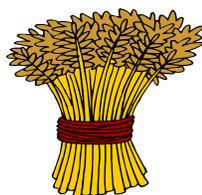
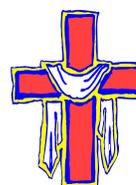


# THE CONNECTION



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## What is the Truth?

This is the question Pilate threw to Jesus during the trial. In the Gospel of John chapter 18 from verse 37, Pilate asked Jesus “Are you the King?” Jesus’ answer was:

*“You say that I am the king. I was born and came into the world for this one purpose, to speak about the truth. Whoever belongs to the truth listens to me.”*

*“And what is the truth?”* Pilate asked.

We live in a world where we see so many religions, organizations, countries, cultures, and billions of people. Down through the centuries many were looking for the answers for the Truth. But do they really want to know the truth? Most of them are like Pilate, ask the question but do not seek or stay to know the Truth.

If we focus only about religions, how divided the world is? But there are people who looked beyond all horizons. For example Swami Vivekananda on September 11, 1893 started his message to the world religions conference in Chicago like this:

*“Sisters and brothers of America”* ( at this moment came three minute standing ovation from the audience of 7000).

He said during his speech:

*“As different streams having their sources in different places all mingle their water in the sea, so Lord, the different paths which men and women take through different tendencies vary though they appear crooked or straight, all head to thee.”*

Gandhi once said God is Truth, but God is many other things also. That is why I say Truth is God.... Only remember that Truth is not one of the many qualities that we name. It is the living embodiment of God, it is the only Life, and I identify Truth with the fullest life, and that is how it becomes a concrete thing, for God is His whole creation, the whole Existence, and service of all that exists”.

During the Easter period we reflect about Jesus’ life and sacrifice for the world. Pilate and the world killed Jesus and buried him. Jesus’ Resurrection tells one thing ..that is we cannot kill the Truth. Truth will have the ultimate victory.

We as followers of Jesus must fight for the truth. We hear so much about the wars, but I believe the big war ahead is the war against evil in all its forms, the war against poverty, against ignorance and narrow mindedness, against injustice and selfishness, the war against war itself.

I believe the Truth will bring all humankind into the one family of brothers and sisters that Jesus spoke as the kingdom of God. Let the Truth make us free during this Easter.

*Fr. Thomas*



### When God seems distant

*As the farthest reach of our love for each other is loving our enemies, as the farthest reach of God's love for us is loving us at our most unlovable and unlovely, so the farthest reach of our love for God is loving him when in almost every way that matters we can neither see him nor hear him. ..when the worst of the wilderness for us is the fear that he has forsaken us if indeed he exists at all.*

# St Mary the Virgin. Edithburgh

## Warden's Report 2013 (including Guild report)

Although we have had several members of our congregation away on holidays or unable to attend because of illness, we have still maintained a committed congregation who are very dedicated. Services have continued to be held regularly, often sharing with members of St George's congregation.

Although formal Guild meetings have not been held regularly, the members do discuss relevant issues over a cuppa after our Sunday services. The Guild donated \$1000 to the Mission to Seafarers to help in the hull upgrade. The MTS now pays for all electricity and water useage.

Shrove Tuesday again saw us assist in the annual Pancake Tea evening held in Yorketown.

Lenten studies were held in Edithburgh and regular Ecumenical Services have been held with congregations of the Anglican, Uniting, Catholic and Lutheran churches.

In April the Administrator of the Diocese, Michael Hillier officially opened the Flying Angel Centre for the Mission to Seafarers. This was a momentous occasion with over 100 attending and was the culmination of much hard work by many people from throughout the Ministry District. July had a very successful SYP dinner held in the Edithburgh Hotel with the theme – "Op Shop". Proceeds from the dinner are to be put towards reroofing the Yorketown Op Shop.

There is still much maintenance needed on St Mary's. The gutters, downpipes, painting and some stone work are all in need of repair. We were delighted on October 7 to welcome Jane Butler into our congregation at her Confirmation by Bishop John Stead, our newly installed bishop after Bp Garry's transfer to Ballarat. This was a very happy occasion attended by many of Jane's family & friends. On that day a Mission to Seafarer's banner was presented to the church by June & Geoff Harrison & was blessed by Bp John.

In December the Edithburgh School closed the Op Shop in St Mary's Hall so the entire hall has now been taken over by the Mission to Seafarers.

Members of St Mary's have been represented on the ICC, Ministry District Committee, MU, Combined Vestries of SYP, Op Shop & MTS.

We wish to thank Fr Thomas for his love and guidance in our spiritual growth and to thank everyone who have supported us throughout the year.



### ST. NEOT'S - PORT VINCENT

In the last "Connection" I mentioned change in 2013, little realizing that it would happen sooner than anticipated. It was known that Barb Evans would be moving on 10th January to Port Clinton to be near her family, and on 3rd April she will be turning 90. We were unprepared for the passing of Rosemary Nicholls in January. They were two remarkable women and will be sadly missed.

The Guild met in February with only three ladies present, with three others sending apologies. The Treasurer set up an arrangement whereby both church and guild act as one working party. The Guild is now in recess. It was also decided that the Treasurer now take on the role of Coordinator/Treasurer.

We acknowledged Ash Wednesday in an impromptu Prayer Service at Pam Biggs home, having four attend. After learning well from predecessors Rosemary and Barb, I hope to provide the service of an LLM where possible for St. Neot's, and also to give help in any other way.

Trash & Treasure on 1st January (Gala Day) gave us a good start for our finances and is functioning well with good trading and plenty of supplies coming in. Without the Op Shop the funds would dry up.

Happy Easter to all Ministry District Centres. Travel safely!

*Pam Biggs*

## **JESUS**

In Love, He came to teach the world

In Peace, He walked the earth

In Hope, He gave us all a chance to choose a second birth

In Joy, He used His holiness to be our Christ and Lord

In Spirit, He's forever near to be our true reward.

## **Mission to Seafarers- Port Giles/Edithburgh**

### **Report - February 2013**

The Mission to Seafarers Port Giles has now been functioning for 18 months and much has been achieved in that short time.

After a lot of hard work by many people from the local community and the Ministry District, the hall and grounds of St Mary's has been transformed into a welcoming place for the seafarers. A grant from the District Council of Yorke Peninsula helped fund the work, with most of the furniture and fittings having been donated by supporters of the mission.

The Flying Angel Centre was officially opened by the Administrator, Archdeacon Michael Hillier in July. Since then it has been used regularly by seafarers from around the globe.

At the same time we were able to purchase a Toyota Hi-Ace 12 seater bus due to the very generous donations of money from Joan Correll and Di and Bevan Reade. The bus has made transporting the seafarers much easier and more cost effective.

Uniforms bearing the Flying Angel emblem have been designed and are worn by volunteers and signs with information about the mission have been erected at the church, the hall and on the wharf. June & I have given information talks about the work of the MTS to 7 Church or Community groups resulting in generous donations of goods or money to assist in the work. Articles about the MTS have been in several publications also publicising the work of the mission. As a result many individual donations have also been received.

We have continued to welcome seafarers from around the world, to enable them to communicate with loved ones, to spend time in relaxation and refreshment on shore, to share in their happy times as well as assist with personal problems, provide spiritual help with access to services, literature and blessing of ships as well as ongoing prayer support. Our Facebook site enables communication with seafarers and their families to be maintained well after they leave our shores. The Visitor Book is a testament to the feelings of the men as regards their appreciation of what is offered to them.

In July, Fr Thomas, June & I went to the Philippines and India where we were guests of some seafarers whom we had cared for in Port Giles. Meeting them again or meeting their families and being shown so much love was an amazing experience. While we were in India we had printed a Flying Angel Centre Edithburgh [FACE] magazine. It was prepared by June and recorded our first year as a mission. The magazine has been distributed far & wide and has been very well received. During the time we were away, the wharf was being upgraded so there were no ships in Port Giles. The day we returned a ship arrived!

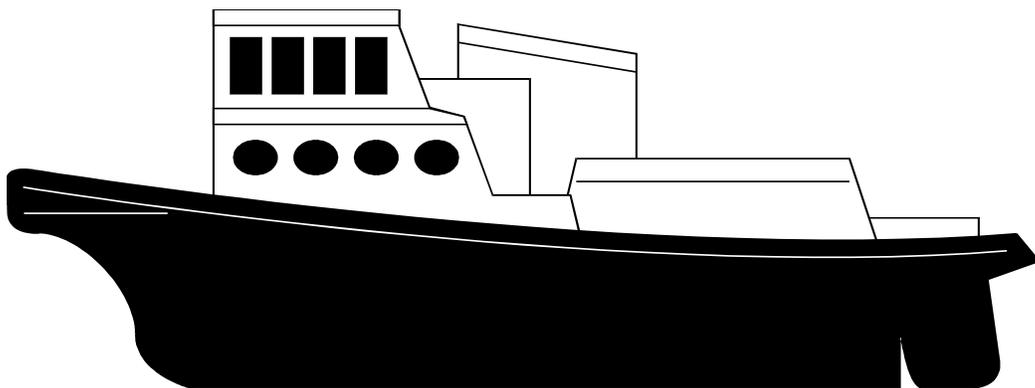
With the upgrade of the wharf some of our volunteers have not been able to access the ships. MSIC and Flinder's Ports passes are now required. We are in the process of obtaining 4 more.

In November Fr Thomas, Joan Correll, June & I went to Sydney where we attended the Lloyds List National Maritime & Seafarers' Awards. We were delighted to be National Winners of the Seafarer's Welfare Award. Being such a new MTS centre made winning such a prestigious award even more amazing. The win was the result of much very dedicated work by many people.

In December we took over the rest of the St Mary's Hall when it was vacated by the school. The extra space is most welcome but work now has to be done to patch and paint the walls and sand and polish the floor. Some electrical and plumbing work and the erection of a shed for the bus all needs to be done. The District Council of Yorke Peninsula has granted \$2,500 towards the work on the hall.

Our aim is to provide hospitality and love to all seafarers who arrive at Port Giles. We can only do this with the continuing support of so many people and we thank them. Personally June & I would like to thank Fr Thomas for his invaluable assistance and love.

*Geoff Harrison (Lay Chaplain)*





## STATISTICS FOR JANUARY, 2013

Number of visits to ships	9
Number of seafarers attending centre	40
Number of seafarers transported	40
Items of Christian material distributed	8

The crew of Ocean Phoenix requested evenings at the Centre and spent from 5pm to 11pm there each night.

The Captain had a virus on his ship computer, so we lent him one from the centre to catch up with his official work. He was most grateful to be able to do his bookwork. We also lent our wi-fi system to the crew so they could use it on board the ship. We retrieved our electronic gear after lunch on board, and left the ship with minutes to spare before it departed with a very happy crew and captain. One ship this month was a large Panamax, but was totally undermanned - three officers and fourteen crew - total of seventeen. The crew were very tired and told us so. Consequently the ship was reported.

The third ship for the month was 'Happy Day' which was topping up grain after being at Wallaroo. They were expecting to see us, thanks to Brother Martyn from the centre at Wallaroo. The crew made two trips to the Fauna Park at Minlaton and went to the Centre until about 11pm each night. Ian, the messman, turned 28 years of age and a birthday cake was made for the occasion.

### **BEANIES! S/H MEN'S CLOTHING BEANIES!**

These are eagerly sought after by the seafarers having come from warmer countries to our very cool winter climate.



# Ministry District Service at Pt. Turton

On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December, the Ministry District met in the Hall at Pt. Turton to hold a worship service. Holy Communion was celebrated and the Rev'd Gregory Stephens, from the Maitland Parish, was the guest speaker. About fifty people filled the hall and it was wonderful to see visitors from Adelaide as well as from Pt. Turton. The service was followed by a wonderful lunch, organised by Charmayne Bornholm and helpers, as a fund-raiser for the painting of the Warooka Church.



# Happenings at St. Benedict's, Minlaton

## Harvest Thanksgiving

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February we held our annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service. Members of the congregation were encouraged to bring long-life food, which was then passed on to the Minlaton Health Centre for local families in need. As always, the congregation were extremely generous. It was a Family Service day and the young children had a great time after the service looking at all of the goods. It was a wonderful celebration, giving thanks to God for the bountiful harvest.



## Shrove Tuesday Pancakes

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February, we celebrated Shrove Tuesday at St. Benedict's. As in past years, there was an abundance of pancakes to go around, both savoury and sweet. Although the weather was quite warm and fine, there was a bit of wind and it was eventually decided that it would be far more comfortable for everyone if we ate inside. A merry team of cooks kept the BBQ firing in the rectory shed.

After we had all eaten more than we really needed, Greg Illman organised some pancake tossing. This was a slight variation on the traditional toss but nonetheless great fun. Almost everyone “had a go”!

The proceeds from the evening were sent to the various Bushfire and Flood Appeals around the country.



A great time was had by all!

*Shrove Tuesday - the last day of Shrovetide, long observed as a day of merrymaking before Lent.*

Lent began the following day, with a 7pm Ash Wednesday service of The Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

## Lenten Studies

An ecumenical group from the various Minlaton churches are meeting on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm in St. Benedict's meeting room, to discuss the series of 5 booklets entitled "*The Way to Freedom*".

*"No word seems to matter more to us today than 'Freedom'. But what it means is often far from clear and equally often sparks controversy. It's a big word in the New Testament and in the Christian story down the ages. But what actually is 'Christian freedom' and how does it relate to all the other 'freedoms' we say we value in our lives and in society?"*

After 3 weeks most people in the group are finding the discussions thought-provoking, challenging and very topical. They are proving to be most enjoyable evenings. The study is being used by several groups around Lower Yorke Peninsula.



## Annual Vestry Meeting

The annual vestry meeting was held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February, following the 9.15am service. Reports were received and items discussed. A new church council was elected and various other elected positions were filled. The two Wardens for 2013 are Lorraine Rice and Cheryl Carmichael.

# SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AROUND THE MINISTRY DISTRICT

24 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	9.15am - Minlaton <b>HC</b> 9.30am - Yorketown 9.30am - Curramulka <b>HC</b> 9.30am - Edithburgh 11am - Pt. Vincent <b>HC</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>Monday in Holy Week</i>	8am - Minlaton <b>HC</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>Tuesday in Holy Week</i>	7.30pm - Minlaton <b>HC</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>Wed. in Holy Week</i>	8am - Minlaton <b>HC</b>
28 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	5.30pm - Edithburgh <b>HC</b> 7pm - Warooka <b>HC</b> 7pm - Minlaton <b>HC</b>
29 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>Good Friday</i>	10am - Minlaton 7pm - Edithburgh
31 <sup>st</sup> March	<i>Easter Day</i>	7am - Minlaton <b>HC</b> 8am - Edithburgh <b>HC</b> 8.45am - Pt. Vincent <b>HC</b> 9.30am - Yorketown <b>HC</b> 9.30am - Stansbury <b>HC</b>

## From the Ministry District Registers

**Baptism:** Riley & Hudson Forbes, 17<sup>th</sup> February at St. George's,  
Yorketown

**Funeral:** Rosemary Nicholls, 4<sup>th</sup> January at St. Neot's, Pt Vincent



## WHY

In this and subsequent editions of "The Connection", we are presenting a small article which attempts to explain some of our long-standing practices and / or beliefs in the Church which we may have been taught or knew about in earlier times, but since forgotten. Refreshers are always good!

*Michael Ford*

So, in this edition...

## WHY

are fonts usually placed at or very near to the entrance to a church?

This has been a very long tradition in, first Roman Catholic, and then Anglican, churches. From medieval times, baptism was the rite of passage not just into the Church but life itself. It dates back to long before civil authorities kept organized records of births, deaths and marriages. As recently as the early twentieth century, babies were brought to churches for baptism on the day after birth. The births of composers Mozart and Beethoven were "officially" recorded thus. In early days of high infant mortality, it was dangerous to wait. Woe betide the poor infant who did not live for more than a few hours.

So then, and now, the font stands at the entrance to the nave of the church as a reminder of beginning – the beginning of life as a member of God's kingdom.



## Christmas 2012

The three generations of the extended Smith family were planning a normal, everyday Christmas family gathering, until Bec and Ellis were inspired by Father Thomas to give something more of ourselves at Christmas time, rather than semi-useful material gifts. His Mission to the Seafarers at Pt Giles seemed like a perfect opportunity to take our pirate-crazed nephew aboard a large vessel, and share the international spirit of Christmas with people a long way from their family and homes. We met Fr Thomas, Rev Anne Ford and her husband Michael, chaplain Geoff Harrison and his wife June, at the gates at Pt Giles where we could appreciate the size of the King Freight. The minibus took us along the jetty, where we were met by the Filipino crew, who welcomed us aboard with open arms and big smiles. We shared Holy Communion with the Seafarers, and sang Christmas carols as part of the service. The crew were very generous in showing us the boat, from the navigation deck to the engine room, and giving us an insight into their work and lives both at sea and at home. They seemed to warm to having kids on board, no doubt reminding them of their families at home. We shared Christmas dinner, and told stories about Australia, the Philippines, and enjoyed each others' company. This Filipino crew were loading Australian barley bound for China on a Panama registered, Japanese owned boat - truly international! Returning to Fr Thomas' challenge in his sermon. We intended to give something of ourselves this Christmas thinking we would share our time, a meal and some Christian fellowship with some seafarers who being a long way from home would appreciate our gesture. What actually happened was we came home having experienced a time with strangers that warmed the hearts of us all. We received in abundance. Our entire family agreed that this Christmas was something uniquely different and very special. Thank you to the Captain and crew of the King Freight for letting us celebrate Christmas with you. Thank you Fr Thomas and your crew at the Mission to the Seafarers Pt Giles for allowing us to participate a little bit in your mission. It was wonderful.

*Ellis and Bec Smith*

# 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 – 11.15am  
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 – 11am (HC)
- Fifth Sunday**      One service only in the Ministry District  
at a pre-arranged centre - 10.30am (HC)



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