

## **IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS**

Taking a similar route across country Eyre Peninsula for Anglican services as a century of priests and deacons did earlier, is to sense the innate goodness of Anglican parishioners over the years. Today, Colton, Elliston. Sheringa, Cummins and Tumby Bay attest to a chain of congregations from coast to coast who are faithful and resilient.

The people care deeply for the well-being of each other and their clergy. They have a reality about them that is refreshing in a time when chasing the spectres of wealth and endless information is consuming. An inbred sense of history and tradition informs the present while a genuine concern about the future of the rural church reminds us all to thank and trust the faithfulness of our good God.

These long-time consecrated churches are symbols of Christian worship and fellowship. Colton's St Luke's, next to the bakery, is a haven of peace; Elliston's St Andrew's speaks of former days when it was the centre of Anglicanism in the district; Sheringa's St John's in the paddock with its harmonium and brass lanterns is welcoming to any who come; Cummins triangular 'new' church stands tall alongside the galvanized iron 'old' sanctuary which once was filled to the walls and St Margaret's, Tumby Bay is an architectural jewel gifted by the Mortlock family to the seaside community.

But it is God's people who matter and I love them.

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