

HERE AND NOW



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St Thomas' Port Lincoln



St Matthew's Poonindie



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HERE AND NOW

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From the Venerable Peter Linn...

Here we are now at our winter edition of this magazine. We should give thanks for the seasonable weather and the good rain. We pray that this season will continue to be a good one.

In the church here in the parish of Port Lincoln life has been busy. We have been meeting with the neighbouring Ministry District of Eyre to look at ways of working closer together. Both the Parish Council have met and have decided to look at the financial implications, the pastoral needs and the governance issues of working together. These will be addressed at a meeting in September.

Special up coming events are:

1. The visit of Roy and Daphne Goodwin on Wednesday, 10 August.
2. The visit of Robin Greenwood. Robert will visit on Monday, 12 September and hold a workshop from 12:30 to 4:30pm. Robin's focus will be on how to renew the local church. I encourage you all to come and hear both these speakers. We are very lucky to have them visit here from overseas. If you would like a copy of Robin Greenwood's book *Sharing God's Blessing* I have a copy.

I will be inviting the other churches to attend these events.

Blessings

Peter

Willochra Sunday – 31st July A Day of Pilgrimage and Celebration

There will be a diocesan service to celebrate Willochra Sunday on July 31st. On this day the Willochran Centenary Cross will find its way to the Cathedral, having completed its pilgrimage across the Diocese.

We are all invited to participate in this event and are encouraged to come with banners, photographs and stories to help commemorate the day.

During the service a new clerical canon, Rev'd Ali Wurm; and Lay Canon Julia Butler, will be installed.

A new initiative to establish Pilgrim Ways will be launched during the service.



The Cathedral

KNOWING OUR CHURCH'S HISTORY

Continuing the story...

From the Here and Now February 1995 Part 20

Digressing for a while, I will take you back again to 1867 in order to record an eye-witness account of a C. of E. Funeral which would doubtless have commenced from St. Thomas' Church. The item of interest has come from a diary entry made by the then newly arrived English Wesleyan Minister, the Rev'd Jas. Haslam. It concerns the accidental death of Port Lincoln's early practitioner, Dr. Geo. Lawson, who lived on his "Ravelstone" farm just back from Proper Bay. The doctor died as a result of a fall from his horse, which happened in front of the Rev'd Haslam's study door. Besides describing Lawson's poor horsemanship as a result of having over-imbibed, the reverend gentleman also recorded his impressions of the funeral procession to the Happy Valley cemetery several days later.

On Tuesday, February 12th, 1867, he wrote, "I attended the Doctor's funeral this afternoon. I rode on horseback with Mr. Borthwick and Mr. Holroyd. The first Colonial funeral I have attended (as mourner or friend); truly it was strange one. More

than a score of men and women on horseback, about a half dozen spring carts full of people and lots of pedestrians. Dr. Hammond officiated."

It is understandable that this newly-arrived Englishman in the Colony would have been impressed by the mode of transport, etc. he witnessed, as most English churches had adjoining graveyards within walking distance.

Just to complete the record, I mention that until the advent of the motor car, it was not unusual, here in Port Lincoln, for pallbearers to walk beside the horse-drawn hearse from the church to the graveside. In fact, as late as the early 1940's, I can recall having seen a motorised funeral procession moving at snail pace through a busy Newcastle street, headed by the undertaker on foot complete in top hat and frock coat, together with the pallbearers. †

Eric O'Connor

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The last chapter concerning the death of Dr Lawson apparently created a good deal of interest amongst our readers and I have been asked to give some details on the horse-drawn hearse.

It was unfortunate that the Rev'd Haslam did not mention this aspect in his description of that Colonial funeral of 1866. I would be inclined to think, however, that Port Lincoln's undertaker would not have had the services of such a vehicle in those early days. My guess would be that the coffin was transported from the church to the cemetery in a double-seated buggy, with the seats removed and the tail board lowered, thereby giving sufficient floor space to accommodate the casket. Doubtless, other adaptable vehicles such as spring carts, light drays, etc., were pressed into use from time to time.

Coming forward into the 1920's, I can well remember the horse-drawn hearse used by the funeral directors, the late Mr George Baker and Mr Syd Wyatt. It was quite an ornate four-wheeled vehicle, painted black, almost carriage-like in appear

ance, and drawn by a pair of horses. There was a seat up front of an enclosed, glass-panelled section, not unlike the motorised counterpart of toady. Each glass panel had a tasselled fringe hanging along the top edge.

Whilst writing on this rather morbid subject, it would seem worth noting that there is some evidence in records of St Thomas' Church being interested in the control of our Happy Valley cemetery in the early days. The late Mr. Myles Bishop once told me that the church authorities were instrumental in having the stone fence built there. It was quite an imposing structure when I was a boy, but most of it has now fallen into disrepair, unfortunately. †

Eric O'Connor

From the Here and Now May 1995 Part 22

Reverting to the 1890's again, it was in the 1893-94 period whilst the Rev'd Cooke was the incumbent, that a number of very fine adornments were donated to the church. Mr. Samuel Sison from Boston House, who died several years earlier, had bequeathed £100 to the church in his Will, for the purpose of having stained glass windows placed in the eastern end of the building, dedicated to his memory. It was in the above-mentioned church year that Mr. Sison's wish came to fruition, when St Thomas' was graced with elegance by the installation of those three fine colourful windows above the altar, depicting Jesus, St Thomas and St John. It is unfortunate that the reredos, erected many years later, now hides the wording appearing in the stained glass, which makes mention of the donor's name.¹ Other gifts were forthcoming in the year mentioned. The Rev'd Cooke and Mr John Anderson each gave a handsomely carved ecclesiastical chair, whilst Mrs Sison further enhanced the appearance of the Chancel by donating the Altar desk, brass can

desticks and an Alms Dish of superb quality. Mr Anderson had earlier made a presentation of a pair of brass vases for the altar. He later made a further gift of two Glastonbury chairs. These four chairs I have mentioned are those which, of course, grace the sanctuary and transept today.

Mr Samuel Brougham, the Sunday School Superintendent of long standing, also contributed to the church furniture at that time with the donation of a Litany Desk. Mr Brougham was a carpenter by trade, and the desk was most likely the work of his own hands. It would be one of the desks in use today. †

Eric O'Connor

¹The reredos has now been lowered so that the inscription is visible.

*St. Thomas
Anglican Church
Port Lincoln*

Sea Sunday 10th July 2016

Thank you to all who braved the cold and blustery weather to support our young cadets and their leaders on Sea Sunday. Father Brian led a moving morning prayer service, accompanied by Judy Pearce on the organ, Robert and Abby Kroemer on guitar and ukulele and Ian Taylor on guitar and voice. This year marked the 160th anniversary of Missions to Seafarers.

Many thanks to Nel and Ian Taylor for organising and coordinating the special service for Sea Sunday. About 50 people enjoyed the company of the Naval Cadets at what was a really memorable service, and about 40 people stayed on to eat a fish and chip lunch after the service.



**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
(FRIDAYS)**

VOLUNTEERS 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.

LADIES GUILD

We are not having meetings at the present time. We are going out for lunches on meeting days. Items of interest are discussed. Payments have been talked about and resolved at these luncheons. Catering will carry on as in past days but we always ask for help from our congregation for food, which we really appreciate.

Joan Belling

MU REPORT 2015

The month of May was history month and this year MU put together a history board to be displayed in the church. We had some delightful, insightful and sometimes poignant moments as we researched our past, stretching back over 100 years. Many thanks to our record keepers; sometimes this seems like a tedious exercise at the time; however it is in years to come that these records become treasures to those who follow in our footsteps. Thanks also to Margaret Vivian for her initiative and ongoing support.



The month of June has now become our "Wave of Prayer" month. This is when Willochra is included in the world wide continuous prayer wave that is such an important part of the work of Mother's Union. We are in prayer group 45, alongside the dioceses of Yambio (South Sudan), Garissa (Kenya), Mbamili (Nigeria), Hereford (England), and Thailand. To quote our president Lynne Tembey "Prayer is a central focus to Mother's Union membership, an essential part of our vision, mission and strategy for moving forward. It is a privilege to pray for another human being, it is also wonderful to know that God listens to our prayers and blesses us in so many ways through them."

With some research, we were able to prepare some information about each diocese we were praying for. We held a special wave of prayer service on Thursday 8th June. It was an amazing feeling to know that these people across the world were actually praying for us during this time. This information has also been on a board in the church for the past month for people to look at. We are planning on increasing our contact with these link dioceses and hope that with modern communication we should be able to look forward to some fascinating and rewarding connections.

Nell Taylor

NEWS FROM POONINDIE

The congregations of the parish combined for a special service held at the historic Poonindie Church of St Matthew on Sunday May 15th.

It provided an opportunity for Bishop John Stead to participate in a service at Poonindie, the only church in the Diocese that he had not yet visited.

It was pleasing to see this little church, originally built as a mission, packed with people. In addition to Bishop John and Ven Peter Linn the Rev Barry Luke from Cummins was there, Sonya Nugent from Wangary was there and Fr Brian Bascombe.



The date marked the occasion of 162 years since the first "Divine Service" was held upstairs in the loft.

MISSION TO SEAFARERS

The Mission to Seafarers Group sincerely thanks Joyce Hetzel and the ladies of Lincoln Grove for their kind donation of over one hundred beanies. These beanies have been hand knitted by the ladies.

The beanies are being handed out to visiting seafarers, mainly Phillipino crew from the bulk carriers visiting Port Lincoln.

The seafarers generally spend many months away from home at a time and have minimal warm clothing. The beanies have been gratefully received.

On behalf of the seafarers, thank you again Joyce and the Ladies of Lincoln Grove for your generous donation.



Above: Some of the colourful beanies from Lincoln Grove
Below: Joyce Hetzel and Trevor Clark (ship's visitor) model the beanies.



FROM ANDREW MORRIS

From his sermon..

THE MISSION OF THE SEVENTY

The number 70 represents the Church's mission to the nations of the world (at that time believed to be approximately 70!)

I am wondering if some of you are like me?

When we are going on a camping trip or holiday, even if only for a few nights, we seem to take a lot of gear. We tend to bring a lot of extra stuff ... "just in case"!

When Jesus sent out the 70 he made sure they didn't pack any "just in case" items. Quite the opposite. They were told not to take money, shoes or a backpack.

They went out like beggars—Jesus sent the 70 out totally relying on the generosity and mercy of others.

To leave behind the comforts of home and security blankets would have been daunting and would have required trust in God and courage.

This was an excellent strategy used by Jesus.

It is very likely that generous and welcoming people would have been the most receptive of the message of God's Kingdom. Those with cold hearts would have had no room for God's message of peace, whereas those with generous hearts would have been open to God's word.

Just as you can't force a crop to grow without good soil and good rains...so too you can't force the Gospel message on people who have cold and selfish hearts.

The 70 that Jesus sent out were told not to be disheartened by those who did not respond!

The 70 were told to spread the message of God's Kingdom with few resources and little preparation.

Jesus continues to send people out into the world today...he invites us to share in his mission.

And we must trust and obey and be reliant on Jesus in the midst of hardship and pressure—fear of a lack of resources or training need not constrain us, or we rely on God.

It is still the 'Kingdom of God' message...helping people to understand where God is active in the world and helping people gain wholeness and overcome evil.

Just like Jesus sent those 70 to homes they may not have wanted to live in, God may send us to someone we don't want to be with.

The building of relationships is vital for the Message of God's Kingdom, and we don't always get to choose the relationships. We do not choose who needs to hear God's Message.

God encourages relationships, not experiences. God does not always work through the spectacular, but rather the ordinary.

Jesus did not tell the 70 to do a quick door knock, but told them to "live with" people. The best messages about God's Kingdom are not proclaimed from a pulpit, but are lived in every day life with all its troubles and temptations.

Jesus sends us out into families and work places and clubs and schools and even among strangers—we don't always get to choose these places and people. Sometimes we don't want to be there and long to be some other place!!

There will be times that the peace of God's Kingdom that we proclaim and live by, won't be received by others. This may not be our fault.

There will be times, however, when the peace that we proclaim, and live *is* received!!

People will notice

- The way we forgive
- The way we don't seek payback
- The way we don't put others down
- The way we encourage, lift up and care for others.

Others will see us as peacemakers.

The 70 were sent out to proclaim the peace of God to others in ordinary lives and in everyday places. There for may we bring to others:

"The peace of God which passes all human understanding and keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord." Amen

(based on the reading from Luke 10)

FROM RUTH

A HIGHLIGHT

Pentecost is celebrated in the Church Year with the red colour spectrum. The Nuske's, a Lutheran family from St John's Sheringa, brought their own floral contribution to share with us this year.

Steve, Michelle, Sophie, Josh and Brock came into our historic church with two 4 foot cannas. Steve and Brock tied them to the altar rails. 'They're the tongues of fire,' they explained. Then a solid round vase and a large bough of flowering red gum was hauled in to be placed inside. Josh nestled a white paper cut-out dove in the branch.

There they were – two beautiful reminders of this holy festival.

Nothing more really needed to be said – the imagery was so powerful.

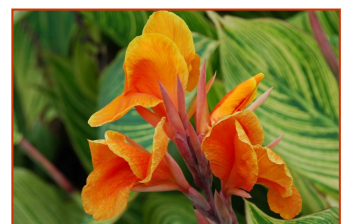
God continues to speak to us through nature and the Holy Spirit reveals who Jesus really is and how blessed we are.

Cannas and eucalypts proclaim the glory of God.

PENTECOST

**'Unless the eye catch fire,
The God will not be seen.
Unless the ear catch fire,
The God will not be heard.
Unless the tongue catch fire,
The God will not be named.
Unless the heart catch fire,
The God will not be loved.
Unless the mind catch fire,
The God will not be known.'**
William Blake (1757-1827)

Ruth Buxton



FROM JUDY PEARCE

As Kelly Pearce and her family' have, for a very long time, been on St Thomas' prayer list under 'those with ongoing needs'. Her granny, Judy Pearce, with family permission, shares her letter written on Kelly's 30th birthday recently.

"Nine years ago, we celebrated Kelly's 21st birthday with a wonderful feasting party in a marquee at Halls Gap in the Grampians, and a new bike trailer was unveiled among loving family members, admiring friends and carers. It was a memorable event. Unspoken was the thought that there would never be a wedding, so this was to be Kel's Big Event. The guest of honour was not particularly well that day, but there were tears and smiles all round as her life's struggle was acknowledged.

Two years ago, on the wedding



day of her big brother to his sweetheart Mel, there were tears and smiles again as Kel (with assistance) processed down the church aisle looking as beautiful to us as the bridesmaids, in her specially designed peach coloured dress with party shoes. Later this year she will become Auntie Kel to a welcome little one.

Thirty years ago (1986) we received news of the birth of our first grand daughter in Adelaide. Kelly Louise Pearce.....Pink At Lastwe rejoiced after our own three sons and one grandson. She was a twinkling blue eyed little blonde, her laughter and chatter was a delight, as she grew nearly old enough to start school.

The fever that struck her down 25 years ago, here on holiday in Port Lincoln, was a mystery which became a continuous nightmare for her parents. With it came seizures of all kinds for which doctors could not prescribe relief. As the epilepsy took hold, so came irreparable damages – erosion of speech, autistic behaviours, sleep deprivation and swallowing difficulties...so many limitations...

Her parents, our Andrew and his wife Norelle have devoted 25 years to providing a safe haven for Kelly, while nurturing and always including eldest Matt and youngest Lauren. They have sacrificially created a way of life in a beautiful place, within a family unit to be admired and envied. Now at 30 Kelly totally depends on them and the helpers who come in to administer care for her, and give some relief for her parents.

If she could speak or express somehow, we know she would

give heartfelt gratitude ... to her Mum for the years of searching, serving, sleeplessness and sincerity of devotion; to her Dad for calm, cheerful comradeship and inventions of comfort for his 'Smiley'; to her big brother and sister-in-law who drive miles interstate to help, and are prepared to take responsibility with love;

to Loz who wished for years to have an older sister she could do 'girlie' things with, but has never hesitated to hug, hold, wipe, comfort, feed, and love Kel. And to Libby the warm four-legged devoted doggy friend who leads her home and watches by her side.

Lots of love from Granny Jude, Grandpa Ken and Auntie Ruth in Port Lincoln where we know you have always loved to have a holiday.

STOP PRESS

This birthday reflection was written in April.

Kelly's mother Norelle has struggled with worsening effects of rheumatoid arthritis diagnosed two years ago, gradually becoming less able to cope with the daily tasks required for the constant care of Kelly.

With shingles added to her pain, Norelle is presently unable to trial a stronger painkiller drug. Their Halls Gap lifestyle is severely compromised by distance from family, their long term respite needs are unfunded and unavailable, the future a heavy burden on Andrew. May we please add 'Kelly's parents' to our request for your prayers?

Thank you Judy and Ken Pearce

Just for a Giffle!

Did I read that sign right?

In an office:

TOILET OUT OF ORDER..... PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW

In a Laundromat:

AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT

Notice in a farmer's field:

THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS THE FIELD FOR FREE, BUT THE BULL CHARGES.

On a repair shop door:

WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING. (PLEASE KNOCK HARD ON THE DOOR - THE BELL DOESN'T WORK.)

Notice in health food shop window:

CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS

Spotted in a safari park:

ELEPHANTS PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR

Church Ladies With Typewriters

They're Back! Those wonderful Church Bulletins! Thank God for the church ladies with typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.'
The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

FUNERAL

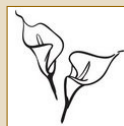
Alma Bessie Kotz in June

BAPTISM

Congratulations and welcome to :

Charlotte Pobke at St Thomas on Sunday
February 14th

Jonty Myers at Wangary on July 10th



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION



CONGRATULATIONS ROSEMARY

We congratulate Rosemary Raymond who received her Lay Ministry License from the Bishop of Willochra in June. Rosemary is formally licensed to carry out the ministry of meditation which she has been doing for a very long time in Port Lincoln—reaching out to parishioners as well as any people who may have no other association with the church.

St Thomas Church is indebted to Rosemary's dedication to this ministry of spirituality in the work of God.

ECO - SPIRITUALITY 2016

Terry and Geraldine Krieg have the following events planned for 2016:

August 22-27

At Balcanoona Station 'A mountain, a lake, sand dunes and a murder'

With Spiritual Director: Angela Evans

Oct 31 - Nov 5

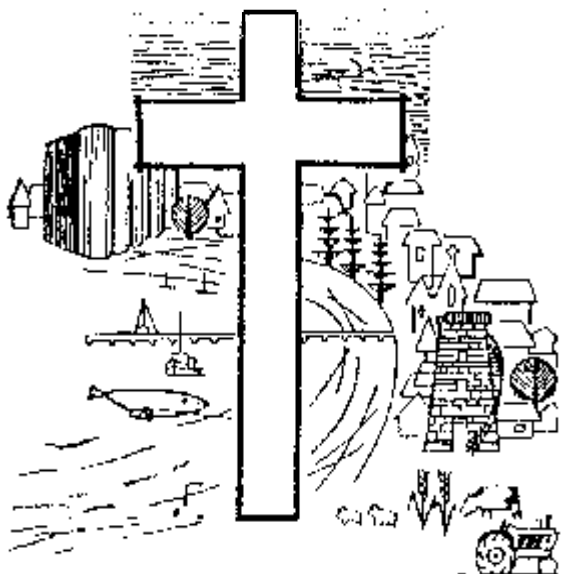
At Angepena Station 'In the land of the of the Adnyamathanha People'

With Spiritual Director: Peter Linn

The cost for all programmes will be \$620 which includes accommodation, food, and facilitators. For further details visit the Diocesan website:

www.diowillochra.org.au or contact Terry Krieg on (08) 8682 1571 or 0428 834 141, or email: patezl@yahoo.com





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**OP SHOP IN PARISH
HALL**

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.*

