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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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Last year after we were unable to gather in Church buildings any longer, I wrote these words: "Threat... or Opportunity! To react... or Respond? I came across these words on Facebook from 'Buddhism Daily':

When you can't control what's happening, challenge yourself to control the way you respond to what's happening. That's where your power is."

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Lent is a time of reflection in preparation for Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday, ultimately preparing for resurrection. Easter is a time of reflection on what it means to be the other side of crucifixion – living in the context of resurrection life.

March 22 in 2020 was the Sunday a Pastoral Letter was read to the dioceses congregations informing them that we would not be worshipping in our Church buildings for the foreseeable future. In 2020 I was worshipping with the congregation at Riverton; on the equivalent Sunday this year, March 21, I was in Watervale. Much has occurred in the intervening months that has caused me to reflect and contemplate. There has been much to learn – about myself, about the people of this nation and about the nature of being a person of faith.

In my Christian journey, I had already realised that nothing is wasted in 'God's economy' that God will find a way to bring about a blessing from very negative situations. I now look for the blessing rather than dwelling amid an awkward or negative situation – I have learnt the importance of response overreact.

The Easter Season is a time of response:

response to God's act of redemption through the crucifixion of Jesus

response to the possibility of resurrection in the midst of that which can seem dark

response to new insights and learnings through a 'dark night of the soul.'

response to the love of God

response to becoming a co-inheritor with 'brother Jesus' of the kingdom of God

response to my incorporation as friend, as sibling and therefore as 'son or daughter' of the

Creator in a new way

How will you respond to this Easter?

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed!

+ Joh Willochra

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ARDROSSAN, ST JAMES'S

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Good Friday	2nd April	11:00am
Easter Sunday	4th April	11:00am
Auburn, St John's		
Easter Day		9.30am
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Palm Sunday	28 March	9.00am
Maundy Thursday	1st April	7.30pm
Good Friday	2nd April	9.00am
Easter Day	4th April	9.00am
Bungaree, St Michael	S	
Palm Sunday	28th March	3.00pm
Clare, St Barnabas		
Maundy Thursday	1st April	7:00pm
Good Friday	2nd April	3:00pm
Easter Day	4th April	9.30am
Crystal Brook, St Silas'		
Good Friday	2nd April	9:00am
Easter Day	4th April	9:00am
Curramulka, St Christopher's		
Palm Sunday	28th March	9:30am
Good Friday	2nd April	9:30am
Easter Sunday	4th April	9:30am
Edithburgh, St Mary's		
Palm Sunday	28th March	9:00 am

4th April

28th March

4th April

THAT THURSDAY



	It was after sunset
9.00am	That they all met in that upper room.
9.00am	We women, of course,
7 90nm	had been there for some time, preparing the
7.30pm	Passover meal.
0.000m	Then we sat back and
9.00am	watched and
0.000	Listened.
9.00am	Puzzling conversation about
	servanthood
	(well we knew about that already, being women)
	and being one with him and with the Father.
3.00pm	Then.
0	amazingly,
	he took a towel and a bowl and
	washed the disciples feet.
7:00pm	Unheard of!
	The actions of a slave! But that
3:00pm	was him all over -
	always ready to give of himself. In fact
9.30am	when he broke the bread and
	distributed the wine
	he said "This is my body and blood!" as if we
	could somehow eat,
9:00am	drink, absorb him.
	How much more can a man give of himself?
9:00am	We were about to find out in the
	following dreadful days,
	when our skies turn black with grief.
9:30am	But for the time being our
9.30411	prepared meal
9:30am	had become a dreadful banquet full of
0.000m	love and betrayal I vowed that
9:30am	Such a meal I would never eat again and
	Yet
	And yet
9:00 am	with each subsequent breaking of bread, each
11:00am	taking of the cup,
inooum	the memory is relived with
	dreadful, poignant
	clarity
10:30am	a counterpoint to the cross and the tomb and the rising.
	None of thee would make sense except for that meal.
10.30am	©Rev'd Sr. Sandra Sears CSBC 27/9/18

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Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday

CHURCH Palm Sunday

KADINA, CHRIST

LAKE WANGARY, ST MATTHIAS'

Good Friday	2nd April	10:00am	
Easter Sunday	4th April	9:00am	
Minlaton, St Benedict's			
Palm Sunday	28th March	9:30am	
Maundy Thursday (foot washing)	1st April	7:00pm	
Good Friday	2nd April	9:30am	14A 1
Easter Day	4th April	9:30am	The soldiers wrencl
Moonta, All Saint's			with pliers and let h
Good Friday	2nd April	3:00pm	gently).
Good Filday	2nd April	3.00pm	Joseph of Arimathe Pilate for his body,
Penwortham			begin the preparati
Good Friday	2nd April	11.00am	We prised the crow
Easter Day	4th April	11.15am	flesh and hair, mat
Poonindie, St Matthew's			then stood by to all to wash the blood a
Good Friday	2nd April	10:00am	crooning the lullaby
·	-	10.00am	have sung when she
Port Augusta, Christ Churc	H		We wanted to allow
Good Friday	2nd April	9:00am	world but Sabbath
Port Augusta, St Au-			women helped her Joseph had bought
			wrapped him in the
Easter Sunday	4th April	9:30am	He helped us carry
Port Lincoln, St Thomas'			weeping we laid hir
			and then rolled the
Maundy Thursday (Holy communion)	1st April	10:30am	entrance. But even
Maundy Thursday	1st April	7:00pm	for Rome, because a some soldiers came
	-	-	properly sealed. We
Good Friday	2nd April	10:00	they shared some n
Easter Sunday	4th April	11:00am	Is that all his life wa
DODE DIDLE CE DESED AND DALE			to be consigned to a uncaring soldiers?
PORT PIRIE, ST PETER AND PAU	L S CATHEDRAL		Couldn't they see?
Good Friday	2nd April	9:00am	But the sun was ab
Easter Day	4th April	10:30am	had to hurry home,
Port Victoria, St Alban's			Unable to even prot
Palm Sunday	28th March	11:00am	Just before he died
Good Friday	2nd April	11:00am	finished!" But for us it was no
·	-		and it seemed that
Easter Sunday	4th April	11:00am	would never be fini
			©Rev

THAT FRIDAY



30am	The soldiers wrenched the nails out of him with pliers and let him down (none too
oopm	gently). Joseph of Arimathea had bartered with Pilate for his body, so we were allowed to
.00am	begin the preparation.
	We prised the crown of thorns out of his flesh and hair, matted with blood,
.15am	then stood by to allow his sobbing mother to wash the blood and grime from his body,
):00am	crooning the lullaby she probably would have sung when she bathed him as a child.
ooam	We wanted to allow her all the time in the world but Sabbath was too close, so we women helped her with her tender task.
	Joseph had bought strips of linen and we
	wrapped him in them.
30am	He helped us carry him to the tomb where,
	weeping we laid him,
:30am	and then rolled the heavy stone across the entrance. But even that wasn't good enough for Roma because as we turned to go
oopm	for Rome, because as we turned to go, some soldiers came to make sure it was
:00	properly sealed. We left them laughing as they shared some macabre joke.
:00am	Is that all his life was worth,
	to be consigned to a tomb guarded by uncaring soldiers? Didn't they know? Couldn't they see?
:00am	But the sun was abut to set, and we
):30am	had to hurry home,
0	Unable to even protest as their callousness.
:00am	Just before he died he had cried out "it is finished!"
:00am	But for us it was not finished,
:00am	and it seemed that our grief was such that it would never be finished.
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THAT SUNDAY

PORT VICTORIA, ST ALBAN'S

,			THAT JUNEAT
Palm Sunday	28th March	11:00am	11 (00) (11 () () () () () () () () (
Good Friday	2nd April	11:00am	All vie a
Easter Sunday	4th April	11:00am	
Port Vincent, St Neot's			
Palm Sunday	28th March	11:00am	
Easter Sunday			
	4th April	6:30am	
Riverton, Holy Trinity			
Palm Sunday	28th March	10.00am	We went there control
Maundy Thursday	1st April	5 20pm	We went there early, as the sun was struggling
Maundy Indisday	1st April	5.30pm	to shed any glimmer of hope on our grieving world.
Good Friday	2nd April	10.00am	How we lived through yesterday's Sabbath I'll never know. The call to worshipmocked us, echoing Friday's jeering crowd.
Fastor Day	4th April	10.000m	So we huddled together, women,
Easter Day	4th April	10.00am	by now beyond tears, grief crushing us
SNOWTOWN			to dry dust. So there we were,
Palm Sunday	28th March	11.00am	as we had been on Friday, Mary, his mother,
			Joanna, and me,
Stansbury, St Augustine's			with oursweet smelling, bitter burden, to offer our tender anointing, our last gesture of love.
Easter Sunday	4th April	9:00am	But we found ourselves even bereaved of that.
Destan Que la	41 ¹ A		The tomb was empty. No soldiers. No stone.
Easter Sunday	4th April	9:00am	Just a gaping hole
			that mirrored the shocking emptiness of our hearts.
STREAKY BAY, ST AUGUSTINE OF	Нірро		We ran back to tell the others, but they didn't - couldn't - believe us.
Good Friday (Doctors Beach)	2nd April	10:00am	So I returned,
Easter Sunday (Doctors Beach)	4th April	6:45am	to weep for my lost love, sure that his body
Easter Sunday (St Augustine's church)	4th April	10:00am	like my hopes, had been snatched away.
Tumby Bay, St Margaret's			In fact I begged the gardener to please, please tell me where
Maundy Thursday	1st April	7:00pm	they had taken him. But then
Good Friday	2nd April	9:30am	just one sweet word: "Mary."
•	_		The blur of my tears may have blinded me,
Easter Sunday	4th April	9:30am	but my ears over the years had been too tuned to his voice calling my name
WALLAROO, ST MARY'S			for me to deny what I heard. It was impossible,
Maundy Thursday	1st April	7:00pm	but it was him. In my joy I wanted to hold him, tell him of my love.
Easter Eve	3rd April	7:00pm	But he knew the dangers of such an attachment. There was
Warooka, St James'			too much to do. Too much to share.
Good Friday	2nd April	11:15am	Too much to tell. And so I was sent, the first Apostle, to do, share, tell
Whyalla, St Martin's	-	-	of my beloved's love for the world.
Maundy Thursday	1st April	7 •90nm	
	-	7:30pm	©Rev'd. Sr. Sandra Sears CSBC January 2021
Good Friday	2nd April	11:30am	
Easter Sunday	4th April	9:30am	

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YORKETOWN, ST GEORGE'S

Palm Sunday	28th March	9:30am
Good Friday	2nd April	9:30am
Easter Sunday	4th April	9:30am

Faster w	stry District of Yorke Peninsula 1 1111 The Anglicans
	and Celebrate with us
Palm Sunday <i>(Mai</i>	A Date I'
9 am St Mary, Edithbu 9:30 am St Christopher, C 9:30 am St Benedict, Min	argh 9:30 am St George, Yorketown Curramulka 11 am St Alban, Port Victoria
Holy Week (March	29,30,31) @ St Benedict
10:30 am Monday, Tuesda	ay & Wednesday in Holy Week
Maundy Thursday 11am Foot-washing St Joh 6pm Seder Meal - St	m, Maitland
Cost \$10 (\$20 Famil	ly) (Booking sheet)
7pm Foot-washing St Ben	
and the second second	Good Friday (April 2) 9:30am St Christopher, Curramulka
Contraction of the second s	9:30am St George, Yorketown
+++	9:30am St Benedict, Minlaton 11 am St James, Ardrossan
100 200	11 am St Alban, Port Victoria 11:15am St James, Warooka
Easter Day (April 4 6:30am St Neot, Port Vincer	B Dawn Service on Foreshore Followed by BBO Breakfast
9:30am St Augustine. Stansbu 9:30am St Benedict, Mink 9:30am St Christopher, Co	CHRIST IS RISEN
9:30am St George, Yorket	

Vale, Barbara Mary Foster Meakin

Mum was born in Kent nearly 102 years ago. By all accounts, she was a strong-willed girl and that didn't sit well with her father. From an early age, she was a champion swimmer. She was selected for the British team at the 1940 Olympics, which had to be cancelled because of Adolf Hitler.

She worked as a nurse in Wartime London and met Dad who was a Chaplain at London Hospital. They married in 1940. They had a dog called Sally who had an unerring ability to detect whether a German flying bomb would land nearby or pass harmlessly overhead. Sally also earned her keep taking Mum's place in food queues while she used her time more productively.

After the war, we all headed off to Brazil for five years of glorious excitement. Donna Barbara was in her element. After Brazil, Dad was posted to Singapore by his Masters at the Mission to Seamen. Mum went with him, while my brother and I went to boarding school in England. It was in Singapore that Mum showed her full potential. She helped establish a Maternity Hospital, took up motor racing and volunteered to become the welfare officer for Fijian Troops, fighting a communist insurgency. She visited the troops in the jungle, sometimes without an escort. On one occasion, she was travelling alone through hostile country, when she bumped into the Supreme Commander of the allied troops, General Sir Gerald Templer. "Madam", he exclaimed "What in the devil are you doing here?"

It was during her time with the Fijians that she posed for the picture in the grass skirt. Not the sort of thing a Vicar's wife did in the 1950s. Just before she died, I asked her about that photo. "That was a dare" she said "Who dared you? Was it the Fijians?" "No" she replied "I dared myself" - and there was a broad smile on her face.

After Singapore, the Meakin family moved to Adelaide... and Donna Barbara's first impressions were not favourable. She didn't like the heat or the flies or the tin roofs. Stints at Port Lincoln, Port Pirie and Whyalla turned her affections in Australia's favour and she became a naturalised citizen, albeit with a funny accent. And of course, she kept swimming.

In 1969, with money she'd saved from nursing, she bought a cottage in Elder Street Moonta Mines. It cost \$1,500, which Dad, frugal as always, thought a total waste of money. Mum turned her new home into an oasis, pitting herself against the arid landscape and planting dozens of trees. A finer memorial than any gravestone.

Dad, the love of her life, died 16 years ago but no widow's weeds for Mum. She drove around town in a pony and trap, climbed the Harbour Bridge at the age of 88 and we had to dissuade her from buying a motorcycle and sidecar to take the dog to the beach. Just as well because when she was well into her nineties she was booked twice on the same day for speeding, or should I say, low flying through Moonta. Age didn't slow her down and she continued to travel the world with our magnificent relatives, the Campbell family from Nottingham.

The last few years of Mum's life were tough. She battled blindness and deafness and pain, but she never lost her joie de vivre. She loved the simple things – her dog Lachie, a trip to the beach, or a glass of red, and her joy inspired happiness in others. One of my enduring memories of Mum is on a serene summer day in Sydney when the silence was suddenly shattered with "isn't it peaceful". "Yes Mum, it is peaceful". Uncomfortably so, one long adventure is over, and a new journey begins, or, as she said herself a few days ago "I have never died before". WHAT A LADY, WHAT A LIFE!

Peter Jeremy Meakin

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ISSUES

THE REV'D FLO WALTERS

GETTING THE POINT?

A few days ago I was asked if I was willing to have the COVID vaccine. Immediately I replied "Yes, the sooner the better. If my husband gets the virus he will most likely die, and it wouldn't do me much good either."

The woman on the other end of the phone was horrified at my reply. For the next 10 minutes she argued that we shouldn't have the COVID vaccination. What seemed to concern her most was that she believed something had been implanted in the vaccine that could change our DNA, so that the God factor would be replaced with Artificial Intelligence powered and circulated by the 5G network.

As my head began to ache with so much machine-gun-like input, I asked her whether these were the same sort of QANON ideas that had contributed to the horrifying January 6th storming of the Washington Capitol in which 5 people died and 140 were injured. She had no answer, so we agreed to disagree. It struck me a bit later that the woman who was so worried about being controlled by Artificial Intelligence was already totally brainwashed by a disproven and discredited far right conspiracy theory.



Anti-Covid-19 vaccine demonstrators, Adelaide 20th February 2021. Courtesy Adelaide Advertiser

It is normal for us to be wary about something new. I imagine there were people concerned about the flu shot and the pneumonia shot when they were first rolled out. Now these vaccines are part of our normal lives.

One of the underlying principles in the Bible (e.g. Philippians 2:3-4) is that we should aspire to the sort of love – God's love – that puts the needs of others before our own.

To obtain COVID 19 herd immunity in Australia we need 60% to 70% of people to have the vaccination. If not for our sake, but for the sake of others, let us roll up our sleeves and just get on with it.

The Rev'd Flo Walters



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WILLOCHRA BURSARY

THE WILLOCHRA BURSARY

School completion rates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are well below the rates for non-Indigenous students. In recent years there has been an improvement in retention rates and we are proud to be involved in this movement for change.

Mission, it's been said, is finding out what God is doing and joining in. (Archbishop of Canterbury)

The Bursary was established in 2015 to assist bursary winners with the costs associated with their study.

The bursary grant may be used for stationery and equipment, books, IT supplies, uniforms, sporting goods, school excursions, or school fees.

WILLOCHRA BURSARY FOR 2021

The two 2021 Willochra Bursary recipients are Kianna Pepall, who is a student at Kadina Memorial School and Aaliyah Fallows who attends Pt Broughton Area School.

Kianna is hoping to go to university and study to become a high school English teacher. In Year 11, she was involved in the SAASTA Elite Netball programme and held an ANZ traineeship through Maxima Employment.

Aaliyah hopes to become the first member of her family to complete Year 12. Aaliyah has been a member of the Broughton Mundoora Netball Club. In Year 11, she won the Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork award.

> The Rev'd Anne Ford Chairperson of the Willochra Bursary Committee



Kianna Pepall from Kadina Memorial School



Aayliah Fallows from Pt Broughton Area School, winner of a Willochra Bursary for 2021





70 YEARS WITHOUT A MISS!

Meet Bob and Audrey Edwards, two stalwart worshippers in the congregation at St Benedict's, Minlaton who have just celebrated their seventieth Christmas Midnight Mass without a miss! It was a bit harder in 2020 as Bob was just out of an extended stay in hospital after a fall which required surgery to repair his femur, but he was determined to make it - and he did! He and Audrey have been members of the congregation "for ever", certainly since they were married in 1952.

They live on the family farm 5 km out of Minlaton, have a supportive family around them and still love their home life together.

What makes the celebration on Christmas Eve very special for them is that Audrey celebrates her birthday on Christmas Day, so starting the day with champagne and lots of nibbles is a good reason to keep coming. Bob has just recently given up sidesperson duties because long standing time is getting a bit hard. Audrey is still actively involved in Mothers' Union, Bargains and Bits and is a regular reader for services.



MICHAEL FORD

NOT AUSTRALIA DAY, BUT CLOSE!

The Bishop has instituted a new award which he had signalled for some months. Each year, from now, he has the option to make one

award to an ordained person and also to a lay person who, in his opinion, have made a "significant contribution to the Diocese".

The first recipients of this award were announced by Bishop John at the start of the recent Ordination Service in the cathedral. The first cleric recipient is Fr Michael Hillier, former Administrator, Archdeacon, Parish Priest and pioneer of the Spirituality program in the Diocese.

The Lay recipient for 2020 is Michael Ford, former Diocesan Treasurer, member of Synod and Diocesan Council, Trustee of the Leigh Trust, Lay Canon of the Cathedral, member for a short time of the provincial Professional Standards Committee, Co-ordinator of the Clergy Enhancement Process, Convener of "The Friends of Willochra", and facilitator of the "Ensuring Safer Church Communities" course. For some years, Michael also ran, as part of his Treasurer's role, seminars on Good Stewardship around the Diocese and advocated keenly for Electronic Direct Crediting to be an integral part of our support for local and diocesan projects. Beyond the diocese, Michael sits on the General Synod's Commission for Mission and Ministry, a national body, and proudly speaks as "the voice from the bush".



A Covid-safe handshake with the Bishop

The Award consists of a red Diocesan badge and a Certificate.



CELEBRATING THE HARVEST. MINISTRY DISTRICT OF YORKE PENINSULA

Creator God, breathing your own life into our being, you give us the gift of life. You placed us on this earth with its flowers and fruits, minerals and waters, living creatures of grace and beauty. At harvest time the earth reaches the peak of its fruitfulness.

On Sunday January 31, Members of the Ministry District of Yorke Peninsula gathered in the shed of Marty Collins of Sunbury to offer thanks for the successful end to the Harvest in our district. If you haven't been out into the country of late, the 'shed' has the dimensions of a cathedral.

Our service affirmed not only God's abundant goodness towards us in a year of a bumper harvest, but that our farmers engage in agriculture with responsible management of the land for the future generations as well. It reminded us of the social inequity that in a land with such an abundance of food, some were still looking for food in rubbish bins and that in other nations, farmers were forced into poverty by regimes denying them access to their land.

We began singing - *We plough the fields with tractors, with drills we sow the land;* a reminder that Agriculture has moved on in the last hundred years. Former Dean and now part of the Ministry District Clergy Team, David Amery celebrated on a makeshift altar surrounded by a massive Air Seeder, a 45 tonne chase bin and a mountain of Lentils. And a table of assorted produce from lesser agricultural efforts was dwarfed. Our local priest, Anne Ford brought us the message for the day, and Michael Ford provided the music.

After the service, a Covid safe luncheon of cold meats and salad was served by the catering team from St Benedict's, Minlaton. We are now looking forward to celebrating the next harvest.

Andrew Lang, District Priest



Fr Andrew blessing the harvest



Guests enjoying the lunch

GREAT WILLOCHRAN PRESERVE CONTEST

As part of our Willochra Sunday it was thought that we could celebrate one of the things that draws us together as a country diocese – Preserving. All over the diocese people have been slaving away pickling, relishing, chutneying, jamming and saucing in response to an abundant harvest.

We are inviting entries from every ministry centre across our diocese to take out the prize of Willochran champions for 2021. Categories: Sauce, Jam, Relish/Chutney; with winners to be

announce on Willochra Sunday (July 25). Independent Judges will be arranged and prizes are to be negotiated. Further details will be notified closer to the

event, but entries will need to arrive at the cathedral by June 30.

Enquires to Andrew (Archdeacon for preserves)





ST MARY'S, EDITHBURGH



Sunrise at Sultana Point, Yorke Peninsula

Courtesy June Harrison

Excerpts from Isis' award winning entry in the Governor's Civic Awards for Schools.

Nhinni Marni, Ngayi Midji Isis Schulte. Hello, how are you? My name is Isis Schulte. Ngayi Graadi-Graadidja Nharangga Anggi-Yidja.

l am a proud Narungga girl. Ngayi Graadi-Graadidja Nharangga Warra Wanggadja.

I am proud to be speaking Narungga language.

Welcome to my discussion where I will explore the inquiry question: *Why is it important for young people to know about the establishment and development of the South Australian colony in 1800-1900?*

My story begins in 1836 with the establishment of the South Australian Colony which occupied the Kaurna lands after failing their attempt in Karla (Kangaroo Island), known as the Island of the Dead.

The impact of European settlement across all Australia removed and displaced Aboriginal people from their Lands, and therefore the spiritual connection they had with their Country was lost.

In 1868 about 600 acres was used to establish Yorke Peninsula Aboriginal mission which is now known as Point Pearce. This would have been an issue because each mob speaks a different language, leading to them misunderstanding each other's speech. Whilst in these missions, Aboriginal people were 'Christianised'. Aboriginal people were also stopped from speaking their native language which meant many generations lost an important connection to their culture. As a young Indigenous girl, I am fortunate that my family has been reconnected to Narrunga language and my Mother has taught me how to speak it. It is important for young people of all backgrounds to understand the events surrounding the establishment of South Australia. Lastly, it is important for young people to understand and appreciate how far reconciliation has evolved over time and that they become empowered within this ongoing process. *Ngayi Yunggu*, Thank you.

ST ALBAN'S, PORT VICTORIA

The Governor of South Australia, His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le, AC, recently presented Isis Schulte from Pt Victoria, with a Young Writer's Award. Isis and her parents Todd and Monique, are members of the St Alban's congregation and her grandfather is Father Peter Smith.



Isis receiving her award from His Excellency the Governor, the Honourable Hieu Van Le, AC

> The Governor's Civic Awards for Schools.



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COOL WORLD THE REV'D JOHN FOWLER

For many of our American friends, baseball is more than just a sport, it is a way of life. Here in Australia we may talk about our infatuation with sport and even if you believed Andrew Demetriou when he once suggested that Australian Rules Football was the greatest game on the planet, our interest in terms of the involvement of our leaders and our film industry, pales in comparison to the hold that baseball has on the American community and how imbedded it is within the American psyche. Welcome into my Cool World as we run the rule over a couple of films that didn't do as well at the Academy Awards as they should have.

I have seen a few baseball films in my time, from the fanciful but feel good musings of *Field of Dreams* to the sinister behind-the-scenes machinations of *The Natural*. From the well acted portrayal of the so-called Chicago Black Sox in *Eight Men Out*, to my personal favourite, *A League of Their Own*, which tells the story of the first professional women's baseball league which began during the Second World War. And while I am sure that readers of *The Willochran* will be familiar with other baseball films not already mentioned, may I suggest you find time to watch *Moneyball*.

Released in 2011 and nominated for no less than six Academy Awards, including Best Picture, *Moneyball* tells the true story of the Oakland Athletics Baseball Club and their General Manager Billy Beane's attempt to assemble a roster of players at bargain basement prices and still mount a serious challenge to the more well-heeled teams. Beane is aided and abetted by a Yale economics graduate who is a disciple of baseball statistician Bill James. The film's rationale is best expressed in the following quote from Peter Brand, the aforementioned economics graduate and one of the film's leading characters and wonderfully played by Jonah Hill, who was passed over for Best Supporting Actor by veteran actor Christopher Plummer.

Brand explains his radical theory to the A's General Manager, played by Brad Pitt ... *It's about getting things*



down to one number. Using the stats the way we read them, we'll find value in players that no one else can see. People are overlooked for a variety of biased reasons and perceived flaws. Age, appearance, personality. Bill James and mathematics cut straight through that. Of the twenty thousand notable players for us to consider, I believe there is a Championship team of twenty five people that we can afford, because everyone else in baseball undervalues them.

A mere three paragraphs cannot do justice to how brilliant a film *Moneyball* is, so all I can do is ask that you trust my judgement and watch this extraordinary film, which is readily available on DVD. I will happily reimburse you if you are not as impressed as I was.

Starring the ubiquitous George Clooney, *The Descendants* is another film that was expected to do so much better than the one Oscar it ultimately received. Set in picturesque Hawaii, this magnificent film tells the story of a family forced into a closeness it is neither used to or initially desires by virtue of a tragedy that strikes too close to home. *The Descendants* is essential viewing and much more than just a heart-warming tale of family dysfunction.

John Fowler (Ministry District of Southern Flinders)



BUSPA'S CORNER



Lessons from the mountains

The Psalmist in Psalm 121:1 wrote "I will lift my eyes to the mountains – where does my help come from?" This Psalm is part of a collection of Psalms grouped as "A song of ascents" and they were songs that the Israelites sang as they moved in procession "up" to Jerusalem for their special celebrations that included the Passover.

The written record of the Old Testament history did not start until the time of King David, so one thousand years of history from Abram/Abraham was passed on from generation to generation by verbally reciting the stories and the rules. This was called oral tradition, and it involved people with exceptional memory capacity who memorised great sections of the books of the Bible, collectively called the Tanakh.

Singing of the incidents was a part of this tradition, so we read, for example, of the Song of Moses and the Song of Miriam that recorded the exploits from the Passover through to the Crossing of the Red Sea. (Exodus 15)

The town called Jebus was a small settlement on the side of a mountain called Mount Moriah, and Caleb could not conquer these people when the Israelites first moved into the Promised Land. It was 530 years before this small outpost was conquered by King David and he made the fortified city of Jebus his capital – renaming it Jerusalem.

It is interesting to note that King David, in the latter stage of his life, under the clear direction from God through the prophet Gad, bought the threshing floor from the Jebusite Aranuah. David insisted on paying for the land for he "would not sacrifice to the lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing." (2 Samuel 24:24)

For King David, and for generations to come, the ascent to Jerusalem for significant ceremonies of remembrance of God's dealing would be extremely significant. It was on this mountain, on the site of the threshing floor where David built an altar to the Lord that stopped a plague and where Solomon was to construct the temple, that one thousand years before, the history of the Jewish race began. It was on Mount Moriah that Abraham travelled with his son Isaac in response to God's testing command. Read this incident in Genesis 22.

So, as the descendants of Abraham sang as they ascended the mountain of the Lord "Where does my help come from?" they would be reminded to look up to the Mountain of Moriah and be reminded of the help coming from obedience to the Lord who made heaven and earth. Abraham's answer to Isaac's question where the lamb for the burnt offering was, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering." (Genesis 22:8) That was to be a provision of the Lord with the crucifixion of Jesus on the same mountain region.

Mount Moriah is a long-standing reminder of the Patriarch Abraham and his faith in the great God Jehovah. A faith we can emulate, and a faith recognised by God in Genesis 15:6 "Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness."

John Cronshaw



Set in the beautiful Southern Flinders Ranges, just 5km north of Melrose, Camp Willochra is an ideal spot for camps and provides a great place for exploration, peace, study, play and worship.

It can accommodate up to 94 people at an affordable price in a rural environment, and also has a swimming pool and coffee lounge.

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Members in the Diocese of Shyogwer, Rwanda, Celebrating 50 years of Mothers' Union.

Mothers' Union Resources for 2021

Looking after our wellbeing is more important than ever. Fortunately we are becoming increasingly aware of the value of taking care of our physical and mental health. However, with all the focus on different health and fitness practices it can be difficult to know what to prioritise. Similarly getting your head around all the different advice can be quite tricky. Mothers' Union is building on the 5 Cs framework created and recommended by Dr Radha Modgil. Using this as a basis we are bringing you a selection of resources to look after your

body and mind.

So, what are the 5 Cs?

The first of the 5 Cs is control. This means identifying and acknowledging what things are in your zone of control and learning how to stop thinking about those things that are not.

The second of the 5 Cs is care. This relates to self-care such as exercise and taking daily action to look after our mental health. It is simple to start getting into good habits relating to exercise and it is ok to start slowly.

The third of the 5 Cs is continuity. This means creating a sense of routine and grounding yourself in certain activities. Just because the wider world is a lot different to how it was before the Covid-19 pandemic.

The fourth of the 5 Cs is creativity, which as you would expect relates to continuing with hobbies and interests, particularly those that you can get absorbed in.

Finally, the last of the 5 Cs relates to compassion. It is a wellknown Christian value to be kind to others and especially the most vulnerable. Research has shown that helping other people has benefits for your own psychological wellbeing.

CONTROL: Accepting what we cannot change

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.

(Reinhold Niebuhr)

These familiar words offer up the reassurance that God is in

control. And while we know in our hearts that this is the case, it doesn't always stop us from feeling frustrated and downhearted about what we can and can't do. This simple prayer activity can help us to be thankful for what we can do and to accept the things we cannot change.

CARE: A 5-day Devotional and Gratitude diary

When times feel hard it can be difficult to remember all that we must be thankful for. Simply writing down three things every day for which you can give thanks to God, can really help our own wellbeing whilst also remembering to sing praise to our Lord and Saviour for all that is good. There are no rules, you can say thank you for anything – God hears us all.

CONTINUITY: Daily Activity Tracker

Sometimes it can be hard each day, to keep a sense of routine and purpose. We can end up sleeping in, slouching around in pj's or comfortable clothes, eating meals at odd times and not managing to get outside for exercise.

Start a daily activity tracker, its not about big goals or changing your life, it is about finding achievement in bringing back some routine / continuity and taking pride in the small things.

CREATIVITY: Take up a new hobby or revive an old one

As you would expect, this relates to continuing with hobbies and interests, particularly those that you can get absorbed in. This could be anything really, but the idea is to carry out practices that take you away from your worries and concerns.

COMPASSION: Ways to connect and support your communities

Drop a 'thinking of you' card in the post or into the letterbox of friends, family and neighbours. Call in on someone who is housebound. Reach out to your local community.

One of the primary things to come from this will be a building of real relationships. Families are closer now. We can see just how important they are when we have to be away from them. Our family ties between generations have been strengthened. If we can take this time to enrich our prayer life, learn to depend on God, and to give Him thanks for each day, we will surely find contentment with His amazing provision!

Bush Church Aid

The empty chair - the changing face of the traditional church in the outback.



I have been given permission by BCA, to publish this article by Graeme Liersch, The Real Australian, Autumn 2021. (Editor)

'The joys and sorrows, challenges and blessings, the appearing and vanishing people. What is to become of the Church of God in Central West Queensland?

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read the

scriptures:

the stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it amazing in our eyes' Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.

Inside the church week after week, I would look at the empty chairs and reflect on what was, what is and what is to come. I then looked at one empty chair and asked myself: 'what if this chair could speak what would it tell me?' No doubt there would have been times when that chair, near the back of the church , was sat on regularly, but now the majority of the time it remains empty.



Rev'd Arthur Tanner preaching in the Catacomb Church, Coober Pedy

I'm sure that if it could speak, it would tell me about all the different

people who have sat on it. But it can't and what I do know, is that it remains empty week after week. A sad situation for the chair but an even sadder situation for the church and the family of God in the regions.

But what of the church - is it alive and growing? Yes the church is alive, but is it growing - no - at least not in the way we had hoped. However there is change and there is hope. While Christ exists, there is always hope. Change in particular is hard to take. Adapting to the Covid-19 pandemic has forced change, but financial change and ministry change has also occurred. The leaving of some for various reasons, has been hard to take, but there have been new people arrive, people who are willing to become involved. The change has seen regulars grow and adapt to change but still the chair remains empty. While Christ remains, while the gospel is preached, while people respond to the call of Christ on their lives, the chair will be sat on again.

After almost five years in Central West Queensland, Susan's and my time has come to an end and now my chair is also empty. It is time for us to move on and to allow new, younger ministers to come and work among the people. Throughout Australia our outback regions are vast, harsh and at times mainly due to drought, people suffer greatly. The

suffering is experienced by everyone - graziers, business owners, labourers, teachers, students, health workers and so on. As ministers it is our job to lead these people in thanks for the provisions that God has given them and it is our job to lead them through change in the way that we do church, that is more relevant to people of all ages.

With continuing prayerful and financial support from BCA and supporters, new ministries can be welcomed into all of our regions which need the love of God that is found in Jesus Christ our Lord.'

Whether in Central West Queensland, Willochra or elsewhere, what is to become of the traditional church in the outback? The Rev'd Arthur Tanner and his wife Jane, a past Diocesan President of Anglican Mothers' Union Australia and now the AMUA Diocesan Secretary, live at Hawker in the Flinders



Rev'd Arthur (left) with the congregation, mid 2020

Ranges and have been funded by both BCA and our diocese. They have travelled many kilometres each fortnight to bring the church to the outback. Arthur and Jane have now ended their time at Coober Pedy, and are praying for new ministry there.

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OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY RESCHEDULED



Last year the normal cycle of every ten years for the production of the Oberammergau Passion Play was broken with the Covid-19 restrictions, and it has been transferred to 2022. Christian

Fellowship Tours have been fortunate to secure seats and accommodation for this spectacle in 2022 and have released a programme of options.

Of particular interest to parishioners in the Diocese of Willochra or its supporters, is a tour that embraces the Holy Land and the Passion Play that will be hosted by Bishop John and Mrs Jan Stead. You may recall that Bishop John lead a Steps of Paul Tour for the Diocese a couple of years back.

Allowing for connections from all Australian Capitals, and with sufficient interest, a connection from the Diocese to Adelaide International Airport, the tour will depart Australia on Wednesday 29 June, 2022. Flights are planned with Emirates who now offer a direct connection to the Ben Gurion Airport in Israel.

The detailed sightseeing itinerary will include Caesarea, Mount Carmel, Nazareth village, two nights in the Sea of Galilee region, the Dead Sea and Ein Gedi, then travelling up to Jerusalem via Hebron and the Elah Valley. 3 nights accommodation in Jerusalem allows for sightseeing of the main features including the Garden of Gethsemane and the Garden Tomb, concluding with the Tower of David Sound and Light Show.

Flying then to Munich, the Oberammergau Passion Play will be

enjoyed on Sunday 10 July. Sightseeing in Germany then includes the Black Forest, Strasbourg, Heidelberg and the Rhine Valley before the return flight to Australia is

taken from Frankfurt to Dubai to break the journey with a stopover before arriving back in Australia on Tuesday 19 July, 2022.

The twin share per person price is an inclusive fare of \$13,990 per person or a single room basis costs \$16,490.00.

A detailed brochure is available from the



Oberammergau Passion Play



Jerusalem, the Old City

Diocesan office or from the organisers Christian Fellowship Tours by calling 1300 635 358 or 02 47800750. Because there are a number of different tour itineraries, please state that you want the details of the tour hosted by Bishop John Stead.

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Thinking about God (Theology) and God's purpose for the Church and us: Theological Reflection

Our ability to think theologically is an essential part of discerning God's will and direction in our lives and God's presence with us in both the bad and good times. The word theology can seem daunting, but the word is made up of two components *theo* – *God* and *ology* – *thinking/study/ talking about*. In other terms, theology is thinking and talking about God.



THE HOLY LAND including Oberammergau Passion Play June 29 - July 19, 2022

Visiting the Holy Land back in the late 1990s changed my appreciation of the Bible. To see and experience the land where Jesus was active in ministry gave me an enriched understanding of the scripture.

Commencing on June 29 2022, you could join Jan and me on a visit to The Holy Land, followed by the once a decade performance of The Oberammergau Passion Play in Germany. We will spend eight days in the Holy Land, and eight days in Germany, a one-day stopover in Dubai on the way back, including travel between destinations and flights to and from Australia for a total of twenty-one days.

Either contact the Diocesan Office for a copy of the Tour Pamphlet or phone 1300 635 358.

IN AN AGE OF CANCEL CULTURE, CAN I FIND ROOM IN MY HEART FOR EMPATHY? Patty Fawkner SGS

Beyond outrage, indignation and justified critique, in an age of cancel culture, can I find room in my heart for any empathy for those who feel aggrieved? asks Patty Fawkner SGS.

On January 6 this year, like millions of people throughout the world, I could not drag myself away from the television as supporters of Donald Trump stormed the Capitol Building in Washington, DC. Of all the images of that day, the one that haunts me most is that of a

young female protestor. She was about 20 years old and petite compared to the hairy, beefy protestors around her. She wore a star-spangled beanie and was one of the whipped-to-a-frenzy mob on the steps of the Capitol chanting, or rather screaming, "USA! USA! USA!" It was the depth of rage, hatred and venom etched on her face that disturbed me. I felt dismay and outrage. My outrage stemmed from the realisation that her outrage was built on the lie that the US presidential election was stolen. But I need to press the pause button and examine my own response, particularly since listening to an ABC Big Ideas **podcast**, titled *The Age of Online Outrage*.

Ashley "Dotty" Charles was the witty, thought-provoking speaker. As female, black and gay, she believes that there is much that could legitimately fuel her outrage but, as she explained in the podcast and in her recent book, *Outrage – Why Everyone is Shouting and No One is Talking*, she believes she needs to be selective about any activism born of outrage. If we jump on the outrage bandwagon for all and sundry, she says, we can miss what matters most, we can be confused about what we really stand for and what



As Congress prepared to affirm Presidentelect Joe Biden's victory, thousands of people had gathered to show their support for President Donald Trump and his claims of election fraud. (AP Photo/John Minchillo)

deserves our considered, rather than violent, response. Dotty Charles explores the public shaming and tribalism that is endemic on social media, the playground of *"purveyors of hate"*. Much of this outrage, she claims, is driven by a lot of unconscious ego and self-righteousness.

I AM OFFENDED AND, THEREFORE, I MUST BE THE PRINCIPLED ONE; LOOK AT ME AND SEE HOW NOBLE, MORALLY SUPERIOR AND VIRTUOUS I AM.

Sociologists tell us that we create community by scapegoating. It is *"easier to form community against something rather than around something, and to define ourselves more by what we are against than by what we are for,"* says spiritual author Ronald Rolheiser in Sacred Fire: A Vision for a Deeper Human and Christian Maturity (p159).

IF I FEEL PUT DOWN, PUT UPON OR HUMILIATED, I CAN REDUCE THESE FEELINGS BY CRITICISING AND BLAMING SOMEONE ELSE. THIS CAN BE HIGHLY ADDICTIVE, AND WE WITNESS HOW THIS IS AMPLIFIED ON SOCIAL MEDIA WHERE OUTRAGE HAS BECOME, DOTTY CHARLES SAYS, THE DEFAULT SETTING.

Even though outrage is subjective, there are truly unjust things that I am and must be outraged about – hate crime, domestic violence, our government's treatment of asylum seekers, deaths in custody of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, the destruction of the Amazon rainforest for starters.

GOSPEL VALUES NEED TO BE BOTH THE MEASURE OF THE *"WHAT"* OF MY OUTRAGE AND THE *"HOW"* OF MY RESPONSE IN SOME FORM OF ACTION AND INTENT.

Dotty Charles pleads for engagement and dialogue as healthy antidotes to toxic outrage. Beyond outrage, indignation and justified critique, can I find room in my heart for any empathy for those who feel aggrieved? Can I try to understand their outrage? It is Lent, so a good time to "watch my language" and give up harsh words rather than sugar and sweets. I pray for the grace to be more

mindful of the urge to judge and blame; to realise that gossip is rarely harmless, and that "detraction", defined by the Webster Dictionary as "belittling or disparagement, a lessening of reputation or esteem especially by envious, malicious, or petty criticism", is alive and well. As I reflect on the Gospel readings for the coming 40 days, especially the passion narratives of Holy Week, I wish to learn from Jesus' response to the outrage of the "mob" who, in similar vein to the angry protestors on the steps of the Capitol Building, chanted and screamed, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" As uncomfortable as it may be, I need to remind myself that all of us, including hate-filled mobsters, terrorists, and leaders who fuel insurrection, all of us are made in the image and likeness of God. This Lent I will pray for victims of outrage and those who are fuelled by outrage, especially one petite young woman wearing a star-spangled beanie.

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THE LAST WORD - ELIZABETH HARRIS



Friday 5th March. I am in Brisbane for a few days to attend my only grand-daughter Caitlin's wedding tomorrow and am sitting on the balcony of a 7th floor apartment overlooking the Brisbane river. It's a warm day and the many moored boats swing lazily at anchor.

The Citi-cats cruise up and down, taking passengers to their many destinations.

Caitlin's marriage to Adam was originally planned for August last year but needed to be postponed because of Covid-19. We have been praying that nothing would go wrong this time and we are nearly there.

Russ and I would have been married 61 years in July this year and being here today, gives me cause to reflect on these years, the joys and sorrows, the lives of our two children, Nigel and Joanne, the success they have made of their lives and the successful lives of our two grandchildren, Lachlan and Caitlin. And now that little girl, who it seemed had her life planned to a tee, even from an early life, is to set out on another life's journey.

Life is a journey from beginning to end and the path is rarely straight and even. It takes faith and a strong belief in God's help along the way. It takes hope - hope that we have the God-given strength to cope with the joys and sorrows of life... and most of all, it takes LOVE. Love for each other, understanding of each other, love for our family and for our God.

In his letter to the Corinthians Cor.1:13 beginning vs 1), St Paul said... 'and now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

St Mark in chapter 12:vs 30-31 of his gospel, quotes Jesus' words 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is

this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these.'

There is no doubt that a new marriage with all the excitement, all the good wishes and all the love shared, makes for a wonderful reason to keep Faith, Hope and Love in our hearts and to enjoy each wonderful day.



Caitlin Osborne

The life-blood of the Diocese of Willochra is the commitment, faith and compassion of its members and friends.



Generations of women and men have invested in our diocese, so that today it is healthy, alive and growing. Now the future is in your hands.

"Like a tree planted by water, with roots that reach deep by the stream.' Jeremiah 17:8

Legacies can make a lasting difference to the Diocese of Willochra's future. To find out how you can include us in your Will, you can contact

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These include Ministry Training, the Cathedral Endowment, our Linked Diocese of Mandalay, Anglicare, The Willochra Home for the Aged at Crystal Brook, Camp Willochra at Melrose, and our Indigenous Bursary Fund.

Any of these can be accessed on our Website under 'Make a Donation'.

We invite you to consider making a bequest to the Diocese for any of its missional initiatives.

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Torres Strait Islander students are well below the rates for non-Indigenous students. In recent years there has been an improvement in retention rates and we are proud to be involved in this movement for change.

Mission, it's been said, is finding out what God is doing and joining in. (Archbishop of Canterbury)

We established the Willochra Bursary in 2015 to assist bursary winners with the costs associated with their study. The bursary grant may be used for stationery and equipment, books, IT supplies, uniforms, sporting goods, school excursions, or school fees.

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