

# Yorke Peninsula Ministry District Meeting

To be held at St Benedict's, Minlaton  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023.



Agenda, Minutes & Reports

**Agenda - Ministry District Committee of Yorke Peninsula**  
**Sunday, May 7, 2023, at 1:30 pm at St Benedict's, Minlaton.**

1. Welcome and Opening with Prayer
2. Acknowledgement of Country
3. Apologies: Greg Twelftree, Reverend David Amery
4. Confirm Minutes – February 5, 2023
5. Reports:
  - 5.1. District Priest's report
  - 5.2. Acting Treasurer's report
  - 5.3. Property reports
    - 5.3.1. Yorketown rectory
    - 5.3.2. Minlaton rectory
    - 5.3.3. Maitland rectory
  - 5.4. Reports from the churches and Mission to Seafarers
  - 5.5. Grant Application team report
6. Correspondence
7. General Business –
  - 7.1. "The Connection"
  - 7.2. Funding options for struggling congregations
  - 7.3. Planning for 2023 – District Services
    - July 31 – Willochra Sunday Where?
    - August 27 – Ministry District AGM - Minlaton
    - October 1 – Spring Festival - Stansbury
    - December 31 – Point Turton?
8. Other Business –
  - 8.1 Working with Children certification.
  - 8.2 Next Meeting – Sunday, 30 August 2023, 1.30 pm at St Benedict's, Minlaton  
All reports are to be sent to Louise before Sunday, 30 July please - [deacon@alcross.com](mailto:deacon@alcross.com)
9. Close - Grace.

**Minutes of Ministry District of Yorke Peninsula Committee Meeting  
held on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 3.08pm in St. Benedict's Meeting Room.**

1. Welcome by Chairperson Cheryl Bates and opening with Prayer by Ven. Andrew Lang.
  2. Acknowledgement of Country by Cheryl Bates.
  3. Present – Cheryl Bates, Tom Martin, Revd. Louise Lang, Ven. Andrew Lang, Jan Henery, Pat Sincock, Bevan and Di Reade, Muriel Brokate, Bruce Cook, Jill Huntley, Jane Butler, Pam Biggs, June Harrison, Cheryl Carmichael, Paul Tucker, Jenny Close.
  4. Apologies – Greg Twelftree, Revd. David Amery, Barbara Freidenfelds, Christine Heinrich.
  5. Confirm Minutes – November 6th, 2022, minutes as printed be accepted, carried.
    - 5.1 Business from Minutes – Motion regarding “Sale of Buildings” – the proposal was not regarded as practical.
  6. Reports: -
    - 6.1 District Priest's report as sent by email, printed, accepted.
    - 6.2 Acting Treasurer's report Bruce Cook – as attached, total offerings including last week's at Ministry District Service \$1391, round up to \$1400, to be deducted in equal share from money owing by St. John, St. Augustine, St. Christopher, and St. Alban Churches, moved Pat Sincock / Jan Henery, carried.
    - 6.3 Property reports.
      - 6.3.1 Yorketown rectory – repairs still ongoing, no trades persons available.
      - 6.3.2 Minlaton rectory – nil.
      - 6.3.3 Maitland rectory – still ongoing, an approach be made to Jeff Rawlings
      - 6.3.4 Reports from the churches and Mission to Seafarers attached.
  7. Grant Application team report – nil.
  8. Correspondence – letter from Jan Henery, St. Christopher's Church, re reduction on quota, apart from above distribution, any reduction in quota will have to be met by other members of the Ministry District. Discussion followed on how the quotas are based on attendance. No further action.
  9. General Business –
    - 10.1 “The Connection” – not issued due to lack of content, need to remind people copy is due and to follow up.
    - 10.2 Funding options for struggling congregations – Cheryl Bates circulated sheets of paper headed “PEOPLE” and ‘FUNDING” for members to place comments.

People – invite friends, Pastoral Visiting to include parishioners, lapsed members, reality of aging congregations, have major fundraisers that every church contributes to or attends.

Fundraising – BBQ at Seafarers' Centre, quiz night, develop an online Op Shop for significant items eg. furniture, household items etc., 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday offerings to help struggling churches, we need a priest otherwise just have LLMs or home church., have a meal as a fundraiser, curry night, African night, Italian night etc., be recompensed for power and water bills for a year.

Other ideas – Mt. Rat Church members put up a banner advertising next service resulting a young mother and family attending. Use Op Shops to boost funds, need staffing. Use Centre Link People. Use of spare properties, vacant blocks but needs large funds. Use church buildings for functions eg catering, use the empty church buildings for music events, making use of excellent acoustics.
- Ven. Andrew Lang explained the position of The Ministry District, can this model be changed?

Need to set up a meeting with Port Vincent members and other volunteers. Invite members of other churches to Pancake Tea.

### 10.3 Planning for 2023 District Services.

March 26<sup>th</sup> – Welcome Bishop Jeremy James at Minlaton, a pooled tea on the previous night.

April 30<sup>th</sup> - Blessing of the plough at Robert Cook's Farm, BYO bbq meal.

July 31<sup>st</sup> – Willochra Sunday, St. Neot's, Port Vincent.

August 27<sup>th</sup> – Ministry District AGM at Minlaton.

October 1<sup>st</sup> – Spring Festival, Stansbury 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, invite Bishop.

December 31<sup>st</sup> – Point Turton.

### 11. Other Business.

11.1. Working with Children certification – this needs to be done.

11.2 Revd. Louise Lang advised of a Quiet Day to be held later in the year on a Saturday, morning, lunch, and afternoon.

Next Meeting – Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023, 1.30 pm at St Benedict's, Minlaton.

Close at 5.18 pm with The Grace.

## **District Priest**

Over the last nine months, I have been engaged in thinking about our district's future and as part of thinking about the future of the Diocese. It is important to note that compared to most, the district is quite well off, but this does not negate the treasurer's warnings about our own financial position. Perhaps the strongest part of our District is the SYP, whose four centres work together as a cluster. It is not without its issues, but the general sense of this cooperation is mutual support and responsibility sharing in fundraising and mission.

It has got me thinking that this might help the weaker centres to be paired with others to strengthen our management and our resources. I need to open up the discussion about restructuring our district into four units. I want to propose this arrangement of centres:

- A. Ardrossan -Maitland – Port Victoria – (Point Pearce)
- B. Mt Rat, Curramulka, Port Vincent, Stansbury
- C. Minlaton
- D. Corny Point, Warooka, Yorketown, Edithburgh (ie SYP)

We would use the model of SYP as our starting point but could need to modify it to make it work.

As a district committee, we need to move away from receiving of reports and start to actively plan for both mission and ministry and work to find our much-needed funds.

I throw this up as an idea for positive discussion in our meeting.

Andrew  
District Priest

## **Corny Point**

The recent service on Easter Day was a great celebration with 13 people attending. A good but busy day which included the Easter Market.

## **St Christopher, Curramulka**

Nothing much has changed here in Curramulka, we had to cancel the last service because of lack of people, myself included!

I must thank Bevan for very kindly cleaning the gutters on the building, they were full of bird rubbish. I still go once a month to Pt. Vincent to help with Pam's Op. shop.

Muriel Brokate

## **St Mary, Edithburgh**

- Paul cooked pancakes for the Pancake Tea held in February
- Lenten studies were held in the Edithburgh Uniting Church
- Paul and Barbara attended the installation of Bp Jeremy James in Pt Pirie
- We are delighted that Barbara has now returned
- Paul has continued to mow the lawn and maintain the grounds. He also fixed a roof leak in the toilet.
- I have completed the 'Safe Ministry' training online
- Several times seafarers have used the church for their own quiet time and private prayer. Two Indonesian seafarers attended the Good Friday service.
- In March we hosted the Ecumenical service
- We thank Fr Andrew, Fr Ted, Fr David and Mother Sorel for providing us with Eucharist.
- I've attended ICC and SYP vestry meetings
- We continue to share with St George congregation every 3rd Sunday and enjoy their fellowship at St Mary's on each 1st Sunday
- Morning Prayer is held every 2nd and 4th Sunday
- All our congregation attended the Ministry District service in Minlaton on Sunday April 30th

## **St Benedict, Minlaton**

*Attendance* – Services continue to be well attended either for communion or morning prayer with average about 30, however numbers are slowly declining due to death and relocation of members.

*Sound System* – an instruction card has been prepared with directions on how to operate the sound system, changing microphone batteries and recharging. Also training for several people eg. sides persons, and readers taught how to use the microphone correctly.

*Finance* – continues to be a concern, two donations of grain have been received, reserve funds may have to be used at a later date.

*Fundraising* – a successful Pancake Night was held with approx.. 30 people attending. More fund raising needs to be organised.

*Bargains and Bits* – continue to trade well and support St. Benedict's Church and missions.

*Mothers' Union* – held a World Day of Prayer in St. Benedict's Church.

*Additional Lighting* –Solar Powered lights to be installed on church building to light up church yard at services, meetings and functions held at night, this is to help prevent injuries to attendees.

*Need more LLMs* – current LLMs are getting older, and one is leaving the town.

*Dish Washer* - water not draining well, to be investigated.

*Lent Studies* – held on Wednesday mornings and evenings.

*Bishop Visit* – Bishop Jeremy James was welcomed at a pooled tea in the church meeting room. He conducted the church service the following day, followed by attending lunch with members of the congregation at Watsacowie, and was well received by all present.

*Farewell to Jill Huntley* – it is with sadness that we farewell Jill Huntley who has moved to Adelaide and will be missed very much. Over many years Jill has filled many roles in the congregation of St. Benedict's, including LLM, Church Council Secretary, Fund Raising Committee, Synod Rep. and a prominent member of the congregation. We wish Jill well for the future.

Tom Martin  
Rep. for St. Benedict's Church.

### **St Raphael, Mt Rat**

Our services monthly have been attended by regulars from Curramulka, Pt Victoria & Minlaton. We really enjoy the services with Rev David & our Easter Day service was attended by friends from Minlaton, Curramulka & a local who usually attends the Lutheran church. Fellowship always follows at our home after the service.

The grounds are kept tidy by Bevan, & a local man mows the grass along the fence line, which is extremely kind.

Di Reade  
Secretary/Treasurer.

### **St Alban, Port Victoria**

*No report due to health issues*

### **St Augustine, Stansbury**

Meetings attended:

- Ministry District.
- MTS followed by dinner @ Edithburgh Hotel
- MTS Special meeting with Sue Dight from Melbourne followed by dinner @ Troubridge Hotel
- SIA AGM meeting (all in February).
- Introduction to crew from visiting ship, touring locally with June, finishing up at Flying Angel Centre for recreation and take-a-way meal.
- Thanks to Ven. Andrew & Louise Lang, Rev David Amery and Mother Sorel for our services during this time. Easter drew 15 into our Church, two visiting from Adelaide.
- Attended Pancake Tea in Yorketown in March, along with regulars from Stansbury Caravan Park.
- Attended special service in Minlaton (with Dell) to welcome Bishop Jeremy James followed by lunch @ Watsacowie.
- At Easter service a honeyeater flew into our porch area and didn't want to leave! After much coaxing with broom/netting, Lee and I managed to rescue the little worn-out bird and clean up the fallen paintwork.

**On-Going:**

- Op Shop help @ St. Neots.
- Alternating services with Uniting Church.
- SIA committee meetings.
- Advertising Church services in Country Times.

Jan Henery

## **St Neot, Port Vincent**

The Easter dawn Service attracted 27 to attend. Once more it was a dawning of a new day and a new beginning to our church year. We did well on the whole Easter weekend in Trash & Treasure and on the Saturday and Tuesday, with many visitors to the town.

Welcome to Mother Sorel to the Ministry District.

Bob and I attended the church service welcoming Bishop Jeremy at St. Benedict's.

The Community Garden has been thriving. We had good crop of tomatoes and chilli. The winter vegetables of cabbage, silver beet just to name two.

Again, all quiet on the front, wishing all Mums, Grandma's and Nanna's a Happy Mother's Day on May 14th.

Pam Biggs.

## **St George, Yorketown**

- Services taken by Andrew, Ted and Sorel H.C.; and Cheryl M.P. Including Ash Wednesday taken by Andrew 8 attended; 20 Easter Day taken by Reverend Ted.
- 4 of our Parishioners attended the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday at St Alban's, Port Victoria and then enjoyed a meal at the hotel afterwards.
- Pat and Cheryl attended the Ministry District Meeting at St Benedict's on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February.
- As yet we have been unable to receive a 2<sup>nd</sup> quote for painting of the op-shop woodwork.
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February an Op-Shop Volunteers luncheon was held at the Warooka Hotel. 14 attended and enjoyed a good meal and discussion on the Op-shop.
- Shrove Tuesday we held our usual Pancake Tea in the Progress Hall. A great evening both socially and financially.
- 25<sup>th</sup> February Cheryl and Barbara Murphy travelled to Port Pirie for the installation of our new Bishop, Jeremy James.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> March a number of our Parishioners attended the World Day of Prayer service at St Columba's. We have also agreed to host next years' service in March 2024.
- On 1<sup>st</sup> March, unfortunately we had a power failure in both the church and the Op-Shop. Power has been replaced but we are now approaching Richie Tape to replace the meter board in the church to include RCDs instead of the porcelain fuse holders.
- The SYP Vestry agreed to purchase a "Open" sign for the St Neot's church Op-Shop. This has been collected and should be installed shortly.
- 25<sup>th</sup> March, Cheryl, Barb Murphy and Pat attended a welcome meal for our new Bishop at St Benedict's.
- 26<sup>th</sup> March Cheryl, Barb Murphy, Sue Lakin and Pat attended a welcoming service taken by Bishop Jeremy at St Benedict's, Minlaton and then lunch at Watsacowie.
- Sue Lakin attended the Agape dinner on Maundy Thursday at St Benedict's and said it was exceptional.
- Pat attended the Anzac Day Dawn Service at Yorketown with Louise Lang taking part as the chaplain. Service was very well attended.
- Our Op-Shop is starting a ½ Price Sale from Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April. Sales have been very good but we need to quit some stock before changing over to winter stock.

Pat Sincock & Cheryl Bates.

## Mission to Seafarers' – Port Giles

- 14 ships have arrived so far this year and nearly 500,000 tons of grain has already been loaded onto ships to take to many places to help feed hungry people.
- Seafarers are now able to come ashore. for some it is the first time ashore since 2019 when the pandemic began.... you can imagine their delight.
- Ray Agnew has continued to supply ANZAC biscuits to the ships.
- Two Indonesian men went to the Good Friday Service at St Mary's
- The St Mary's church is often used by seafarers for quiet prayer.
- Easter eggs were given to the crews in port at Easter time.
- Thank you to people who have provided fresh peaches, apples, tomatoes, and watermelon for the seafarers. Please remember the MtS if you have excess of fruit or vegetables. They are always very gratefully accepted on the ships.
- In February the new Regional Director of Australia and PNG, Sue Dight visited to share time with the committee and volunteers from the mission. She informed us of the work of the MtS Australia wide and the work of the National Council. She then presented a certificate in honour of Geoff and June's commitment to seafarers. June accepted it on behalf of her late husband. It was signed by the President of the MtS, HRH Princess Anne.
- We are very happy to welcome Paul Tucker to our Mission. He is proving to be a great asset to our team. We are very happy too to have Barbara Freidenfelds back home. We send Heidi and Mark Johnston and their family our prayers and love and hope to see them back again soon.



June Harrison  
Chaplain/Secretary

## Treasurer's comments:

Discussion points for meeting:

- We now have four churches struggling to make monthly quota payments  
Total of \$13,154 arrears
- The trend will continue so the MD Committee needs to address the issue Decisions need to be made before the MD becomes unviable
- We do have \$117,856.83 in maintenance fund but we also have 3 old rectories which all need \$'s  
Bruce Cook



# Treasurer's Report

**ANGLICAN MINISTRY DISTRICT OF YORKE PENINSULA**  
**YP Treasurer's Report 1/7/22 to 31/3/23**  
**Combining Cheque & Investment Accounts from 1/7/22 to 31/3/23**

<b>Opening Balance</b>	(Cheque \$9,454.36, Investment \$97,211.74)	<b>106,666.10</b>
Plus		
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Church Quota	Quota 92,649.00	
St Alban	4,508.00 4,453.00	\$877 arrears \$1,398 is 22/23
St Augustine	2,259.00 5,184.00	\$5,184 arrears incl \$1,476 from prev yr)
St Benedict	50,748.00 50,748.00	
St Christopher	1,381.00 4,443.00	\$3,062 arrears
St James (A)	5,330.00 4,487.00	(pd full yr)
St John	375.00 2,969.00	\$4,031 arrears (incl \$1,062 from prev yr)
St Neot	5,065.00 5,065.00	
St Raphael	2,227.00 2,227.00	
SYP Cluster	20,756.00 18,456.00	pd April
Maintenance Fund		10,136.00
BCA boxes		-
Donations		-
Offerings		1,391.00 (5th Ed, MD AGM, Sea S, BOF)
Rectory Rent M		10,800.00
Rectory rent Y		9,542.90
Interest		112.83
Refund Archdiocese		7,274.16
Sundry		2,575.27 (EOC \$1,660.14, Water Mait, Yk)
GST refunded		485.00
		134,966.16
		<b>241,632.26</b>
Less		
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
Stipend (incl travel)	43,644.78	
Salary sacrifice	-	
Superannuation	7,856.10	
Car depreciation	4,725.00	
Mileage	4,050.00	
Local Priests	1,388.30	
Locum Priests	4,395.02	
Post	-	
Stationary/Print	682.55	
Diocesan Assessment	29,382.15	
Mission	2,972.00	
ABM	1,472.00	
HMF	-	
CMS	-	
BCA	-	
MTS	-	
Other Missions	1,500.00	
To Maintenance Fund	10,136.00	
Firewood	-	
Power Minlaton	2,224.22	
Water Maitland	809.37	
Water Yk	538.38	
Water Min	281.17	
Rates Yk	1,374.88	
Rates Min	1,029.14	
Rates Mait	1,341.25	
Rates Mait Block	142.06	
Rectory Repair Yk	668.20	(Smoke alarm, taps,+)
Rectory Repair Min	-	
Rectory Repair Mait	298.10	(Smoke alarm, toilet)
Equipment	865.09	(FEMG)
Phone	-	
Reimbursement	599.20	(Synod claim)
Rental expenses	2,980.18	
Sundry Costs	200.00	(Audit)
Licences	-	
Worship Supplies	815.10	(Lec, CCLI)
GST paid	377.19	
	123,775.43	
<b>Closing Balance</b>		<b>117,856.83</b>
	(Cheque \$10,396.26, Investment \$107,460.57)	