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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.



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SOPHIA SINCLAIR
ARPA President

The Willochran wins an Australasian Religious Press Association Silver Award for 2020, the award reads :

The Willochran

Here we have a quality publication obviously produced with a restricted budget. It fulfils its purpose keeping the constituents of Willochra informed. It covers a wide range of interests and is initially attractive. The quality and use of photographs are especially appealing adding to the whole package. Long may it continue.

I would personally like to thank Liz Harris and Mary Woollacott for all their assistance in helping produce The Willochran.

DEBBIE SMART

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BISHOP JOHN STEAD

Since March, I have been live streaming morning prayer from St Stephen's Chapel, Bishop's House, or if I have been away from home, from wherever I happen to be. It was not my intention to keep doing this, but the response has been positive, including requests for the practice to continue and I am happy to do so.

In a sense, the pattern of livestreamed morning prayer was meant to be an interim measure while we waited for a return to normal; or, what is now known as COVID-Normal.

Most of 2020 has been a time of waiting. All of us have had to learn to be more patient than we might otherwise usually be. We have waited to hear how many new community transmission there were, how many new infections, how many in intensive care, how many had died. We have waited for restrictions to be reduced, to return to the movies, to the pub, to dining out, to worshipping in person. We had waited while the authorities had resolved to introduce a short 'hard lockdown' and been relieved when it wasn't for as long as we had anticipated.

Advent is a time of waiting, not like the waiting that we have participated in since March. It is, as I read in a prayer from Annie Heppenstall-West, where "My waiting is for my own readiness to see the light."

We wait, we anticipate because it changes us in mind and spirit so that when the light comes, we will be able to 'see' it, to discern it for what it truly is. Waiting, and the patience it requires is a spiritual discipline. It is an aspect of being prepared.

May your waiting this Advent create in you the readiness to experience Emmanuel – God with us.

Grace & Peace,



The Right Reverend John Stead ♦ Bishop of Willochra ♦ bishop@diowillochra.org.au ♦ Mobile: 0417551 689



2020 CHRISTMAS SERVICES



Ardrossan, St James'

Christmas Eve 24th December 7.00pm Communion

Balaklava, Christ Church

Christmas Day 25th December 9.00am

Bungaree, St Michael's

Christmas Eve 24th December 5.00pm Lessons and Carols

Burra, St Mary the Virgin's

Blue Christmas 16th December 6.00pm

22nd December 6:30pm Nine Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve 24th December 5.30pm Children's Service

Christmas Day 25th December 9.00am

Ceduna, St Michael and All Angels'

Christmas Eve 24th December 6.00pm Combined Carols & Readings with Lutheran Church

Christmas Day 25th December 9.00am

27th December 9.30am

Clare, St Barnabas

Christmas Eve 24th December 8.00pm Holy Communion

Crystal Brook, St Silas'

Christmas Eve 24th December 7.00pm Carols and Holy Communion

Curramulka, St Christopher's

Christmas Day 25th December 9.30am Communion

Edithburgh, St Mary's

Christmas Eve 24th December 8.30pm Communion

Christmas Day 25th December 9.30am Communion

Georgetown, St George's

Christmas Eve 24th December 5.00pm

Gladstone, St Alban's

Christmas Day 25th December 9.30am

Jamestown, St James'

Christmas Day 25th December 9.30am

Kadina, Christ Church

Christmas Eve 24th December 9.00pm

Lake Wangary, St Matthias'

Christmas Day 25th December 9.00am Traditional Holy Communion



2020 CHRISTMAS SERVICES



Minlaton, St Benedict's

Blue Christmas Service	13 th December	4.30pm	Although Christmas is a time of celebration, for some the season is associated with 'blue' feelings. A quiet reflection on the message of Christmas without the usual hype of the season
Christmas Service	20 th December	7.00pm	Nine Lessons and Carols – followed by mulled wine and mince tarts
Christmas Eve	24 th December	5.00pm	Crib Service
Christmas Eve	24 th December	11.00pm	Midnight Mass
Christmas Day	25 th December	9.30am	Communion

Moonta, All Saint's

Christmas Day	25 th December	9.00am	Eucharist
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Orroroo, St Paul's

Christmas Day	25 th December	9.00am	
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Peterborough, St Peter's

Christmas Eve	24 th December	8.00pm	
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Poonindie, St Matthew's

Christmas Eve	24 th December	8.00pm	Holy Communion
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Port Augusta, Christ Church

Christmas Eve	24 th December	7.00pm	Holy Communion
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Port Lincoln, St Thomas'

Christmas Eve	24 th December	6.00pm	Family Service
Christmas Eve	24 th December	11.30pm	Traditional Holy Communion
Christmas Day	25 th December	10.30am	Traditional Holy Communion
	27 th December	9.30am	Holy Communion

Port Pirie, St Peter and Paul's Cathedral

Christmas Eve	24 th December	5.00pm	
Christmas Eve	24 th December	11.30pm	Midnight Mass
Christmas Day	25 th December	10.00am	Holy Communion

Port Victoria, St Alban's

Christmas Eve	24 th December	8.45pm	Communion
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Port Vincent, St Neot's

Christmas Day	25 th December	8.00am	Communion
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Riverton, Holy Trinity

Christmas Day	25 th December	9.00am	
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2020 CHRISTMAS SERVICES



Roxby Downs, Christian Community Church

Christmas Day 25th December 9.30am

Stansbury, St Augustine's

Christmas Day 25th December 9.30am Communion

Streaky Bay, St Augustine of Hippo

Christmas Eve 24th December 8.00pm Eucharist

Christmas Day 25th December 10.00am Eucharist

Tumby Bay, St Margaret's

Christmas Eve 24th December 5.00pm

Wallaroo, St Mary's

Christmas Eve 24th December 7.00pm Eucharist

Warooka, St James'

Christmas Eve 24th December 8.30pm Communion

Whyalla, St Martin's

Christmas Eve 24th December 11.00pm Holy Communion

Christmas Day 25th December 9.00am Holy Communion

Wilmington, Christ Church

Christmas Eve 24th December 5.00pm

Wirrabara, St Margaret's

Christmas Day 25th December 10.15am Combined Service at Uniting Church

Yorketown, St George's

Christmas Day 25th December 8.30pm Communion



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FAREWELL TO THE DEAN VERY REVEREND DR MARY LEWIS



On Sunday 22nd November, in the presence of Bishop John Stead and a good number of parishioners from both the Cathedral and St Silas, we said farewell to Reverend Mary, who, along with husband Owen, is retiring.

During her tenure at Port Pirie, Mary has preached and taught our Saviours words with a passion, been innovative and compassionate. We were certainly fortunate to have her and Owen provide the musical accompaniments for the Sunday services and to hear her lovely singing voice.

A presentation was made to both Mary and Owen of a monetary gift voucher for them to use in their future mission work, along with flowers to Mary and a bottle of wine to Owen. This was followed by lunch, prepared by Lettie and her helpers.

As Reverend Mary gave her last service and returned the symbols of her office back to the parishioners, we wished them both all the best for their future.



THE CRUCIBLE, NOVEMBER 2020

FAREWELL SUZY DRURY

It's time to say farewell and to wish Suzy the very best from everyone in the Diocese.

After fourteen years at the Diocesan office, Suzy is moving onto a new chapter in her life and leaving the Diocesan office on the 22nd December.

We thank Suzy for the way she went about serving the Diocese. Always offering to assist no matter how small or large the task. Always pleasant and encouraging others around her. Always professional in the stewardship of managing the Diocesan funds.

Go well Suzy on your new journey.



REGISTRAR, DIOCESE OF WILLOCHRA

WELCOME THE REVEREND MARK HAWKES

Our new Dean and Parish Priest

The retirement of the Reverend Mary has resulted in the appointment of the Reverend Mark Hawkes to the position of Dean at Port Pirie.



Mark Charles Hawkes was born 31st July 1979 at the QVH Adelaide to Michael and Merridy (nee Taylor) Hawkes.

The Reverend Mark was at St Mark's Golden Grove for seven years. While studying Chemical engineering at Adelaide University, Mark became a Christian. After that time, he lived and worked in Sydney, where he met and married Fiona.

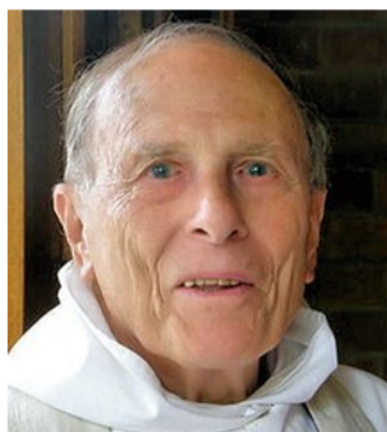
They moved to live in Adelaide in 2007 so Mark could study at Bible College SA, where he completed a Bachelor of Theology and Advanced Diploma of Theology. Since that time, Mark has been involved in church based ministry. Mark and Fiona are parents to seven children. He likes bush walking with his children and tinkering with computers, along with talking to people about Jesus over a cup of tea.

Mark's wife Fiona, who was the Children's ministry coordinator at St Mark's, was raised in Sydney and undertook training as an Occupational Therapist, not ever realising that she would live in South Australia until she married Mark. She worked as a therapist in both Sydney and Adelaide and on coming to Adelaide, Fiona has been studying for an Advanced Diploma of Theology through Bible College SA. With a love of Jesus and children, Fiona thinks that talking to children about Jesus is the best combination ever.



SOURCE: ST MARK'S GOLDEN GROVE INFORMATION SHEET

VALE, THE REVEREND CANON PETER PATTERSON 1928-2020



Peter William Patterson was born at North Adelaide 28th May 1928 to William Joseph Hedley Patterson and Doreen Myrtle (nee Harris) Patterson who had their home at Allenby Gardens.

Peter was educated at Welland Primary school and Woodville District High school. He was employed as a clerk at Elders Executor and Trustee company between 1944 and 1947. Peter married Daphne Barbara Kemp 8th January 1955.

After training at St Michael's Theological College at Crafers in 1951, the Reverend Peter was ordained at St Margaret's, his boyhood parish church in 1952 and his journey took him to many country and metropolitan locations in the State.

He came to the Diocese of Willochra in 1982 as Rector of St Barnabas at Clare (with Penwortham, Blyth and Bungaree), Archdeacon of the Broughton 1986-87, Archdeacon, Administrator and Vicar General of Willochra 1987-95, Rector, Christ Church Kadina (with Wallaroo, Moonta and Paskeville) 1987-93. He held the General Licence for the Diocese 1993-95 and was Canon Emeritus and PTO in the Diocese from 1996.

The Reverend Peter's wife passed away 10th March 2019 and he died 22nd November 2020. They spent the last three years at Anglicare All Hallows at Westbourne Park.

THE CRUCIBLE, NOVEMBER 2020

DECONSECRATION OF ST MARY'S CHURCH, GOYDER

Hail hammered on the roof during Bishop's address at the service for the Deconsecration of St Mary of Bethany Anglican Church at Goyder on September 25th.

This beautiful church, which is situated in the heart of farming land north of Balaklava, has been broken into on more than one occasion in recent years.

As the power had been cut during one break-in, twelve warmly dressed people attended to mark the occasion, and some spoke about past experiences worshipping at St Mary's.

The Right Reverend John Stead, Bishop of Willochra, and the Reverend David Thompson officiated with members giving the readings for the day and the Reverend Jenny Thompson reading the official document of Deconsecration from the Diocesan Office. The property has since been sold.

THE REVEREND JENNY THOMPSON
MINISTRY DISTRICT OF WAKEFIELD



OPENING OF THE NEW WHARF AT THEVENARD



Port Thevenard is the busiest regional port in South Australia (this is from Flinders Ports).

During COVID, Thevenard Mission to Seafarers have made goody bag drop offs to ships, which have continued to come even through the port redevelopment.

Pictured above are Susan Doughty, Carl Kaniva (General Manager Flinders Ports), Pam and Daine Burden, Andrew, and Andrew.

THE REVEREND SUSAN DOUGHTY
CEDUNA

MINISTRY DISTRICT OF WAKEFIELD ACCN VISITS WILLOCHRA

“Great ideas” and “We didn’t know all this existed” were comments made by members of the Anglican Creation Care Network (ACCN) when they visited the Ministry District of Wakefield for their November 6th meeting.

The ACCN was formed out of a motion at The Synod of The Diocese of Adelaide in October 2017 to “encourage and promote a local response to the Mark of Mission ‘to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and to sustain and renew the life of the earth.’”

The Reverends David and Jenny Thompson joined soon after its formation, and with a couple of people joining the group from the Diocese of the Murray, ACCN now has representation from all three Dioceses. The group meets every couple of months at various church hall venues usually in the Adelaide area, but with provincial status are now looking at other locations as well.

For this meeting in November, members were given a brief overview of a Ministry District and some of the environmental challenges associated with caring for the churches and the grounds in this District, but also that connection with the local community in each place, which is so important. Visitors were shown around the Gleeson Wetlands, a reclaimed sewage farm, and the importance not only for the natural elements but the benefit for the local community’s health, especially during the COVID times. Next the group visited the church sites at Penwortham and Mintaro. At Penwortham, seeing how the local community has come onboard in the upkeep of the cemetery and appreciating the “Olde Worlde” Roses which are in abundance at this site. At Mintaro, the Sacred Space for Healing, was appreciated, for transforming a little used site into a special place for people suffering in various ways. The local community has supported this project and begun planting the grounds with many plants indigenous to this area to help provide spaces for people to reflect, outside of the building.

At Auburn, the beauty of the interior of St John’s Anglican Church was appreciated and the concept of using this space as a centre for the Ministry of EcoSpirituality was outlined.

The ACCN is active in preparing articles for the Adelaide Guardian about tips for Creation Care activities in your local environment, promoting the ABM Creation Care Lenten Study, developing cleaning packs for “Quickest Warmth” that are less harmful to the environment, developing an online presence in putting together links to Creation Care resources for South Australian “parishes”, promoting training days, such as Rev Jenny Wilson’s “Preaching for the Planet” held in August 2020 to name but a few.

The study book for 2021 will be “Care of Creation - A Franciscan Spirituality of the Earth.”



BLUE TREE AT MINTARO SACRED SPACE



MAIN POND AT THE GLEESON
WETLANDS AT CLARE

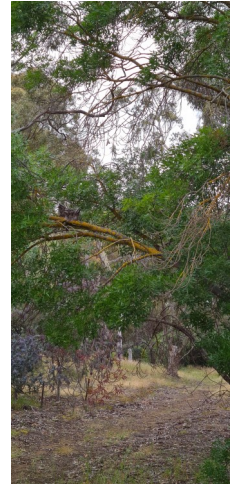
THE REVEREND JENNY THOMPSON
MINISTRY DISTRICT OF WAKEFIELD

ST BARNABAS CLARE-TAWNY FROGMOUTHS

Sonja Czora came across these little fellows sitting on a branch as she walked up the 'goat track' to St Barnabas Church at Clare one day. They remained in this spot for several days. It was quite near the church so everybody, young and old, was able to see them although they were well camouflaged in the dappled light. Tawny frogmouths are common around the Penwortham Church but this was the first time most of us had seen them at the Clare Church.



THE REVEREND JENNY THOMPSON
MINISTRY DISTRICT OF WAKEFIELD
(PHOTOS BY SONJA CZORA, ST BARNABAS CHURCH CLARE)



CELEBRATING ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI (OCTOBER 4TH)



In the Ministry District of Yorke Peninsula, St Francis of Assisi was celebrated in style. While a blessing of the pets inside our churches is ambitious and can present difficulties, a blessing of the stuffed animals is more practical and just as much fun. At St Augustine's, Stansbury, a display was set up in front of the altar and in fact, a pet live magpie did join the celebration. At St Benedict's, Minlaton, Tiny, the 6 foot bear who resides with the Reverend Anne and Michael Ford, arrived at church in the back of Robert Cook's ute and took centre-stage with other cuddly toys. It was a great day!



THE REVEREND ANNE FORD
ANGLICAN PRIEST, MINLATON
(PHOTOS TAKEN BY ANNE FORD)

ST MARTIN OF TOURS, WHYALLA CHRISTMAS TREE DISPLAY



PARISHIONER'S RAM SALE

As part of my community role I was involved in a parishioner's ram sale, including washing the rams faces' for a stud sale.

The Beattie family sold around 100 rams in August.

Without being presumptuous, one of our congregation said *"The Shepherd, caring for her sheep!"*

THE REVEREND SUSAN DOUGHTY

CEDUNA



HOLY TRINITY, RIVERTON

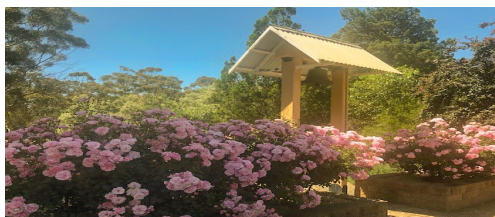
The cover of the last edition of The Willochran featured a number of churches in our diocese and this made me think that it would be good if the congregations of our churches could write a short history of their church and provide some photos of its special features. I have started the ball rolling in this edition with Holy Trinity, Riverton.

The church was built in 1858, two years after the township of Riverton was settled, and we celebrated our 150th anniversary in 2008. The glebe land was given by James Masters and Charles Swindon. We became part of the Wakefield Ministry District in 1997. Our church hall was built and consecrated by the Right Reverend Garry Weatherill, the then Bishop of Willochra, in the year 2000 and has been a much used part of the precinct. Prior to its erection parishioners had to walk down the road to the old church hall, which must have been inconvenient.

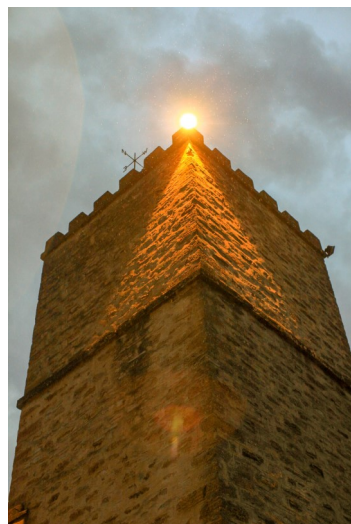
Like so many churches everywhere, our congregation has diminished over the years, however we are a vibrant group of people who care greatly for their church and each other.

A feature of the church yard is the memorial garden and bell tower. The building of this was in part, donated by Mrs Jeanne Frost, in memory of her husband, the Reverend Bruce Frost. Their plaques are included with those whose ashes have been interred over the years. The rose garden is a spectacular sight in season and the surrounding foliage makes this small piece of the church yard a peaceful and meditative place. The church tower is a prominent part of the church building and it takes a lot of climbing to change the light at the top or to make any repairs.

ELIZABETH HARRIS



THE MEMORIAL GARDEN AND BELL



THE CHURCH TOWER AT NIGHT
PHOTO COURTESY OF MRS JAN STEAD

COOL WORLD THE REVEREND JOHN FOWLER

Detective Inspector Robert Lewis steps out of the shadow of his mentor, the inimitable Inspector Morse, in this highly-acclaimed series of intricate mysteries. Together with his brooding, inscrutable partner, Detective Sergeant James Hathaway, they take on the elite criminal underworld of Oxford, England, relying on Lewis' instinct and Hathaway's intellect to see past appearances and into the hearts of their upper-crust foes.

Welcome into my *Cool World* as we again focus on the best that crime time television can serve up. *Lewis*, starring Kevin Whately as DI Lewis and Laurence Fox as DS Hathaway, has recently become must-watch TV at The Rectory in Jamestown.

And while I have never visited the city of Oxford, I was immediately drawn to this place and its university, staff and students. Perhaps it reminds me of my own College days, although St John's College, Morpeth is much more modest by comparison. However, some things never change with its variety of characters and social activities that are often far removed from their academic pursuits.

One feature of *Lewis* I'm enjoying is the church being portrayed in a more sympathetic way than in some television series, *Midsomer Murders* being a case in point. Detective Chief Inspector Tom Barnaby makes no secret of his contempt for the established church, their clergy and those who worship. I often find myself embarrassed by the behaviour and personalities of the various clergy who appear in *Midsomer Murders*.

That being said, we do learn that Robert Lewis lost whatever faith he had when his wife Val was killed in a hit and run incident and one of the wonderful ironies



and recurring themes in *Lewis* is that James Hathaway is a former seminarian who tells DI Lewis that God didn't kill his wife. Lewis may lament the fact that he has been partnered with a 'God botherer' (his words) but the two men form an excellent partnership both at work and off-duty.

Other characters of note include the coroner, Dr Laura Hobson, played by Clare Holman, who will be instantly recognisable by regular viewers of English television and Robert and James' boss, Chief Superintendent Jean Innocent, played by Rebecca Front, another familiar face.

Lewis can be seen on Wednesday evenings at 8.30 pm on free-to-air channel 7Two and for those with Foxtel, *Lewis* screens most days so check your guide for times.

THE REVEREND JOHN FOWLER

MINISTRY DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN FLINDERS



HOPE - WHAT ARE YOU HOPING FOR AT THE MOMENT?

Global concern - For a Corona virus vaccine; an end of the ravages of disease?

Self-preservation – to be well and not die; have enough money; have a job; have fun (coffee, entertainment, shopping). In any situation, any puzzle, any fear, indeed any happiness, the BIG question is 'Where is God in this?'

Think of Jesus' friends walking home from the desolation of Golgotha and the seeming end of all hope and the expectation of sharing Jesus' breath-taking ministry. The foundation of Christian Hope for them was meeting the resurrected Christ, hearing him break open the Scriptures. And then, as he broke the bread, 'their eyes were open'. Christian Hope is predicated on meeting the resurrected Christ. It is the Hope of Heaven. The Gospels recount Jesus' life, work, death and resurrection. The other New Testament writers bring definition to a newfound faith, a revisioning of human relationship, before and after death, with God.

Hope was a word used in the later Old Testament books translating several different Hebrew words with meanings such as 'trust' or 'expect' but as a Christian concept it is the hope of eternal life. We read, for example, in the First Letter of Peter 1: 3, 'Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead'.

While not spelt out in Jesus' teaching, his life and work constantly brought a living Hope – most particularly to the those referred to in John's Gospel as the Little Ones – the neglected, outcast, those outside the Jewish boundaries of ritual purity and those who had the visible evidence of evidence of God's disfavour. Illness and disfigurement, indeed poverty, was seen a punishment from God. Jesus' actions and teaching brought a NEW Covenant and his followers are bound to look forward to a new Heaven AND to build a new Earth.

Hope, like every good thing, is a gift from God. We only build in the sense of creating space and opportunity in which to feed our hearts and minds and souls so that Hope grows in us. We might begin, for example, by accepting our human mortality and look forward to 'resting in the arms of Jesus'. We can begin to accept the world realistically with its frail human beings and dangers. Sarah Bachelard, talking on the ABC radio programme, Soul Search, suggests that Faith and Hope are less clinging on to an idea of God/Scripture but rather letting go. Perhaps learning to swim is an appropriate analogy here. We read, mark learn and inwardly digest Scripture, pray as in 'being with' God not just asking or telling. Having skills we are then able to be dropped overboard and stay afloat; be able to crack open assumptions and be drawn into a deeper reality. For Sarah, contemplative prayer was the means to draw her forward and rather than being fixed and certain, she allows herself to humbly change. Hope she says, is not optimism but rather Hope holds together negativity and affirmation.

Silence and contemplation are not possible for all, but when we put our minds and hearts to it we can seek reality and God. The Collects for Morning and Evening Prayer (BCP or APBA) are grounded in the reality of danger and darkness and the grace and love of God in Jesus Christ. (APBA pg 13 and 14). Look for prayers that don't just ask for easy living but which will teach us, challenge us. Remember it wouldn't have been easy to watch Jesus touching lepers and his followers in every age are continually being asked to rethink their situation, their lifestyle in the light of His love and compassion for anyone considered 'beyond the pale'.

If Jesus demonstrated the love of God, the mercy of God, the acceptance of God which gave hope to anyone, then St Paul, the learned one brought to his knees on, but resilient and wise interpreted to the Corinthians Jesus' message of love by forming it into a bite-sized slogan, FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE. This trinity of precepts are the rocks on which we build our living – our response to others, our resilience in time of trouble, our capacity to forgive and to be generous.

THE REVEREND DR LESLEY MCLEAN, PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY COORDINATOR

ANGLICAN MOTHERS UNION AUSTRALIA

MIA MIA ARTICLE, JULY 2020



BRINGING BACK THE BUTTERFLIES

Hi all,

Some of you might already be involved in the **Bringing Back the Butterflies (BBB)** movement in Adelaide. Its aim is to encourage councils, local residents, schools and other organisations to grow some indigenous plants in their gardens to attract native butterflies and provide the necessary caterpillar food. There are nearly 80 different species of butterflies in South Australia – most of which are natives. Along with bees, including many native bees, butterflies are important pollinators in your garden.



If you would like to know more about local butterflies go to www.butterflygardening.net.au

If you would like to help propagate butterfly attracting plants, BBB is currently setting up small teams across the Fleurieu Peninsula to do just that!

Go to www.bbbutterfly.org to find out more. (Not: Website currently being updated. JT)

Maybe your church could set up its own propagation team (more than 2 people is ideal). If so, register with the BBB group so that you can be part of a larger network of teams and have access to free resources, including seeds, soil, tubes etc. (The network model is based on the 'Trees for Life' model but by forming a local propagation **team** members share the watering task during the seedling season – December to February, **AND** it is socially rewarding!

Imagine – every Anglican Church across South Australia having a butterfly garden on their doorstep, where we can observe these beautiful creatures whose evolutionary origins date back to the period of the dinosaurs – 120 million years ago! What a talking point! And we will be encouraging butterflies and other wildlife to return to our suburbs and built up areas. Please give it some thought.



WITH BLESSINGS
BETH WALTON
SECRETARY, ANGLICAN CREATION CARE NETWORK

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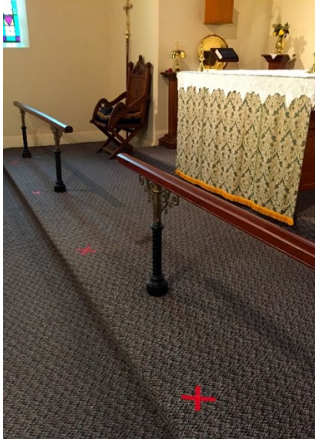
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IT'S ALL WRONG

It's all wrong.
We should be sitting together,
passing the peace
with a handshake
or hug,
chatting over coffee afterwards,
sharing bread AND wine.
Instead we are required to sanitise,
then enter our name and
phone number using our own pen,
then sit, spaced out,
distant from one other.
Even at the altar rail,
the floor is dutifully marked out,
denoting 'social distancing.'
Even there.
And so,
like it or not,
as we are fed on
the Bread of Life,
we stand on a cross
especially prepared
for each of us.

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BLESSED BEING

That night,
in a stable lit
by the struggling light
of a single star,
animals approached
the manger
one by one,
to be touched
by the tiny hand
of a child,
trembling with cold,
who blessed to each
their being.
Ah, little Lord,
reach out and
bless to me
my very being.

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THE WILLOCHRA HOME

UPDATED PHOTOS OF NEW BUILD



ISSUES THE REVEREND FLO WALTERS

THE POINTLESSNESS OF THE BLAME GAME

Recently my husband was diagnosed with Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD). According to the specialist he'd had it for some time, but nobody had either noticed or did anything about it. My immediate reaction was to blame somebody, with my anger focussed on the medical centre we have attended for several years.

However, as I thought about it all I realised that blaming somebody was not as easy as I first thought. Geoff's kidney issues were caused by undiagnosed diabetes and hypertension over years and years and years. I was left with a dilemma. If I was still going to blame a doctor – would it be our current doctor, or doctors from 5, 10, 20, 30, 40 or even 50 years ago.

After a few days of wasting precious emotional energy on non-stop anger, I decided to let it go – to forget who didn't do what – so we could peacefully face a significantly changed diet and the impending reality of dialysis in our lives.

When things go wrong in life it is very easy to want to blame somebody. Since the COVID-19 virus came into our lives we have seen and heard a lot of blaming. Federal and state governments get blamed for not doing enough, or for doing too much. Infected people get blamed for shopping while they are supposed to be in quarantine. Folk like the infamous pizza worker get blamed for working whilst infected. Australians returning from overseas are blamed for not returning sooner.

We are quick to blame others and no doubt others are quick to blame us. However blaming others does little to help us deal with whatever life brings. It doesn't help with the current situation or help people move ahead. All it does is leave them in a state of constant personal turbulence. Bad things happen in life and people make mistakes. That is the reality of our human condition.

As Christians we are flawed people living in a flawed world. Yet God does not blame us. Perhaps we can pray that God will help us see others with the love and forgiveness he has shown us.



THE REVEREND FLO WALTERS

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](#).

A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS: LISTENING TO THE STATEMENT FROM THE HEART

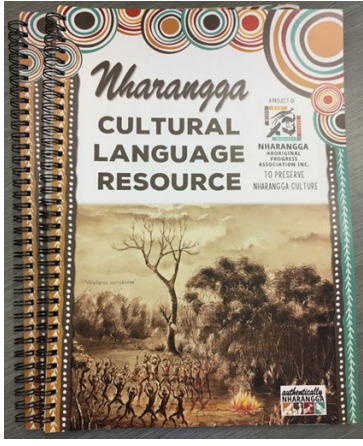
Following on from Canon Alison Wurm’s article on “A Voice in the Wilderness: Listening to the Statement from the Heart” in the last issue of The Willochran may I commend this resource to you.

The Nharangga Cultural Language Resource has just been published by the Nharangga Aboriginal Progress Association and contains information from Aboriginal Elders for the first time.

The Nharangga Nation covers a significant part of the Willochra Diocese and the Nharangga People are culturally significant to the broader South Australian community, and more specifically to Yorke Peninsula, Guuranda, their traditional Country.’

The intent of this Resource Booklet is to ‘support learning experiences within the renewal process and to develop appreciation for Nharangga historical and cultural significance. It has a place in both educational and community settings and it is hoped the resource will assist engagement in both audiences.’

It contains Nharangga history, a language map, language, culture, etcetera. The language aspect is vital to the ‘safe keeping of culture.’ It is hoped that this information will inspire new and creative language learning opportunities.



The Resource is available from the Nharangga Aboriginal Progress Association via email: info@napainc.com.au or visit www.napainc.com.au

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SMALL "S" SERVANTS – BARUCH & EBED MELECH

Around 600 years BC, life in The Promised Land was turbulent and dangerous. Dissension caused a split of the Children of Israel into two camps – the Israelites and the Kingdom of Judah, and their history over the previous one thousand years had shown incredible wavering between loving and serving the Great God Jehovah, and the created gods of Baal and others. Warring Nations from both North and South, the Egyptians and the Babylonians were vicious and ruthless in their means of domination, and the King's law was such that the slightest provocation could result in instant execution.

The prophet Jeremiah lived and ministered around this time. Following the exile of Judah to Babylon, he remained in Jerusalem with what is called "the remnant", a group of people who were described as "the poorest in the land and who had not been carried into exile". (Jer 40:7) King Jehoiakim was an impious king and it was God's prophetic utterances against his rule that Jeremiah dictated to his faithful servant and secretary Baruch. Apart from his diligence in recording Jeremiah's words from God, Baruch had to take the scroll and read it at the temple. It was read three times on the day of a festal gathering – the people, the princes and finally the king, but fortunately, on the advice of some officials Baruch was advised to hide along with Jeremiah. Because the king cut pieces off the scroll and burnt them, Baruch had to re write the words of prophecy.

The book of Jeremiah, the longest book in the Bible recounts Jeremiah's prophecies, but it is to the life of a small "s" servant by name of Baruch we need to turn.

Baruch was Jeremiah's faithful secretary – scribe and a faithful friend. He was responsible for providing valuable assistance in drawing up a deed of sale for land in adjoining Anathoth while Jeremiah was in gaol, and for sealing the deed and hiding it so it could never be found. To enter the prison and to associate with Jeremiah would have also been a dangerous situation for Baruch, but this small s servant showed his faithfulness to his human master and to his heavenly Lord in carrying out his duties without thought of recrimination.

Laboriously he wrote in ink on scrolls the words that Jeremiah had prophesied – "all the words I have spoken to you concerning Israel, Judah and all the other nations from the time I began speaking to you in the reign of Josiah till now" (Jer 36:2). Since Jeremiah was restricted in entering the Lord's temple, it fell to Baruch to take

the scroll and read them to all the people of Judah as they came from their towns. Such was the impact of the words that Baruch was asked by the son of the temple secretary to read the scroll to them, then to the officials and finally into the court of the King. Pause for a moment to consider what was written and the danger that Baruch faced. Imagine his disappointment as the king tore up page after page and threw it into the fire. All to be rewritten by Baruch.



EBED-MELECH PULLS
JEREMIAH FROM THE
SEWER

When discussing this situation, my wife Nancie said that Baruch should be a capital "S" servant to recognise the value of his service. We read in Chapter 45 of God honouring Baruch for his service. Many who read this will be a small "s" secretary servant in the service of the Lord, even while working in secular employment. Be encouraged and inspired by Baruch's willingness to serve and his attention to detail exhibited by his service to the prophet Jeremiah.

Another person worthy of mention is Ebed Melech. "Ebed Melech, a Cushite, an official in the royal palace" (Jer 38:7ff) is another small "s" servant whose name is honoured in the Bible because of his outspoken request to the king. In a horrible, distasteful punishment, Jeremiah was lowered into a cistern (a human sewer) by the officials, and King Zedekiah basically washed his hands of the whole affair. It fell to Ebed Melech to bravely ask the king to rescue him from the cistern before he died. The land of Cush is in North Eastern Africa and became Ethiopia. Years later, Haile Selassie, Emperor of Ethiopia, who lived from 1891 to 1975 is quoted as saying "Throughout history, it has been the inaction of those who could have acted, the indifference of those who should have known better, the silence of the voice of justice where it mattered most, that has made it possible for evil to triumph."

Maybe it was a heritage of courage passed down through generation to generation?

Jeremiah – there is no doubt this special man of God was faithful in his prophetic utterances delivered from God. How encouraging is it to read of faithful, willing small "s" servants of God who played essential roles in this ministry. How encouraging is it to us to be able to emulate such service.

JOHN CRONSHAW



MOTHERS UNION WORLDWIDE—A GLOBAL VIEW

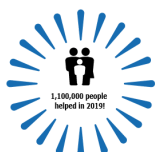
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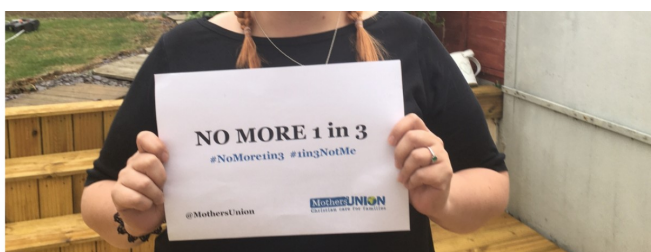
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Our Global Day is centred around the disturbing figure that “1 in 3 women worldwide have experienced domestic or sexual abuse” and that Mothers’ Union as a leading women’s organisation believe this to be unacceptable. The Global Day took place on the 5th December 2020. We also wanted to encourage members to involve their Church communities by producing resources (intercessions, sermon outline etc) that could be used the following day in Church on 6th December. It was hoped that things would be more “normal” by this point so that we could continue with our initial plans, however given the current climate, we



decided to take the majority of the activities online, in the hope that engaging with as many members as possible online this year will lead to building on the success next year when hopefully we can have events marking this day, in person, around the world.



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THE LAST WORD - ELIZABETH HARRIS



I FOUND THE FOLLOWING PRAYER IN A RECENT SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES NEWSLETTER. TO ME IT SIGNIFICANTLY DESCRIBES THE YEAR 2020.

Shepherding God, we have felt scattered across this year's paddock, the regular tracks we have followed for years, did not lead us to the usual well-known spaces. The boundary fences of expectations fell and unravelled. The comfortable fleece that had blanketed and warmed our souls, tore in tufts on the barbwire of restrictions, and disappeared in fibres blown away with the winds of change.

Isolation separated us from our flock, ...Yet you gathered our scattered souls in unexpected ways, bringing us to different refreshing streams, and mountains of hope rise before us. Grazing in different ways of nourishing our souls, we travelled through valleys to new paddocks. We found rest and peace in unexpected ways. For you Good shepherd look for the lost, bring us from wandering to a place of rest. You bandage our hurts with love and heal our being with love. In you, we find belonging and our home.

A year that started with bushfires, burning the land, buildings, flora and fauna, taking lives like never before. Uncontrollable, savage, leaving only desolation.

Then in March the Corona virus. It took us a while to realise that it was not something that happened elsewhere in the world, but it happened to us. It was real, it was savage, it took no hostages - lives lost,

occupations lost (both my grandson and my daughter were made redundant), isolation and mental illness.

Then just as we thought life was getting back to normal (the new normal), a second lockdown, albeit a short one. Many people were again isolated, businesses struggled and borders closed around us

Yet through all of this, God did not desert us. We had new ways of church - streamlining services, the distribution of resources, telephone calls to one another and to others who needed our support.

In this same newsletter, the Reverend Anne Hewitt writes "As we draw near to the end of this paddock of our Church year... God has been right at the heart of where ever we have found ourselves. The Good Shepherd seeks us, greets us, gathers us, guides us, refreshes us, knows us, understands us, holds us, heals us and enables us to find home wherever we belong".

I am hoping to travel with my daughter to Brisbane in December to celebrate my son's 60th birthday. We haven't cancelled our flights as yet. It will mark a milestone in the life of a little boy who was born in 1960 and grew up to be a good and kind man.

My wish for you all is that you may enjoy the Christmas season and that the year 2021 will be a better one.

ELIZABETH HARRIS



MEMBER OF THE AUSTRALASIAN
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Any of these can be accessed on our Website under 'Make a Donation'.

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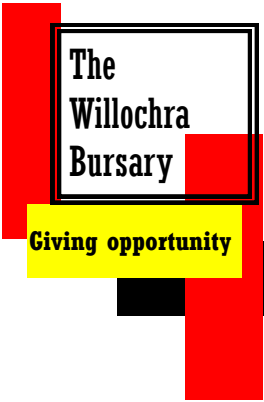
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