

Ministry District of the Yorke Peninsula

Meeting to be held at St Benedict's, Minlaton
Friday 3rd November 2023 at 3.30pm



Agenda, Minutes & Reports

AGENDA – MINISTRY DISTRICT OF YORKE PENINSULA COMMITTEE
Friday 3rd November 2023 at 3.30 pm at St. Benedict’s Church, Minlaton.

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer
2. Acknowledgement of Country
3. Apologies
4. Confirm Minutes – 30th July 2023
5. Business from Minutes
6. Reports:-
 - 6.1 District Priest’s Report
 - 6.2 Treasurer’s Report
 - 6.3 Property Reports
 - 6.3.1 Yorketown Rectory
 - 6.3.2 Minlaton Rectory
 - 6.3.3 Maitland Rectory
 - 6.4 Reports from the Churches and Mission to Seafarers
 - 6.5 Grant Application team report
7. Correspondence
8. General Business
 - 8.1 Report from Synod
 - 8.2 “The Connection” – next issue deadline
 - 8.3 Christmas Services
 - 8.4 Next MD Service – Point Turton?
 - 8.5 Shaping the Future – Ven. Andrew Lang
 - 8.6 Any other business
9. Next Meeting – date?
10. Close – Grace.

MINUTES OF MINISTRY DISTRICT OF YORKE PENINSULA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY 30th JULY 2023 AT 1.42 pm 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.

Present – Cheryl Bates, Tom Martin, Revd. Louise Lang, Ven. Andrew Lang, Bevan and Di Reade, Bruce Cook, Pam Biggs, June Harrison, Mother Sorel Coward, Revd. David Amery, Coralie Amery, Muriel Brokate, Jane Butler, Pat Sincock, Cynthia Smith.

3. Apologies – Greg Twelftree, Jan Henery, Beverly Litster, Revd. Christine Smith, Barbara Freidenfelds.
4. Confirm Minutes –7th May 2023 minutes as printed be accepted, carried.
5. Correspondence –
 - 5.1 Letter re Maitland Rectory.
 - 5.2 Email from Greg Twelftree.
 - 5.3 Letter from Greg Twelftree.
 - 5.4 Diocese of Willochra re The Clergy Stipend Rates and Ministry District Quota Rate.

6. Business from Correspondence.

6.1 Maitland Rectory. Quotes for the multiple repairs are needed by MD Annual General Meeting, information needs to go to the Archdeacon. Did damage occur during the time of CYP Parish? Where does the money come from and who pays? Is this an insurance claim? Committee needs to know what it is spending the money on. Ven. Andrew Lang thanked Coralie Amery and Greg Twelftree for their time and effort spent on this difficult matter.

6.2 Sale of Churches. Diocesan Council is aware of our proposal. Sale of property to go back into funds of Diocese. Large costs need to be held in reserve to cover possible payout from existing court cases. If a church closes, the Diocese still owns this church, the local church congregation must pay power, water until sold. Money from sale goes to Diocese. Closure is the right of the congregation. So wait until rules of the Diocese changes. Diocesan Council may make some money available for mission in the area.

The following motion to be presented by Greg Twelftree at Synod. “That this meeting invite Greg Twelftree to propose a motion at Synod to allow a percentage of the proceeds of the sale of a church building to go to the ministry unit concerned” Moved Bruce Cook/ Pat Sincock, carried.

6.3 There is a need to communicate with people who do not have email or mobile phone and postal service is slow. Use the Connection and Windmills when published and pew sheets. We need to support each other and the District Priest.

7 Reports:-

7.1 District Priest's report as sent by email, printed.

7.2 Acting Treasurer's report - Bruce Cook presented the financial report to 30/6/23, accepted, moved Bruce Cook/ David Amery, Bruce then presented 3 samples of budget with discussion to follow. Moved Tom Martin / Pat Sincock that “ the budget marked as normal be accepted”, carried. Moved Bruce Cook/ Bevan Reade that “the debts owed to the Ministry District by some

congregations as at 30/6/23 be forgiven” carried. Chery Bates thanked Bruce Cook for all the work he has done as treasurer.

Deane Withers Advisory has been approached to act as treasurer, use Xero accounting program, no estimate of cost as yet. Moved Cheryl Bates / David Amery “ Withers Advisory be engaged as treasurer”, carried.

7.3 Property reports.

7.3.1 Yorketown rectory – problem in the roof, tradesperson approached, photos taken, awaiting reply.

7.3.2 Minlaton rectory – upright in shed broke caused by white ants, replaced by Greg Illman. Need house to be inspected for white ants.

7.3.3 Maitland rectory – a sheet was presented listing all the problems. See above.

7.3.4 Reports from the churches and Mission to Seafarers attached, accepted.

7 Grant Application team report – nil.

8 General Business –

8.1 “The Connection” – need urgent articles, copy and photos to Ven. Andrew Lang by 7th August.

8.2 Funding options for struggling congregations – Cheryl Bates gave some examples of fund raising.

8.3 Shaping the future – think about mission..

8.4 Working with Children certification – this needs to be done by those members who have not already completed course.

Next Meeting –Sunday 27th August, AGM, at St. Benedict’s Minlaton following 10.30 service, followed by shared meal. Sunday 1st October 10.00 at Stansbury

Close at 4.35 pm with The Grace.

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From the District Priest....

Well, we begin with Robert Cook as our new chair and Cheryl Bates as our new Treasurer. I welcome them to these roles and look forward to the way ahead. It may sound like a bit of a repeating scenario, but our current position as always is critical. Deaths and departures have seen a decline in our numbers and only Edithburgh and the Wednesday fellowship have welcomed new people. Although this has implications on the bottom line, it would be wrong to try and see this as a financial crisis. Rather it is in reality a crisis in connection. We are not connecting with the community, especially the younger demographic, but it is not just a matter of opening the church doors on a Sunday morning, and hoping that people will drift in. Rather, we need to meet people where they are, connecting with their needs and aspirations. It would be easy if there were one simple solution, but the reality is that different solutions will be needed in different parts of the district. Edithburgh, Stansbury, Port Vincent and Port Victoria are places where the community grows as people retire, and prior to that holiday. The simple question is what would help us to connect these people? This is the discussion we need to engage in, but we must not leave this to the individual units, but work together.

We do share this dilemma with the other traditional churches on the peninsula and so we should maintain an ongoing dialogue with them. Many ideas are floating around, but besides gathering these, we will need to discern what might work. There is not necessarily only one solution. The chief responsibility of leadership is to tackle this significant problem.

Are you willing to engage?

Blessings

Andrew

St Christopher, Curramulka

Father Ted and Father Andrew have held services here over the last few months, one month was cancelled owing to lack of numbers.

We still continue to be supported by Di and Bevan Reade from Mt.Rat, and Barbara Buttfield from the Uniting Church.

Steve Parsons very kindly sprayed the weeds in the churchyard for me.

We just continue to potter along, hoping for the best.

Muriel Brokate

Warden

St Mary, Edithburgh

On June 22nd we held an Ecumenical Service at St Mary's. To enable a physically challenged member to access the service, it was held in the kitchen of the Flying Angel Centre. The theme of the service was to remember and give thanks for the past people who have been responsible for the success of the way we work together ecumenically, and to look forward with faith together. It was actually the 125th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone at St Mary's on June 23rd so we also celebrated the anniversary at the Ecumenical.

Another Ecumenical Service was held in the Flying Angel Centre in September with the theme of Creation. This was a happy time for those present.

When Bishop Jeremy James visited St Mary's on July 1, he celebrated Sea Sunday and also the 125th Anniversary of our church. Bishop Jeremy was very interested in the Flying Angel Centre and the work of our Mission to Seafarers as he had previous experience of the MtS while in WA.

With 150 years celebrations recently being celebrated in Stansbury and Edithburgh it has been a busy time.

On the weekend of October 1 an ecumenical service was held in Stansbury, while on the following weekend of the Jetty 150 celebrations an ecumenical service was held in Edithburgh. I was asked to give a talk about the work of the Mission to Seafarers during that service.

Paul and I attended a very meditative Taize service in the Uniting Church at Minlaton on October 15th. The same morning Mother Sorel took an inspiring service at St George in Yorketown.

We are still having problems with the leak from our church tower. Hopefully it will be rectified before next winter.

Thank you to Paul for maintaining the grounds in good order. He is putting bowls of water out for the many honey eaters in the garden. He's after a bird bath if anyone has one to spare!

Barb has been on holiday for some time, and we do look forward to her imminent safe return. We have missed her. We also look forwards to Cheryl and Barb Murphy returning very soon.

June Harrison

Warden

[Including Barb Freidenfelds and Paul Tucker]

St Benedict, Minlaton

Attendance – slowly returning to normal with the return of overseas travellers and members recovering from illness and operations. The normal sequence of services has been maintained.

Finance – St. Benedict's quota for the Ministry District is now 56% of the budget which has resulted in an increase of over \$400 per month on previous payments, operating funds are being depleted rapidly and reserve funds will have to be called upon. However this cannot go on indefinitely and is a great concern for the future. A Trading table and barbeque are planned for early December.

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

Mothers' Union – meeting monthly.

Need more LLMs – currently there are only two LLMs, no response.

Men's Breakfast - has been held on the first Saturday each month, guest speakers included Geoff Dodd, a school bus driver, and Lorraine Rice, a Justice of the Peace. No more meetings until February.

Pastoral Care Worker Di Nankivell spoke at the service on the first Sunday in September, offering of \$215 was raised.

Photocopier – although this is a Ministry District issue it is in St. Benedict's Church, replacement still has not arrived after some considerable time, very inconvenient for all.

Special Services before Christmas, Blue Christmas Sunday 10th December at 4.30 pm, Nine Lessons and Carols Sunday 17th December at 7.30 pm.

Tom Martin

Rep. for St. Benedict's Church.

St Raphael, Mt Rat

Our services continue on the 3rd Sunday of the month, supported by Muriel, Barbara & Bet from Curramulka, & Coralie from Pt Victoria. We do enjoy the fellowship following the service at our home for morning tea.

We are indebted to Dean Murch, across the road from the church who mows the grass along the fence line where the banner is placed prior to the service, & the church grounds.

Di Reade

LLM

St Neot, Port Vincent

All quiet on the eastern side. The Trash/Treasure Op Shop has done some great trading on Saturdays and Tuesdays. Thanks to the wonderful team of helpers that we have who sort the many goods that keep coming in.

The community garden has had people looking after the watering and spraying the weeds while Bob and I(Pam) have been unable to work there in the past few months.

Also I have been unable to fill the obligation to do Morning Prayer Services in September and October.

Pam Biggs

Warden

St Augustine, Stansbury

As @ 17th October 2023

July – Participated in a First Aid Course for Mission to Seafarers at Flying Angel Centre.

August – Meetings attended - Mission to Seafarers general meetings also AGM, Stansbury Interchurch Association, also St Benedict's service followed by AGM,

Assisted in Flying Angel shop tidy-up, joined Anglicans @ St Neots with Dawn.

September – As I was away for first Sunday the other girls joined congregation at Edithburgh with Mother Sorel, attended Ecumenical @ Community Church to support our school's Pastoral Care Worker. Another Ecumenical service @ Uniting Church on the 150th Stansbury birthday celebration long weekend. Assisted June with reorganising clothing set-up at FAC.

October – Attended 150th Edithburgh Jetty 150 celebrations & assisted with Mission to Seafarers stall.

Continued thankyou's to Meg Bilney for playing keyboard in October and to Lee & Willow for garden maintenance.

Also, to Venerable Andrew & Deacon Louise Lang, Mother Sorel & Father Ted for their services.

Ongoing: Op Shop help @ St Neots.

Alternating services with Uniting Church.

SIA Committee meetings.

Advertising Church services in Country Times.

Jan Henery
Warden

St James, Warooka

Received Bruce Cooks Treasurers Report for meeting 30 July 2023 but haven't got a hard copy as my tablet archives last only two months.

Draft budget for Restoration Stage 2 is between \$12,000 and \$25,000. The priorities are the Birds in the Gable penetrating the eastern external wall (requiring a cherry picker) cost unknown; and secondly silicone injection of walls to combat overall fretting. Cost est. \$2,000 tba from Wayne Pring of Wallaroo 2022, or alternatively A & R Bricklayers \$7,480 (as at 31.7.2018) Allan Godwin from Coobowie.

Long serving parishioner Virginia Ahwan passed away. Virginia served as a churchwarden since 2013 and was a committee member of the SYP Combined Vestry for many years. Her funeral was held at McQueen's where Max Cook gave recalled his vivid memory of Virginia's baptism. She is survived by her husband Ron and family.

On 6.9.23 the churchwarden's Safe Ministry Application was completed, as compulsory from the Adelaide Diocese via Kooyoora.

An Anglican Service was attended with residents at Melaleuca.

In August, a light lunch was held following the service with parishioners, to welcome Rev. Sorrel Coward.

Fire and Safety Check of church organised for 24.10.23.

Jane Butler
Warden

St George, Yorketown

Services taken by Mother Sorel HC and Cheryl M.P.

Cheryl and Pat attended the Ministry District AGM Meeting at St Benedict's on 27th August.

Our Op-Shop still going well. Particularly over the long weekend and school holidays. We have had our ½ price sale and then the change- over of clothes for the summer.

Thanks to Barbara Murphy we were able to send another 2 Pre-Paid Post packs of clothes to the Northern Territory Outreach from our Op-Shop.

We asked Massimo Castiglia for an updated quote for the painting of the Op-Shop windows and now awaiting the approval from Willochra.

Thanks to our volunteer from Port Moorowie our garden at the side of the church is looking great.

We are missing Cheryl at St George's and look forward to her returning early in November. Meanwhile Pat and Sue Lakin enjoyed a service of MP at St Mary's Edithburgh.

Pat and Sue also enjoyed the Anniversary service of 150 years in the Stansbury Uniting Church on the 1st October. This was an Ecumenical Service and very well attended.

On the 8th October Pat and Sue attended the Anniversary Service in the Uniting church at Edithburgh. This was also an Ecumenical Service.

Pat spoke to Charmayne Bornholm, and we are hopeful there will be a 5th Sunday service at Point Turton on the 31st December, 2023.

Due to so many away and no pressing issues to be brought up we decided to cancel our vestry meeting for the 11th October. Our next meeting will be on the 8th November, 2023.

We hosted a HC service on the 15th October taken by Mother Sorel.

Sue Lakin attended the Taize Service at Minlaton on Sunday 15th at 4.30 pm.

Pat Sincock

Warden (for Pat Sincock and Cheryl Bates)

Mission to Seafarers' – Port Giles

Although there were 2 ships in Port Giles in August, the MV Paiwan Wisdom which loaded 10,000 tons of lentils and the MV Lowland Angel which loaded 10,000 tons of lentils and 5,000 tons of Faba beans, no seafarers had shore leave.

The ships were only in port for one day each.

The wharf was closed for maintenance during the latter half of the month and our Lay Chaplain June and Committee member / Volunteer Paul were away attending the MtS National Conference in Melbourne.

Our AGM was held on August 21st and a new committee was elected for the coming year. We look forward to an active, rewarding and interesting time working for seafarers arriving in Port Giles.

We have registered with the Edithburgh Jetty 150 celebrations to be held in October.

Paul has sprayed the grounds and some work has been done to tidy the garden.

Mice have again invaded the FAC and have made a mess of the chips on the shelves. All the chips have now been transferred to storage tubs.

A 'Square' and mobile phone have been purchased to enable credit cards to be used for purchases from our MtS.

In September another two ships arrives. The MV ASL Leban arrived while Paul and I were away at the National Conference. The MV IVS Sparrowhawk made a short stay to collect 10,000 tons of lentils. A bag of beanies and a Care bag were handed over at the gangplank to a happy Filipino. The crew consisted of 6 South Africans and 14 Filipinos.

On September 8th I gave a talk to approximately 100 people from the Wallaroo and Kadina Red Cross groups in the Wallaroo Sports Club. It was very successful with \$130 handed to me afterwards by several participants. Beanies and scarves were also given and two bags of tins for Ray's ANZAC biscuits were subsequently delivered to the FAC. The tins were kindly donated by George Street Moonta Antiques.

Margaret Groves from Portland and Bev Bird from Ballarat stayed in Edithburgh for a week and spent an afternoon at the FAC delivering beanies scarves, bags and clothing. They met some of our committee over afternoon tea. Margaret has been responsible for over 2,000 beanies plus bags and other items.

The National Conference in Melbourne was very successful. Actually being face to face with people once again was wonderful.

We were able to meet representatives from many MtS centres and to share information.

Learning about the global activities, changes and expectations concerning seafarers and our centres was interesting. We have some challenging times ahead.

Training and policy development will be important during the next 12 months. Risk Management is an area to be highlighted. The IHASCO training modules are available to us free of charge.

The Admiralty Marshall gave a disturbing talk on abandonment of ships in Australia and abroad.

Mrs Tomi Toluhi the Chief Operating Officer from IHQ on being open to change, being inclusive and being united as a global family. She stressed the need for Risk Management but to balance it with productivity and that safety must be done as a team.

A session on Optus telecommunication services now and coming was interesting.

We were privileged to take part in a moving Merchant Navy Memorial Service at the Shrine of Remembrance.

Sung Evensong was also held for Merchant Navy Day in the Melbourne MtS Memorial Chapel of St Peter the Mariner. Fellowship in the centre followed.

We spent some hours learning about mental health issues and suicide prevention. Paul and I are now trained in 'safe TALK'.

The networking and sharing during the conference was very valuable.

June Harrison
Chaplain

Treasurer's Report

Current balance \$7253.58

We are just keeping in front of the bills at the moment.

Several centres are in arrears & when they catch up, we will look healthier.

Thank you to Ardrossan that has paid their annual quota in lump sum. And to Minlaton, Mt Rat & Pt Vincent that have paid their quota regularly.

I am working at a disadvantage while overseas with patchy access to Wi-Fi.

I expect to be able to be more organised by the next MD meeting.

Cheryl Bates
Treasurer
(21 October 2023)

Anglican Ministry District of Yorke Peninsula

Christmas with the Anglicans



**Come and Celebrate
Special Services**



Blue Christmas

Sunday December 10 @ 4:30 pm - St Benedict, Minlaton

Although Christmas is a time of celebration, for some the season is associated with "blue" feelings. This is a quiet reflection on the message of Christmas without the usual hype of the season.

Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday December 17 @ 7:30 pm - St Benedict, Minlaton

Followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Tarts

Christmas Eve (Sunday)

5 pm Children's Christmas Event- St Benedict, Minlaton

7 pm Communion - St James, Ardrossan

8:30 pm Communion - St James, Warooka

9 pm Communion - St Alban, Port Victoria

11 pm Midnight Mass - St Benedict, Minlaton



Christmas Day (Monday)

8 am Communion - St Neot, Port Vincent

8 am Communion - St Mary, Edithburgh

9am Communion - St Raphael, Mount Rat

9:30 am Communion - St Benedict, Minlaton

9:30 am Communion - St George, Yorketown

11:15 am Communion - St Augustine, Stansbury



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