

# Windmills



## *Notes from the Ministry District Priest, Yorke Peninsula July 2019*

### Greetings

And should I say, welcome to a new beginning. As from July 1, we are all part of a new entity, in the Diocese of Willochra – The **Ministry District of Yorke Peninsula**. Not that we should turn our back on the past, but our vision should be looking forward to what we might become together. We will bring in characteristics and learnings from our history, but the change in size and scope of this new venture will see us over time evolve into a new entity to meet the needs of ministry into the future.

I guess that we begin with the question, “*What are we here for?*” Simply put, we are here to proclaim Christ’s message of salvation to the twelve thousand people resident on the Yorke Peninsula and to the thousands who visit us each year. Each of our thirteen centres becomes not only a point of gathering and nurture, but also a launching point for mission to the world that surrounds us. And for each community that has a centre, there are at least two others that have no Anglican presence.

Now before we start getting into excuses as to why we can’t fulfil our calling, let us think about who it is that is calling us to this task. Sometimes the solution will require us to think outside the box – to do things in new ways and this might include funding.

We need to begin by not looking at our limitations, but looking at our possibilities, especially possibilities of engaging with the wider community. Whereas our centres have traditionally been *independent*, we need to find ways to become *inter-dependent* and helping each other out in mission. To take advantage of being bound together as a district. To use Paul’s illustration: *We are all one body*. I am not anticipating that this will happen overnight, but it is something that will evolve over time. But we begin by all committing ourselves to making it work.

*Andrew*

## Upcoming Events

### Coffee and Craft

Friday July 5. 10am (St Benedict)

### District Men's Breakfast

Saturday July 6. 7:30am (St Benedict)

Guest Speaker: Father David Amery

### Mothers' Union

Wednesday, July 10 2pm (St Benedict)

### Mission Support Team

Friday, July 12 10:30am (Rectory)

Bring & Share Lunch

### Taizé Service

Sunday, July 14 7pm (St Benedict)

### Soup Day

Wednesday, July 24 about Noon

(St Benedict) -\$5

### Edinburgh Ecumenical Service

Thursday, July 25 9:30am

Catholic Church

### Willochra Sunday

Sunday, July 28 10:30am Cathedral

Church, Port Pirie

### Lay Education & Formation Days

Friday, August 9, 10am - 3pm

BYO Lunch

## Launching the District

### Saturday August 24

#### 11am

Muloowurtie Memorial Institute

Coast Road, Pine Point

(Next to Caravan Park)

We believe that as part of a new start, we have something to celebrate. We will be launching our new ministry district officially with a service and a fellowship lunch.

Members from each centre are encouraged to choose something

symbolic of their centre to bring to the service to be blessed. Each centre will be given a candle holder to symbolise our shared ministry.

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## Interim Arrangements

In bringing together two distinctive entities, in order to have a smooth transition, there will need to be some interim arrangements for the administration & management of the district. Rather than begin the process with a series of meetings and elections, the LYC district office holders will continue with the addition of Greg Twelftree from Port Victoria as a second deputy chairperson. Congregations at Ardrossan, Maitland and Port Victoria will appoint persons to represent them on the committee.

Over the next quarter, the financial and business records will be transferred to the name of the new entity.

These arrangements will continue until the next Annual Meeting which will follow the conclusion of the financial year, June 30, 2020, and the audit of those accounts.

All LLM and Clergy Licenses will be renewed, but LLM's and clergy may continue to act on their existing licenses until this is completed.

# Diocesan Info

## Willochra Weekend

### Saturday July 27

**5.00pm Evensong**  
with Anglicare Singers

**6.30pm Dinner** followed by  
a panel conversation on  
“Establishing Missional Communities”

### Sunday July 28

**10.30am Holy Communion**  
— Sung Liturgy  
led by the Anglicare Singers

*A trading table to support the  
Diocesan Bursary Fund for aboriginal  
students will operate.*

*The Sunday offering will support the  
Bishop’s Mandalay Girls’ Orphanage  
Appeal*

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## Changes in Requirements

### Working with Children Check

From 1 July 2019, people working or volunteering with children in South Australia must, by law, have a valid child-related clearance. The new, stronger laws for people working or volunteering with children were recommended as part of federal and South Australian royal commissions and help keep children safe in our community.

All who hold a Bishop’s License or an Office in the district will need to apply. WWCC is free for volunteers.

Contact: [screening.sa.gov.au](http://screening.sa.gov.au) to commence the process.

## Bishop’s Mandalay Girls’ Orphanage Appeal

Our partner Diocese, the Diocese of Mandalay in the Province of Myanmar (Burma), is establishing a girls’ Orphanage at Shwebo.

The girls’ orphanage will be built on land adjacent to the boys orphanage and is estimated to cost \$150,000.



The Anglican Diocese of Willochra is committed to the continuing support for the orphanage project and pray you will join us in raising much needed funds.

**Donations** can be made via Cash, Cheque or Direct Deposit to:

Name: Diocese of Willochra BSB: 105-049 Account: 0324 395 40
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\*\* Please use your Name and Mandalay as your reference \*\*

PO Box 96, Gladstone SA 5473  
Phone: (08) 8662 2249

If you require a receipt, please provide name and address to:  
[accountant@diowillochra.org.au](mailto:accountant@diowillochra.org.au)

Please note that all donations over \$2 are tax deductible

# Shaping our New Ministry

It is traditional for us to think of the church in terms of Sunday worship. We put a large effort into holding services and providing the things necessary for this to happen – Buildings, clergy etc. As a district, we host thirty-one services each month, but this should not be allowed to define us.

Truly being church, needs us to expand our horizons and make an impact for the kingdom not only within the doors of the church, but also in the communities in which we find ourselves and beyond our boundaries across the world. There are two simple questions – “Are we making a difference?” And “What would our absence mean to the community?” Both these presuppose that we are an essential part of the community, so this should shape our thinking and planning.

In his recent pastoral letter, Bishop John wrote:

*At Synod in October, we will need to ask ourselves: “How we want to shape the church for the future, aware that we are doing so in the context of the disruption which is and will occur around us and within the church”. We need to build both resilience and agility; the flexibility to meet the disruption. Maybe central to this is a return to the ‘heart of worship’: Jesus. How are we to be Christ shaped and Shaped by Christ?*

Bishop John is reminding us that our calling to move on from merely reproducing the past, and actively think about the changes necessary to extend our mission into the future. This is not just a job for the clergy or the church leadership, but it is for each and every Christian.

As such, the church is still called to provide the same things for the community, but we are called to do so in new and innovative ways to gain connection with our neighbourhood. So let’s begin with thinking about how we shape these things for our changing world.

Over the coming months, we will talk about how we can do this. Of course this begins with prayer, so let us pray for our new adventure...



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