

Yorke Anglicans

Easter Pastoral Letter

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to Holy Week and the Easter Triduum. The liturgies over the next week represent the most significant and the most important in the Christian calendar. It should be no surprise, then, that this time asks of us commitment, discipline, obedience and sacrifice.

If Holy Eucharist is not being celebrated at your local church you are strongly encouraged to make an extra effort, travel a short way, and attend a Eucharist/a Liturgy at a nearby Church.

HOLY WEEK:

MAUNDY THURSDAY

6.00 pm	Minlaton	Eucharist, Stripping of the Altar (Mother Sorel)
11.00 am	Maitland	Eucharist (Father David)

GOOD FRIDAY

11.00 am	Minlaton	Good Friday Liturgy – St. John’s Passion, Sung with Audio Visuals (Mother Sorel)
11.00 am	Port Victoria	Good Friday Liturgy – St. John’s Passion (Father David)
2.00 pm	Edithburgh	Stations of The Cross (Mother Sorel)

EASTER SUNDAY

6.30 am	Port Vincent	Easter Dawn Eucharist and Hot Cross Buns (Foreshore) (Mother Sorel)
9.00 am	Mount Rat	Easter Eucharist (Father David)
9.30 am	Minlaton	Easter Eucharist and Entrance of the Holy Oils (Mother Sorel)
11.00 am	Port Victoria	Easter Eucharist (Father David)
11.00 am	Ardrossan	Easter Eucharist (Reverend Christine)
11.30 am	Yorke town	Easter Eucharist (Mother Sorel)
2.00 pm	Corny Point	Easter Eucharist (Mother Sorel)

The roster for April is attached to this email.

MINISTRY

The end of March sees me halfway through my time with you as your *Locum*, which ends at the end of May. Please continue to pray that the right priest may be called as your next incumbent. On this subject, it is important to note that the intention is for the Ministry District incumbency to remain a full-time position. That puts us in a privileged position. Bishop Jeremy and Archdeacon Andrew will not be entertaining any suggestion of a part-time ministry.

I feel privileged to have this opportunity. I would like to thank those who have extended hospitality to me. I am particularly thankful to Greg Illman for the provision of a fridge, and to Bishop Jeremy who has agreed to purchase for the Rectory a microwave. Greg has also attended to many items of Rectory maintenance – thank you.

I am grateful to the Minlaton congregation who pitched in to clean up the Rectory back yard and grounds – thank you.

Once Easter is behind us, I look forward to occasionally joining the Mission to Seafarers at Edithburgh in their ministry to the ships' crews at Port Giles and the Mission to Seafarers Centre.

The winter crop for South Australia is estimated to fall by 31%, which reflects the onset of drier climate conditions across most cropping regions, compared with 2022-23, however our crops are still 11% above the 10-year average to 2022-23. This is good news for our Ministry District which relies heavily on the agricultural sector. I wish all farmers and those working the land the very best as Winter planting begins from now until July. I am especially grateful to those farmers who contribute a valuable donation of wheat to the Ministry District.

With Father David's holidays across the next two months, after consulting with Bishop Jeremy, I will not be able to lead worship at either Curramulka or Port Vincent. I have spoken with Muriel Brokate at Curramulka and she is happy to attend worship at Edithburgh or Minlaton. Pam and Robert Briggs will keep the op-shop going at Port Vincent and I will be bringing them home communion.

On this subject, I have taken some initial soundings to fathom interest in changes to some service times. To this end, some interest has been expressed by Southern Yorke Peninsula to enjoy the benefit of a 5.00pm Vigil Mass on the Saturday evening before the Sunday. At present, as *Locum*, I am unable to consider these changes and will present them to the incoming incumbent when he or she is appointed. Nevertheless, this is encouraging news. Other mass times that may be considered including an 11.00am slot and a 2.00pm slot on Sundays. Such a structure would mean a single priest would be able to cover the majority of the Ministry District across a month-long roster. The PTO clergy would then be an additional bonus – and it would mean they could contribute how much or little they choose too. This may be one option of a few, the new incumbent, following Bishop Jeremy wishes, may wish to consider for the future. I encourage you to reflect over these things and if you have some ideas, please do share them with me that I may forward them on.

PARISH LUNCH

On Low Sunday I am saying mass at Edithburgh at 1130am and then afterwards we will be enjoying a lunch together. Please send RSVPs to me for **1230pm at the Seahorse Restaurant, Edithburgh Hotel, 16 Edith Street, Edithburgh.**

CLERGY

I would like to thank the assisting clergy. We wish Father David and Coralie Amery all the best for some much needed holidays. Father Ted has recovered well and appreciates the opportunity of ministry in the District – we thank God for his work among us. We pray for Reverend Christine who is full-time carer for her husband, Donald – we pray for them and are thankful for the ministry Reverend Christine does in providing local ministry to the people of Ardrossan.

TREASURER. Ms. Cheryl Bates is the current treasurer. We thank her for the incredible contribution she gives in this ministry. Cheryl is planning to be away for some of the year to come. We are in need, immediately, of an Assistant Treasurer, with a view to becoming the Ministry District Treasurer to take over from her. You will need to be familiar with electronic banking – training will be provided in the use of the Xero accounting software on which the treasurer does our accounting. **Please consider accepting this opportunity and speaking with your Warden.**

I especially would like to thank you for being you. There is something special happening here. Treasure this.



On behalf of Jane and myself we would like to wish you a very happy and holy Eastertide.

Yours in The Two Hearts, with my blessings.

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