

**THE ANGLICAN MINISTRY DISTRICT  
OF LOWER YORKE PENINSULA**

*Corny Point*

*Curramulka*

*Edithburgh*

*Minlaton*

*Mt. Rat*

*Pt. Vincent*

*Stansbury*

*Warooka*

*Yorketown*

*in the* **DIOCESE OF WILLOCHRA**

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*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but may have eternal life."*

*John 3.16*

**ADVENT  
CHRISTMAS  
&  
EPIPHANY**

## From Fr. Thomas

Recently I read a simple but profound message. JESUS – THE TEACHER – HE never taught a lesson in a classroom... He had no tools to work with, no blackboards, maps or charts... He used no subject outlines, kept no records, gave no grades, and His only text was ancient and



well worn ... His students were the poor, the lame, the deaf, the blind, the outcast – and His method was the same with all who came to hear and learn... he opened eyes with faith... He opened ears with simple truth... and opened hearts with love, a love born of forgiveness... A gentle man, a humble man, He asked and won no honours, no gold awards of tribute to His expertise or wisdom... And yet this quiet teacher from the hills of Galilee has fed the needs, fulfilled the hopes, and changed the lives of many millions... For what He taught brought heaven to earth and God's heart to humankind.

The Advent season invites us to prepare and welcome Jesus into our hearts. We must go into a deeper understanding of God's love. Be like Jesus. If we are able to be like Him, we need to love other people. Put love into action. We can see this in the entire life of Jesus.

We need to take this into our hearts and minds so that we can experience God in our lives and share what we have experienced with the people around us.

May the Lord our God direct our hearts into His love and His Son Jesus.





An interview with .....

Margaret Cook



Margaret Frost was born at Saddleworth on 6<sup>th</sup> July, 1926. Her grandfather Frost was priest's warden at St. Aidan's, and he undertook to pay the priest's stipend. Both sets of Margaret's grandparents lived either side of St Aidan's church and every Sunday afternoon, when Margaret was young, her family visited the grandparents. This was when Sunday School was on and watching the children arrive at the church, Margaret literally "ran away to Sunday School". Her favourite memories of Sunday School were of licking stamps, playing in the soursobs and singing with the other twenty children. Margaret noted that although she went to church with her Frost grandparents, Grandma Frost remained in the pew and never took communion. Margaret found out later that it was because her Grandma had never been baptised.

Two things were never discussed - religion & politics, as her grandparents had very different points of view.

Sadly, Margaret's mother died when Margaret was twelve.

Margaret attended Saddleworth Primary, then two years at Riverton High before attending St Peter's Girls School. She loved being with the sisters of the church and credits this time as being the start of her faith journey.

Margaret was confirmed at St. Peter's Cathedral, along with one hundred other children. It was Bp. Robin's first confirmation service after arriving in Adelaide. Margaret felt a little insignificant amongst so many!

After school finished, Margaret began a nursing career, and whilst at the Children's Hospital, she went on a golf trip with Josie Nankivell and met Reg Cook.

Margaret came to Minlaton nursing for six months and did not leave. She & Reg were married at Saddleworth in 1950, then moved into the cottage at the Cook farm where Adam, Karmel and

the girls live today. They lived there for about four years before moving into the farmhouse.

In the early days, the young family worshipped at St. Raphael's, Mt. Rat and most of Margaret & Reg's seven children were baptised there. Margaret attended the Mt Rat guild.

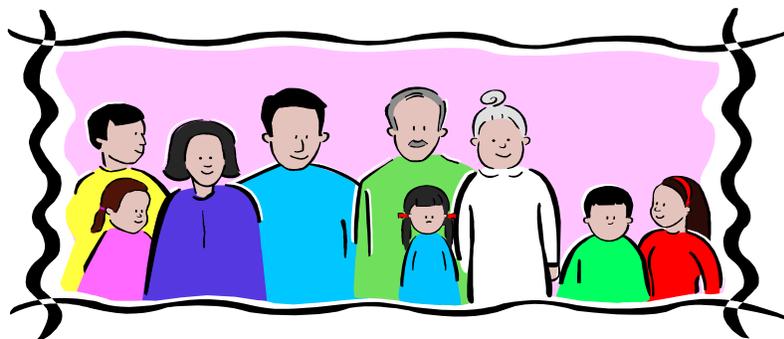
The family began worshipping at St. Benedict's at the end of the 1950's and Margaret soon became involved in MU, ladies guild, making kneelers for the centenary & singing in the choir, debutante balls (helping Barb Porter), and was secretary of church council.

Margaret began Trash & Treasure in the church hall. Reg made a lot of the racks. There was even enough room to offer tea and coffee.

Sadly Reg was sick at this time. When Reg was in the Memorial Hospital her cousin Fr. Bruce Frost anointed Reg and from that day Reg improved. After leaving hospital he had a good twelve months before things deteriorated again and he went into Melaleuca Court. Margaret spent many hours helping with cups of tea and just sitting and playing cards with Reg. Reg died twelve hours after a final anointing by Fr Michael Sainsbury.

During Reg's illness, Margaret's knows that it was her faith that kept her going and she and Reg were very aware of people praying for them. Margaret remains ever thankful that Reg was still with her when their daughter Josie died.

Life at church continues to play a large part in Margaret's life and she delights in the fact that her eldest son Bruce, his wife Audrey, their son Adam and his wife Karmel and their three little girls are all part of the St. Benedict's family.



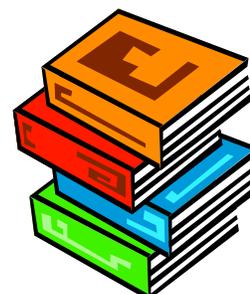
## Centenary of the Diocese of Willochra

2015 marks the centenary of the Diocese of Willochra.

Throughout the year there will be many and varied celebrations around the Diocese and we are encouraging everyone to be a part of it in some way. Below is the timeline for happenings throughout the year.

<i>22 February</i>	<i>Cathedral Service Launch of the Centenary Launch of the Centenary Book Pilgrimage of First Bishop's Staff begins</i>
<i>22 February</i>	<i>Lent 1 - Lenten studies begin</i>
<i>1 March</i>	<i>Eyre Peninsula Launch at Cummins</i>
<i>14-15 March</i>	<i>Simultaneous Dinner and Mothering Sunday</i>
<i>1-3 May</i>	<i>Synod at Port Pirie</i>
<i>16 May</i>	<i>Mid-North Historical Tour</i>
<i>26 July</i>	<i>Centenary Eucharist and lunch at Pt. Pirie</i>
<i>21 Sept - to 16 Oct</i>	<i>Steps of St Paul Tour</i>
<i>21 November</i>	<i>Garden Party at Bishop's House</i>

The centenary book, "A dry and thirsty land" is being launched on 22<sup>nd</sup> February. **Orders before 31<sup>st</sup> January will be \$20, after that date - \$25.** Please contact Rev'd Anne Ford 0418304663 to order your copy, or to find out any further information. Rev'd Anne is a member of the Centenary Committee.



# 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)  
Currumulka – 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  
Currumulka – 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)*



*Cover photo – Cape Spencer*

*Photographs contributed by Anne Ford, Geoff Harrison*

# Photo Finish

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1. Pastors three!
2. Ecumenical service at Yorketown
3. Joan Correll with Bp. John
4. Lunch at Joan's

It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you...  
yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer  
him your hand.

*Mother Teresa*



In September, Michael Ford stepped down as Ministry District Chairperson after ten years in the position. Michael was the inaugural chairperson of the Ministry District and in his time oversaw many changes in the former parishes of Minlaton & Southern Yorke Peninsula. We thank him for his tireless efforts and dedication.

Michael will continue to be kept busy with his work as the Diocesan Treasurer, member of Diocesan Council and numerous other committees.

Cheryl Bates is the new Ministry District Chairperson.

The way you spend Christmas is far more important than how much.

*Henry David Thoreau*

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*Rev'd Anne is currently the editor of "The Connection"*

## From St. Benedict's, Minlaton

### Centenary of Joan Correll's house

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October, the Minlaton congregation moved to Joan Correll's olive grove and held its monthly Family Service there. The reason for the move was to help Joan celebrate the centenary of her house. After a wonderful service, at which Joan brought forward a gift to St. Benedict's of two new chalices and a ciborium, duly consecrated by Bp. John, we moved to the front of the property and Bp John blessed the house. This was followed by a BBQ, dessert and cake. Thanks to Joan's generosity, there was no cost for the lunch. The weather was just perfect and the fellowship rewarding.



*The Centenary Cake*



*The altar in the olive grove*



*Joe Rice & Bp. John swap cooking techniques*

## MU visit to SouthPark

St. Benedict's Mothers' Union visited SouthPark aged-care facility in Minlaton for their annual sing-a-long. This is something that has happened for quite a few years now and the residents really seem to enjoy the afternoon. Old time songs were led by Michael Ford on the piano and the singing was robust. Michael also interspersed the songs with a few jokes and stories. After the singing, everyone enjoyed a time of fellowship over a cup of tea and scones.



MU members & friends at SouthPark



**MU Christmas Eucharist** is on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 10am at St. Benedict's, Minlaton, followed by morning tea. All welcome.



## Dinner & Auction

In September, forty eight people attended a dinner & auction at the Minlaton Sports Club to raise funds for St. Benedict's,



Minlaton. It was a most enjoyable evening, the highlight being the wonderful



auctioneering skills of Robert Kidd. A large variety of items were up for auction, small & large, strange and ordinary, including a meal at The Rectory, Pizza at the Kidds' home and a gourmet dinner for eight at the Fords.

The evening raised over \$3000 which will go to general funds and future outreach plans.

*Auctioneer Robert Kidd*



## Afternoon Tea with Advent Anthems

On Wednesday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Michael & Rev'd Anne Ford will hold at their home an *Afternoon Tea with Advent Anthems*.

The season of Advent is often lost in the lead up to Christmas so Michael & Anne thought that this would be a nice way to experience this wonderful time of the year.

If you would like to attend, please ring the Fords: 88532198 or 0418304663



# Advent

## Centenary at Curramulka

Saint Christopher's Anglican Church, Curramulka will celebrate 100 years of worship on the 25th January 2015 at a 10-30 am service. Bp. John Stead will be celebrant & preacher. Pat Longbottom, who has been a member of the congregation all her life will tell some of the history & stories of the church.

Following the service, there will be a pooled lunch in the Curramulka Institute.

Please take any food to the hall prior to the service as there will be someone there to receive & keep it cool.

**This will be the only service in the Ministry District on that day.**

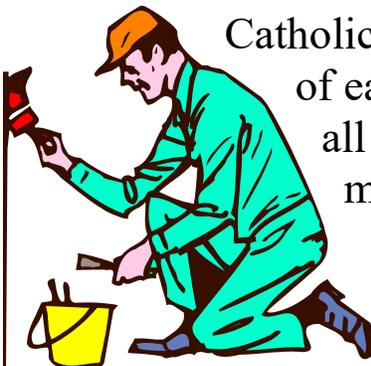


## St Mary the Virgin, Edithburgh

The church porch has been painted and recarpeted, the bell can now be rung and beautiful troughs of flowers, thanks to Bob Warren, placed at the entrance to the church and hall. Now we need a few more people to share in the life of our church!

In September the Mothers' Union held their annual Area Festival at St Mary's. After a lovely communion service taken by Fr Thomas, and a lunch in the Flying Angel Centre, a power point presentation and talk was given by June & Thomas on the work of the Mission to Seafarers.

St Mary's hosted an ecumenical service in August. These monthly services are held on a rotational basis at the Anglican, Catholic and Uniting Churches on the fourth Thursday of each month. They are happy occasions when we all share in a short service at 9.30am followed by morning tea.



## The Mission to Seafarers, Port Giles

With the grain being depleted from Pt Giles, the ships will not arrive again until mid November.

This has given us an opportunity to give many talks about the work of the mission to various community groups. Some, such as the Stansbury Lions Club, actually visited the Flying Angel Centre, had supper, a look through the centre and a talk while there.

Please contact Geoff, June or Thomas if you know of any groups who would like a presentation.

Since giving talks we have had parcels and boxes of goods for the seafarers arrive from many sources. It is wonderful that so many people see that there is a mission to be supported and it's right on our doorstep. Donations of beanies, scarves, crucifixes and money have also arrived from Queensland and Victoria following our National Campaign earlier this year. It is so heart warming for all at the mission.

A grant from the District Council has been received to enable the exterior base of the centre to be repaired. It is now up to us to remove the existing cement in readiness for repair.

An oversight meeting chaired by Bishop John was held in the centre in October. This is an opportunity for representatives from the other MtS centres in Willochra to share ideas, problems and achievements.

Stalls were held at the recent Op Shop Fest in Yorketown and at the Minlaton Show. As well as making a few dollars for the mission we were able to talk to a few more people about seafarers and the work of the Mission to Seafarers.



*At the Yorketown Legacy Club*



*Donated items from Stansbury Craft Group*

# Christmas Services in the Ministry District



**Christmas Eve** (Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December):

*Minlaton* 5.30pm Crib Service (especially for children)

*Warooka* 9pm Holy Communion

*Minlaton* 11.30pm Holy Communion (followed by drinks)

**Christmas Day** (Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December):

*Yorketown* 8am Holy Communion

*Pt. Vincent* 8.30am Holy Communion

*Minlaton* 9.15am Holy Communion

*Edithburgh* 9.30am Holy Communion



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



## From St. Neot's, Pt. Vincent

We are holding a raffle for the redevelopment of our backyard. Tickets are \$1 each and there are 5 prizes. The raffle will be drawn on 1<sup>st</sup> January, during the Gala Day celebrations.

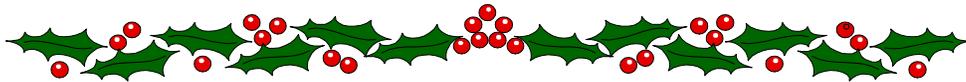
1<sup>st</sup> Prize – **Painting of Pondalowie Bay** by Barbara Evans

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – **Fishing Combo Set** donated by Pt. Vincent Outdoors

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – **Two bottles of wine** donated by the Ventnor Hotel

4<sup>th</sup> Prize – **Four placemats** donated by Pt. Vincent Hardware

5<sup>th</sup> Prize – **Metal Artwork Wall Hanging** donated by Gifts  
Pt. Vincent



Thank you to Jeanette Canton for leading Morning Prayer in September when Pam Biggs was absent, following the birth of her eighth grandchild.

**Trash & Treasure** is open every Saturday Morning and will be holding a Sausage Sizzle on December 27<sup>th</sup>, with proceeds to benefit both St. Neot's and a charitable organization.

On Gala Day, **Trash & Treasure** will be open 9.30am-3.30pm. Volunteers will be welcomed on these two fundraising days.



*Where there is faith, there is love;  
Where there is love, there is peace;  
Where there is peace, there is God;  
And where there is God; there is no need.*

Leo Tolstoy