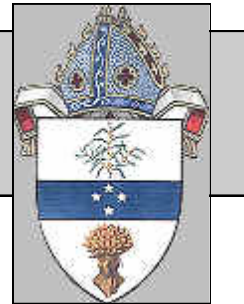


# HERE AND NOW



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St Thomas' Port Lincoln



St Matthew's Poonindie



St Matthias' Wangary

## HERE AND NOW

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## CONGRATULATIONS REV PETER LINN

At the beginning of July we farewell Fr Peter as he begins Long Service Leave. Peter and Rose will be doing some travelling to visit family and friends. They will also be spending time at home, to work on the house and to relax and unwind.

At the end of his leave, Peter is retiring from the position of Parish Priest of Port Lincoln. We are expecting Bishop Chris McLeod to be

here on the last weekend of October to join us in the retirement celebrations.

Peter and Rose are making Port Lincoln their permanent home so we can look forward to seeing them in our community for many years to come.

Good luck and God Bless.

## In the meantime...

In the middle of August we will be welcoming Rev Martin Bleby into the Parish as our Locum Tenens. He will be here for three Sundays per month through until January 2019.

The process continues as we will begin to seek out a new Parish Priest to take over from Fr Peter after his retirement. Please keep those on the committee in your prayers.

## KEEP THE DATES FREE

### SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 29TH

From the Venerable Gael Johannsen:

Hello All, at our last Germinate Session I indicated that it may be appropriate to conduct the **Parish**

**Vacancy Consultation** on September 29<sup>th</sup>, the date set to summarise our GERMINATE conversations. I have confirmed this with Bishop John, so we will go with this date. When we have completed GERMINATE (in August), I will summarise my notes and send them to you for distribution. This should give people a framework

for their consideration of the giftings of their new priest. We will meet in the Parish Centre as usual on Saturday September 29<sup>th</sup>. We will need at least 3 hours for the consultation.

The time will be decided upon, but Gael is free all day.

### SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28th

The Blessing of the Fleece at Wangary

### SATURDAY OCTOBER 27TH

Retirement Dinner for the Rev Peter Linn

# KNOWING OUR CHURCH'S HISTORY

## *Continuing the story...*

**From the Here and Now**

**March/April 1997**

**Part 37**

The progression of my writings on our Church's history now moves on to the latter part of 1927 and onwards into an era covering a period of some 29 years that saw Anglo Catholicism introduced into the church life of our Port Lincoln Parish. It was brought about as a result of the Bishop of Willochra's appointment of the Rev'd Morgan Davies as rector of our mother Church of St Thomas.

The resultant influence was far reaching and it caused religious turmoil throughout the parish, some of which became personal and bigoted. In fact, some of the local population and members of the other recognized denominations of the day, namely Methodists, Baptists and Roman Catholics, found themselves implicated at times.

Eventually, Bishop Thomas realized that a point of no return had been reached and he agreed to the formation of another Parish within the boundaries of what had previously constituted the Port Lincoln Parish. It was called the Kirton Point Parish and embraced the country centres of Charlton, Lake Wangary, Coult, plus Mt Hope, which was annexed from another nearby district parish. The Poonindie centre chose to remain with the mother Church of St Thomas.

The overall arrangement was welcomed by the "Low Church dissidents and religious living between the two factions became more amicable.

It was indeed a unique era in the church's history. It so happened that I lived through the whole period from the boyish

age of 13 years to become directly involved in the matter in the closing years as a result of my being a Kirton Point, St Nicolas Church's Warden.

In recent years, Dr David Hillard, reader of History at Flinders University, made a study of the intrusion of Anglo Catholicism into the Church of England in Australia and more particularly into St Thomas' Church and its Port Lincoln Parish. He did extensive research on the subject and came to Port Lincoln in the course of same to gather first hand information. His completed story appeared in the 'Journal of the Historical Society of South Australia, edition No 23, 1995' and I commend him for the accuracy of his recording of the aspects of the period. It has prompted me to recall and be able to relate in more detail some of the interesting highlights.

Our much loved Rector, or Minister, as he was called in those days, the Rev'd or Mr Harry Snow was getting on in years by the late 1920's, and Bishop Thomas was mindful that he would have to find a replacement before very long.

The needs of the Parish took "Mr Snow" to the then out-centres of Coult, Lake Wangary, Little Swamp, Charlton and Poonindie, which together with those of local St Thomas were becoming somewhat arduous to fulfil, hence the Bishop's concern. †

*Eric O'Connor*

## LADIES GUILD

The Ladies Guild have been holding their meetings over lunch. The most recent was on June 19th at the Northern Hotel, and the previous one was at the Ming Inn. Trevor and Rosie Clark were invited to this meeting and showed some of the photos of their recent trip to the Holy Lands. The Guild has decided to continue to go out for lunch on the third Tuesday of each month for their meetings. The venue will be announced at church on the preceding Sunday.



*Jordan Valley*



*Garden of Gethsemane*

### 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



# HAPPY 75TH BIRTHDAY

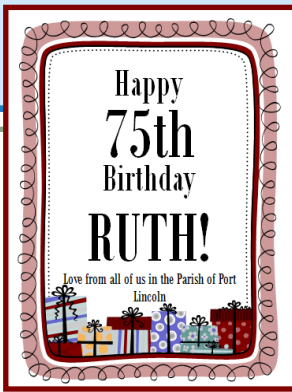
On Sunday May 27th 2018 we celebrated Ruth Buxton's 75th birthday at St Thomas'.

Ruth took the service, assisted by Andrew Morris, and afterwards we all gathered for a very special morning tea in the Parish Centre.

Many people brought wonderful treats to share, and in particular, Glynda Patton. Glynda had made Ruth's favourite

egg sandwiches, and some fabulous cakes for us all to enjoy.

Ruth was blessed with the company of relatives and friends who made the trip to Port Lincoln for the special occasion.



# MOTHERS UNION

A lovely Lady Day Service was held in April followed by lunch in the parish centre. \$100 was raised for the Quickest Warmth Project. 3 days of prayer have just been held in June. Members from across the diocese and around the world prayed for the needs of Willochra and our 5 Linked Dioceses. Mary Sumner Day will be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August. Our Diocesan Theme this year is "Following in Mary's Footsteps" so we look forward to sharing this day of celebration with others from the parish and further afield. Please keep this date in your diary. In October we are planning to hold a "Quiet Day". More about this closer to the time.



Ruth celebrates with special family and friends



Rose, Barnaby, Jan and Marlene with Ruth



Glynda and Roger setting up for the morning tea



Lady Day Service at St Thomas



Lady Day Gathering at the Parish Centre



Gwen Richardson's camellias



# PETER GOES ON LONG SERVICE LEAVE



Peter helps out at a Quiz night 2015



Peter at the Blessing of the Fleece  
October 2017



Peter and Ruth at Blessing of the Fleece 2017



Peter prepares the liturgy for a lunchtime service on an  
Eco-Spirituality tour in 2014



Peter and Rose at Peter's 60th October 2017



Rev Peter presents Leon Redding with his Certificate of Appreciation 2018



Rest time!



At Poonindie

Fr Peter presiding at St Thomas Port Lincoln



Sonya Nugent's Ordination November 2017



Fr Peter and Fr Brian with Barry Luke 2017



Margaret and Leland renew their vows  
2012





## PETER RETIRES AT THE END OF OCTOBER WHEN HIS LEAVE CONCLUDES

We will miss you Peter for your...

- Wonderful singing voice
- Sense of humour
  - Kindness
  - Generosity
  - Gregariousness
  - Sense of family
- Ministry development
  - Inclusiveness
  - Mentoring
  - Innovations

## PARISH DAY AT NYROCA MAY 6TH 2018

On Sunday May 6th, the Parish was invited to Nyroca to gather together as a community.

It was wonderful to see so many attending on such a wonderfully sunny day.

Fr Peter Linn and Rev Sonja Nugent officiated at the Service held in the Bush Chapel, an area specifically designed for the purpose.

Folk gathered for a shared meal and a wonderful celebration.

Thank you to Malcolm Schluter in particular for his hospitality and for providing the outstanding venue.



At Nyroca



With the Port  
Lincoln  
Ministers

Parish Dinner 2012



In the Lady Chapel at  
St Thomas  
with Fr Brian

# From the REV RUTH BUXTON: 'LET'S GO FLY A KITE'

## A reflection for Trinity Sunday

In the musical 'Mary Poppins' is the catchy song...

'...Let's go fly a kite  
Up to the highest height.  
Let's go fly a kite and send it soaring.  
Up through the atmosphere  
Up where the air is clear  
'Let's go – fly a kite!'

What causes a kite to fly? It must have a suitable shape to be able to lift into the air and it must have wind. Can we see the wind? How do we know it is blowing? We can see it moving the leaves on the trees; we can feel it on our faces; and sometimes we can hear it.

Jesus describes the Spirit of God as being like the wind. He says, 'The wind blows where it wants to, and you can hear its sound, but you don't know where it comes from or where it is going. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit'.

In Khaled Husseini's 'The kite runner' he writes 'There is only one sin, and that is theft... when you tell a lie, you steal someone's right to the truth'; there are a lot of children in Afghanistan but little childhood.'

A kite needs to be held. Without guidance it's a goner. Total freedom is another word for crash and burn. A free for all leads to a freefall. It takes the freedom of air, coupled with the anchoring of the string, to give a simple kite, simple flight.

'When the day of Pentecost came, the followers of Jesus were all together in one place. Suddenly the sound of a great wind – no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like wild fire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them. They were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then, devout pilgrims from all over the world. When they heard the sound, they came on the run, Then they heard one after another their own mother tongues being spoken, they were thunderstruck. They couldn't for the life of them figure out what was going on, and kept saying, 'Aren't these all Galileans? How come we're hearing them talk in our various mother tongues?

...They're speaking our languages, describing God's mighty works! ...

Then Peter stood up and spoke from Joel the OT Prophet, 'God says in the last days I will pour out my Spirit on every kind of people... whoever God calls out for help will be saved'.

... Those who fly kites know that kites are earthbound and cannot lift and soar until they are caught by the wind.

People and churches are earthbound until the wind of

God's Spirit lifts them to fly. Kites are not free to move until they are let go to explore the skies.

People and churches are not free to love and care unconditionally unless they can let go and catch the Spirit which is love.

Kites have no power and direction unless they are caught and controlled by the wind.

People and churches have no power and direction unless they allow the Spirit of God to move within them.

A simple kite has a cross made of doweling. It is at the centre. The cross is necessary for success. Without the cross the fabric is useless. The cross must be properly anchored. We would think it odd to see someone trying to fly a kite with no frame at all – a wad of paper or cloth on the end of a string. And we would wonder if we saw someone dragging a cross-shaped frame around claiming to be flying a kite. The gospel is a message of faith in Jesus Christ that is expressed in Christ-like flight. We are known as people of the cross.

Jesus' brother James writes, 'What good is it if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If another is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says, 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled, without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? Faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.' James 2.14-17

A little boy was flying a kite. It was a windy day, and the kite kept going higher and higher. Finally it got so high that it was out of sight. A man passed by and saw the little boy holding onto the string. The man could not see the kite, and he asked the boy, 'How do you know you have a kite up there?

The boy replied, 'Because I can feel it.' AMEN





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TERRY KRIEG



Terry Krieg turns 80 this month. Congratulations Terry and we hope your celebrations are amazing!



The Diocese has been indebted to Terry and Gebbs for the incredible Eco-Spirituality Tours they have conducted over many years. Terry retired from the tours at the end of last year.

Those who participated in the Eco-Spirituality Programme will have enduring memories that will last their lifetime.



Terry and Geraldine on the  
Orparinna trip 1995



Gunn Creek trip 2014



Wirrealpa 2017

## Germinate

The Germinate Program for Cultivating, Planting and Growth in the Diocese of Willochra has continued under the wonderful leadership of the Diocesan Ministry Development Officer, the Venerable Gael Johannsen. Our heartfelt thanks go to Gael for her commitment.



The most recent workshop, held on June 9th, focussed firstly on the passage from John 15:1-11. The message is that God is the Vine and we are the branches, and that the vine is constantly needing attention in order to stay healthy and vibrant.

We also focussed on the 'Gardening' in our Parish—who are the people God has given us to care for? What are their needs? How do we respond to these needs?

An important focus for us now is how we nurture ourselves in the coming time of transition whilst Rev Peter Linn takes Long Service Leave from July through to the end of October, and then retires. We will be welcoming the Rev Martin Bleby when he comes to us as our Locum Tenens Parish Priest from August through to January. It will be important that we all offer our skills, strengths and support, and encourage others to do likewise.

The next workshop for Germinate will be on August 18th and will focus on 'Our Soul'.

The final workshop will be on September 29th which is entitled 'Our Plant' and will in effect be a wrap up of the entire program. This will be a great stepping stone for us to begin the discernment process after Peter retires, to find a replacement Parish Priest.

Please try to make yourself available for these sessions so that you can bring your ideas and experiences to ensure we are in the best possible position for moving forward.

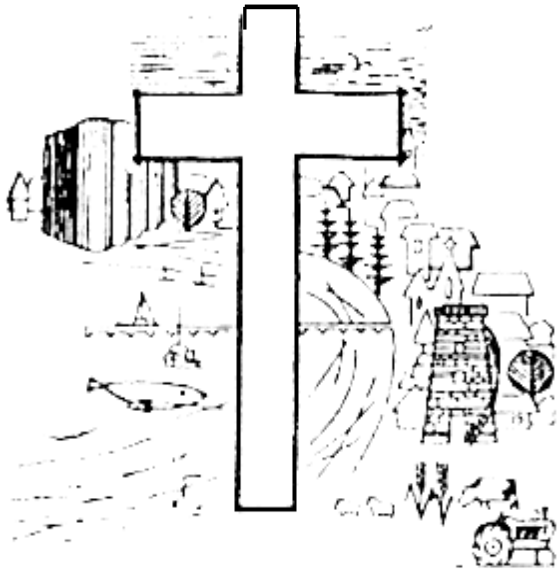
May we have faith in God's future for us, and may we look forward positively towards a new era in the life of our Parish.

### Thank You Amy



Amy Cowley, our Parish Secretary for the past three years, is leaving the position to take up full time study and we wish her all the very best for the future.

We are pleased to announce that her replacement is Lynne Little, a member of the St Thomas congregation. Please make Lynne feel welcome as she takes over from Amy in the Parish Office in early July.



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

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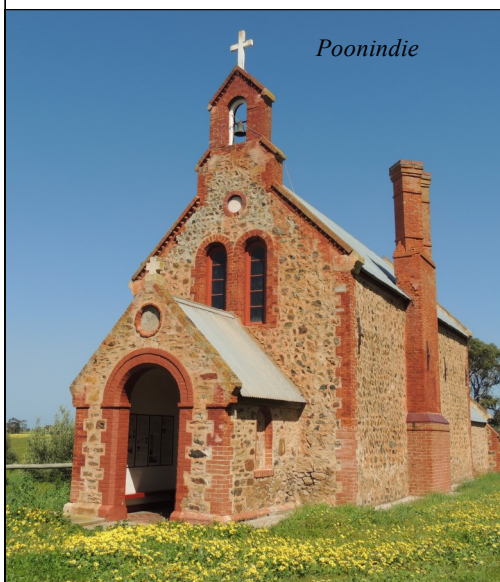
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HALL**

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

