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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

DONATIONS NEEDED

* Breakfast foods for the Port Lincoln High School and Port Lincoln Primary School programs

Please leave in the box provided at the Parish Centre

From Peter Linn...

What a positive and encouraging time we have recently experienced.

We have the St Thomas Church open from 9.00am till 4.00pm each day. The visitor book at the back of the Church has some great comments about St Thomas and the fact that we have again opened the Church. Please pop in and spend some time in the Church, perhaps to sit and pray or to just sit and enjoy the peace of the place.

We have installed a child safe gas heater in the Church. This has made it much more inviting on Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings. It also makes life better for the Sunday 8.00am service.

The Church finances are on the positive side of the ledger. This makes it far less stressful for the Treasurers of each centre who pay the bills on our behalf. Thank you to all who have increased their giving to support the ongoing ministry of the Anglican Church in this place.

The Synod went very well here in Port Lincoln. My thanks to all who helped support this event.

Fundraiser for ABM literacy programme in the Philippines

The Wine Sales of a very good red wine have gone very well. We have around 20 dozen left so if you want some be quick. Contact Ken Holden or myself to purchase some wine. All the profits go to the ABM Project.

The position of Christian Pastoral Support Worker (CPSW) at Poonindie has been filled. It was a privilege for me to be part of the selection panel and to observe such a high standard of applicants for the position.

The services at Wangary and Poonindie are both going well. It really is fun to lead these 11.00 am Services once a month. I really like the special character and peace the small Churches provide. If you have not been to one of these centres I encourage you to make the effort. Wangary is the Second Sunday of the Month and Poonindie is the Third Sunday of the Month.

Coming Events are

The Blessing of the Fleece on Sept 1st at Dutton Day
The Strawberry Fair on Sat Nov 2nd

Blessings Peter

PORT LINCOLN HOSTS THE ANNUAL SYNOD IN MAY

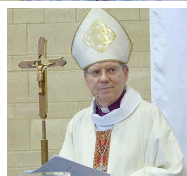


Synod in session

Ruth leads the choir



Caterers!



The Anglican Parish of Port Lincoln hosted the annual Diocese of Willochra Synod for 2013 from the 3rd to the 5th of May.

The opening Eucharist was a wonderful celebration of the Parishes of the Diocese and was held in the Catholic Church of St Mary of the Angels.

The celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday was held in St Thomas' Church with every seat taken.

Sessions were held in the Parish Hall adjacent to St Thomas.

The local parishioners worked together tirelessly and with great generosity of time and food to provide all the meals, morning and afternoon teas, and suppers.

The music was truly superb and added a wonderful dimension to the services.

The organisers would like to thank all who helped in any way.

STRAWBERRY FAIR 2013

Suggestions were put forward for 2013 at the Strawberry Fair Meeting held in the Parish Centre on Sunday 30th June.

- Fair to be held on Saturday 2nd November 2013.
- Fair to continue to be for Anglican Church Stalls.
- Suggestion another fundraiser be held early next year and Community Stallholders to be invited.
- Money or ingredients could be given to those people who require them.
- The Fair could be open until 4pm
- Cupcake & Coffee Stall
- Soft serve Ice Cream Stall to combine with Drink stall.
- Fish Stall
- Curry and Rice and Bacon & Egg sandwiches to be added to Hot Food Stall
- All other stalls normally held to be retained
- Children's Fancy Dress Competition (with prize)
- Jumping Castle
- Helium Balloons
- It was suggested we obtain the strawberries at cost price out of town. The general consensus was that they be purchased from local suppliers.
- Extra volunteers would be very welcome.

For any other enquiries or suggestions, please contact Meredith on 0428 868244 or Penel on 0427 823351.

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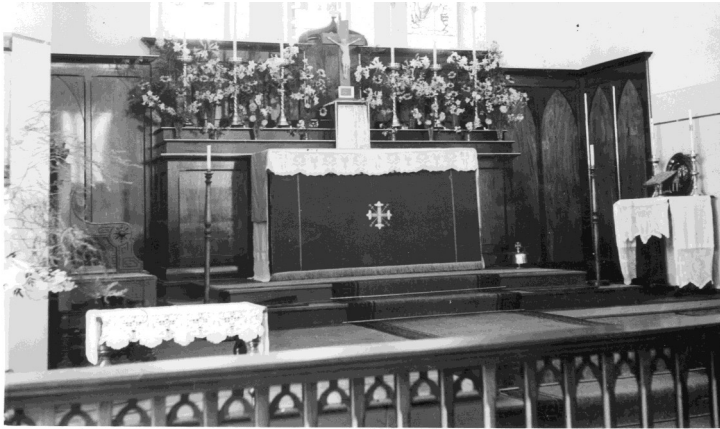
Alternatively, it is now available on our web site at www.anglicanportlincoln.com.au

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.

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.



*Interior of Church of
St Thomas in 1947*



*This photo was taken about 80
years ago*



*Judith McCallum (nee Hillier) on the left
with her sisters at her Debutante Ball in
1947*



These photos were found by St Thomas' parishioner Judith McCallum amongst some of her Mother's belongings — some in an old prayer book.

Debutante Balls were held every few years in those days.

Notice the changes to the Church behind the altar over the years. Nowadays the rearedos has been lowered so that we can see the whole of the Sison windows.

PENTECOST

Since May 19th the Church has been celebrating the season of Pentecost. Pentecost can be considered as the birthday of the Church since it commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit to the apostles in the form of tongues of fire. We must remember that the Spirit is a social Spirit – a Spirit that leads us to solidarity with each other, the whole world, and all its people. The Spirit does more than make individuals feel good or different. The Spirit breaks down barriers between peoples. The Spirit changes our behaviour and moves us into community. The Spirit calls us into action.

At times we all feel some emptiness, some need. At the time of Pentecost the apostles felt exactly that way. Their fulfilment did not come from each other, or even from within—it came in the form of the Spirit.

Have you been caught up in the multitude of wonderful things happening in and around our Church today — Synod, Strawberry Fair, wine sales, gardening, Guild, MU, Op Shop, Meditation, Wednesday evenings, Thursday mornings, Mission to Seafarers,.....

Are we spreading the Gospel and continuing the work of Christ within our families, our Church, our communities and our world? Let us use this time to ask God to fill us with the Holy Spirit so that our lives may truly become witnesses to His Gospel.

SAY A PRAYER

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his Grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away. "Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer," said his mother.

"I don't need to," the boy replied. "Of course, you do," his mother insisted. "We always say a prayer before eating at our house." "That's at our house," Johnny explained. "But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook!"

A little about Mary Magdalene— Apostle to the Apostles

Mary Magdalene accompanied Jesus through much of his ministry. We do not know how long, but her experience of being "freed from seven demons" turned her life around and she became a devoted follower. When most of the disciples fled into hiding, she was one of the few who followed Jesus to Calvary. She witnessed the horror of his death - the blood and water flowing from his side - and the burial and sealing of the tomb. She knew the reality of his death and burial.

Her devotion took her back to the tomb in the company of other women. The Gospel accounts differ in the details but in John's, Mary's love for Jesus makes her unable to leave the tomb. Her Lord is dead - the loss of his body the ultimate catastrophe ... but through her, Jesus was going to tell the apostles, and ultimately the whole world, the great truth that he had conquered death and was risen to new life.

Mary Magdalene—Apostle to the Apostles.

SOME HISTORY FROM THE RECORDS OF MISS LOUISE BROUGHAM....

The following documents are from the history of the Mission to Seafarers, paying tribute to Miss Louise Brougham who was a tireless worker for the good of seafarers.

PORT LINCOLN TIMES excerpt 10th September 1956 (précis of "Wooden Ships and Iron Men)).

Captain John Wigham, master of the m.v. Comliebank, is making his fourth visit to Port Lincoln in Bank Line ships. In 1938 he arrived as an apprentice on the old sailing ship Olivebank and can recall the his ship and the new m.v. Olivebank moored together at the jetty. He called again in 1940 and 1948.

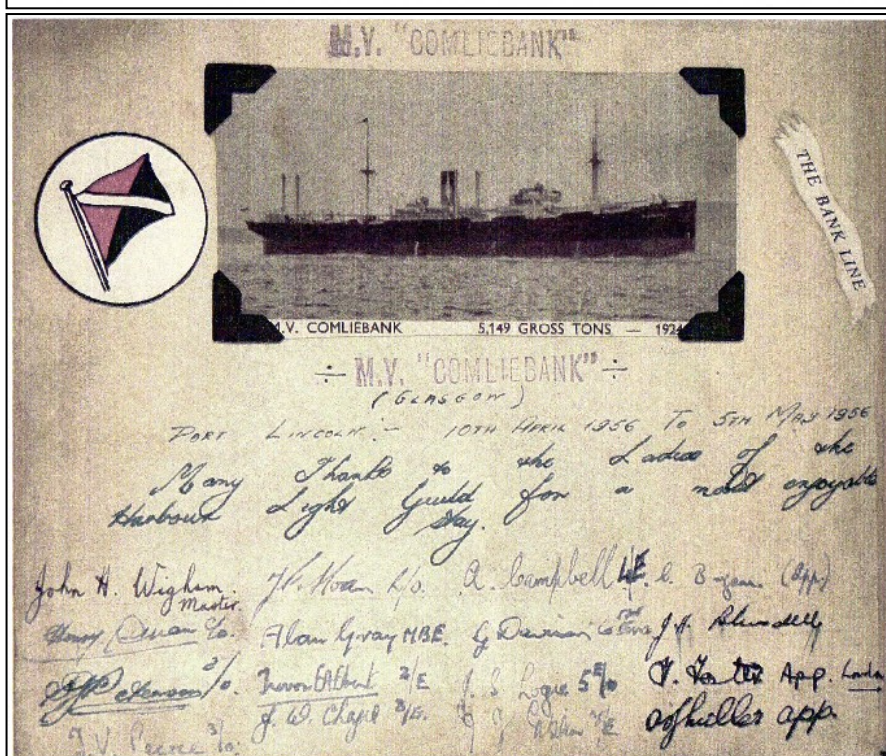
He comes from a family whose maritime background goes back 200 years and currently has two brothers at sea.

While in port he has addressed the Port Lincoln Rotary Club, telling the amazing story of the Banks Line shipping company. He also attended the Sleaford Mere speedboat races where he met and discussed the history of the Bank's Lines sailing ships with Mr. Axel Stenruss, who had sailed on the famous old "Olivebank."

He met Miss Louise Brougham (while still an apprentice) in 1938 and has visited her on each subsequent trip, and each time has signed the Autograph Book.

While being interviewed in his cabin by the "Times" representative, Captain Wigham produced an old dog eared yellowing autograph book he had borrowed from Miss Brougham during his present visit. It contains his signature and the date of each visit to this port from his apprenticeship days to his present status of Captain.

Like many mariners who have visited Port Lincoln, the captain regards this autograph book as a most valuable and irreplaceable document. So valuable are the references, and so redolent of the early ships and their crews, he believes the book should one day become part of the Australian nautical archives.



Just for a giggle....



Two little old ladies were attending a rather long church service. One leaned over and whispered, "My butt is going to sleep." "I know," replied her companion, "I heard it snore three times."

Ruth Revs Up For Her 70th

An impression by friend Jude

The 70th birthday planning began last year when Ruth booked Linsell's Woolshed on Winter Hill as an ideal place for gathering her friends together over brunch. She had always looked to 'three score years and ten' as a milestone after which, 'every day', her father said, 'was a bonus'. The occasion on May 25 was indeed that for those who came – over 160 on the day with apologies from more than a hundred who had been invited.

Generosity begets generosity – there were plenty of volunteers to help set up, see to jobs on the day, while guests brought spare cash as a change from carrying a plate of cake, scones or a gift. The invitations had indicated 'worthy causes', which Dr Lynn Arnold nominated during his highlight guest appearance. The Kokoda Track Foundation and Youth at Risk on Eyre Peninsula will each share the proceeds of nearly \$3,000 donated by friends of Ruth to celebrate her birthday. The party was a happy mix of Eyre Peninsula people from her wide church and community network and from Adelaide and Yorke Peninsula.

Her 82 year old brother Bill brought some songs and delighted the audience with music which included 'The Green Eyed Dragon' and 'Sea Fever'. A longstanding Adelaide friend David Lawry hosted proceedings, and the atmosphere was greatly enhanced by cool jazz from a quartet of professional musos, all with a Ruth-connection from her former life in education. She named them 'The Unlikely Lads' – Dave Longden, Mike Hester, Bill Kannussaar and Steve Campbell who all teach music. Gourmet finger food superbly prepared by Damien Mrdjen was served, and, although more elaborate than loaves and fishes, was enough to feed the multitude with plenty left over.

When it came to candle time, the Jewish menorah holding seven candles was ignited for Ruth, and everyone else lit a candle on individual cupcakes and sang a heartfelt 'Happy Birthday'. The helium balloons scattered throughout the shed were in liturgical colours of green, red, gold and green. Outside the considerable traffic was directed in an efficient and orderly style by Rev Peter Linn with Jarn and Nicole Jamison. As someone said "It was a wonderful party, full of surprises and delicious food".

The clients of Port Lincoln's Community House also had an unexpected bonus; the platters of seafood, chicken kebabs, fillet mignons and other delights were distributed in the next couple of days 'without a crumb wasted'.

Perhaps most significant was the comment, 'You could feel the love.'

Ruth with Lyn Arnold



In other news...

Congratulations and best wishes to **Jean Solomon** who turned 80 in May.

Geoff Rayson was recently inducted as a new member of Rotary and **Bill Watkins** was inducted as the new Rotary President for the coming year.

NEED FIREWOOD?

St Matthias at Wangary is selling firewood as a fundraiser. Contact Malcolm Schluter for details.

Eco-Spirituality with Terry Krieg **Ph 8682 1571**

Have you been trying to fit in a trip with Terry and Geraldine?

Please consider the Gum Creek Station trip from October 7th to October 12th with Peter Linn as spiritual director.

Pamphlets with further information are available from Terry, or at the Church.

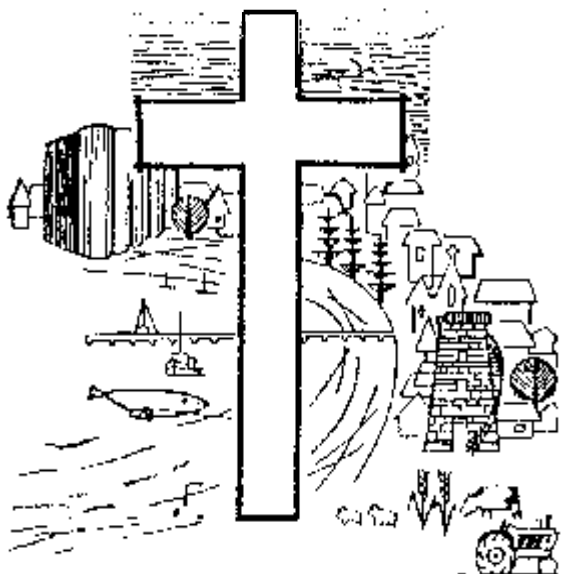


Wishing you a speedy recovery...

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who have recently undergone surgery. Richard Doudle, Graeme Smith, Joan Belling and Brian Bascombe.

We wish them well as they return to the best of health.





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FRIDAYS 9AM-3PM

Fresh fruit and vegetables are welcome early in the day. Clean shopping bags, clean clothes and household utensils, knick knacks etc welcome. Nothing electrical, thank you.



There comes a time in life, when you walk away from all the drama and people who create it. Surround yourself with people who make you laugh, forget the bad, and focus on the good. Love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't. Life is too short to be anything but happy. Falling down is part of life, getting back up is living.