the streets of Nepal.

One good man helped them with a tiny house to stay in, but it was a struggle to survive. During that time she met many other children who needed help and she reached out to them. Now she has 19 children, some of them are orphans and others are from very poor families. Nanu and the children are staying in a rented house now and all the children are going to school and they are well looked after. One day I called Mummy Nanu and her 3 children and asked them about their plans and dreams. When I asked the eldest boy Ujjal (15 years old) what he thought of Mummy looking after 16 other children and that she may not have enough time for him, Ujjal said "Father, they are all my brothers and sisters and I am so happy Mummy has got a big family and so I am proud of my Mummy". His answer brought me to tears.

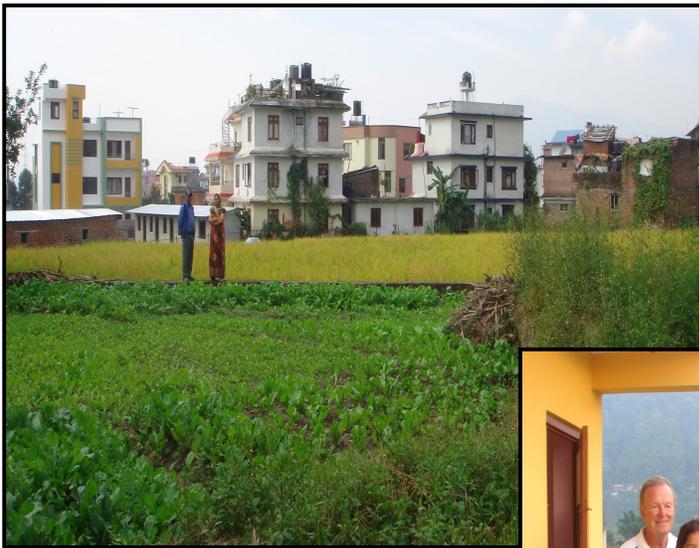
For the last 10 years, Nanu and the children have been waiting for one thing - that is to have a small piece of land. Their long wait is now a reality. Joan Correll has helped them to buy a piece of land to build a home on.

This is Joan's Christmas gift to them. Now let us work together to make their dream a reality - a "Happiness Home" for Mummy Nanu and the children.

I would like to sincerely thank all those who gave money and other materials before my trip to Nepal. We bought a gas burner, water purifier, food, lots of kitchen materials and cleaning things etc. for the household. On behalf of Nanu and the children, I want to thank you for your participation in the Op-shopfest and for all other contributions.

I could tell you a hundred different, beautiful stories, but my simple message is that we can all learn from this wonderful woman Nanu - that we can have a bigger family and we can make a difference in other people's lives. Christmas is the time we reflect about how God shared his Son for the family of humanity. Let us make our family bigger and share God's gifts.

Have a blessed Christmas *Fr. Thomas*



Nanu and her uncle looking at the land

The children with John, Julie and Fr. Thomas



Christmas Services in the Ministry District



- Christmas Eve** (Thursday 24th December):
Minlaton 5.30pm Crib Service (especially for children)
- Warooka* 9pm Holy Communion
- Minlaton* 10.30pm Holy Communion (followed by drinks)
- Christmas Day** (Friday 25th December):
Edithburgh 8am Holy Communion
- Pt. Vincent* 8.30am Holy Communion
- Minlaton* 9.30am Holy Communion
- Yorketown* 9.30am Holy Communion
- Stansbury* 10am Holy Communion



We wish you a happy & holy Christmas
and a joyful New Year

St. Neot's, Pt. Vincent

The land behind the church has been cleared & sprayed by Mr. Dennis Stocker. It is looking much more manageable.

Trash and Treasure continues to do well and we look forward to the holiday season.

On 13th October, the funeral of Ethel Page was held at St. Neot's. Members of Ethel's family had contributed to the fundraising effort to build St. Neot's. About 80 people gathered for the service, led by Rev'd Anne, followed by the burial at the Pt. Vincent cemetery. Refreshments were held at the bowling club.

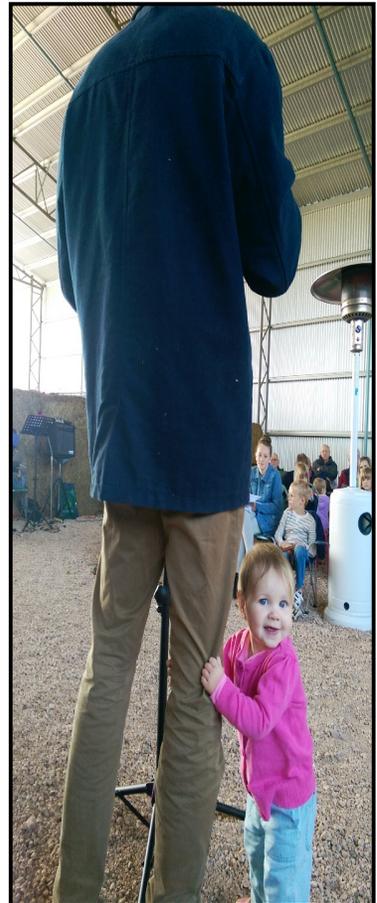


THE WIDER CHURCH – ROYAL AFFAIRS !

I've been at a meeting this week of the General Synod's Ministry Commission and it was clear that the forthcoming inquiry of the Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse within the Anglican Church is already soaking up massive amounts of Diocesan resources in time and money. All 23 Dioceses in the Australian Anglican Church have been asked to respond to a huge questionnaire on all matters involving Professional Standards going back to 1990. It matters not whether a Diocese has dealt with no cases or many. One Diocese has engaged four solicitors full-time from now to whenever to trawl through Minutes, Regulations, etc. etc. And it won't stop there. The eventual findings from the Royal Commission will impact on our National Church for many years. And they want evidence that we all had processes in place and that we followed them. That is why Bishop John, given his experience in other places, is so insistent that procedures and policies must be documented, clear and adhered to. Now I, at least, know why he has been so firm about these matters. This will be evident soon in the matter of re-Licensing of Lay Ministers around the Diocese, which must be done by December 31st.

Michael Ford, member, Ministry Commission, General Synod.

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Happenings at St. Benedict's, Minlaton

Blessing of Header, Baptism and Welcome

The pastoral staff of Bp. Gilbert White, the first bishop of Willochra, arrived in the Ministry District on 5th September, along with The Willochra Cross. This journey was all part of the year-long centenary celebrations of the diocese, in which the staff and cross travelled around the diocese, much in the same way that Bp. White journeyed.

On the 6th September the staff & cross were welcomed in the large shed, on the property that is now the home of Michael & Kylie Cook. Michael & Kylie's son, Mitchell Stanley Robert Cook was baptised and the header was blessed. This was followed by a BBQ. Although the weather was not wonderful, we were kept dry in the shed. During lunch, the sun actually emerged and it was very pleasant. About 40 people braved the elements and were rewarded with a great service, taking in many aspects of worship. At the end of the service, Michael & the Rev'd Anne Ford and Rev'd David & Coralie Amery were given a blessing prior to their departure overseas, where they would join a tour following in the Steps of St. Paul.



Baptising Mitchell



Joseph in the wheel of the header

MU visits the Minlacowie Cemetery

As part of the visit of Bp. White's Staff and the Willochra Cross, the Mothers' Union at St. Benedict's paid a visit to the Minlacowie Cemetery in order to see the annual wild orchid display. They were joined by a couple of MU members from Yorketown. Following the visit to the cemetery, the group returned to St. Benedict's where afternoon tea was enjoyed.



Baptism of Leo Hudson Glazbrook

On Sunday 20th September, Leo Hudson Glazbrook, son of Kelly & Daniel Glazbrook, was baptised at St. Benedict's during the regular Sunday morning service. About 70 people attended.

Jamie Baker, Keagan Porter and Jodie Stanley were his sponsors (God-parents).



Changes to churchyard

Work has begun on creating a garden bed near the old church.

The plants have been ordered and a working bee is planned.

More organised parking spots are also being marked out, in order to avoid a churchyard accident.

Events coming up in Minlaton

Friday 4th December – *Christmas Trading Table*
9am-12pm Outside Rest Centre in Main Street

Wednesday 9th December – *MU Christmas Service*
10am at St. Benedict's, followed by morning tea.
All welcome

Sunday 20th December – *Inter-church Community*
Carols 7.30pm at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church,
Minlaton

Wednesday 23rd December – *Carol Singing leaving*
from the Church at 7.00pm. Drinks to follow



St. Christopher's, Curramulka

Rebecca & Ellis Smith's little boy Elliott was baptised at the Uniting Church in Curramulka. Fr Thomas assisted Pastor Rob Morgan and members of the Curramulka Anglican congregation were present. Muriel Brokate and Rosemary Eichner walked the Willochra Cross and Bp. White's staff down the road to the Uniting Church.

We say thank you to Rev'd Anne for leading our worship on the 25th October, while Fr. Thomas was away.



The Willochra Cross and Bp. White's staff at St. Christopher's, Curramulka



The baptism of Elliot Smith

From Yorketown

An Ecumenical Service was held in the Uniting Church in Yorketown, Sunday November 15th. It was a joyful service of praise and thanksgiving attended by people from the Uniting, Lutheran and Anglican congregations in Yorketown and Edithburgh.

Pastor Rob Morgan, Pastor Peter Fulbohm and Fr Ted Horne shared in taking the service and afterwards everyone enjoyed a sumptuous luncheon.

Fun at Pt. Turton

On Sunday Nov 8th an enthusiastic group of people joined the Anglicans from the Yorketown, Edithburgh and Warooka congregations for a lovely luncheon at the Pt Turton Progress Hall overlooking the bay. It was a picturesque setting for our FUNdraising afternoon of silent auctions, hilarity and fellowship. Thanks go to the hard work of the organisers, caterers and donors that made the day the success that it was.

In case you missed out, we plan to host another event in Edithburgh early next year along similar lines.

Cheryl Bates



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 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 - 10.00am (HC) (*see local paper and church noticeboards*)

From the Ministry District Registers

Baptism: Mitchell Stanley Robert Cook - at the Cook farm near Minlaton; Leo Hudson Glazbrook - at St. Benedict's, Minlaton

Funeral: Doris Edwards – at St. Benedict's, Minlaton
Funeral: Margaret Wilde – at St. Benedict's, Minlaton

Funeral: Ethel Page – at St. Neot's, Port Vincent

Photos in this edition were taken by Geoff Harrison, Cheryl Bates, Gerhardt Brokate and Anne Ford. The front cover shows food and gifts for needy families collected at St. Benedict's last year.

Eco-spirituality

In late October Joan Correll, Fr Ted Horne and I drove to Mt Ive Station in the Gawler Ranges (northern Eyre Peninsula) for an eco-spirituality trip.

The “spirituality” was led by Fr Constantine Osuchikwu from the Diocese of Ballarat. His theme for the week was for us to be Awake, Aware and Alert to the love of God as demonstrated in every single thing around us that He has provided for our well-being. The “eco” was provided by Terry Kreig from Port Lincoln who did a great job explaining the geology of the area - the rhyolite rock formations and the stunning Lake Gairdner. Each day we ate our picnic lunch in a shady piece of scrub, accompanied by a generous selection of the local flies. Joan was determined to get a close look at one of the huge wombat holes in an area that sounded hollow when jumped on. The shearers quarters were comfortable and the food prepared by Geraldine Kreig was delicious and in generous portions. Keep an eye out for next year's program and consider attending one of the trips. You will be glad you did, as a time of interest and refreshment.

Cheryl Bates

Joan chasing wombats



Lunch in the scrub

