

Windmills



Notes from the Ministry District Priest, Yorke Peninsula

February 2022

Greetings

Windmills was launched to share what is happening around our District. With the shut down because of Covid, with the stopping of events there became nothing to share. Although we are not out of the woods, communicating around the congregations is failing so it is time to relaunch Windmills. Of course, all things are subject to change because of Covid and government rule changes.

As we begin again a new Year with all the promises that it holds before us it is important that we do not drop into the rhythm of years past. Speaking with Bruce Cook, he reports an ongoing decline of all centres and with the pressure of increasing costs, the viability of all our centres are under threat. We cannot just keep on doing what we have done in the past with the *hope* that things will get better. We need to become **deliberate** about what we are doing and courageous in finding our way forward. Another Ministry Unit in the diocese said they are not interested in planning for the next five years as they will **all be dead or incapacitated**. But what we have was passed to us by our forebears and so it is our responsibility to pass this on to those who come after (Not only property, but the faith itself).

There is the temptation to suggest that this my responsibility as district priest, but the district model hands this to each centre. My role is about overview/oversight, guiding us forward and equipping individuals and teams. In this capacity, I have been trying to frame our planning. It has been my concern in the time here about the amount of friction that exists in the camp. I am not about to point fingers, but rather we should take a long hard look at ourselves (each and every one of us). Identify unresolved problems where forgiveness and grace is lacking. In some cases you might be justified, but continuing to hang onto wrong attitudes to others is not. This prevents us all from becoming the community of faith that will change the world. It is up to you as an individual.

Andrew

District Diary

Sunday, 30 January 2022

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

9:30a Eucharist (Min)

9:30a Eucharist (Yor)

Monday, 31 January 2022

Tuesday, 1 February 2022

Wednesday, 2 February 2022

9a Morning Office (Min)

10:30a Midweek Eucharist (Min)

10:30a Eucharist – The Village

Thursday, 3 February 2022

9:45a Eucharist – South Park

11a Prayer and Praise – Melaleuca

7:30p St Benedict's Council (Min)

Friday, 4 February 2022

10:30a Prayer & Praise – Dinham W

10:30a Coffee and Craft (Min)

Saturday, 5 February 2022

~~7:30a Men's Breakfast~~

Sunday, 6 February 2022

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

9a Eucharist (Edi)

9:30a RejoYce (Min)

11a Eucharist (Mai)

11:15a Eucharist (Sta)

3p District Council

Followed by a shared meal

Monday, 7 February 2022

Tuesday, 8 February 2022

Wednesday, 9 February 2022

9a Morning Office (Min)

10:30a Midweek Eucharist (Min)

2p Mothers Union (Min)

4pm SYP Vestry Meeting (Yor)

Thursday, 10 February 2022

2pm Landlubbers at Seafarers (Edi)

4:30p SYP Book Group (Edi)

Friday, 11 February 2022

Saturday, 12 February 2022

Sunday, 13 February 2022

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

9a Morning Prayer (Edi)

9:30a Eucharist (Min)

9:30a Eucharist (Cur)

9:30a Morning Prayer (Yor)

11a Eucharist (PVa)

11a Eucharist (PVt)

11:15a Morning Prayer (War)

Monday, 14 February 2022

Noon Op Shop lunch: Edithburgh H

Tuesday, 15 February 2022

Wednesday, 16 February 2022

9a Morning Office (Min)

10:30a Midweek Eucharist (Min)

7:30p Minlaton Book Group (Min)

Thursday, 17 February 2022

Noon ICC (SYP)

7:30p ICA (Min)

Friday, 18 February 2022

Saturday, 19 February 2022

Sunday, 20 February 2022

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

9a Eucharist (MtR)

9:30a Morning Prayer (Min)

9:30a Eucharist (Yor)

11a Eucharist (Ard)

11:15a Eucharist (Sta)

2p Eucharist (CPT)

4:30p Eucharist (War)

7p Taizé (Min) (Catholic)

Monday, 21 February 2022

9:30a DC Eucharist (Gladstone)

10:15a Diocesan Council

Tuesday, 22 February 2022

7pm SIA (Sta)

Wednesday, 23 February 2022

9a Morning Office (Min)

10:30a Midweek Eucharist (Min)

Noon Soup Luncheon (Min)

Thursday, 24 February 2022
10:30a Ecumenical (Edi) (Catholic)

Friday, 25 February 2022
10:30a Mission Support Team

Saturday, 26 February 2022

Sunday, 27 February 2022
Last Sunday after the Epiphany

9a Morning Prayer (Edi)
9:30a Eucharist** (Min)
9:30a Morning Prayer (Cur)
9:30a Morning Prayer (Yor)
11a Morning Prayer (PVa)
11a Eucharist (PVt)
2:30p Point Pearce Service (PP)

Monday, 28 February 2022
7:30p Mission to Seafarers (Edi)

Tuesday, 1 March 2022
6p Pancake Tea (Min)
6p Pancake Tea (Yor)

Wednesday, 2 March 2022
Ash Wednesday
9a Morning Office (Min)
10:30a Ash Wednesday Eucharist (Min)
10:30a Eucharist – The Village
11:30a Lenten Discussion Group (Min)
5p Ash Wednesday Eucharist (Yor)
7:30p Lenten Discussion Group (Min)

Thursday, 3 March 2022
9:45a Eucharist – South Park
11a Prayer and Praise – Melaleuca
7:30p St Benedict's Council (Min)

Friday, 4 March 2022
10:30a Prayer & Praise – Dinham W
10:30a Coffee and Craft (Min)

Saturday, 5 March 2022
7:30a Men's Breakfast

Sunday, 6 March 2022
First Sunday in Lent
9a Eucharist (Edi)
9:30a RejoYce (Min)
11a Eucharist (Mai)
11:15a Eucharist (Sta)

Ministry District Meetings
Sunday at 3pm – Minlaton
February 6, May 1, August 7, November 6
Advanced Notice

Ash Wednesday Services
Wednesday, March 2.

10:30a St Benedict's, Minlaton
5pm St George's, Yorketown

Mission Support Team
Clergy and LLM's.

- *Friday, February 25*
- *Friday, March 18*

Tuesday, April 5 Blessing of Oils (Pt Pirie)

- *Wednesday, May 4 (Evening)*
- *Friday, June 10*
- *Friday, August 12*
- *Friday, September 9*
- *Friday, October 14*
- *Friday, November 11*

*Meetings are at the Rectory: 10:30am and ending with a Bring and Share Lunch. **Some of these will be replaced by the Diocesan teaching program when available.***

Taizé Services
Sunday at 7pm – Minlaton
February 20 - Catholic Church
May 15 – Lutheran Church,
August 21- Anglican Church
November 20 – Uniting Church

Ecumenical Services
Thursday at 10am – Edithburgh
Catholic: Feb 24, May 26, Aug 25 & Nov 24
Uniting: Mar 24, Jun 25 & Sep 22
Anglican: Apr 28, Jul 28 & Oct 27

Planned Children's Programme

Supa Sports
April 27 – 29
Minlaton District High

Looking beyond the Horizon

The Bishop Writes...

I wrote about needing to lift our eyes above the horizon in my Christmas message. Both 2020 and 2021 drew our attention to the immediate situation of responding to COVID19. While 2022 will most likely continue to bring changes due to the pandemic, we cannot allow it to be the primary focus.

If we are to gain insight and have foresight, we must lift our heads up and see beyond the horizon. The Merriam Webster online dictionary defines the essential meaning of insight as

- 1:** the ability to understand people and situations in a very clear way
- 2:** an understanding of the true nature of something

Foresight is defined as

- 1:** an act or the power of foreseeing: PRESCIENCE
- 2:** provident care: PRUDENCE
- 3:** an act of looking forward *also:* a view forward

The prophet Joel speaks of a time when all will receive the spirit; that time is now. He speaks of sons and daughters, old men and young men, and even male and female slaves receiving the gift of the spirit. Gaining insight, foresight, dreaming dreams, prophesying, and having visions is a consistent theme as God works among the people. God's word is often transmitted through dreams, prophecy and visions.

As we start 2022, let us lift our eyes above the immediate and see beyond the horizon. Let us pray for insight to deeply understand what is, foresight (along with spiritual discernment) to know what God will do and the willingness to align ourselves with God's purpose.

May God's kingdom be made real in our church communities. May we actively reach out and connect with the wider community that they may know the blessing of being part of God's kingdom on earth.

Shalom,

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