

**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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"I give you a new commandment", says the Lord,  
"that you love one another. Just as I have loved you,  
you also should love one another." *John 13.34*

**Lent & Easter  
2015**

## 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.

*22 February            Cathedral Service Launch of the Centenary  
Launch of the Centenary Book  
Pilgrimage of First Bishop's Staff begins*

*22 February            Lent 1 - Lenten studies begin*

*1 March                Eyre Peninsula Launch at Cummins*

*14-15 March           Simultaneous Dinner and Mothering Sunday*

*1-3 May                Synod at Port Pirie*

*16 May                 Mid-North Historical Tour*

*26 July                 Centenary Eucharist and lunch at Pt. Pirie*

*21 Sept -              Steps of St Paul Tour  
to 16 Oct*

*31<sup>st</sup> October           “Friends of the Diocese” Dinner in Pt. Pirie*

*21 November         Garden Party at Bishop's House*

The centenary book, “A dry and thirsty land” was launched on 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Please contact Rev'd Anne Ford 0418304663 if you are interested in obtaining a copy. Cost: \$25.

Rev'd Anne is a member of the Centenary Committee.



# From St. Benedict's, Minlaton

## Children's Ministry Morning

On December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014, the Diocesan Children's Ministry Team presented a morning of activities, songs, stories and drama involving a group of 18 children and some accompanying adults. The focus of the morning was looking at Advent, Christmas & Epiphany. Great fun was had by all and the children made many craft items, which they collected in their own bag to take home. Studying the faces of parents present, it was clear that they were enjoying the activities too. The morning concluded with a BBQ lunch, cooked by members of the St. Benedict's congregation.



*Henry Coote having fun*



*Craft activities*

## Other Christmas activities

As in past years, members of St. Benedict's congregation were encouraged to bring gifts and food to give to families in need over the Christmas period. This year, food & gifts collected were given to the Pt. Pearce community, through Anglicare Willochra.



On Christmas Eve, the Children's Crib Service was held, with 27 children & adults in attendance. The children heard the Christmas story, decorated the Christmas tree and enjoyed cake and a drink before moving on to the street parade.



*The gifts for the community and fun at the Crib Service*



### Shrove Tuesday

For the second year running, the St. Benedict's church council decided to hold its annual pancake celebrations in the main street of Minlaton. A group gathered at the Rest Centre and set up tables, BBQ's, fillings & toppings, ready to feed hungry customers.

As well as feeding many of our own congregation, we met many visitors to the town who were delighted to be able to have sweet and/or savoury pancakes for their lunch. The fresh strawberries and cream were very popular. At the end of the morning, we had raised \$413 for the Adelaide Hills Bushfire Appeal.



*Pancakes in the Main Street*

### Lenten Reflections

A small group is meeting at St. Benedict's on Thursday evenings during Lent to participate in a series of Lenten Reflections, written by the Rev'd Ruth Buxton as part of our Diocesan Centenary. The group is comprised of Anglican and Uniting Church people. It is not too late to join us. We discuss for an hour and then enjoy supper. Remember – 7.30pm Thursday evenings during Lent.

*“God shapes the world by prayer. The more prayer there is in the world the better the world will be, the mightier the forces of against evil ...” -- E.M. Bounds*

## MONTHLY WORSHIP ROSTER

<b>First Sunday</b>	Mount Rat – 8.00am (HC) Minlaton – 9.15am (HC) Yorketown – 9.30am Edithburgh – 9.30am Stansbury – 11.15am (HC)
<b>Second Sunday</b>	Minlaton – 9.15am (HC) Curramulka – 9.30am Edithburgh – 9.30am (HC) Port Vincent – 11am Warooka – 11.15am (HC)
<b>Third Sunday</b>	Minlaton – 9.15am (HC) Yorketown – 11.15am (HC) Stansbury – 11.15am Corny Point – 2.00pm (HC)
<b>Fourth Sunday</b>	Minlaton – 9.15am Yorketown – 9.30am Curramulka – 9.30am (HC) Edithburgh – 9.30am Port Vincent – 11.00am (HC)
<b>Fifth Sunday</b>	Usually one service only in the Ministry District at a pre-arranged centre - 10.30am (HC) <i>(see local paper and church noticeboards)</i>

### From the Ministry District Registers

**Funeral:** Alexander Harrison – February 5<sup>th</sup> at McQueen's  
**Funeral:** Min Wilson – February 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Georges, Yorketown  
**Funeral:** Tom Wilkins – February 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Neot's, Pt. Vincent  
**Funeral:** Garth Robinson – February 27<sup>th</sup> at St. Georges, Yorketown

*Photos in The Connection are by Cheryl Bates, Geoff Harrison, Michael and Anne Ford.*

*Front cover photo taken in Litsters' scrub.*

# Photo Finish

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*1. Margaret Cook presenting holly at the MU Christmas Eucharist.*

*2. More fun at the Children's Ministry morning.*

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*3. St. Benedict's altar on Christmas Eve*

*4. Annabelle Cook dressed as Mary*

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*5. Scaffolding at St. George's*

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## Canons of the Cathedral

In November 2014, at the Cathedral in Pt. Pirie, the installation of the new Canons of the Cathedral took place. This followed the passing of Regulation 11 at the 2014 Synod, to set up a Cathedral Chapter. The purpose of the Chapter is to create a vision for the role of the cathedral in our Diocese and to assist the cathedral Parish Council to develop the physical resources needed to achieve that goal. The membership of the Chapter consists of:

The Bishop; the Dean; the Archdeacons of the Diocese; any special Ministry Canon; two clerical Canons; the churchwardens of the Cathedral as Lay Canons and two additional Lay Canons. The two Lay Canons (not the church wardens) are Mrs Dorothy Thorpe and Mr Michael Ford, both well known in our Ministry District.



### *The Cathedral Chapter*

*from back:*

*the Dean, the Very Rev'd David Amery; Rev'd John Fowler (partly hidden); Rev'd David McDougall; Bishop John; Michael Ford; Dorothy Thorpe; Rev'd Lettie Allen; Pauline Matthews*

**St. Christopher's, Curramulka Centenary Celebrations on Sunday  
25th January, 2015.**

It was a wonderful day, with members of the Curramulka Anglican & Uniting Church congregations, plus other members of the Ministry District coming together to celebrate the special event. Bishop John Stead celebrated & preached. Fr. Thomas Karama, Rev'd Anne Ford & Rev'd Ted Horne all participated. The church was comfortably full and it was great to hear joyful singing & much enthusiasm.

A shared lunch was held in the Curramulka Institute where a cake was cut by Pat Longbottom & Leila Reade, the two most senior members of the congregation. After lunch we heard a history of St Christopher's .

Thank you to all who attended and/or assisted in making it a memorable day.

*Rosemary Eichner.*



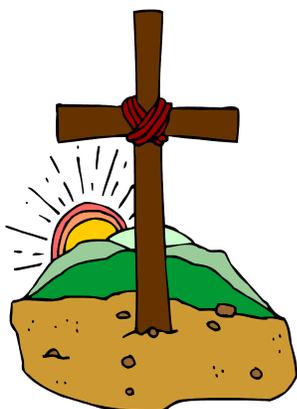
*Pat Longbottom and Leila Reade*



*Fr. Thomas, Rosemary Eichner,  
Pat Longbottom, Bp. John, Rev'd Anne  
& Rev'd Ted Horne*

# SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AROUND THE MINISTRY DISTRICT

29 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	Ministry District Service 10.30am – Minlaton <b>HC</b> <i>followed by shared lunch &amp; Ministry District AGM</i>
30 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>Monday in Holy Week</i>	8am - Minlaton <b>HC</b>
31 <sup>st</sup> March	<i>Tuesday in Holy Week</i>	7.30pm - Minlaton <b>HC</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> April	<i>Wed. in Holy Week</i>	8am - Minlaton <b>HC</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	6pm Edithburgh <b>HC</b> 7pm - Minlaton <b>HC</b> 8pm – Warooka <b>HC</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	<i>Good Friday Liturgy</i>	9.30am – Edithburgh 10am – Minlaton
5th April	<i>Easter Day</i>	8am - Edithburgh <b>HC</b> 8.30am – Pt. Vincent <b>HC</b> 9am – Minlaton <b>HC</b> 9.30am – Yorketown <b>HC</b> 10am – Curramulka <b>HC</b> 10.30am – Stansbury <b>HC</b>



## LAUNCHING THE CENTENARY

A very hot day on February 22<sup>nd</sup> did not deter a good turnout at the Cathedral in Port Pirie for the official beginning of the Centenary year for our Diocese.

A special liturgy for the occasion, written by Dorothy Thorpe of Auburn, ensured that recognition of the past 100 years was cleverly interwoven with looking forward to what lies ahead.

Our Bishop John even commented that the tiny baby in one of the back pews might well see the second centenary celebration – a privilege probably denied to all others present on the day!



Our local Priest, Reverend Anne Ford, was given the honour of processing in with the first Bishop's staff which is now touring the Diocese and will visit all centres in the course of its long journey around our vast expanse. A new Diocesan cross, resplendent in many colours (Joseph's technicoloured dreamcoat?) was dedicated.

*Bp. John and the youngest person present*

Possibly the highlight in the Service was the presentation to two students, from Ardrossan Area School and Gladstone High School, of the first Willochra Bursaries from money generously donated from many parts of the Diocese (including our own Ministry District). A third student from Port Lincoln High received a similar bursary at the Cummins launch the following week. This has been a remarkably successful venture and the capital raised will allow the Bursary to be self-sustaining in coming years. Despite the heat, the singing of hymns, old and new, was robust and joyful.



*The Willochra Cross*



In the Hall afterwards, the Diocesan book, “In a Dry and Thirsty Land” was officially launched and due praise was given to contributors and the editors, Dorothy Thorpe and Mary Woollacott from Burra. It was a great occasion and augurs well for the celebrations this year, and the regeneration for God’s mission, both of which our Bishop has urged us to pray for in the months and years ahead.

*Michael Ford*

*Bishop John promoting the Centenary Book*

### **He is Risen**

*Those wonderful words 'He is risen' reassure us that there is life after death. There is light after darkness. There is hope after hopelessness. There is security and peace even when all things are shaken about. On Easter Day, as we celebrate his glorious resurrection, we receive that joy and hope in Christ.*

*When our world seems to shake and quiver, remember those wonderful words of Jesus: 'Do not be afraid.' Take his Word for it. He has gone ahead of us to prepare the way. He waits to meet us there at the appointed time. There we will see him with our own eyes and he will greet us again with grace, joy and peace.*

## Mission to Seafarers Port Giles/Edithburgh



After having a slow time with the ships earlier in the year, they are now arriving one after another.

The crews usually consist of nationals from many countries but a high percentage are from the Philippines. When crews on a ship are from mixed nationalities, we sometimes find some crew can be treated poorly by some more senior officers. We have had to deal with some issues of unpaid men and men being discriminated against because of their nationality.

Generally though, the crews are very happy and are always very keen to see representatives from the Mission.

As usual we have supplied phone cards, free wifi at the Centre in Edithburgh, changed American money, taken the men to the Flying Angel Centre, Edithburgh, shopping, sight seeing and the Fauna Park at Minlaton. Sometimes the church is used by men for quiet prayer and we are always ready to listen to them if they wish to share confidentialities.

From the remaining money left from Geoff & June's Welfare Awareness Campaign in 2014, \$500 was sent to an Indian seafarer to help him after his leg was severed in a shipping accident while at Port Hedland. The remainder bought 3 Pendo tablets for seafarers to use at the centre at Edithburgh.

A grant from the District Council of Yorke Peninsula was successfully obtained for Laurie Gresch to rebuild the stonework around the base of the hall. This has made a big difference and should last for many more years.

Now that the shed has been erected to house the bus, we are planning to build a covered outdoor area where the men can relax in all weather. Half of the money to do this has been promised and we are trying to obtain donations to make this a reality.

As we are totally self funded, we are also trying to obtain sponsorship towards enabling us to maintain & run the bus and the centre.

We have given talks to many community groups near and far and thank all who support us in any way.

The Mothers Union in Willochra continues to collect clothing and knit beanies, mittens & scarves as do other groups or individuals. Packets of biscuits are always needed to give to the seafarers with their cuppas. We thank all our supporters and volunteers on behalf of grateful seafarers.

*June & Geoff Harrison*



## St George's, Yorketown

Sadly we have had two funerals in our church recently.

Min Wilson had been a regular enthusiastic church member in Yorketown until she moved to Clare to be closer to her daughter. It was a warm day but the service was completed before it became too uncomfortable in our church building.

Last week we had a service celebrating the life of Garth Robinson. He had been a great community and sports supporter and the funeral was predicted to be very large. The weather forecast was for a very hot day and the service was after lunch.

The overhead fan has not worked for several years since a power spike burned out a lot of appliances in the district. Several people organised to get it replaced for the hot day. Thanks go to Ian Hage for providing his scaffolding at short notice; Richie Tape for the quick changeover of fans; and Bob Warren for making it all happen. A team effort on clean up and the service went ahead smoothly with about half the people in the church and the other half accommodated with an extension speaker in the church hall/Op Shop.

Our sympathy is extended to the families and friends of Min and Garth.

*Cheryl Bates*

## From Fr. Thomas



### Being Caring Christians

Christianity is the religion of the open hand, the open heart and the open door. No one can be surprised if life collapses once we insist on life living alone. We are to share with those in need. In a world which is concerned mainly with getting, the Christian is concerned with giving. Christians know that what we keep we will lose, and what we give what we have. As followers of Jesus, we must look at the opportunities to grow in faith through caring hospitality. One of the tragedies of life is that we so often fail to grasp God-given opportunities when they come. For the last 6 weeks I have visited the Blazeaid camp at Lenswood many times to do volunteer work. I met volunteers from different parts of Australia, who came to rebuild the fences and people's lives. The commitment and dedication of those volunteers continues to inspire me. On 7<sup>th</sup> March, 12 of us travelled to the Lenswood camp and prepared dinner for 70 volunteers and families of the fire victims. After dinner, when it was announced that we were travelling back to Yorke Peninsula, everyone in that dining hall gave us a standing ovation. I believe each and everyone in that hall was touched by our caring hospitality. The experience on that night reminds us that as Christians we can become a special group of people dedicated to serving the Lord. Because of this, our calling is to proclaim the gift of God to others.

Here is a story: A visitor was spending a few days with the late Albert Schweitzer in Africa. Upon entering the dining room the first evening, the visitor saw a piano which he thought as old, broken-down and warped. After the meal was finished, Dr. Schweitzer, as was his custom, sat at the keyboard of the decrepit instrument and began to play. Within a moment the room was filled with beautiful and majestic harmonies. Describing the incident later the visitor wrote in to his diary: "The old piano seemed to lose its poverty in his hands". What an apt description of the spell of the master musician!

What an apt description, too, of the transforming power of God through Jesus Christ, our Lord ! In His Loving Hands old and broken down lives can “Lose their Poverty” and become rich with love, truth and beauty.

We can all make a difference in the lives of people and in society if we are a Risen people of Jesus Christ.

Have a blessed Easter.



And he departed from our sight that we might return to our heart, and there find Him. For He departed, and behold, He is here.

*St. Augustine*

In the bonds of Death He lay  
Who for our offence was slain;  
But the Lord is risen to-day,  
Christ hath brought us life again,  
Wherefore let us all rejoice,  
Singing loud, with cheerful voice,  
Hallelujah!

*Martin Luther*

*Easter reminds us how God has been good to us.  
He gave His own precious son to save us from our sins.  
Let's return the favour by sharing our blessings with others.  
Happy Easter!*