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## A PRAYER FOR OUR DIOCESE

God of hope and love,  
you have called us to be the body of Christ.  
Inspire us in the Diocese of Willochra  
to worship with joy and energy,  
serve with compassion and be welcoming  
of others in our communities,  
so that all will know the good news of Jesus  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be honour and glory for ever.  
Amen.



## SEEKING A PIONEER FOR COMMUNITY MINISTRY

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Parish of Flinders Plain

A challenging and exciting opportunity exists for a Pioneer Minister to start a community ministry in Port Pirie West in partnership with the Cathedral Church of Sts Peter and Paul, Port Pirie and the Diocese of Willochra.

We see the minister (and family) finding a place to live in the community, intentionally building gospel relationships with their neighbours and nurturing and encouraging them in life and faith.

We pray that as they walk and talk and share life, together they will grow the kingdom of God and the Body of Christ.

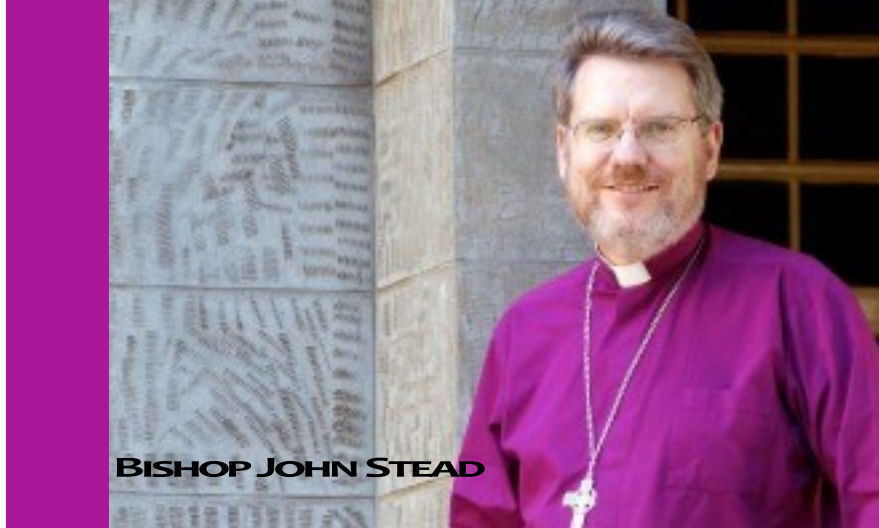
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## COVER: VISIT FROM MANDALAY 2019



**BISHOP JOHN STEAD**

By the time you read this, we will have concluded the Season of Easter and celebrated Pentecost Sunday.

This Easter Season I have been drawn to reflect on the readings from the Acts of the Apostles which occur on the Sundays of Easter but also on occasion in the weekday readings also.

There are frequently stories of transformation, some specifically about the transformation of Simon Peter, some about the transformation of attitudes toward the Gentiles. They address questions of whether the Gentiles would be required to be circumcised before becoming Followers of the Way of the Christ. This question is debated by the early leaders of the faith in Jerusalem. Eventually, they resolve the question by not requiring circumcision of Gentiles.

Peter advocates for this change, having been confronted by God when God declares that what he says is clean, is clean (Acts 10:15-29) even though initially Peter has claimed that they are unclean, profane. This starts off being about food which can be eaten but is extended, at that end of that passage, to be about the Gentiles. It speaks into other situations and encounters where barriers are placed in the way of those who were joining the Followers of the Way of Christ, the name which was given to the early members of the Church. This is a profound transformation of attitude!

All of the disciples are transformed by encounters with the risen Christ. Those who were terrified following the crucifixion become bold in the proclamation of the Good News. Peter's threefold betrayal is transformed by Jesus' threefold question, 'do you love me' and Peter's reply, 'Yes, Lord' in John's Gospel. Jesus restores Peter, what has been shifting ground becomes stable and solid. Peter is changed, transformed by the Risen Christ; he becomes bold and trustworthy. Before he had shown himself to be incapable of living up to his own words – now, he is steadfast.

Our encounter with the Risen Christ, our participation in the Pentecost celebrations and the movement of the Holy Spirit can transform us too. We can become bold for the faith we hold, the faith in the Risen Lord! If only we will allow ourselves to be open to such a transformation.

Peace,

The Right Reverend John Stead ♦ Bishop of Willochra ♦ [bishop@diowillochra.org.au](mailto:bishop@diowillochra.org.au) ♦ Mobile: 0417551 689

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## BISHOP'S MANDALAY GIRL'S ORPHANAGE APPEAL

Our partner Diocese, the Diocese of Mandalay in the Province of Myanmar (Burma), is establishing a girls Orphanage at Shwebo.

The girls orphanage will be built on land adjacent to the boys orphanage and is estimated to cost \$150,000.

The Anglican Diocese of Willochra is committed to the continuing support for the orphanage project and pray you will join us in raising much needed funds.



### Boy's Orphanage

- Laying of foundations
- Lock up stage
- Boy's praying before dinner



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# ST PETER AND PAUL CATHEDRAL CHURCH, PORT PIRIE

## Diocesan Bible and Mission Conference

The Diocesan Bible and Mission Conference was held on 7th to 9th June, 2019

Oh my friends! I am so sorry that you missed being here! We had such a great time!

Through Bishop Paul Barker, God spoke straight to our hearts and minds about our faithful, trustworthy and powerfully able God revealed in the first 10 chapters of Deuteronomy. Paul has been teaching from the book of Deuteronomy for 30+ years now and is not just an expert, but totally caught us up in this wonderful narrative about God's plans for redemption and restoration through his covenant with Israel and us. *Rob (with Jean) wonders, "Could we have him come again please!"*

Bishop David Nyi Nyi Naing gave us clear pictures of our mission partnership in practice. We saw the pictures, met the people and were brought up to date with the ministries at the Orphanage, the boarding school, the Ministry and Music School, the new youth centre, Sunday school teacher training, community development and safe water in the north ... so much to tell and so much to see. Mary is the Diocesan President of MU in Mandalay, and brought us greetings from them. We were delighted to return those greetings and prayers. Mary and David had been very busy with visits to Yorke Peninsula and Copper Coast before the conference and Eyre Peninsula and Whyalla afterwards. They have taken off to visit Christians from Myanmar who are in Canberra, Melbourne and Perth. A visit to teach at the Ministry and Music School in 2020 *"is a serious consideration"*, say Rob and Jean, *(backed up by Owen and Mary)*.

Bishop John and Lettie brought news of Seattle and the Inhabit conference. We are encouraged by the great opportunities there could be for mission in the neighbourhood in Willochra's places – Jesus taking up residence in the neighbourhood along with ministry friends. (John 1) *"Now there's an idea"*, says Jean

BISHOP PAUL



BISHOP JOHN, MARY AND BISHOP DAVID

Did you notice? Three Bishops. What a privilege. What rich company. What God-given dreams.

We worshipped God, sang new music, ate mountains of delicious food, really enjoyed one another's company and talked and encouraged one another to be disciples and to make disciples.

As I say, we are really sorry that you missed out on this amazing treat; but don't miss out on praying for God's partner in mission with us, the Diocese of Mandalay, and *"Who knows?"* as Jean would say.

## Willochra Weekend

Willochra Weekend will be held once again at The Cathedral of Sts Peter and Paul, Port Pirie  
on 27th and 28th July, 2019.

- Saturday** 5.00pm Evensong with Anglicare Singers  
6.30pm Dinner with after dinner speaker, Mr Ian Hamilton, Architect and Director of Arcuate Architects who will speak on the Shaping of church buildings for mission—visions for the Cathedral Church of Sts Peter and Paul. Cost of dinner \$20.00 per person
- Sunday** 10.30am Holy Communion, Collation of Regional Archdeacons - Sung Liturgy led by the Anglican Singers followed by Lunch

A trading table to support the Diocesan Bursary Fund for aboriginal students will operate.

# FROM THE VENERABLE GAEJ JOHANNSEN

I am writing this during what is the last week of the Easter Season. We will soon enter the Season after Pentecost or "Ordinary Time". This Easter, I have been blessed to share both the beginning (Easter Sunday) and the end (Pentecost) with the Parish of Ceduna. We began the Easter Service by lighting the Paschal Candle. In the liturgy that we will use on Pentecost Sunday, we will extinguish the candle at the end of worship. Before we do so, we will all be invited to light a candle from the Easter fire, and symbolically carry that light with us out into the world.



I have been reflecting on our local mission throughout the Season of Easter, aided by our Sunday readings from Revelation. Yes, Revelation is a challenging read, but don't you just love all the angels and mythical beasts and heavenly visions? Who needs Game of Thrones? However, this year I was moved to read some commentaries on our texts and I found something very new.

That wonderful, hope filled passage of the Holy City descending out of heaven adorned as a bride for her husband. Something to look forward to at the end of time? Well yes and no—because here's what I discovered. The Greek word for descending, or 'coming down' is present continuous action. In other words the Holy City (where God dwells amidst God's people) is descending right now and is always descending. But isn't this the NEW Jerusalem that can only be made new at the end of time when all else has passed away? The word used for new is *kainos*, which carries the meaning of 'transformed'. New, as in 'brand new' would usually be *neos*.

So what is the writer of Revelation telling us? Sure, there will be a time when all things will be transformed, but the kingdom of God, community as God wishes us to be, the presence of God with us is always descending, always within the reach of humankind. We light the Paschal Candle at Easter to remind us of the Light of the Risen Christ. On Pentecost we light our own candles from that flame before extinguishing it. This is deeply symbolical. The Risen Christ lit the way of his disciples in the 40 days between Easter and Ascension. Sustained by his teaching and promises, the disciples waited for Pentecost. Then the Spirit descended, in tongues of flame and rushing wind. The light of Christ was present in the community of his disciples through the presence of the Holy Spirit. To those early disciples, the kingdom of God was not a far off dream, it was a present reality in the power of the Spirit. Their lives were transformed as they transformed the lives of others. God was not in heaven, or in the temple, but present in God's church.

At the end of Revelation, Jesus says, "Behold, I am coming quickly." The word we translate coming (*Parousia*) is present indicative, not future. *Parousia*, when used in the NT, usually refers to an actual presence, not one of the future. Certainly we look for the coming of Jesus at the end of time, but the message is that Jesus comes quickly to the world through the lives of his followers. That is our mission, to bring the kingdom to others, to bring the love of Jesus 'quickly' where there is need, to ensure that through our living, the home of God is indeed among mortals.

As we move through ordinary time, the Paschal candles remains unlit. We don't need to light it, because we carry the fire of the Spirit within us. BURN BRIGHTLY!

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, CEDUNA  
DECORATED FOR EASTER SUNDAY





# MINISTRY OF SPIRITUALITY

"We think it is the big moments that define our lives, the wedding, the baby, the new house, the dream job. But really these big moments of happiness are just punctuation marks. The narrative is written every day in the small and the simple." Sarah Ban Breathnach

A look at the book "The Jesuit Guide to (almost) Everything- A Spirituality for real life" by James Martin SJ was used as a Lenten study at St Peter's Cathedral in Adelaide. It was a part of the "Meeting God on Mondays"- a series of events exploring spirituality, that is hosted by the Cathedral congregation. As part of this ministry there is also a group that meets regularly on the third Monday of the month under the enticing banner of "Coffee, Cake and Spirituality" in which the readings for the following Sunday are looked at and reflected on.

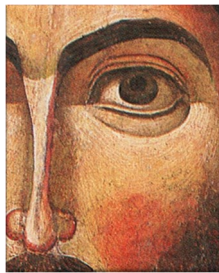
The focus of this Lenten study, led by Rev'd Jenny Wilson, was to work our way through Martin's book and form an understanding of how to pray the Examen so that we might be able to use it in our daily lives. I found it worthwhile as it was about real life for real people. James Martin's book prompts us with questions, redirects our gaze and helps us discern where God might be speaking to us. This book is available in the Diocesan Library and I would encourage everyone to borrow it as it is easy reading.

If you are in Adelaide on a third Monday of the month and have time, don't hesitate to call in and enjoy some yummy cake and a chance to reflect on the scriptures with a very welcoming group.

REV'D JENNY THOMPSON

## Who do you say that I am?

*Discovering Christ through Peter's eyes*



A weekend retreat in the sacred practice of

"Praying the Icons"

Friday 5th – Sunday 7th July 2019

St. Silas' Church, Crystal Brook

*Led by Sr. Sue Nirta CSBC*

Sr. Sue has been an iconographer for over 10 years from the St. Luke's School of Iconography, Toorak Gardens.

She has also studied in Greece.

Sr. Sue is a member of the Community of Ss. Barnabas and Cecilia.

For further information, please contact Rev. Jenny at

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## VALE, REV'D BR JOHN EDWARDS CSBC 1929-2019



REST ETERNAL GRANT TO HIM, O LORD. LET  
LIGHT PERPETUAL SHINE UPON HIM.

On March 4, we gathered in Maitland to celebrate the life of Br John, Local Priest and member of the Community of Sts Barnabas and Cecilia.

Fr Simon Bailey, Chaplain to the Community, celebrated a Requiem Eucharist at the football clubrooms in Maitland, assisted by the Rev'd Christine Smith, the Local Priest for the area with Sr Sandra Sears preaching.

The venue was the only space big enough to accommodate the expected numbers, as John had spent his whole 89 years in that town and was known and loved by everybody there. Also because of the heat it was the coolest, most comfortable place to be.

Br John spent his early years as a farmer and later became a Local Priest, a role he carried out faithfully, visiting the sick and taking care of the spiritual needs of those around him. He joined the Community in 2005. He was a deeply spiritual man who would often be found alone in the chapel at Camp Willochra during retreats, meditating and praying.

I first got to know him in the 1980s when Sr Jean Johnson and I, (long before the formation of the Community) along with the music team went to Maitland to conduct music workshops. We swam in his pool and enjoyed his hospitality. This hospitality continued with subsequent visits, and eventually

Community gatherings in his home, where fun was the order of the day. He loved playing the piano

(always by ear!) and was proud of his Maitland heritage.

His last years were spent in the Chapel Wing of the Maitland Hospital as his physical and mental health declined.

As for CSBC, we are poorer for his going, but richer for his being with us for so long.

**REV'D SR SANDRA SEARS CSBC**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**You are warmly invited to share in a**

Service of Thanksgiving

to mark the 140th anniversary of the laying of the Memorial (Foundation) Stone

**of St Mary's Anglican Church, Burra on Sunday, 7 July at 10am.**

The Bishop of Willochra, the Rt Rev'd John Stead will be present.

The choir of Brougham Place UCA will be in attendance with their musical director Rosemary Nairn.

A shared lunch will be followed by a concert to be given by the choir at 2pm.

Donation \$10. Afternoon tea to follow.



### **Centenary of Bush Church Aid Ceduna**

The Diocese will mark this significant occasion in the Anglican Church's history as well as the history of the Diocese on the weekend of

**24th and 25th August**  
in Ceduna.

Ceduna has a robust connection with BCA—the hospital, and outreach along the train line.

More details will be forthcoming at a later date



You are invited to the launch of the

### **Ministry District of Yorke Peninsula**

*Under the patronage of St Bartholomew*

**Saturday August 24**  
**11 am**

**Muloowurtie Memorial Institute**  
**Coast Road, Pine Point**  
*(Next to Caravan Park)*



*Followed by a Bring and Share Lunch*

*For Information or RSVP*

*Contact Fr Andrew 0417 556 848  
or [reply@anglicansonyorkes.org.au](mailto:reply@anglicansonyorkes.org.au)*

***Clergy are invited to Robe – Liturgical Colour Red***

*Gathering the Anglican communities of:*

<i>St James, Ardrossan;</i>	<i>Corny Point;</i>	<i>St Christopher, Curramulka;</i>
<i>St Mary, Edithburgh;</i>	<i>St John, Maitland;</i>	<i>St Benedict, Minlaton;</i>
<i>St Raphael, Mount Rat,</i>	<i>St Alban, Port Victoria,</i>	<i>St Neot, Port Vincent;</i>
<i>Point Pearce;</i>	<i>St Augustine, Stansbury;</i>	<i>St James, Warooka;</i>
	<i>St George, Yorketown.</i>	

## BISHOP DAVID VISIT TO PORT LINCOLN

It has been a pleasure to have welcomed Bishop David and his wife, Mary, to our Parish and to hear first hand of the work being done in the Diocese of Mandalay, a sister Diocese to the Diocese of Willochra.

The Bishop and his wife, together with our own Bishop John Stead, were our guests at dinner at the Tasman Hotel on Wednesday June 12th.

The boy's orphanage is but one of many Christian care projects highlighted by Bishop David in his touching power-point dinner address. The Holy Spirit is obviously at work within our partner Diocese of Mandalay.

Our Diocese has now launched an appeal for the proposed establishment of a girl's orphanage. It was inspiring to learn how well our mission funds are being employed and how grateful their Diocese is for these much needed funds and we pray that we may continue to support them in their witness. rerun in November. Perhaps we shouldn't tell the ladies, but it was great night in the kitchen as well.

Bishop David also preached at the 10.30am Eucharist on the Thursday morning at St Thomas' before sharing a light lunch with us, and spending the afternoon sightseeing around the Port Lincoln district with Ken Holden.

The wine sales project this year was very successful, raising over \$5,500.00 to support the orphanage.

Bishops David's and Mary's visit was a joyful and memorable Parish event.



**BISHOP DAVID, BISHOP JOHN AND MARY**

**KEN HOLDEN**

The Mother's Union June meeting happily coincided with Bishop David and Mary's visit and came just as they were holding their annual wave of prayer time.

We found out from Mary (president of MU Mandalay Diocese) what their prayer needs are, and also who their MU prayer links are. Thus we were able to share our joint prayer links, praying together for the amazing work that is being carried out around our world by members of MU.

After lunch, we studied the map of Myanmar and Thailand, realising that Bishop David was familiar with the very refugee camps we pray for on the border between the two countries. He told us that some of these people have been in these camps for 25 years! They are displaced tribal people, such as the "Karen Tribe", whose lands straddled the borders and consequently they now belong to neither country.

One of the wonders of the modern world is surely the internet; we now have email contact with David and Mary, and look forward to keeping in touch with MU there, praying for their work, and helping to strengthen the prayer links with the other dioceses, which range from St David's in Wales to Kigeme in Rwanda.

**NEL TAYLOR**



**(FROM LEFT TO RIGHT) NEL TAYLOR, ROSEMARY  
RAYMOND, MARY AND GWEN RICHARDSON**



## **LADIES' INDULGENCE AT MINLATON**

In many of our ministry units, the women are the ones who do the bulk of the catering for events and keep things ticking over through the kitchen ministries. This certainly is the case in the Ministry District of the Lower Yorke Peninsula. In keeping with our year of hospitality, the gentlemen decided to host a night for our ladies and put on a dinner at St Benedict's. We called it a Ladies' Indulgence because Women's Dinner sounded a little ordinary. The ladies were barred from the kitchen and served by an immaculate team of gentlemen dressed for the occasion. We shared a meal of roast beef with all the trimmings, followed by dessert. The Rev'd Louise Lang (Our Parish Deacon) spoke to the assembled crowd about her recent work as Homeless Services Co-ordinator with Anglicare in Melbourne.

All agreed that this was a great night and we plan a rerun in November. Perhaps we shouldn't tell the ladies, but it was great night in the kitchen as well.

**THE REVEREND ANDREW LANG (DISTRICT PRIEST)**



## **CONGRATULATIONS!**



The Diocese of Willochra would like to congratulate Sarah Bailey and Harry Tsagaris who were married at Beaumont House in Adelaide on Saturday 4th May 2019.

Sarah is the daughter of Fr Simon Bailey, Chaplain for The Community of Ss Barnabas and Cecilia.

(FROM LEFT TO RIGHT) FR. SIMON BAILEY, SARAH,  
HARRY, MRS JANE BAILEY, BEC BAILEY

## INTRODUCING REV'D STEVE WEICKHARDT



"Do you have any family, or friends, in South Australia?" was the question.

"No family in South Australia, and a couple of friends" I answered.

The question was a good one, but still offered no real explanation of why I should move from Bendigo to the Eyre Peninsula. Neither could I clearly explain to Vanessa the reasons why we should move interstate, away from our two (adult) daughters and families.

So we pushed on the door to see if it was an opportunity that would open up to us, or not. To our surprise it kept swinging open until I found myself answering this question. Now we are preparing to move house for the second time in twelve months.

Vanessa and I are looking forward to moving to Port Lincoln (who wouldn't?) and getting involved in the life of the church and the community on the Lower Eyre Peninsula. We have been in ministry for almost twenty years, from youth ministry in Melbourne to ordained ministry in Bendigo Diocese. Our current ministry is in a co-operating Uniting-Anglican Church ('Strathfieldsaye Community Church') supported by the Bush Church Aid Society (BCA). We will leave Strathfieldsaye with great sadness.

So why move to a place where we have no connections or history? In short, it is a call from God. It is a combination of intriguing coincidences and right timing. It is a pattern we have experienced before, of stepping out of our comfort zone into a place where all we have is the sustaining hand of God and His people.

Of course we are familiar with Prayer Book ministry and Diocesan structures. We are sisters and brothers in Christ. There are a lot of 'known unknowns'. But in the coming months we will rely on God's providence and ask for your prayer for us, and for the Parish of Port Lincoln, as we get to know each other.

We hope and pray ourselves that in this move God will be glorified and fruit will grow that is worthy of His name in Port Lincoln. In the meantime we look forward to meeting new family and friends in South Australia, in the Willochra Diocese and of course in Port Lincoln.

**REV'D STEVE AND VANESSA WEICKHARDT**

## INTRODUCING SUSAN DOUGHTY

I am excited and privileged to be serving in Ceduna Anglican Parish as long term locum priest.

I grew up in Port Lincoln and have lived in remote North-western WA and Adelaide.

I am passionate about the life and hope Christ brings to each of us, both personally and in community.

I grew up believing in God, being confirmed in the Uniting Church as a teenager, however I encountered Christ again in late 2007 and mine and our family's lives have changed forever.

With the birth of our third grand child our lives have changed once more. She, Libby, is significantly disabled. This meant a return to the Eyre Peninsula after three years of Ministry in Victor Harbor. Even though she is the catalyst, I feel called to serve vocationally on the Eyre Peninsula and so look forward to serving with the community of Ceduna.

My husband, Glen, will commute between Ceduna and Port Lincoln supporting our son and his wife and our daughter, her children and myself in ministry.



**SUSAN DOUGHTY**



**ON THE 1ST JULY 2012, BISHOP JOHN  
STEAD WAS INSTALLED AS THE SEVENTH  
BISHOP OF WILLOCHRA.  
WE CELEBRATE HIS 7 YEARS AS DIOCESE  
BISHOP**



## **INTRODUCING VEN ANDREW LANG**



My wife, Louise, and I moved from Melbourne into the rectory at Minlaton in the first week of October 2019 as I took on the role of the Ministry District Priest of Lower Yorke Peninsula and Louise is a Distinctive Deacon.

I am a Victorian by birth, to South Australian parents, and spent early years in Victoria and was involved in lay ministry in that State and Tasmania where I met and married Louise. We have 3 adult children, Oswald, Esther and Rupert who all live interstate, but they have fur babies, Ally (short for Alleluia) the dog, and cats Milly and Sotty.

I have studied Theology in Kumasi, Ghana and Morpeth, NSW and was ordained Deacon and Priest in Tasmania. Serving in Hobart, Launceston and Cressy and the Northern Midlands, before moving to Horsham in the Wimmera. I then went on to serve in Mooroolbark in Melbourne's outer east before now returning to rural ministry.

I have taken up the role of Archdeacon of Wakefield, guiding the formation of a new ministry district (Yorke Peninsula).

**VEN ANDREW LANG**

## **INTRODUCING VEN HEATHER KIRWAN**

Early 2018 saw me move from the Mid North to Whyalla as I commenced as Deacon in Charge for St Martin of Tours.

I was raised in Adelaide, attended Urrbrae Agricultural High School and sought every opportunity to "get out" into the country. I have raised meat goats in NSW and moved around various parts of the Mid North of South Australia.

My study for ministry started in 2010 and I have completed a Bachelor of Ministry and am completing a Grad Dip in Theology.

I have two children and two grand children who are the greatest delight.

I will take up the role of Archdeacon of Eyre on the 1st July, continuing my journey of faith trusting and walking with God.



**VEN HEATHER KIRWAN**

## ST RAPHAEL'S, MT RAT

BISHOP JOHN VISITED ST RAPHAEL'S, MT RAT  
RECENTLY AND IS PICTURED WITH DI READE,  
CORALIE AMERY, ROSEMARY EICHER AND  
BEVAN READE.



## ROXBY DOWNS CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH



A RECENT SERVICE AT ROXBY  
DOWNS.  
YES, WE DID NOTICE ALL THE  
CHILDREN



## FAREWELL TO REV'D SONJA NUGENT

THE REV'D SONJA NUGENT , FREEMAN PUCKRIDGE AND  
MALCOLM SCHLUTER AT SONJA'S FINAL SERVICE AT ST  
MATTHIAS, LAKE WANGARY



## **A SERVICE IN THE BUSH GARDEN**

Last month, members of Mothers' Union from the congregation of Holy Trinity, Riverton, ventured across to Nuriootpa, in the Barossa Valley to visit a small bush garden, hidden away in Coulthard Reserve, Nuriootpa.

It has been set up as a chapel, all made of tree branches and logs, and includes an altar, 'bishop's' chair, lectern, and seats. It was a perfect autumn day, filled with birdsong and we enjoyed a short service of celebration for the world around us.

**BRANCH PRESIDENT, ELIZABETH HARRIS**



## **BUNDLE OF BLESSINGS AT ST MARY'S WALLAROO**



The Parish of the Copper Coast celebrated a "Bundle of Blessings" at St. Mary's Wallaroo on Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> with Bishop John at the helm. Bishop John officially opened and blessed our new community garden, new indoor loos, and a boat built by Brother Martyn. The community garden is thriving providing fresh produce for our Mary's Pantry Anglicare clients. We are grateful for all who have assisted with fundraising and generous contributions including from the Northern Yorke Peninsula Rotary club and the AnglicareSA Parish Community Engagement Grant.

**THE REV'D ALI WURM**



## PORT PIRIE CENTRE

### Reunited after 52 years

During February 1967, seafarer Martyn Dixey and a fellow crewman were involved in a misdemeanour at Port Pirie while their ship was berthed there. That incident resulted in a term in the Gladstone gaol and Rev'd Brian Newman, who was the Chaplain of the mission at that time, tended to the welfare of both men, who were both sent back to the U.K. An enquiry from Martyn's wife in late 2018 about the incident, resulted in Brian finding the report in the Port Pirie newspaper. Martyn and Louise visited Australia in February 2019 and met up with Brian in Adelaide while travelling on the train from Perth to Sydney.



(FROM LEFT TO RIGHT) L- R: MARTYN AND  
LOUISE DIXEY, BRIAN NEWMAN

### Welfare concern

Lay Chaplain Ian has been monitoring the situation of a vessel which was at anchor in the gulf for a long period of time. Concerns were held for the supply of fresh water and foodstuffs.

### New member

Steve Maloney of Port Pirie has joined the staff of the Port Pirie mission and is a welcome addition to the running of the centre.

### National Conference

Lay Chaplain Ian and Treasurer Janice Chandler will attend the National Conference in Brisbane during September.

### Cottage inspection report

An inspection report listing maintenance requirements to the mission cottage was presented to the committee, who will discuss and prioritise the work required.

### Statistics January-March 2019

There were 19 ships in port and 204 seafarers visited the centre during the 56 nights it was open.

## MISSION TO SEAFARERS - PORT GILES/EDITHBURGH

During the recent storms three prawn trawlers sought refuge at Edithburgh town jetty.

Until that time Geoff and I hadn't considered the fishermen on the trawlers as being seafarers but saw an opportunity to take the Mission to Seafarers to some Australian men. We filled bags with beanies and chocolates and went down to the jetty. The skippers were very surprised and happily accepted our gifts while we were able to explain who we were and why we were thinking of them.

On walking along the jetty we were also able to talk to several people who queried what we were doing. We even put a beanie on the cold, bald head of one elderly man who stopped to talk about our mission.

This was an unexpected event which gave us the opportunity to spread some caring to different seafarers while spreading information about the work of the Mission to Seafarers to the local community.



JUNE HARRISON TALKING TO A PRAWN FISHERMAN



# **A MINISTRY OF HEALING**

## **EXPLORING HEALING MINISTRY , FR ANDREW LANG**

Healing relates to the whole person. Sickness or ill health may be physical, mental, emotional, social, and spiritual, and all may need healing. One aspect may be predominant in some situations... but healing refers to the wellbeing of the whole person; so a healing ministry should address matters which cause disease in all areas of life. This may include such issues as poverty, injustice and war, as these are some of the basic causes for physical, emotional and spiritual sickness.

If health and healing are God's purpose for men and women, then it is the task of the Church to be involved in helping to achieve this purpose. The message of the Gospel is that healing and salvation are available in Jesus Christ, and the Church is commissioned to share this Good News. (From Sent to Heal by Harold Taylor)

On May 5, a group of people interested in the promotion of the Healing Ministry within Willochra gathered at Crystal Brook. Those present spoke of personal experiences of healing and the desire to see this as a normal part of the ministry of the church experience. Engagement with the Healing Ministry is not consistent across the diocese. Port Lincoln has a strong healing ministry but in other places it is not prominent. There are many models of this ministry, and rather than being prescriptive, it is essential to support and encourage this ministry in the individual churches.

From this discussion, it was felt that we could best support this dimension of ministry in the diocese by creating a group. In its initial phase, it will concentrate on the Wakefield Archdeaconry based in Crystal Brook. This group will:

- Provide teaching about and support for this ministry
- Promote this ministry within the churches and encourage the development of a network of healing ministry
- Engage in the ministry of Healing and Wholeness.

Looking at the options, it was decided that the simplest way forward would be to form a Chapter of the Order of St Luke for the Mid North and tap into their national and international resources. This group will meet on Sunday afternoons bi-monthly (July 7, September 1 and November 3) – Meeting at 4pm for teaching/discussion and a healing service at 5pm. Both activities are open to all comers.

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# COOL WORLD

## THE REV'D JOHN FOWLER

Back in the 1980s I attended a performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Mikado*. Presented by the G & S Society of NSW, who were renowned for not taking liberties with the original score, the audience was surprised by a production which featured contemporary costuming that had the Gentlemen of Japan in business suits and the Three Little



Maids From School wearing short black skirts & black stockings. During the song *As some day it may happen*, which often includes contemporary references interspersed with the original libretto, Ko-Ko took great delight in including the line *And the G & S traditonalist*, he will not be missed, I've got him on my list. I couldn't help thinking that the line was directed at me.

Welcome into my Cool World as I reflect upon the recent performance of *HMS Pinafore*, as presented by the Gilbert and Sullivan Society of South Australia and performed at the Arts Theatre in Adelaide. It has been four years since I last had the opportunity to attend a performance of Gilbert and Sullivan so it was with a real sense of excitement and expectation that I joined the audience on the first Friday in May.

It was close to a full house as the curtain rose to reveal not only traditional costuming, but a stage devoted exclusively to the cast, rather than sharing the stage with the orchestra, as was the case in their 2015 production. That being said, if we hadn't seen members of the orchestra make their way backstage prior to curtain time one could have been forgiven for thinking the cast were singing along to a recording. But that was my only minor niggle with a

performance that was a lot of fun with the local G & S Society staying true to the original score which includes some of William Gilbert's most amusing lyrics accompanied by copious amounts of glorious melodies as composed by Arthur Sullivan.

Standout performances on the night included James Nicholson as Ralph Rackstraw and Megan Doherty as Josephine, along with Brad Martin's exuberant portrayal of Sir Joseph Porter KCB. And the songs? Those in the audience couldn't help but leave the theatre with a spring in their step as they hummed along to *Never Mind The Why And Wherefore*, *When I Was A Lad*, *I Am The Captain Of The Pinafore* and *I Am The Monarch Of The Sea*.

As I commented four years ago, I hope it isn't another four years until I have the pleasure of seeing another production that stays true to Gilbert and Sullivan's original ideal.

**CANON JOHN FOWLER**

**MINISTRY DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN FLINDERS**





DOWN-UNDER RESURRECTION



It must have been a relief  
to escape the searing heat  
of vicious tongues  
and pain of piercing nails,  
and to rest in the dark tomb.  
And then there was the wetness  
of the dewy grass under your feet  
in the garden.  
And here you are now  
on the seashore,  
feeling the coolness  
of the sand between your toes.  
Now,  
with all that renewed energy,  
I don't suppose you're up for  
a game of beach cricket?

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ACOUSTICS



When I come home  
to a dark, empty house  
stripped of everything  
I ever held dear,  
even though the walls ring  
with the emptiness of it all,  
I am invited into a perfect acoustic;  
and so,  
despite my grief,  
I sing into the darkness,  
and presently  
I feel the brush of Your breath  
and you join in,  
taking my lonely song  
and making it a lover's duet;  
itself.  
and I know that,  
even in darkness,  
everything I have lost  
has become as nothing,  
and all I have gained  
in our singing together  
is life itself.

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# ISSUES THE REV'D FLO WALTERS

## CARING FOR OUR MOST VALUABLE



We live in a society that values independence and self-reliance, so one of the biggest fears for many people is to end up in a nursing home. Unfortunately, those fears have been fed by the bad press around some nursing homes – Oakden for example, along with several other nursing homes closed in its wake. However not all nursing homes are the same. Many are excellent. Some of the issues making it hard though to provide adequate care for some of our society's most elderly and vulnerable people may include:

- The changes that tailored and federally sponsored home care have brought about.
- People are staying in their homes longer, and when they enter a nursing home they can be older and sicker than previously.
- The medical care of residents being sacrificed to balancing the books. This is perhaps why there are fewer nurses and more less-expensive personal carers.
- The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation has been calling for a set and adequate registered nurse/patient ratio for some time.
- General staff shortages contributing to neglect and pressure cooker responses.

Given the likelihood that the number of Australians 65+ will increase from the current 15% of our population to 22.9% by 2055, some serious and sensible work needs to be done to regulate and improve the residential care sector throughout Australia.

Hopefully the Royal Commission into Aged Care will pave the way for realistic, informed, and compassionate changes where they are needed. Let us pray that the \$104.3 million dollars made available to be spent on that Royal Commission will successfully address the medical, workforce, and funding issues in aged care. If so, it will be worth every cent.

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## National Redress Scheme

**For people who have experienced  
institutional child sexual abuse**

The Diocese of Willochra is committed to the National Redress Scheme to provide an additional avenue for redress for those who have experienced abuse in the church. The Diocese was declared as a Participating Institution in the Scheme on 1st March 2019.

Persons wanting to make an application to the Scheme may do so at any time while the Scheme remains open.

Further information about the National Redress Scheme, including information on how to access advisory and support services, can be found [here](#).

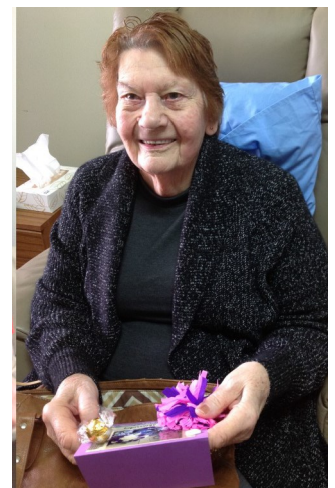




# THE WILLOCHRA HOME

## The Willochra Family

On Sunday the 12th of May, the ladies at the Willochra Home enjoyed receiving Mother's Day cards and gifts, and being spoiled by their families. Activities staff made a lovely setting for families to have their photo taken.



### Maude Long Celebrates 100th Birthday

Maude Long, resident of the Willochra Home, celebrated her 100th birthday with family, friends, residents and staff on 30th May, 2019.





# RENOVATION OF CAMP WILLOCHRA



Work has commenced on the refurbishment of the Jubilee Wing at the Camp.

Thankyou to the Parish of Flinders Plain and Streaky Bay for their generous sponsorship.

As you can see our coffee lounge looks very inviting.





## BUSPA'S CORNER

### SMALL "S" SERVANTS

Throughout our dioceses we find numerous people who have laboured for the Lord and His church in what could best be described as in an "unheralded and unsung" capacity.

Earlier Buspa's Corner notes were based on the theme "What good could come out of Willochra?" The history of the diocese is punctuated by the names of many people who became well known and well regarded in the Australian church as they served the Lord in the early stages of their ministry in what could be regarded as "primitive" conditions. From the Eyre Peninsula to the edge of the Nullarbor Plain, through Andamooka and into Coober Pedy, faithful servants of God drove their basic cars on less than basic roads. They communicated with less than basic radio communications until advances were made in radio communication developed in South Australia. With the advent of the pedal radio and the Flying Doctor Service (linked with the Anglican Aerial Medical service based in Ceduna) travel started to become less arduous.

It is essential to remember that alongside these well known servants of God, there were many people who faithfully served the Lord in "their little corner of the world". I well remember while on a BCA tour that covered the Eyre Peninsula meeting a lady who had grown up on the Peninsula on a property just south of the Transcontinental Railway line. She remembers the overnight visit of the clergy, many of whom were supported through BCA, and she enjoyed a flannel graph story given just to her. Years passed, and she was then a faithful member of the little congregation at Wirrulla. One of the clergy spoke of carrying a spare 12 volt battery in his boot with a radio aerial about 10 metres (30 feet long) that he would get out of his car boot and look for anything higher (there are not too many trees around) to try to get some form of radio reception to make radio contact with the then, Flying Doctor service that was in its infancy. His circuit often took him from the coast (Ceduna – Streaky Bay) up through bush tracks (euphemistically given the name of roads) to visit the hospital in Coober Pedy that was also staffed by Christian nurses supported by BCA.

Such was the scarcity of bush hospitals that alongside the

Presbyterian Inland Mission, the Anglican church built and operated hospitals in the Diocese of Willochra – Coober Pedy, Tarcoola and Cook. You may remember the hand painted sign on an old water tank – If you're crook, come to Cook.

Celebrating its centenary this year, the Bush Church Aid Society (BCA) has stood alongside the Diocese and in this Centenary year, we are reminded by the Apostle Paul to "thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me." (Philippians 1:3-7).

There are many people still living in the Diocese of Willochra or elsewhere who have been faithful, small "s" servants of Jesus.

We thank God for you.

**JOHN CRONSHAW**



HAMMOND,  
NOW A GHOST TOWN IN THE FLINDERS RANGES



## BCA launches new edition of Leon Morris' *Bush Parson*



As part of its centenary celebrations, Bush Church Aid has republished an expanded edition of Leon Morris' *Bush Parson*. *Bush Parson* is Morris' autobiographical account of his service as the BCA supported minister of the huge and challenging Minnipa parish on South Australia's Eyre Peninsula during the Second World War.

Leon and his wife Mildred, a nurse, travelled around the parish in a large green van named the St Patrick's Van by its Irish donors. The van served as an ambulance, clinic, bedroom, kitchen and study for Leon and Mildred.

"This...is my tribute to the big-hearted people I met in the outback," says Leon in *Bush Parson*. "I want to acknowledge my debt to so many battlers in their very difficult situations. And with them I want to link those in our cities who are interested enough in what is done in this vast country to support with their prayers and their gifts, those who go out to minister to their outback cousins."

Royalties from the book's sales are being donated to Bush Church Aid by the Leon and Mildred Morris Foundation. Its Chair, The Revd Neil Bach, also Leon's biographer, says: "Leon wrote over 50 internationally-acclaimed theological works, yet only one was autobiographical – the one describing his service with BCA. Whoever thought that this ministry would lay the foundations for Australia's greatest theological scholar and writer?"

The book was originally published in 1995 by Acorn Press. However, when BCA Victorian Regional Officer, The Revd Adrian Lane, discovered it was unobtainable, new or used, he approached Acorn requesting a new edition. Acorn generously agreed to cover all pre-publication costs. The new centenary edition includes rare archival colour photos taken from glass negatives found in the BCA Archives and the Morris Archives in the Ridley College Library. A number of appendices from these archives are also included, including Leon's original Application for Service with BCA.

The new edition was launched at the BCA Victoria Centenary Dinner on 4 May 2019 by Dr Kris Argall, Commissioning Editor of Acorn Press, Neil Bach and Adrian Lane.

The book is an interesting, engaging, and easy read. Copies are available for \$19.95 plus postage from BCA state and National offices, [bushchurcaid.com.au/content/shop](http://bushchurcaid.com.au/content/shop) and from Koorong Books.

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## BCA CENTENARY PRAYER

Almighty and gracious God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We praise you for planting your fruitful word in this land over many generations, through many different ministries, and we rejoice that many Australians have found new life through faith in Jesus.

Today we especially thank you for your faithfulness in sustaining the work of the Bush Church Aid Society over the past one hundred years.

We grieve that we have not always shown your love and truth in our common life. We recognise the injustices done to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and ask that you would help us walk together as one, reconciled through Christ.

Please continue to pour out your Spirit on your church, so that we might reach Australia for Christ. Raise up many labourers and empower us to be your witnesses, so that this nation would worship its true Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ,

In whose name we pray, Amen



# MOTHER'S UNION



**MULOA STANDS FOR "MOTHERS UNION LISTENING, OBSERVING, ACTING" AND IS THE NAME WE ARE USING TO EXPLORE THE ESSENCE OF WHAT IT IS TO BE MOTHERS' UNION**

One of the hallmarks of the Mothers Union over the years has been its ability to acknowledge and effect change. This is the aim and purpose behind the Mothers Union: Listening, Observing, Acting (MULOA) Conference. Mothers Union is coming together to LISTEN to God, to each other, to the vulnerable and those in need in our communities. We are OBSERVING what we already have and are doing in our work of showing Christian love, care and kindness, and we are ACTING by taking responsibility and feeding back our results and findings with the hope of creating a new vision for the future. As a member-led global organisation we are actively listening to the voices of our members to create a vision for the future that is grounded in their views and their experiences within their communities. This will result in a

series of regional meetings aiming to reach and hear from all of the 600+ dioceses in which Mothers Union works today, help will be given to members to answer some recurring questions we have been hearing:

- Who are we as Mothers Union?
- Whose lives are and could/should we be touching?
- What difference are and could/should we be making in people's lives?
- How do we most effectively make that difference?

From the process, a clear framework and direction for Mothers Union globally will emerge that reflects the realities of local communities and facilitates mutual and external accountability. We will identify key priorities for our policy, our programmes, and our faith work, and commit to sharing information on the impact of these across the movement.

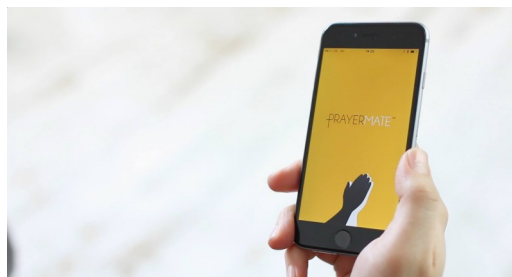
Mothers Union is actively listening to the voices of members here in Australia and worldwide to create a vision for the future that is based on their own views and experience within their own environment. It is engaging in a global conversation to explore the essence of what it is to be Mothers Union in contemporary society in our communities.



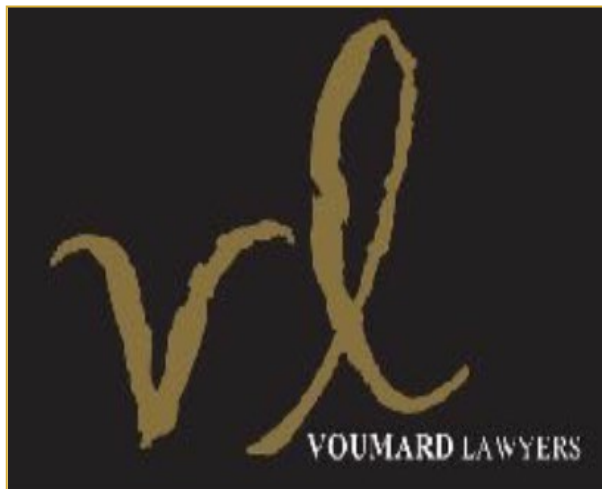
The prayer cycle for the Diocese is now available on an App which can be downloaded to either a Smart Phone or other device (iPad or another tablet, etc.).

The instructions for the use of Prayer Mate can be found at

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Due to my many current commitments, I don't have much spare time to do what I would like to do in our community, but of late I have had the pleasure of helping an elderly lady to get away from her home for a while. She is a widow, her husband died some 30 years ago

and she is approaching 90 years of age. She is fiercely independent but is now finding it difficult to walk any distance and as a result is not getting out as much as she needs to. We go to the doctor, the hairdresser, shopping, have a coffee or lunch at our lovely café and have become good friends.

This has brought to my mind the number of elderly people whom I am sure, live in Riverton and surrounding areas and who are possibly in a similar situation. In fact I have recently heard of a couple where the husband has dementia and the wife cannot get away from home without help. I must call around and visit them.

There are of course government services available for meals on wheels and housework etc., and these are excellent. But they don't make up for having someone call in to see you or to personally take you to the doctor or shopping, or just for a drive.

How do we get to know of these people and again how do we find the time in a busy life to make an effort to call? It is unfortunate that we do not have any clergy living in Riverton to call on people as once was the norm, but as a Lay Minister, I feel that I could take on this chaplaincy.

I am hoping to shed some of my commitments at the end of this year to make more time for other ventures, and certainly one will be to find and visit the elderly or housebound in our community.

*"...and the second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself"*

**ELIZABETH HARRIS**

**Thought for the Week from Anglican Mothers Union  
Australia, Sunday 26 May, 2019, Kaylene Vlasveld**

## **Joys and challenges**

1. Forth in your name, O Lord, I go,  
my daily labour to pursue;  
you Lord alone resolved to know,  
in all I think, or speak, or do.
2. Each task your wisdom has assigned,  
still let me cheerfully fulfill;  
in all my works your presence find,  
and prove your good and perfect will.
3. You may I set at my right hand,  
whose eyes my inmost substance view,  
and labour on at thy command,  
and offer all my works to you.
4. Give me to bear your easy yoke,  
and every moment watch and pray,  
and still to things eternal look,  
and hasten to your glorious day.
5. For you delightfully employ  
all that your bounteous grace has given,  
and run my course with even joy,  
and closely walk with you to heaven.

*Charles Wesley (Public Domain) AHB 480; TiS 571*

*Charles Wesley's faith made keen by self examination and self awareness is very evident. He has given us a veritable treasure with which to meditate.*

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