

HERE AND NOW



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This Newsletter comes to you from the Anglican Parish of Port Lincoln in the Diocese of Willochra



St Thomas' Port Lincoln



St Matthew's Poonindie



St Matthias' Wangary

HERE AND NOW

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From the Venerable Peter Linn...

During this season of Lent we have been looking at how to be honest to God through a series of sermons. Areas we looked at during lent are:

Week 1: The scope of this task and how to achieve being honest too God both as individuals and as a community.

Week 2: Being honest to God through confession both individually and as a community.

Week 3: Our use of the bible and prayer book.

Week 4: On Mothering Sunday we looked at our relationship to each other as a community and the wider community.

Week 5: Prayer.

Week 6: Doing Easter well.

We look forward to seeing you all at our Easter celebrations.

On the 5th Sunday of Lent, April 1st, I had the privilege of taking a combined service at Wudinna for a combined Lutheran, UCA and Anglican service. This congregation are looking at working together with the Streaky Bay Anglican and UCA communities. By working together we are looking to work under the following principles.

Principles:

We desire a situation in the North-West Eyre where the Church can thrive and be a source of the 'the living water' (see Jeremiah 2:13, 7:13; Zechariah 14:8; John 4, 7:37) and where the source of the 'water of life' (see Revelation 7:17, 21:6, 22:1, 22:17) can be encountered.

We believe that together (Anglican, Lutheran and Uniting) we are more likely to thrive and be the source of 'living water' and the 'water of life'.

We wish to share pastoral care and Eucharistic hospitality across the North-West Eyre.

We recognise the distinctive traditions of each denomination which are enshrined in various documents and statements and affirm our joint commitment to the Historic Creeds of the Church.

We recognise the various Dialogues between the three denominations as 'signs on the way' affirming our ability to work together as God's Church while respecting each other's distinctive character and the areas where we have still not found common ground.

On April 4th, I had the great joy of attending the Annual Diocesan Assembly for the Catholic Church, at the invitation of Fr Steve Ardill of Port Lincoln. This is celebrating 500 years since Martin Luther sparked the Reformation in 1517 with his posting his ninety five theses. We have come a long way since then. It is truly by the grace of God that we can meet and pray together giving thanks for the faith of this man.

Blessings for Easter,
Peter

EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday 7 pm at St Thomas, Port Lincoln

Good Friday 9 am at St Thomas

Easter Sunday 9 am at St Thomas

and 11am at St Matthew's, Poonindie

KNOWING OUR CHURCH'S HISTORY

Continuing the story...

From the Here and Now

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The Rev'd G S Ives' stay as Rector of St Thomas' covered some 6½ years from 1904 to 1910, and it is during this period that we find Archdeacon Samwell visiting the Port Lincoln Parish as Archdeacon of the District, with his headquarters at Church Office, Port Pirie. The Diocese of Willochra had not come into being at that stage and the Bishop of Adelaide was the only Church of England Bishop in South Australia. It would seem, therefore, that his See was divided into districts.

It is interesting to find that the Rev'd Ives' stipend should have been £200 per annum when appointed to Port Lincoln. At that time, however, the Parish was finding it difficult to meet such a figure and he kindly accepted the incumbency with no guarantee of receiving the recommended amount.

The Editor of the "West Coast Recorder" appears to have been very helpful to the finances of the Church during those difficult days, as it is recorded that he very kindly inserted the weekly service notices in his paper free of charge.

It was during Mr Ives' term of office, in about 1906, that steps were taken to purchase a new organ.

The Ives family was well received in the Parish, and when leaving in 1910, the congregation presented their Rector with a purse of some 20 sovereigns (\$42) as a token of appreciation of the service he had given. He transferred to the Mount Pleasant Parish.

The Rev'd H F Severn was the next minister appointed to Port Lincoln. He stayed approximately 3 years before

moving on to the Port Pirie Parish. Whilst this man's time at St Thomas' was not long, it is noteworthy to find that he was instrumental in forming the Sanctuary Guild, which has carried on to this point in time in 1995. A new altar was also installed in the church sanctuary and the carved front cover was made by an Adelaide carpenter during his incumbency.

In 1911 Mr E R Bartlett, who had served as Minister's warden for many years, found that he could no longer accept the office due to failing health. I mention this well-known old Port Lincoln family name for record purposes.

The Port Lincoln Parish was still experiencing difficulty in providing an acceptable stipend, when the Rev'd H Severn left, as the Wardens were in communication with the Bishop on the matter pending the appointment of a replacement minister. His Lordship again stated that the stipend should be at least £200 per year. Reading between the lines, it would seem as though the Wardens were endeavouring to obtain a subsidy from Adelaide to meet the shortfall, because they told the Bishop that St Thomas' incumbent was being asked to spend too much time outside the Port Lincoln Parish on other matters. To put it bluntly, they weren't getting their money's worth. It is not apparent that they were successful in obtaining assistance in this regard, but the next man to follow appears to have been paid the £200 amount. †

Eric O'Connor

Happy Birthday!

Best wishes go to both Val Kimber and to Myra Tyrell who have celebrated their 90th birthdays this year. Congratulations to you both.

Best wishes also to Linnea Doudle who will turn 80 in May.

Please pray for those who have died, their families and friends:

Jim Crowther, who passed away on February 23rd 2017, brother of Joan Belling.

Elaine McSweeney, who passed away on Friday April 7th, wife of the late Don McSweeney.



PARISH PRAYER FOR PORT LINCOLN

Father help us to be a Church that is a welcoming, caring, and meaningful community. A community which enjoys the celebration of the sacraments and has a passion to proclaim the Gospel of Christ. A community which reaches out to others, sharing the love of God with them. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OP SHOP ON FRIDAYS

VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED

- TO HELP SET UP
- TO HELP AT THE SHOP FROM 9.00AM TO 12.00 NOON OR FROM 12 TO 3.00PM
- TO HELP PACK AWAY

PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP AND YOUR NAME CAN BE PUT ON THE ROSTER

DONATIONS OF GOODS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Acknowledgement

We believe that all humanity is made in the image of God.

We acknowledge and show our respect to the traditional custodians of this land on which we worship.

As well, we acknowledge and respect all those from various races who travelled here to make their home.

My last chapter mentioned the Rev'd Severn, and, in the course of a conversation of reminiscences with the late Miss Jean Schramm, she informed me that she had stayed at the Rectory to go to school, during his incumbency at St Thomas'. The Rev'd Severn was not married, and employed a housekeeper. Miss Schramm recalled that he drove a buggy and pair as a means of transport in the Parish. She also confirmed the fact that the Port Lincoln Baptist Church building belonged to the Church of England at that time, and could recall practising the piano in there. Miss Schramm further confirmed that the Misses May, Dora and Helen Thomas commenced their private school, "Myola" in the building, and that she had received some of her schooling from these ladies.

Not long afterwards, the Government School on the corner of Mortlock Terrace and Edinburgh Street was closed to re-open in a new building in Adelaide Place. The Misses Thomas then acquired this old Government corner property and set up their own school in it. They took in girl scholars mainly, and with the additional accommodation now available, it became a boarding school also.

The late Miss Elsie Brougham went on the "Myola" teaching staff after being a pupil at the school herself. The school operated into the 1930's and many Eyre Peninsula Church of England children of the era received their education there.

The historic old building was demolished in May 1995. Following its closure as the "Myola" school, it had been used as a private residence.

The three Misses Thomas were stalwart Church of England people and St Thomas' Church was dear to their hearts. Miss Dora assisted with the organ playing and frequently accompanied the Rev'd Snow to the country centres to supply music for the singing at services.

Following the death of the last surviving sister, it was found that she had bequeathed a small legacy to St Thomas' Church, with a request that the money be spent in connection with the Transept doorway, using the quotation from St John, Chapter 10:9, "I am the door". This wish was honoured a number of years later during Church renovations in 1970. The money from the bequest was utilised in the building of steps and paving leading from the footpath to the particular doorway. A

mall plaque was installed inside to indicate this, as well as to perpetuate the names of three dedicated parishioners who faithfully served their church, namely, May, Dora and Helen Thomas.

In 1914, another Rector in the person of Harry Woodforde Longueville Snow came to St Thomas' Church. His term of rectorship covered some 14 years, being second in duration to that of Octavius Hammond, who, as previously mentioned enjoyed a record period of some 21 years. The Rev'd H Snow was a very fine man, and as a result of his many civic interests, the community held him in high regard. He was an excellent preacher and his sermons always held my interest, even in boyhood days. I remember well that his favourite hymn was, "The Day Thou Gavest Lord is Ended". He possessed a strong, tuneful voice and sang with great gusto, which greatly helped in the small country centres where congregations were not numerous.

His wife, Emilie Snow was of French ancestry, a quaint, likeable little lady who could be said to be a bit temperamental and fastidious at times. However, she is best remembered, perhaps, by her love of birds, and more particularly for the affection she so freely extended to one pet Blue Mountain parrot named "Polly". Polly received V I P treatment at all times and always accompanied the Snows on their parochial visits. The familiar wire bird cage, together with the feathered treasure, found its way into every parishioner's home, without exception, no matter whether the venue of hospitality was in the kitchen, dining room, bedroom or drawing room. Many stories were circulated about poor Polly, some true, but others, mostly false I think. The classic one concerned the death of Polly and the laying to rest of her remains. The happening took place in Mrs Snow's ageing and forgetful years, a failing which befalls many of us. It was said that she placed the parrot in a brown paper bag and her husband had buried it in the back garden. It was later discovered that there had been somewhat of a mix-up when a similar bag, supposedly containing some buns was opened, surprisingly revealing Polly's remains – the buns had been interred by mistake. †

Eric O'Connor

SPECIAL HISTORY DISPLAY *Anglicans on Eyre*

During the Month of May, St Thomas is again participating in History SA's celebration of History Month.

A display board in the church will, this year, highlight a brief history of the Anglican Churches on the Eyre Peninsula. Please take a moment to look at, and enjoy, the photos and information.

AN EASTER PRAYER

Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen Indeed!

Hallelujah!

On this day we celebrate resurrection.

The power of life has overcome the power of death.

Hallelujah!

The light of love has shattered the darkness of fear.

Hallelujah!

The way of peace has prevailed against the violence of empire.

Hallelujah!

We come to worship the God whose resurrection power lives on in the Christ we serve.

Hallelujah!

A little laughter....

My sister-in-law was teaching Sunday school class. The topic for the day: Easter Sunday and the resurrection of Christ.

"What did Jesus do on this day?" she asked. There was no response, so she gave her students a hint: "It starts with the letter R."

One boy blurted, "Recycle!"



Gary was having a yard sale. A minister bought a lawn mower but returned it a few days later, complaining that it wouldn't run.

"It'll run," said Gary. "But you have to curse at it to get it started."

The minister was shocked. "I have not uttered a curse in 30 years."

"Just keep pulling on the starter rope—the words will come back to you."



Shortly after my husband passed away, one of my daughter's Jewish friends approached her with a question. "Kate," he said, "I've never attended a Catholic wake before. What is the significance of the widow not wearing shoes?"

Kate replied, "My Mom's feet hurt."

LADIES GUILD

From Joan Belling....

The Ladies Guild held their March meeting over lunch at the Boston.

The next meeting will be held at lunch time at the Ming Inn. All welcome.

PASTORAL CARE

The year began with a fabulous Summer School facilitated by Gael Johansen; I attended several sessions and felt they were very worthwhile. Gael's handouts are very informative. The "A is for Anglican" session was particularly interesting; if you haven't seen this and would like a copy please see me for one. It was great to be able to access this sort of training on this side of the gulf; thankyou Gael.

We had some lovely services at the old folks' homes in March. Currently there are approximately 15 people in need of visits; most of these are being met but there are a couple of gaps if anyone has a spare hour occasionally.

There may be some who would like a lift to an Easter service; if you know of someone who would like to come but cannot get there please let me know.

I have placed a yearly planner in the Parish Centre and the following dates are noted:

June 8, 9, 10 MU Wave of Prayer

June 9 – 11 Diocesan Bible and Mission Conference, Pt Pirie

July 2 Sea Sunday

July 30 Willochra Sunday

Sep 10 Blessing of the Fleece

Oct 15 Evensong St Matthews

Nov 4 ? Strawberry Fair

Nov 12 Defence Sunday

Not all these events are fully planned yet; however please keep a look out for more details as they get closer. Other items may be added during the year; everyone is encouraged to be aware of what is going on in the parish and to plan around this calendar to take full advantage of what is on offer.

I would like to make a special point of acknowledging the work of the Ladies Guild; every time we have any sort of function or event they are there providing food and drink, and clearing up afterwards. We have had quite a number of these occasions over the last 12 months which I have attended and their marvellous catering has been gratefully received, thankyou.

May you all have a joyous and blessed Easter.

Nel

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FROM RUTH.....

WHY EASTER?

The origins of the word 'Easter' are not certain, but probably derive from *Estre*, an Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring. The word was substituted for the word 'Pesach' which translates Passover.

Easter is the holyday that celebrates the central event of the Christian faith: the resurrection of Jesus Christ three days after his death. It is the oldest Christian holiday and the most important day of the church year.

Easter is preceded by the season of Lent, a 40 day period of fasting and repentance culminating in Holy Week, and followed by a 50 day Easter Season that stretches from Easter to Pentecost.

The method for determining the date of Easter is complex and has been a matter of controversy in Christian history. The Western Churches – Catholic and Protestant – celebrate Easter on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox in the northern hemisphere. Simply, the Easter date is anywhere between March 22 and April 25.

There is evidence that Christians originally celebrated the resurrection of Christ every Sunday with observances such as Scripture readings, Psalms and the Eucharist. In AD 325 the Council of Nicaea set aside a special day to celebrate. This is preceded by Holy Week.

Thursday commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus. It is marked by foot washing. Friday is Good Friday or God's Friday. Holy Saturday begins the Easter Vigil. It starts in total darkness

with the blessing of the Easter fire and the lighting of the Paschal candle. Easter Day is a day of joy, 'The Lord is risen! **He is risen indeed!**'

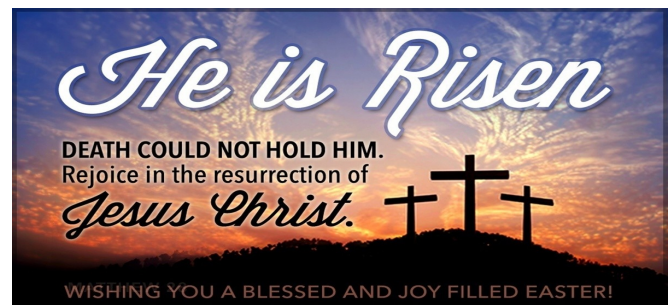
The custom of Easter eggs originated in the early Christian community of Mesopotamia with the staining of eggs red in memory of the blood of Christ.

The Easter Bunny originated among German Lutherans and played the role of a judge determining whether children were good or disobedient at the start of Eastertide. They brought Easter eggs for the good little people. Both eggs and rabbits are associated with spring fertility rituals. Of such is the kingdom of heaven!?

PRAYER

*Lord God, you loved this world so much
that you gave your one and only Son
that we might be called your children too.
Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace
of Easter Sunday everyday.
Help us to walk in that amazing grace
and live out your love in our needy world.
We pray this in the name of Jesus, our grace giver.
AMEN*

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Would like to read more of Ruth's Reflections?

Did you know that there is a Good Read on our church website?

A selection of Rev Ruth Buxton's thought-provoking, instructive Sunday homilies is available. You might like to recommend or print out a favourite for a friend.... there are colour illustrations too.

Reminding you of our address:

www.anglicanportlincoln.com.au/reflections

SOME HISTORY OF THE PARISH

From the Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Tuesday 23 April 1901

This article quotes minutes of Vestry meetings in 1901:

St Matthias Lake Wangary— Held on Monday April 1st. The Rev W. H. Howard presided. The balance sheet was adopted. The total cost of the building, in addition to gifts of material and voluntary labour was about £220, There is still owing £53 less £13 in hand. Mr R. Puckridge was nominated Minister's Warden and Mr F. Puckridge was elected People's Warden. A committee of seven members was also elected with Mr R Puckridge jnr as secretary and Mr A. Puckridge as treasurer. It was decided to fence the church ground, and to plant it with trees. Offers were made at once to do this voluntarily. The Vestry voted £12 towards the salary of catechist. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to all those who had assisted in any way in the erection of the church.

St Matthews Poonindie - Held on Monday April 15th. The Rev W. H. Howard presided. The balance

sheet showed a credit of £39 and 9d. Mr Kierman was nominated Minister's Warden and Mr J. D. Bruce was elected People's Warden. Messrs B. Carr and J. Solomon were elected sidesmen and Mr B Berryman was appointed Auditor. It was decided to provide £12 towards the salary of a catechist. The minister's stipend was again raised. This being the jubilee year of the church it was decided that the event be celebrated by an effort to commemorate the work of Bishop Hale, the founder of the Poonindie Natives Institute, and afterwards Archdeacon of Adelaide and successively Bishop of Perth and Bishop of Brisbane. It was suggested that a memorial window be placed in the church, and that as the work of Bishop Hale was not confined to Poonindie, but reflected honour on the whole Diocese, the subscription list should be open to all who desire to assist in perpetuating his memory.

The same article states that:

"The following licenses of churches have been granted - St James, Yacka and St Matthias, Wangary and Mission Church, Barossa opened."

Thanks go to Freeman and Yvonne Puckridge for providing this information via Freeman's sister Jo.

RECOLLECTIONS OF A SCHOOL TEACHER

JJ Naughton - Teacher at the Lake Wangary Primary School 1913

I was appointed to Lake Wangary School as Head teacher early in Feb. 1913, on the closing of the Sheringa school, where I had been in charge the previous year.

The Lake Wangary schoolroom was the local Church of England church. There was a curtain drawn across the front portion where the pulpit was. The church seats & other furniture were piled into this space by the caretaker. On Saturday he came & piled the plank desks & other school furniture in the back portion of the church & drew a curtain across to hide the school lot from the public. He then drew the front curtain back & set out the church for service on Sunday... When the church service was over, the poor caretaker reversed his room of furniture & left everything tidy for me on

Monday morning. We had no disagreements & many times I gave him a helping hand.

There were about 20 children attending the school. This building was situated at the junction of 3 roads - the Lincoln Hwy., a road to a number of cottages, & a road to Dutton Bay. The hotel & Post Office were near a mile west, on the highway. The nearest home was that of Mrs. Hurrell. Three daughters and a son lived with her. I became her boarder while teaching at Lake Wangary for 3 months.

Some of the families that sent their children to Lake Wangary were Puckridge, Fraser, Warner & 2 Biddle families. Mr Puckridge, ex mayor of Pt. Lincoln, was one of my pupils. I met him when visiting Pt. Lincoln in 1965, after 52 years.

Farming & fishing seemed to be the main occupation of the residents.

MOTHERS UNION

Our theme for this year is "Faith in Action". This follows on from last year's "Celebration of Faith" when we gave thanks for 140 years of God's faithfulness to Mothers' Union and acknowledged that : "Thus far the Lord has helped us". 1 Samuel 7:12. We now look to the future trusting that God will continue to help us as we share his love in the world through our Christian care for families and communities. We do this by actively putting our faith in action. This is no new concept for us as Mothers' Union; rather it has always been at the heart of our mission and outreach. We have been given some interesting resource material on our website so I look forward to seeing where this "action" may take us this year and beyond.

This year saw Lady Day (Feast of the Annunciation) falling on the Sat before Mothering Sunday. While Willochra held their service at the Cathedral on Thursday 23rd, here at St Thomas we decided we would focus on Mother's Union work worldwide and mothers in general at our Mothering Sunday service on 26th April. We based the prayers on the prayer handout from our worldwide president Lynne Tembey, and made a traditional Simnel cake that was enjoyed by everyone who stayed for morning tea.

Our next focus for the year will be the "wave of prayer". This initiative maintains continuous prayer throughout the year; every Mothers Union Diocese is linked with 5 other dioceses across the world. Willochra is linked to Hereford, England; Yambio, South Sudan; Garissa, Kenya; Mbamili, Nigeria and Thailand. In my role as Links coordinator I am hoping to have a conversation with each of these dioceses through email, as well as sending greetings on the snail mail trail. If this is successful I look forward to presenting an information session during our wave of prayer week in June.

As well as overseas links Mothers Union gives generously to Northern Outreach; in 2016 over \$100, 000 was donated for training, travel and support for remote communities in NT and Queensland. Our Australian coordinator Christine Brain has asked us to put aside \$1 in order to continue this valuable work.

Nel Taylor

We also have a name change and a new logo to go with it:

Mothers Union worldwide has had many symbols or logos over its 140 years. Each logo represents the way MU has responded to current trends in community awareness.

Our new logo, which will be phased in over a couple of years, has a number of key elements.

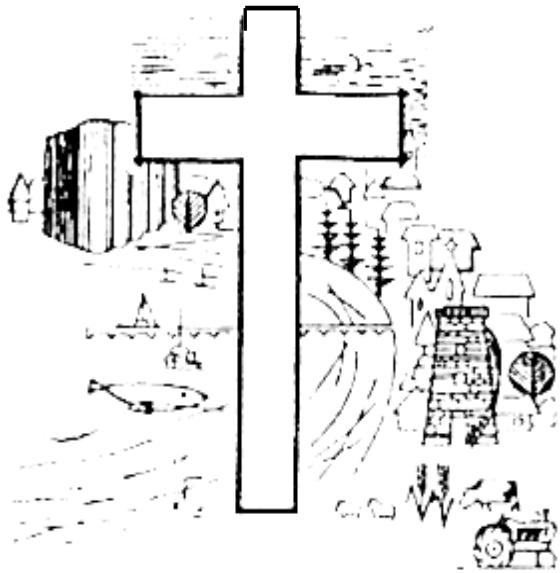
- Anglican indicates that we are church-based.
- Mothers Union emphasizes our connection with the worldwide movement and you will note that the apostrophe has been dropped.
- Australia shows that our work is centred in, though not limited to, this country.

Our new symbol can be read in many ways:

- A mother reaching down to embrace a child
- A child reaching up to their mother
- A pregnant woman supported by others
- Surrounded by family, yet focused on children
- A parent first, but with other interests and concerns
- A parent with support structures surrounding her/him
- ... and any others that you can see!



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FRIDAYS 9AM-3PM

*Fresh fruit and vegetables
are welcome early in the
day. Clean shopping bags,
clean clothes and house-
hold utensils, knick knacks
etc welcome. Nothing elec-
trical, thank you.*

