

Windmills



Notes from the Ministry District Priest, Yorke Peninsula

April 2022

Greetings

In a few more days Christians around the world will celebrate the victory of life over death. We will repeat the angels' words from that first Easter: He is risen!

Yet the days preceding Easter glory were anything but glorious. Jesus knew his time was short. He was preparing to lay down his life for his friends. Jesus spent his last hours of freedom before arrest and torture in prayer.

For those of us who arrive at Good Friday battered by pain, loss and disappointment, Jesus reveals where our victory begins. The seeds of surrender and victory are sown in humble, powerful prayers. Sheila Cassidy wrote a book describing her experiences in Chile in the time of Pinochet, called *Good Friday People - a motley group of saints and sinners mysteriously called to share the suffering of Christ*. This book is a valuable reminder of the place of Suffering in the life of a Christian. But it is not the full picture.

I prefer to use the expression *Resurrection People* to describe God's people. Our existence is the outworking of the resurrection event. As heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, we have certain privileges. We have His presence, His promises, and His power. Yet are we living in this reality?

Our impact upon the world is not from what we say in the creeds that we recite week by week. No. Living out the consequences of this truth in our lives is the only way we might influence our communities, our family and friends. Not talking about the resurrection but being the presence of the risen Lord in the world.

It is easy to make excuses when the church is ineffective or look for someone else to blame, but **one** life well lived will change the world. As we prepare to celebrate, let us also ask the question what is God calling us to do and what are we called to be? *Christ is Risen... He is risen indeed!!!*

Andrew

District Diary

Friday, 1 April 2022

10:30a Prayer & Praise – Dinham W
10:30a Coffee and Craft (Min)

Saturday, 2 April 2022

7:30a Men's Breakfast

Sunday, 3 April 2022

Fifth Sunday in Lent

9a Eucharist (Edi)
9:30a Rejoyce (Min)
11a Eucharist (Mai)
11:15a Eucharist (Sta)

Monday, 4 April 2022

Tuesday, 5 April 2022

10am Blessing of Oils (Whyalla)
7:30p SUPA Club Meeting (Min)

Wednesday, 6 April 2022

9a Morning Office (Min)
10:30a Midweek Eucharist (Min)
10:30a Eucharist – The Village
11:30a Lenten Discussion Group (Min)
7:30p Lenten Discussion Group (Min)

Thursday, 7 April 2022

9:45a Eucharist – South Park
10am Blessing of Oils (Pirie)
11a Prayer and Praise – Melaleuca
7:30p St Benedict's Council (Min)

Friday, 8 April 2022

Saturday, 9 April 2022

Sunday, 10 April 2022

Sixth Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday)

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)
4:30p Eucharist (Mai)

Monday, 11 April 2022

Monday in Holy Week

10:30a Midweek Eucharist (Min)

Tuesday, 12 April 2022

Tuesday in Holy Week

10:30a Midweek Eucharist (Min)

Wednesday, 13 April 2022

Wednesday in Holy Week

9a Morning Office (Min)
10:30a Midweek Eucharist (Min)
11:30a Lenten Discussion Group (Min)
2p Mothers Union (Min)
4pm SYP Vestry Meeting (Yor)
7:30p Lenten Discussion Group (Min)

Thursday, 14 April 2022

Maundy Thursday

11am Eucharist & Footwashing (Mai)
2pm Landlubbers at Seafarers (Edi)
6p Agape Meal (Min)
7pm Eucharist & Footwashing (War)

Friday, 15 April 2022

Good Friday

9:30a Meditations (Min)
9:30a GF Liturgy (Yor)
9:30a GF Liturgy (Cur)
11a GF Liturgy (PVa)
11a GF Liturgy (Ard)
2p Stations (Edi)

Saturday, 16 April 2022

Easter Eve

Sunday, 17 April 2022

Easter Sunday

6:30a Eucharist (PVt)
9a Eucharist (MtR)
9:30a Eucharist (Min)
9:30a Eucharist (Yor)
11a Eucharist (Ard)
11a Eucharist (PVa)
11:15a Eucharist (Sta)
2p Eucharist (CPT)

Monday, 18 April 2022

9:30a DC Eucharist (Gladstone)
10:15a Diocesan Council

Tuesday, 19 April 2022

Wednesday, 20 April 2022

- 9a Morning Office (Min)
 10:30a Midweek Eucharist (Min)
 7:30p Minlaton Book Group (Min)

Thursday, 21 April 2022**Friday, 22 April 2022****Saturday, 23 April 2022****Sunday, 24 April 2022****Second Sunday of Easter**

- 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, 25 April 2022 (Anzac)
 7:30p Mission to Seafarers (Edi)

Tuesday, 26 April 2022**Wednesday, 27 April 2022**

- 9a Morning Office (Min)
 10:30a Midweek Eucharist (Min)
 Noon Soup Luncheon (Min)

Thursday, 28 April 2022

- 10:30a Ecumenical (Edi) (Anglican)

Friday, 29 April 2022**Saturday, 30 April 2022****Sunday, 1 May 2022****Third Sunday of Easter**

- 9a Eucharist (Edi)
 9:30a Rejoyce (Min)
 11a Eucharist (Mai)
 11:15a Eucharist (Sta)
 3p District Council
Followed by a shared meal

Monday, 2 May 2022**Tuesday, 3 May 2022****Wednesday, 4 May 2022**

- 9a Morning Office (Min)
 10:30a Midweek Eucharist (Min)
 10:30a Eucharist – The Village

Thursday, 5 May 2022

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

Friday, 6 May 2022

- 10:30a Prayer & Praise – Dinham W
 10:30a Coffee and Craft (Min)

Saturday, 7 May 2022

- 7:30a Men's Breakfast

Sunday, 8 May 2022**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

- 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)
 4:30p Eucharist (Mai)

Ministry District Meetings

Sunday at 3pm – Minlaton
May 1, August 7, November 6

Ecumenical Services

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

Prayer at a Time of Choosing a Bishop

Eternal God, shepherd and guide,

In your mercy give your Church in the Diocese of Willochra a shepherd after your own heart who will walk in your ways, and with loving care watch over your people.

Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth. So may your Church be built up and your name glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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To be a prophet?

Biblical Prophecy focuses on making spiritual sense of what is happening now and what the consequences of our actions or inactions in the present may be in the near future. It does not deal with predictions of the winning horse or next week's lotto numbers!

The Biblical prophets were called by God to communicate God's message to God's people – whether for good or bad but always consequentially in responses to the actions of those people for good or for bad. The prophet's message might be optimistic – encouraging the people in their spiritual devotion and actions or it may be pessimistic – pointing to the risk that God's people faced due to their disobedience, their failure to act as God's chosen people. The prophet may experience times of triumph – Elijah's triumph over the priests of Baal and Asherah on Mount Carmel or they may experience times of persecution and suffering – Jeremiah being held captive in an empty water cistern. They may be listened to or they may be ignored.

There are times, brothers, and sisters, when our vocation in ordained or licensed ministry will require us to be a pastor/prophet. Communicating to the people we serve God's message. A message that may be about how our actions may backfire on us, or how our inaction may lead us to failure. A failure to act, where Jesus would have acted, can have consequences as serious as when we act poorly.

There are times when our rational brain may tell us not to act; the risk is too great, and yet to not act can condemn us to a slow death. There are times when the seat of our Soul, where the Holy Spirit indwells in us, calls us to action, which involves risk but will grow the kingdom on earth. The prophet priest/deacon/lay minister may be called by God to speak into both of these situations – to warn of the consequences of action and equally to warn of inaction.

It seems that it is the latter that presents our most significant risk. The Church, which follows the Christ, is a Church of action, not inaction. The Son of God was a human being who risked action but did not risk inaction. It is the example of the Christ which we are called to follow; it is the Spirit indwelt Soul of our being which calls us to act for God in the world in some way; to serve our communities.

Those who are ordained are called to be a prophet priest or a prophet deacon. The role will, at times, take you into uncomfortable places. However, it is unlikely to be as uncomfortable as the place that the Christ journeyed toward.

Be kind, be generous, love the people you serve – but when the voice of God tells you to challenge those people – be brave!

+ *John*



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