

Windmills



Notes from the Ministry District Priest, Yorke Peninsula

July 2022

Greetings

With Bishop John's retirement, I am reminded that I have retirement in my future as well. My plan is to work about another four years, but there are factors out of my hands in the process. There always will be things we cannot control, but it is important that we don't allow this to paralyse us, especially in terms of planning for our personal future. We may not achieve exactly what we plan, but having a plan moves us forward.

In as much as we need a plan for our lives, it is equally important that we apply this principle to our ministry units. All too often our focus is on the problems.... We are an aging group, we can't do what we used to... our numbers are dwindling..., We have no more... As Archdeacon, I can tell you that the Yorke Peninsula is not alone. Discussions with every unit in the archdeaconry brings forth the same issues. But few are putting in the effort to think positively about the future. Few have any plan or vision. Can we clearly identify where it is we want to be in one year? in three? Or in five? A wise person once said, "**if you fail to plan, you plan to fail!**"

We have invited Archdeacon David McDougall (Mission and Youth Engagement) to come and visit our Ministry District to set this in progress. This Ministry District Consultation is scheduled to occur **Friday, August 5** at **Minlaton** from **10am** to **2pm**. A soup lunch will be provided. We need a plan for the whole district to move forward, but this will need to be developed with planning for each individual centre and bringing these together. We can only be successful if each centre or cluster is represented, and it really is a case of the more the merrier. *Please plan to be there and take part.* Sometimes your small idea can be the inspiration for another idea. Needless to say this is important for the future of us all.

Andrew

District Diary

Friday, 1 July 2022

10:30a Prayer & Praise – Dinham W
1:30p Coffee and Craft (Min)

Saturday, 2 July 2022

11a Laying up of Pastoral Staff (Pirie)

Sunday, 3 July 2022

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30a Eucharist (Yor)

9:30a Rejoyce (Min)

11a Eucharist (Mai)

11:15a Eucharist (Sta)

Monday, 4 July 2022

Tuesday, 5 July 2022

Wednesday, 6 July 2022

9a Morning Office (Min)

10:30a Midweek Eucharist (Min)

10:30a Eucharist – The Village

Thursday, 7 July 2022

9:45a Eucharist – South Park

11a Prayer and Praise – Melaleuca

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

Friday, 8 July 2022

10:30a Mission Support Team

Saturday, 9 July 2022

Sunday, 10 July 2022

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30a Dist Sea Sunday Service (Edi)

Followed by a Pooled Lunch

4:30p PP Service (Mai)

Monday, 11 July 2022

Tuesday, 12 July 2022

Wednesday, 13 July 2022

9a Morning Office (Min)

10:30a Midweek Eucharist (Min)

2p Mothers Union (Min)

4pm SYP Vestry Meeting (Yor)

Thursday, 14 July 2022

2pm Landlubbers at Seafarers (Edi)

4:30p SYP Book Group (Edi)

Friday, 15 July 2022

Saturday, 16 July 2022

9am Street Sausage Sizzle (Sta)

Sunday, 17 July 2022

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

9a Eucharist (MtR)

9:30a Morning Prayer (Min)

9:30a Eucharist (Yor)

11a Eucharist (Ard)

4:30p Eucharist (War)

Monday, 18 July 2022

Tuesday, 19 July 2022

Wednesday, 20 July 2022

9a Morning Office (Min)

10:30a Midweek Eucharist (Min)

7:30p Minlaton Book Group (Min)

Thursday, 21 July 2022

Friday, 22 July 2022

Saturday, 23 July 2022

Sunday, 24 July 2022

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

9a Morning Prayer (Edi)

9:30a Eucharist** (Min)

9:30a Morning Prayer (Yor)

11a Morning Prayer (PVa)

11a Eucharist (PVt)

Monday, 25 July 2022

7:30p Mission to Seafarers (Edi)

Tuesday, 26 July 2022

Wednesday, 27 July 2022

9a Morning Office (Min)

10:30a Midweek Eucharist (Min)

Noon Soup Luncheon (Min)

Thursday, 28 July 2022

10:30a Ecumenical (Edi) (Anglican)

Friday, 29 July 2022

Saturday, 30 July 2022

Sunday, 31 July 2022

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

- 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)
2:30p Point Pearce Service (PP)

Monday, 1 August 2022

Tuesday, 2 August 2022

Wednesday, 3 August 2022

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

Thursday, 4 August 2022

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

Friday, 5 August 2022

10a District Review (Min)
Venerable Dave McDougall

- 10:30a Prayer & Praise – Dinham W
2p Coffee and Craft (Min)

Saturday, 6 August 2022

- 7:30a Men's Breakfast

Sunday, 7 August 2022

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Ministry District Meetings

Sunday at 3pm – Minlaton
August 7, November 6

Ministry District Consultation

Friday August 5 – Minlaton
10am to 2pm
With Venerable David McDougall

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.**

APBA

Please pray for the Nominators who include Andrew Lang, Cheryl Bates and Robert Cook Members of our district.

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,

that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. **Amen**

Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

Ministry District Service

Sunday July 10 at 10:30am
Flying Angel Centre - Edithburgh

Final message from Our Bishop...

The Old Testament Reading on Sunday, June 26 is from the Second Book of Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; the succession from Elijah to Elisha. It concludes the Elijah cycle, which commences in the First Book of Kings.

In some respects, it speaks of uncertainty – Elisha is not confident that he will inherit a double share of the Spirit that Elijah had until he picks up the mantle and strikes the Jordan and the waters part so that he can pass over on dry land. It speaks of discernment of God's will coming about by steadfastly sticking with the events as they unfold, not passively but actively – by insisting "I will not leave you". We will see... see what emerges. Whether events will turn out as we think God intends them to be, and they do for Elijah.

Jan and I have given ten years to the Diocese of Willochra. The Diocese of Willochra has given us so much over these ten years. We are so grateful to you all for the gift you have provided to us of calling us to minister here among you.

There have been many occasions when the discernment of the right course involved stepping out in faith, not knowing exactly what would emerge. Being flexible as what was predicted didn't turn out to be what occurred – no one can predict with certainty what another human being will do; in fact, the reality is that the unexpected will happen. Discernment requires a willingness for the route to the end goal – God's purpose fulfilled – to change. Discernment requires action and trust that God's hesed, God's steadfast covenantal love, will sustain us until the goal is reached and indeed will sustain us through to eternity.

Jan and I have been blessed by keeping company with you for the last ten years. We will be leaving the Diocese with mixed emotions – sadness at leaving you and excitement at returning to be with family on a daily basis after some eighteen years away from them.

We have now discerned that God is calling us to new things, to what will be. As my Spiritual Director said, "God is now calling you to the vocation of being a husband, father and grandfather".

We will be praying for you

Grace & Peace,

+ *John*



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