

Windmills



Notes from the Ministry District Priest, Yorke Peninsula

November 2019

Greetings

For the last week, I have been at Camp Willochra, Melrose with the Bishop and many clergy from the diocese for a clergy conference. Our guest speaker was Sharon Lanfear from *Ugly Duckling Ministries*. Out from the UK. Sharon challenged us to reconsider the traditional models of ministry and talked of ways of bridging gaps to the D-Churched and Un-Churched in our community. She offered us a number of resources, which are conversation starters for use with various members of the community.

Sharon continued the conversations within our diocese about the role of our ministry Units. Rather than beginning with the balance sheet and making the imperative to adding numbers to the church with the desire to strengthen the bottom line, we frame our activity and actions to the words of Paul: *For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. (2 Corinthians 5:14-15)*

Paul asks us to live for Christ and our mission as the *church* is not shaped by survival, but an innate desire to see all people drawn to Christ. God has placed us in this place to care for those in our neighbourhood. Look around at Family, Friends and even strangers. Who can you and I reach for Jesus. As AW Tozer said – *“Modern religion focuses upon filling churches with people. The true gospel emphasizes filling people with God.”*

As we move towards Advent and the start of a new Church year, it is an opportune time for us to think about new approaches to our neighbourhood, It is not enough for us to continue as business as usual. Let us pray for creative ways to fulfil the great commission.

Andrew

Upcoming Events

Coffee and Craft

Friday November 1, 10am (St Benedict)

District Men's Breakfast

Saturday November 2, 7:30am
(St Benedict)

Guest Speaker: Ruth Nowlan
- Immigration Agent.

Year of Matthew

Friday November 8, 10am – 3 pm
St Benedicts

Mothers' Union

Wednesday November 13, 2 pm
Meeting at Coffee shop

Ladies Indulgence

Wednesday, November 13, 6:30pm
St Benedicts – Tickets \$15 (See Tom)

SYP Book Circle

Thursday, November 14, 4:30pm
Flying Angel Centre

Pleasant Sunday Afternoon

Sunday, November 24, 2:30pm
St Neots, Port Vincent – \$5

Soup Day

Wednesday, November 27 about Noon
(St Benedict) -\$5

Learning Circle

Wednesday, November 27, 7pm
Maggie's Place – Port Victoria
Contact. Coralie 0455 839 885

Edithburgh Ecumenical Service

Thursday, November 28 - 9:30am
Anglican Church.

Church Meetings

Thursday, November 7 - 9:30am
Church Council – St Benedict.

Wednesday, November 20 – 4pm
SYP Vestries – Boardroom

Advanced Notice

Ministry District Meeting

Sunday, December 1. 3:30pm
St Benedicts, Minlaton

Blessing of the Keg

Sunday, December 8 10am
Watsacowie Brewery
Lunch to Follow

Christmas Extras

Ardrossan

Sunday December 8, *Time to be confirmed*
Town Square

Yorketown

Sunday December 8, 7pm
St Columba's Memorial School

Port Victoria

Friday, December 13, 7pm
Port Victoria

Maitland

Tuesday, December 17, 7pm
Maitland.

Stansbury

Sunday, December 22, 2:30pm
Stansbury Institute.

Edithburgh

Sunday, December 22, 7pm
Foreshore, Edithburgh

Minlaton

Blue Christmas

Sunday December 15, 4:30pm
St Benedicts

Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday December 22, 7pm
St Benedicts
Mulled Wine and Mince Tarts to follow

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Our Christmas Services are listed on the District website and will be published in the December Windmills

Prayer for our Land.

Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask for your forgiveness and to seek your mercy and guidance for our land, Australia.

We know that your word says “woe to those who call evil good” (Isa.5:20) But that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values. We confess that;

- We have ridiculed the absolute truth of your word and called it pluralism.
- We have worshipped other gods and called it multiculturalism.
- We have endorsed perversion and called it alternative lifestyle.
- We have exploited the poor and call it lottery.
- We are killing our unborn and calling it choice.
- We have beaten and abused right-to-life supporters and call it justifiable.
- We are neglecting our children and calling it building self esteem.
- We have abused power and called it politics.
- We have coveted our neighbours possessions and call it ambition.
- We are polluting the air with profanity and pornography and call it freedom of expression.
- We have stolen from our elderly and called it relative entitlement.
- We have ridiculed the time-honoured values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us, O God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Guide and bless those men and women who have been sent to direct us to the centre of your will and help us to seek and be obedient to all that you ask. We pray in the name of your Son, the living Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A friend passed this on to me – I think it applies to the church as much as to children

Make the Ordinary Come Alive

“Do not ask your children
to strive for extraordinary lives
Such striving may seem admirable,
but it is the way of foolishness.
Help them instead to find the wonder
and the marvel of an ordinary life.
Show them the joy of tasting
tomatoes, apples and pears.
Show them how to cry
when pets and people die.
Show them the infinite pleasure
in the touch of a hand.
And make the ordinary
come alive for them.
The extraordinary
will take care of itself.”

– **William Martin,**
*The Parent's Tao Te Ching:
Ancient Advice for Modern Parents*

Same Sex Marriage

In spite of a number of prominent *News Items* on this issue in recent weeks, especially about the posturing of certain individuals for their own constituency, the Anglican Church has continued with a considered and ordered approach to the situation.

Essentially, as a church, we are looking at the issue as a matter of doctrine and not populous opinion. The Liturgical commission has produced discussion material on the subject, and our Bishops will meet to discuss the way forward. Pray for this process and all involved and above all, be patient

Reverse Advent Calendar

It is more blessed to give than to receive – Acts 20:35

It is proposed that as a district we can take a positive step to help those in need in our area. If each household were to take part, we would have a sizable resource for the work of Anglicare.

Each day collect the item listed below and set them aside

December 1	canned beans
December 2	cooking oil
December 3	boxed cereal
December 4	jar of spices
December 5	canned tomatoes
December 6	rolled oats
December 7	baby food
December 8	peanut butter
December 9	canned peaches
December 10	cake mix
December 11	tomato soup
December 12	ketchup
December 13	applesauce
December 14	crackers
December 15	pudding mix
December 16	rice
December 17	pasta
December 18	pasta sauce
December 19	chicken noodle soup
December 20	can of corn
December 21	can of green beans
December 22	macaroni & cheese
December 23	bottle of juice
December 24	muffin mix

Donate these items to your local church at Christmas



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