

# THE ANGLICAN MINISTRY DISTRICT OF LOWER YORKE PENINSULA

*Corny Point*

*Curramulka*

*Edithburgh*

*Minlaton*

*Mt. Rat*

*Pt. Vincent*

*Stansbury*

*Warooka*

*Yorketown*



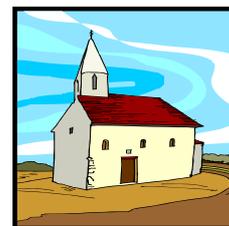
"I give you a new commandment," says the Lord, "that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another"

*John 13.34*

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Lent &  
Easter, 2019

# MONTHLY WORSHIP ROSTER



## First Sunday

Mount Rat – 8.00am (HC)  
Edithburgh – 9.00am (HC)  
Minlaton – 9.30am (HC)  
Stansbury – 11.15am (HC)

## Second Sunday

Edithburgh – 9.00am  
Minlaton – 9.15am (HC)  
Curramulka – 9.30am  
Yorketown – 9.30am  
Port Vincent – 11am  
Warooka – 11.15am (HC)

## Third Sunday

Minlaton – 9.15am (HC)  
Yorketown – 11.15am (HC)  
Stansbury – 11.15am (HC in even months)  
Corny Point – 2.00pm (HC)

## Fourth Sunday

Edithburgh – 9.00am  
Minlaton – 9.15am  
Yorketown – 9.30am  
Curramulka – 9.30am (HC)  
Port Vincent – 11.00am (HC)

***The next MD service will be held at Port Vincent on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June***

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

## From the District Priest: A Cure for Death



Being mad keen on family history, I often find myself in cemeteries looking at headstones. There are a variety of ways that people are remembered or forgotten as the case maybe. There are some great monuments – some unmarked graves but the struggle is there to make a mark on the pages of history. With some the lettering is faint, on others age has not faded the inscription. Some sadly are greatly neglected while others lovingly cared for and such a variety – some infants, some children, some old people, all telling stories of life whether hard with pain and tragedy or easy.

But in all this, it struck me, that in order to get your name in there, there was only one possible way. The price of entry was death. Perhaps this seems a bit morbid, but death is what Easter is all about. Every so often, we get the news stories will tell us of progress in the fight against Cancer or against AIDS. A new wonder drug is making a difference. Well what about Easter?

Perhaps the familiarity with the story means that its significance does not set in. It is more than a cure for AIDS, a cure for Cancer, but a cure for death. Jesus being seen means that we know that he has conquered death and shows us that it is possible. Not that we do not die but that this death is an opening up for us of something new, something greater.

The Easter story is very simple. It is about an empty tomb. About men and women encountering the person whom they had seen die, not as a corpse walking, but as a resurrected person. We talk of the certainties of Death and Taxes, but at Easter we celebrate that Death is no longer certain, that death is no more. Finished, Finito!

Is this not something to celebrate? We can be tempted to believe that we have been there and done that, so why all the fuss. Perhaps it is easy for us to think this. To see Easter as just another mark on the calendar that marks the passing of the year. A good excuse for

a couple of days off. We have nothing new to find out, nothing is different. We will go through the motions for the sake of the kids etc.

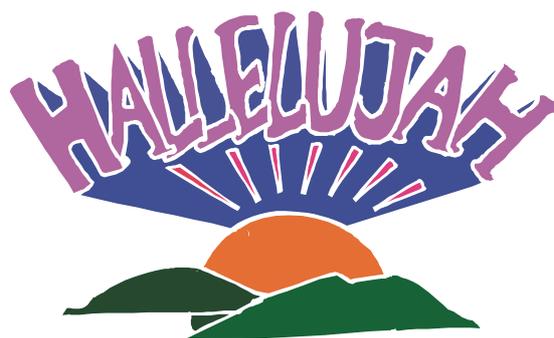
But it is not ho hum, here we go again material; rather here is something worth acknowledging. It has changed your life and my life whether we like it or not. That Jesus was sighted means that there is an alternative to death.

So, the question that Easter poses to each of us is not “Did Jesus rise from the dead?”, but rather “What are we going to do about it?” In opening for us a way to God, he asks us to simply acknowledge our faults and his claim to be Son of God. When we do these things, he promises us citizenship of Heaven. This is not about maintaining a building or running a fair but about responding to the events celebrated on this day. Putting God into the equation and not just on the to-do list. Our call is to live out our lives in response to this wonderful news.

Have you responded? If Yes then well and good and if No, then there is something to think about. But look back. Are you closer to God than you were a year ago? This is the purpose of the celebration, that we might find the opportunity to reflect on God’s part in our lives and our response to this.

Blessings

Andrew



*The photo on the front cover of The Connection was taken on the Minlaton to Yorketown Road. Photos in this edition were taken by Jane Butler, June Harrison, Cheryl Bates, Andrew Lang & Anne Ford.*

## From St Augusting's Stansbury



During the first few months of 2019, Jan Henery attended the workshop **Ensuring Safer Church Communities** at Gladstone - many thanks to Rev'd Louise for transport.

The Stansbury Inter-church Association supplied morning tea for staff at Stansbury Primary School to welcome new principal Anne-Marie Shaw. This was attended by Fr Andrew & appreciated by all.

Fr Andrew & Rev'd Louise have enjoyed lunching with members of our congregation.

Our Easter Service will be held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April and we will be joined by the Uniting Church members.

*Jan Henery, Church Warden*

## From St. Christopher's, Curramulka

St. Christopher's & the Curramulka Uniting Church have again been meeting to study the Sunday Lenten Readings. The particular method used is known as *Lectio Divina*.

Everyone seems to find value in this method of understanding the scriptures.

Numbers at Sunday worship are stable, with great fellowship over a cuppa after the service. One couple even come from the Maitland area occasionally.

Blessings to all in this special Lent/Easter time.

*Rosemary Eichner*

## From St. James, Warooka

### *A view on the Prayer Book of Australia by Jane Butler*

One of the drawcards of the Anglican Church is the attention given to the Prayer Book of Australia as used at each service. I consider it my own personal development guide that is polishing. After nine years as an active Anglican I still occasionally get lost

in the pages, but the priest is very patient and guiding all the way. Revisiting familiar text always adds a new dimension depending on what has happened during the week. It's great to return to common ground and be able to seek out the subtleties. I am thankful that I can afford the time for these treasured moments. Feel free to joins us every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 11.15 am at St. James, Warooka with District Priest, Reverend Andrew and Rev'd Louise Lang.



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

During the January holidays, St. Neot's ran a raffle to raise money for their Community Garden project. It was drawn in early February and the winners were:

- 1st Prize – June Harrison (Edithburgh)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Annie Johnson (Pt. Vincent)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Robert Kidd (Minlaton)

*Pam & Michael draw the winning tick*



## From St. Raphael's, Mt Rat

Rev'd Anne takes our services once a month & we are fortunate to have Rosemary Eichner & Coralie Amery boost our congregation numbers. We really appreciate Anne providing this service at such an early time, & with a sermon especially for us, as she then takes the family service in Minlaton with a sermon designed for the children.



Bevan continues to maintain the church and the grounds, having planted 2 trees at the rear.

We had the outside painted last year, and with Bevan's cleaning of the windows recently, it really looks well maintained.

We are planning on having the exterior salt damp repaired, which will enhance the appearance further.

Many people stop to admire the church and its locality & take photos

## Mission to Seafarers, Port Giles/Edithburgh

On Thursday the 28th March, Janice Harris, Geraldine Burton, Muriel Bartley and Judith Heading from the Port Vincent Drop-In Centre delivered a car load of gifts for the Mission to Seafarers. They included beautifully hand made beanies, booties, neck warmers, mittens, a teddy, scarves, blankets and lovely baby packs. Also donated were 12 Care Packs filled with essential toiletries. All these items will be given freely to seafarers visiting Port Giles. Such gifts are always so gratefully received by the seafarers and it lets them know that some people really care for them. After unloading the goods, the ladies had a tour of the Flying Angel Centre and over a cuppa, learned something about the difficult lives of seafarers and the work of the mission.

*June Harrison - Chaplain*



## Mission to Seafarers : Port Giles-Edithburgh Part of the Annual Report 2019

I have pleasure in presenting this report for this 2019 Annual General Meeting.

The first few months of the year were very busy, but the drought combined with world trade prices for grain saw fewer ships later in the year. We are expecting a ship in April after the last ship in early January.

Christmas gifts were given to seafarers arriving in December. Naturally they were received with great joy and thankfulness. The lack of ships has made it difficult to maintain goods with current use by date for our centre. The loss of those goods with the recent problem of mice has resulted in some financial loss. A grant from the Edithburgh Progress Association enabled us to build a Memorial Garden for all seafarers lost at sea alongside the alfresco. Thanks to the Yorketown Garden Nursery for their help in planning the garden and supplying the plants which are growing beautifully.

On Anzac Day we laid a wreath in memory of seafarers lost at sea during wars at the dawn service at the Edithburgh War Memorial. We have had donations of beanies, scarves, mittens, rugs, clothing, magnets and biscuits from a wide variety of places, groups and individuals, too many to list. We are very grateful for all the donations which are so happily received by seafarers. We have continued to take seafarers shopping and sightseeing, visiting the Fauna Park at Minlaton to see kangaroos and emus and to the Flying Angel Centre for relaxation and hospitality. Among other things, we have arranged for a Korean Captain and first Officer to have a couple of games of golf, found a replacement welder for a Filipino Electrician and First Engineer on a Saturday afternoon, taken a Chinese seafarer to Yorketown Hospital to have a fishing hook removed from a finger, helped

some Filipino men purchase fishing rods and equipment, and at their request, taken some Indian and an Ethiopian seafarer to our 'Aussie Pubs' for typical Australian food.

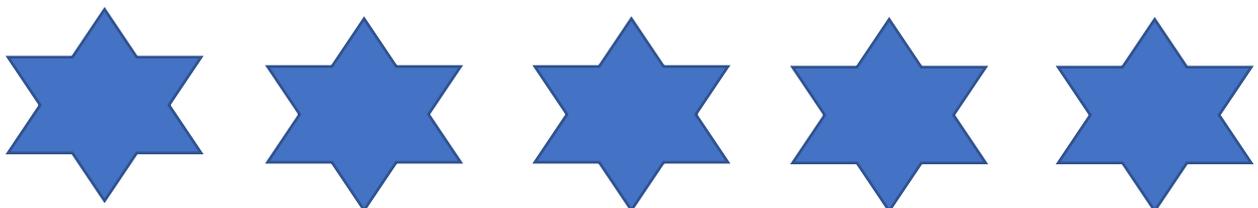
On the 9<sup>th</sup> September, the culmination of many hours of hard work saw the Alfresco and Memorial Garden blessed and opened by the National Director of the MtS Australia and PNG, the Rev'd Canon Garry Dodd from Newcastle, NSW. It was a wonderful event with approximately 60 people attending including Cornlis Kees from Hobart MtS which had given a donation for the alfresco, the Member for Narrunga, Frazer Ellis, Mayor Ray Agnew and Progress Association President, John Anderson. The alfresco will be a blessing, not only for visiting seafarers, but the community at large.

We welcomed Heidi and Mark Johnston as volunteers and Committee Members. Although they travel a lot, they are keen volunteers and help whenever possible.

I'd like to thank Michael Ford and the Committee for their support and a special thanks to Phil Geytenbeek and of course to Geoff who has been my support and valued advisor. Fr Andrew Lang and his wife the Rev'd Louise Lang have also shown their support since arriving here. We thank them.

As usual we need more volunteers. We do however thank Jan Geytenbeek, Ross Moeller and Ron Watson who have helped out in an emergency and welcome Gail Urlwin as a new volunteer and look forward to her working with us as we anticipate the coming year.

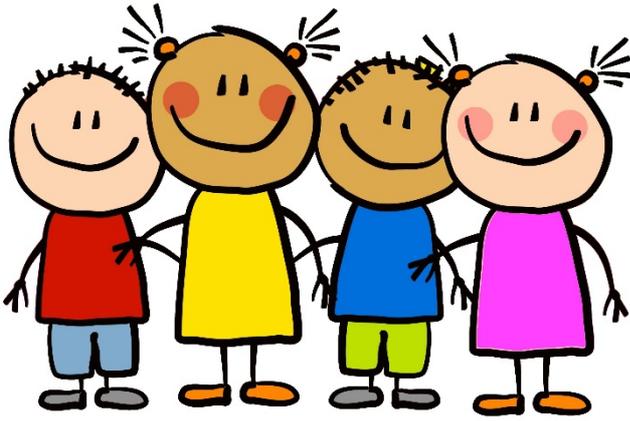
*June Harrison, Chaplain*



**From the Ministry District Registers**

***Funeral: Jill Carmichael at St. Benedict's, Minlaton***

## On being a PCW



‘What’s that?’ I hear you say. A PCW is a Pastoral Care Worker and I have been working in that role at Curramulka Primary School and Yorketown Area School for the last few weeks.

The role of a PCW is to support the school in its aim to be a safe and supportive learning environment, by role modelling and mentoring, contributing to extra-curricular activities, engaging in the life of the school and community, and linking families to community resources and services. In that role I can also provide ongoing social, emotional and spiritual support to individual students with the consent of their parent. It is important for me to be thoughtful and careful as I am not to promote nor discriminate on the grounds of any particular ideology, but work to enable a supportive, inclusive and caring learning environment within the school for all students.

There are 26 students at Curramulka and around 180 at Yorketown. At the moment I am finding my way and becoming established in my role and meeting people. I am working alongside staff and students and getting to know them, and they are getting to know me. It takes time to establish relationships, and that is foundational to my work. My role is not just youth-focused but it has a whole school focus, caring for the staff, parents, families and community.

Please pray for this work, for the school communities, that all students may be open to learning, for everyone’s wellbeing and for the families of our communities.

*Louise Lang*

## From St. Benedict's, Minlaton Harvest Thanksgiving

As in past years, St. Benedict's celebrated Harvest Thanksgiving in early March. The congregation brought in some long-life food which was sent to the Health Centre for people in need. The altar and sanctuary were decorated with the Harvest theme. With many of our congregation having connections to the land, it is important to give thanks to God for all that he gives to us.



## Pancakes at St. Benedict's

Pancakes were again enjoyed at St. Benedict's. About 40 people gathered on a mild evening to enjoy a selection of savoury & sweet pancakes. Pancake tossing followed, which was taken up enthusiastically by the children who were present.

*Karmel & the girls*



## BBQ and Big Bash Cricket

A social evening was held at the rectory to celebrate the Hobart Hurricanes playing the Adelaide Strikers. Father Andrew showed his culinary skills on the BBQ and the gathered crowd got into the swing of the cricket. Most of those present were delighted when the Strikers beat the Hurricanes.



## Lenten Discussion

On Wednesdays during Lent, a service of Communion, followed by discussion and a soup lunch has been held at St. Benedict's. About a dozen people have been attending and some interesting discussion has occurred. On Sunday evenings at the Rectory, the same study has been discussed, followed by a shared tea.



## SYP Pancake Tea

Our annual pancake extravaganza was held as usual in the Progress Hall, Yorketown on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Pancakes with savoury mince or bolognaise with a large variety of salads was followed by more pancakes to eat as dessert with a selection from lemon, honey, icecream, maple syrup, jam and cream. Nobody went home hungry!

The pancake decorating competition generated some very creative efforts. The pancake tossing competition generated much hilarity as the height increased and the pancakes disintegrated after repeated tosses and catches.

Every year we are very grateful for the donors of food; the goods for the enormous raffle baskets; the time and energy of the organisers and cooks; and of course, the patrons who support our FUNdraiser.

Put it in your diary for next year to be sure you won't miss out - 25<sup>th</sup> February!

*The decorated pancake winner*



*Sampling the goods*

## St. Peter's Sacred Space at Mintaro

**St. Peter's Sacred Space is a ground-breaking initiative. No major Christian denomination has a specific protocol to address the spiritual wounds resulting from church abuse. St. Peter's Sacred Space is addressing this need.**

St. Peter's Sacred Space consists of a healing (Quiet) garden, which can be used by anyone of any faith who feels disconnected from their God in the aftermath of abuse they have suffered from their minister of religion. The Quiet Garden has been developed by members of the Mintaro Progress Association.

St. Peter's Chapel is a designated Christian Sacred Space. However, people from all religious traditions and none are welcome to enter it should they choose to do so. The mission of St. Peter's Sacred Space and Healing Garden is to provide a safe and sacred place for those who have suffered spiritual harm to find spiritual healing. Although there will be ministers on site to host guests who visit St. Peter's Sacred Space, the primary purpose of St. Peter's is to offer spiritual sanctuary for those who may no longer trust institutional religion.



*Sacred Space inside the church*

# Photo Finish



*In the grounds of St. Peter's, Mintaro*

*Maureen Worden & Audrey Cook enjoying Pancakes in Minlaton*

*Val Rogers helps William Cook with his farm machinery*

*BBQ and cricket night at the Rectory*

*Gifts for the Seafarers Mission from Port Vincent*