

# 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*

To you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour,  
Christ the Lord *Luke 2.11*

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Christmas,  
2018

## From Fr. Andrew

*“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?” Isaiah 43:18-19 (NIV)*



Louise and I would like to thank you for the warm welcome we have received to the District. Louise is now here full time and before Christmas, we will have the last of our things from the time Louise stayed on. Moving is, of course, a major life event and many have asked me how I am going. It is a peculiar thing, but I have a strange sense of belonging. Much of life here echoes past parts of my life and although this is a totally different place to anywhere that I have lived, it is not necessarily unfamiliar. We loved country ministry in the past, and we are glad to get back to this ministry environment, but more than this – as a child, I spent every summer with my grandparents in a small village on the edge of the Barossa. Big blocks, stone houses and the feel of Minlaton takes me back to those years. And it is the products in the shops like Fritz and Metwurst and Golden North Ice Cream, that were the treats in my childhood, that make it so familiar. It was a grain growing area, as was Horsham when we are there, and there is a rhythm of life that it brings. And Hardwick Bay is not dissimilar to where we will retire on the east coast of Tasmania. And the people we meet are nice (although my mother insists this is an essential trait of all South Australians).

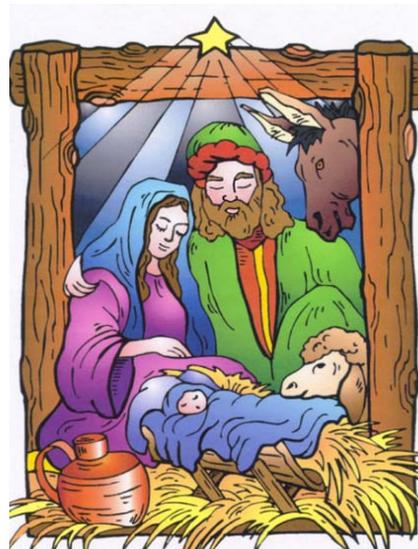
So there are feelings of nostalgia, which in its best form leads to reflecting on how the past has affected the present but at the worst, can prompt us to longing for past times. We can be caught up in longing for the way things were, because it seems somewhat simpler and safer. Ecclesiastes 7:10 reminds us:

*Never ask "Why does the past seem so much better than now?" because this question does not come from wisdom.*

I am excited about the ministry that is developing in this place. It may have been because of necessity, but the change in emphasis to localised ministry is really returning the church to where it came from. I use the expression developing, because I think in the past we were caught up with the idea that we needed to build something that was stable and unchanging. The expression “*as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be*” became the blueprint for the church and our activity. The church of today is not the church of my youth and perhaps that is our greatest challenge. No longer are we to be static, but rather to become like the early church, swept along by the spirit - dynamic, adaptive and responsive. Not that it is change for change’s sake, but what is worthwhile and appropriate today might not be so in five years time, so we are called to be structured for change and be ready for it. Each of us is part of this process and it will begin as we gather together as God’s people in worship, fellowship and above all prayer.

I would like to say listen to me - here are the answers, it would be so easy, but I haven’t got the answers. I am not sure that I have all the questions. Together you and I must seek to listen to that still small voice to perceive the new thing that God is doing. Louise and I have shared a wonderful adventure with God to get here, and now for a time, we will share this with you. Are you not excited about what God has in store for us all? ...

*Andrew*



## From St. Benedict's Mothers' Union 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

In early October, the Minlaton branch of Mothers' Union celebrated 60 years as a group. Over that time, members have come and gone but we are lucky to still have one of the founding members, Margaret Cook, attending meetings regularly. Several past members returned for the celebration as well as members from other branches. Rev'd Anne celebrated at the Eucharist and the Rev'd Wendy Cooper preached. After the service, several members received badges and certificates for years of service. This was followed by a wonderful lunch in the meeting room and time for catching up, stories and fellowship.



## Grow Free

Starting in the first week of December, at Bargains & Bits Op. Shop in Fourth Street, fruit and vegetables, grown in local gardens, will be available **free** for people to take. The idea is to either take some produce, swap some produce, or bring some to give away. **No money will change hands!** We are a lucky country and we often have an abundance of fruit and vegetables that just goes to waste.

Let us be generous to each other.

St. Benedict's Anglican Church Op. Shop opening hours: Wed - Friday, 10am - 4pm

*Op. Shop volunteers Michael Ford & Bev Cook*



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

## The Day of Luke

These "Days of..." have become very much part of our annual happenings in Willochra and it's easy for people get a bit "ho hum" about something which might seem 'same old' Not a bit! It was great to see twenty one people turn up to St. Benedict's on Friday November 9<sup>th</sup> (including some old friends from the Diocese of Adelaide) to be led through this third Gospel by our Ministry Development Officer, Rev'd. Gael Johanssen. Our readings for the 2019 are from Luke. We heard all the background to the writing of, for many of us, our favourite Gospel with its marvellous Jesus birth stories, many of his best known and loved parables like the Good Samaritan, the Lost Son, even Zaccheus up a tree (!) which are not told anywhere else, and all the time shot through with Luke's themes of hospitality and his overriding concern for the poor, the shunned, the outcast and - women. It's very much a Gospel for our own times!

And Gael is such a good teacher. She is prepared to get out of Diocesan Office and come to us, which she continues to do several times each year. Others have said that sessions like these strengthen our faith.

*Michael Ford*



## From St. James, Warooka

December has arrived with a degree of optimism for the future, after a year of ups and downs.

Our organists Wendy Koennecke (from the Uniting Church) and Michael Ford unceasingly give us good reason to rejoice and sing praise to God, leading the way on many occasions. St. James relies on the use of an ipod when the organist is away, and it was great to recently get a snapshot of both organists. Special thank you for support throughout the year also goes to a number of Op Shop workers, churchwarden Virginia, Christine and Charmayne; and gardeners Andrew and Andy from the St. James' area. Rev'd Andrew Lang is looking forward to being able to make some improvements and visualizes a fuller church. We begin the new year with the presence of the Uniting Church at St. James on a monthly basis. Our Anglicans have enjoyed the joint interaction throughout the past year and we welcome the opportunity for further involvement in the coming months.

This Christmas Eve service will be at 8.30pm and officiated by Rev'd. Anne Ford, with her husband Michael on organ.

2019 will have its challenges. We have a major salt damp issue to be addressed as well as some smaller works. Maintenance work is always expensive but needs to be done to support the church fabric. We may need to call on local funding to augment those from the church. A Maintenance Meeting will be called in early 2019. We invite anyone from the Warooka district, church member or not, wishing to be part of that meeting.

Please contact Jane Butler on 0429 610 293.

Condolences are extended to the Hart Family and Friends of Warooka and to the Baxter Family and Friends of Marion Bay who have contributed so much to the district; and to others known to us.

*Jane Butler, Warden*



## St. Christopher's, Curramulka

We have had two enjoyable services with Fr. Andrew, followed by morning tea and fellowship. We are looking forward to welcoming the Rev'd Louise Lang.

At this busy time, may we remember the true Christmas message of love and goodwill to all.

Wishing you all a Happy & Holy Christmas.

***Christmas Morning Service at St. Christopher's will be at 9.30am.***

*Rosemary Eichner*



## From St. Neot's, Port Vincent

Our Community Garden plans for our church backyard are progressing. We will be running a raffle in January, 2019 and are hoping that each church centre will take a raffle book to help us raise funds towards materials for our raised garden beds. The raffle will be drawn at 11am on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February at our Trash/Treasure.

Please support us by buying raffle tickets.

Port Vincent Gala Day on 1st January is a wonderful way to start 2019, and St. Neot's Trash & Treasure will be open that day, helping to welcome visitors to the town.

Now to more practical matters, the usual church repairs are on-going.

We wish you all a Happy & Holy Christmas. *Pam Biggs*



# ***ST NEOT'S COMMUNITY GARDEN RAFFLE***

***1st Prize \$100 Voucher Accommodation  
donated by Country Getaways***

***2nd Prize 2 Garden Themed Home Made Cushions  
donated by Sue Pike (shown below right)***

***3rd Prize Gourmet Hamper  
donated by Rev'd Anne Ford (shown below left)***



***Tickets \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00***

***All proceeds go to St Neot's Community Garden,  
to purchase materials for the garden beds***

***Raffle Drawn on 9.2.19 at 11am at  
St Neot's Trash & Treasure***

# TREASURER'S REPORT

It is a while since I have written an article for The Connection and with the change from a 0.67 FTE priest to a fulltime one, it is probably a good time to write something.

As you know, we use attendance figures from the previous year to apportion the cost of running the Ministry District to all our churches. These attendance figures use all the ordinary Sundays, that is, excluding Easter Sunday, Fifth Sundays, Christmas when it falls on a Sunday and any other special service held on a Sunday.

Returning to a fulltime appointment with Fr. Andrew, we need an extra \$19,100 annually to run the Ministry District. Using the ordinary Sunday attendance figures, that equates to an extra \$7.20 per attendee. In practice, it would be slightly less than that because obviously not everyone attends every week but most people give every week. Some might say that an almost 20% increase in giving is not possible but in reality, it is not much more than one cappuccino per week!

The annual budget for the Ministry District is \$115,012 after allowing for the rental income from the Yorketown rectory. If the past is any guide, we can expect our costs to increase by about 3% in 2019.

I think we should be proud of what we have achieved since forming the Ministry District and with a positive “can do” attitude we can continue to thrive.

*Bruce Cook, Treasurer of Ministry District of LYP*





# **SERVICE BY THE SEA TURTON FUN DAY**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> of December  
2018**

No Ministry District Meeting!

Only service in the Ministry District on this day

Time for fun!

On that day SYP are planning to host an 11:15am HC service in the Point Turton Hall followed by a \$20 light lunch and dessert, some entertaining activities, and a small silent auction.

Everyone is welcome.

We will be making a donation towards the new playground from the funds raised during the day.

Catering will be done locally so people planning to attend should reply by Sunday December 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018

Arrange with your Turton friends to meet you there for a great time of fellowship & fun.

**Fellowship  
and fun**

**2 Course  
Lunch**

**Silent  
Auction**

**Chicken  
And Salad**

**Seaside  
Surprise  
For Dessert**

**SYP COMBINED  
VESTRIES**

Point Turton Hall  
The Esplanade  
Point Turton

RSVP to  
Charmayne

On 0429 325 759

By Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> of  
December

## Mission to Seafarers

Following the enormous amount of hard work to get the alfresco and Memorial Garden ready for the official opening we have had a very quiet time at the mission.

There were no ships in October and only one in November.

The Glorious Fuji had a crew of 1 Indian, 1 Malaysian, 7 Chinese and 11 Filipino. It seemed to be a happy crew.

We took men ashore on 3 days and they enjoyed shopping, sight seeing and visiting the Flying Angel Centre. One Filipino is expecting his first baby very soon and will not be home until March, We saw his wife online and gave them a beautiful hand crochet rug and a small knitted teddy. They were very grateful.

Some men bought fishing rods and fishing gear as they were all keen fishermen and fished daily off the wharf.

The ship only took 26,600 tons of wheat but had two days wait mid-loading as there was no grain to load. Once enough grain had been delivered, loading was completed and the ship left for Lae, PNG.

Trucks are now continuously delivering grain to the Viterra silos and a ship is due in port next week,

We will take gifts for Christmas on board to share with the men from ships arriving in December.

**Any donations of biscuits, especially home made Christmas nibbles such as rum balls or White Christmas will be very gratefully received as I try to make separate gifts for all the men.**

**Toiletries are also much appreciated.**

**Being away from home and loved ones for so many months, often in dangerous situations, is very difficult for seafarers, even more so at Christmas time and they really appreciate the thoughtfulness of the MtS.**

All of us from the MtS wish you a very blessed & peaceful Christmas.

*June Harrison, Chaplain/Secretary*



## Christmas Services in the Ministry District

### Christmas Eve (Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December):

<b>Minlaton</b>	5pm Crib Service (especially for children)
<b>Warooka</b>	8.30pm Christmas Communion
<b>Edithburgh</b>	8.30pm Christmas Communion
<b>Minlaton</b>	11pm Midnight Mass (followed by drinks)

### Christmas Day (Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December):

<b>Yorketown</b>	8am Christmas Communion
<b>Pt. Vincent</b>	8am Christmas Communion
<b>Minlaton</b>	9.30am Christmas Communion
<b>Curramulka</b>	9.30am Christmas Communion
<b>Stansbury</b>	11am Christmas Communion

### First Sunday of Christmas (30<sup>th</sup> December):

<b>Pt Turton</b>	Ministry District Service 11.15am Holy Communion in the Hall, followed by \$20 catered lunch
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# MONTHLY WORSHIP ROSTER

- First Sunday**      Mount Rat – 8am (HC)  
Edithburgh – 9am (HC)  
Minlaton – 9.30am (HC)  
Stansbury – 11.15am (HC)
- Second Sunday**      Edithburgh – 9am  
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 – 2pm (HC)
- Fourth Sunday**      Edithburgh – 9am  
Minlaton – 9.15am  
Yorketown – 9.30am  
Curramulka – 9.30am (HC)  
Port Vincent – 11am (HC)
- Fifth Sunday**      Usually one service only in the Ministry District  
at a pre-arranged centre – **11.15am** (HC)  
*(see local paper and church noticeboards)*  
**Next fifth Sunday – 30<sup>th</sup> December, 11.15am at Pt. Turton Hall,  
\$20 catered lunch to follow**



# Photo Finish



*St. Neot's Raffle  
Seafarers' Committee dinner  
Seafarers in the Centre  
Fr. Andrew & Sooty  
Gifts for the Seafarers*

