

THE ANGLICAN MINISTRY DISTRICT OF YORKE PENINSULA



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There they crucified him, and with him two others,
one on either side, with Jesus between them.

John 19.18

Lent &
Easter
2020



From the District Priest...

The question “what is the church?” is the subject of a whole area of study – ecclesiology. The simplest thought is that we are the ek-klesia from the Greek *ones called out*. Almost takes us back to our school days when we would stand on the sidelines waiting for our name to be called out when the sides are being picked. We are literally the chosen ones.

Ecclesia (or **Ekklesia**) in Christian theology means both: a particular body of faithful people, and the whole body of the faithful. With our current restrictions, it is important to note that it is not the gathering that makes us who we are, it is **whose** we are. As people chosen by God then, we are not who we are because we gather. Indeed, we have been tricked into seeing the church in these terms, even describing the building in which we gather as the church. But we do not cease to be the church because we cannot gather. The challenge is to look at things differently and perhaps these next six months will force us to do so. Our beginning is about our own focus.

If we are who we are because of **whose** we are, then perhaps that is the starting point. Whose? We are the ones chosen by God. Initially, then we turn our focus to God. We now have a wonderful opportunity to lift our devotional life. We can start each day with the bishop leading us in Morning Prayer (on the Diocesan *facebook* page) but we can also take time to read and reflect on our own as well. We will help by providing material through the *churchlink* mailing list to encourage your devotions, but there are other options as well. What about that book that is sitting on the shelf begging to be read (or re-read)? You can also have a browse around the internet as there are also many wonderful sites.

Making the most of these times then, we can explore the spiritual dimensions of our calling and when things return to normality, collectively we will be strong.

One last thing. We ought not to let our connections fall away. We have many ways to connect with one another. There are a large number of electronic ways of doing it and some of you are quite proficient at that. Surprisingly, we have almost 100 people who can be reached by email. But there is the simple phone call that will do. Can I encourage each of you to ring someone each day to support one another.

Blessings

Andrew

And if you need to talk, feel free to call me or any of the clergy.

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A Note on Port Victoria

The surveying and lay out of the town involved Colonel William Light, surveyor-General of South Australia in the late 1830's. The town's main claim to fame was the square-rigged grain ships of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. By lying off outports, they incurred minimal or no harbour dues while being loaded. Ships of all nationalities loaded here. The last grain race, in 1949, was between the half-sister ships "Pamir" and "Passat". Both of these ships were built in the same shipyard in Germany as the battleship "Bismarck".

In 1957, when both were German-owned sail training ships, the "Pamir" was lost in a hurricane near the Azores. Only a Petty Officer and 5 cadets survived. The "Passat" became a static cum museum ship at Travemunde in Germany.

As Port Victoria is only two hours from Adelaide, many of the houses in the town are holiday homes. The Anglican Church of St. Alban is now the only active church in the town; the Uniting (Methodist) and Catholic churches no longer offer services.

The beaches are clean and excellent for swimming activities, and around the jetty Eagle Rays can be found. Fishing is the big attraction in Port Victoria, with a decent boat ramp and reasonably maintained jetty. Gars, Tommies, Snook, Yellowtail Kingfish, Squid, Blue Crabs, Leather Jackets, Grass Whiting are just some of the marine life to be caught at various times of the year.

The Kiosk at the jetty makes very good Hamburgers and Fish & Chips! The Port Victoria Hotel is open for good food at lunch and dinner – long weekends and Christmas are always busy.

The last metal-hulled square-rigger lost in Australian waters (not scuttled) was the French ship “Notre Dame D’Arvor”, which, in 1920, drifted on to the south west corner of Wardang Island. The captain blamed his charts. The ship was eventually burnt out. The last sailing ship to come to grief was the old “Hougomont”. She was de-masted in 1932 off Kangaroo Island, was stripped, towed to Stenhouse Bay and sunk as a breakwater. Her bow is within easy casting distance of the shore but is difficult to access.

Such is life in Port Victoria!

Kim Bray



Notre Dame D’Arvor

BlazeAid

A meal was organized for the BlazeAid volunteers by the SYP vestry with the help of the Edithburgh Uniting ladies. Two previous meals were organized by St. Benedict's, Minlaton. Each meal was a great opportunity to thank the volunteers from Blaze-Aid for their amazing work done to help restore fencing, move & crush 1,000s of tons of rock plus many other chores.



Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)

In Yorketown:

Christy Starr won the decorated pancake. Barbara Murphy won our Basket of groceries raffle with Cheryl Hogan 2nd and Archies Restaurant 3rd prize.

Money Boards were won by Christy Starr, Pat Sincock and Ron Watson.



In Minlaton:

At St. Benedict's, about 40 people gathered for the traditional pancakes. It was a beautiful evening weatherwise, as tables and chairs were set up in the churchyard.



From Port Vincent

St. Neots reports that the year began well with Gala Day on 1st January. On the 4th January, the baptism of Stella Kate Godfrey was held at the church.

Our Op. Shop fashion parade held in late January was a great success, with approximately 70 people attending. Following the parade, a delicious Devonshire tea was served.

The models on the day were fantastic and Michael Ford as MC, kept the show rolling along at a cracking pace. We raised just over \$1000 for our community garden project. Many thanks to the hard-working Garden Committee and workers from Trash and Treasure.

Trash and Treasure has had good sales, with plenty of goods coming in. One of our ladies, Jude Clayton, has a connection with a person who distributes, in the winter months, warm clothing and blankets to the homeless so we are gathering some warm clothing for her to hand over.

Otherwise all is quiet on the seafront.

Pam Biggs



The Willochra Bursary

In 2015, the Anglican Diocese of Willochra celebrated its centenary. As well as looking back and honouring our past, we celebrated our present and looked forward to our future. As part of looking forward, it was decided to offer a bursary to indigenous students entering Year 12, to assist them in material ways to complete their studies. The bursary will be ongoing and is awarded each year to a student entering Year 12, at a school in our Diocese. The money for the bursary has been raised from donations and many fund-raising ventures by our church congregations.

This year we are delighted to award a bursary to Abbie Scarce of Minlaton District School. Abbie is the first student from the lower part of the peninsula to be awarded a bursary.



Ellen Burford (Pastoral Care Worker at Minlaton District School) Abbie Scarce (Bursary recipient) and Michael Ford (Anglican Church contact person for Minlaton)

World Day of Prayer



On Friday 4th March, World Day of Prayer services were held around the Ministry District. This year the service was prepared by the women of Zimbabwe. The service is held every year and is organised ecumenically across the churches.



St. Benedict's, Minlaton



St. George's, Yorketown



St. James, Ardrossan

The Flame Lily, the national flower



Port Giles/Edithburgh Mission to Seafarers

A Filipino seafarer from the ship MV Shikoku Island told us his wife is to have a baby in May. It will be his first child and he won't be home for some months.

We gave him a lovely baby pack made by ladies from the Pt Vincent Beachside Church. Of course, he was delighted!



*June Harrison
with Filipino sailor*

New Kitchen at St. Benedict's

After a few delays with the new dishwasher, the new kitchen is finally operational. Some painting of the walls is needed but that will happen in time. Everyone seems to be impressed and cupboards are being sorted. What a pity that, at the moment, due to Covid -19, we are unable to be at the church to enjoy it. We will look forward to a great celebration in our kitchen at the end of the current crisis.



Part of the new kitchen

A Year's Mind Cabinet for Minlaton

On Sunday March 6th, a new Year's Mind Cabinet, hand-crafted by Fr. Roger Dyer from the Ballarat Diocese, was presented to the Church of St. Benedict at the Sunday Service and was blessed by Fr. Andrew Lang. Roger and his wife, June, travelled from Ballarat for the occasion.

The project has been over a year in the making and was generously financed by Joan Correll who also supported the Archives Cabinet which sits in the porch of the church and was "commissioned" last year.

The idea of the "Year's Mind" was introduced by Anne and Michael Ford seventeen years ago after seeing it in two of their previous parish churches. Names of the faithful departed and members of the local community are recorded in the Year's Mind book and every week, the names pertinent to that week of the year are included as part of the Intercessions in the Sunday Service. Many of our worshippers are very grateful that they can be reminded every year of those who were part of our community, whom we loved but see amongst us no more (until after earthly death). *Michael Ford*



Fr. Andrew, Fr. Roger and Joan Correll with the new cabinet

Prayers for our times



God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

We are not people of fear:
we are people of courage.
We are not people who protect our own safety:
we are people who protect our neighbours'
safety.
We are not people of greed:
we are people of generosity.
We are your people God,
giving and loving,
wherever we are,
whatever it costs
For as long as it takes
wherever you call us.
Amen

Wedding in Ardrossan

On Friday, April 3, parishioners Don Waters and Margaret Jones were married at the Ardrossan Community Hostel in a Covid-19 limited service. Derek and Joy Birkin were the witnesses and the service was conducted by the Reverend Christine Smith. The service was held outside so the rest of the community was able to watch through the windows. Dining that day was in the form of a wedding breakfast and a great time was had by all. Channel 7 were there and have taken some footage.



I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.

– C.S. Lewis

What a strange Easter!

(Matthew 28. 1-10)

There is no need for you to be afraid. He is risen.

In these times of a global pandemic and lockdowns around the world, where worship has been suspended and families are separated, where thousands have died or are ill, we can still rejoice in the Good News that sin has been forgiven; that death has been overcome; that God's grace has conquered evil and this victory is shared with us. Both the angel & Jesus said on that first Easter morning – "Do not be afraid". Fear is the great barrier that can keep us from finding God.

This Easter in particular, the message is "Do not be afraid".

The women expected to find Jesus' body in the tomb. But God had done the unexpected. Jesus is no longer to be found with the dead; he has joined the living.

Jesus isn't always found where we expect him. God continues to surprise us with unexpected moments of presence.

The women were told to look for Jesus in Galilee. Jesus came to disciples while they were fishing. If we look closely, we will find Jesus rising in our lives – as we care for our neighbours by taking food parcels; as we phone those who are self-isolating; as we communicate in which ever way we can during these worrying times. Keeping in touch, while not actually touching.

Jesus has risen – do not be afraid!

Rev'd Anne

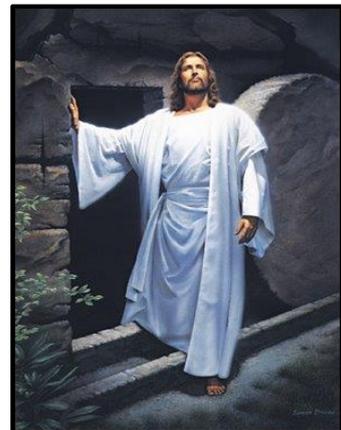


Photo Finish



**A recent photo of
June Stanton*

**The cooks enjoy the
pancakes at Minlaton*

**Virginia Ahwan at
Melaleuca*

**After the Crib Service
at St. Benedict's*



The photo on the front cover of this edition is of Good Friday 2018 at St. Benedict's. Photos in the magazine were taken by Geoff Harrison, Michael & Anne Ford, Joy Birkin & Cheryl Bates