

HERE AND NOW



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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.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

TUESDAY 23RD DECEMBER

FAMILY CHRISTMAS SERVICE AT ST ANDREWS, ELLISTON WITH RUTH

CHRISTMAS EVE

WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER

ST MARGARET'S TUMBY BAY 5PM WITH RUTH

ST MATTHEW'S POONINDIE 6PM WITH PETER

ST SIMON AND

ST JUDE

ST THOMAS

CUMMINS 7.30PM WITH RUTH

PORT LINCOLN 8PM WITH PETER

CHRISTMAS DAY

THURSDAY 25TH DECEMBER

ST THOMAS

ST MATTIAS

PORT LINCOLN 8AM WITH PETER

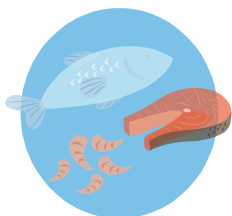
WANGARY 10AM WITH PETER



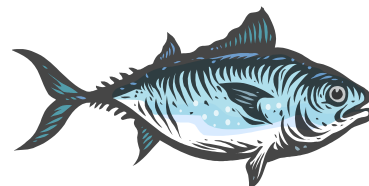
WISHING ALL OUR READERS A
JOYFUL CHRISTMAS AND A
WONDERFUL NEW YEAR



TUNARAMA 2015



We intend to hold the seafood stall on the fore-shore at Tunarama again this coming January, and we have booked a site. This stall has been well received and very successful over the past few years. If you are able to help out with a gift of some of your time over the Saturday or Sunday, please contact the editor.



KNOWING OUR CHURCH'S HISTORY

From the Here and Now

June/July 1993

Part 8

In the last issue I mentioned that progress on the building of St Thomas' had been beset by tragedy. This misfortune occurred in May 1850 when Captain Richard Tapley's small 15 ton cutter, the "Jane Flaxman", was wrecked, with the loss of all personnel on board, together with its cargo. The little vessel used to visit Yorke Peninsula and Port Lincoln from time to time, bringing settlers' stores, etc, as well as some passengers, together with a cargo of stores, plus a quantity of deal timber. Six passengers were charcoal burners for Yorke Peninsula where they were to be engaged for that purpose by the Yatala Smelting Co., whilst the remaining two, Messers Cummings and Landridge were going to Port Lincoln. They were, in fact, employees of Robert Lee the carpenter contractor engaged on the building of St Thomas' Church.

The loss Lee sustained as a result of the "Jane Flaxman" tragedy was considerable and in his letter to the Trustees dated 7 August, he said, "I hereby beg to state that I think I may be able to begin work at Port Lincoln in about six months. I have lost a considerable sum already by the late wreck and shall therefore feel much obliged by the Trustees releasing me from the contract as I feel it is out of my power to do anything to the church for some time."

These two sentences in Mr Lee's letter must have created ambiguity in the Trustee's minds, when he firstly indicates that he may be able to begin work on the church in six months time and then confuses the issue by tendering his resignation from the contract.

It would seem as though he was hopeful of the authorities saying they would wait six months or so.

Correspondence from the Bishop of Adelaide however indicates that Lee was released from the contract and there seems to be no evidence as to who did the carpentry work ultimately.

Earlier in July the Trustees wrote the Bishop asking that the window frames be dispatched promptly as "the walls have already been carried up farther than was advisable without frames being put in". The timber lost with the "Jane Flaxman", listed as deal, was most likely flooring. It was valued at £15 (\$30). The necessary joinery asked for was duly supplied from Adelaide whilst the roofing material had already arrived from Tasmania.

This Tasmanian hardwood timber, known as V.D.L. (Van Diemen's Land), was revealed in the Nave section during the re-roofing of the church in recent years.

The exact completion date of the church does not seem to have been recorded, but it could well have been late in 1851. However, a notation in Archdeacon Hale's diary indicated that he conducted the first service, one of Evensong, in St Thomas' Church on 21 January 1852. There must have been many improvisations at that service and subsequent ones for a while in the way of seating and furnishings, because here is evidence that the pews and altar were not to hand until the middle of that year. Records show that Jas G Gibbs, an Adelaide carpenter, was the successful tenderer for the making of 16 pews at a cost of £2 (\$4) each. It is of interest to note that they came to hand unassembled, and in order to facilitate easy assembly, the parts for each pew were chisel marked in a particular way. These markings are in evidence today if one cares to look closely. †

Eric O'Connor

Marriages

4th October, 2014 Annette Marie MORRISON and Brett Edzell HARDER
 11th October, 2014 Jessica Nicole LAURIE and Jethro Glenn DAVIS
 15th November, 2014 Sarah Rachel FLETCHER and Niket JHUNJHUNWAL

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www.anglicanportlincoln.com.au

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.

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.

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August 1993 Part 9

The pews were obviously very strongly constructed and during my lifetime very little repair work has been done on them. Their upgrading recently has put them in good stead for many years to come.

I think they are very much part of the appealing simplicity of St Thomas', although the carpeting now hides the plain wide boarded flooring, which used to remind us of the austere pioneering days of our forebears.

In the last chapter, I mentioned that Archdeacon Hale had conducted the first religious service in St Thomas'. He was, of course, resident in the district now, and had been so for some 2 years, having arrived in 1850 to set up a Native Mission Station in the locality. It was the Archdeacon's sincere desire to improve the lot of the aborigines of the district.

Maybe it is of interest to mention that the first site chosen by him for such an institution was on Boston Island. However, after persevering there unsuccessfully for a month to find an adequate supply of water, the location was abandoned due to the shortage of this all important necessity. The Archdeacon's attention was then attracted to Poonindie, where he was able to acquire sufficient land to enable him to establish what became known as the Poonindie Native Mission.

This is mentioned because of its close association with the Anglican church life in Port Lincoln. Hale summed up the situation very well when he wrote, "For myself and family I rented a little house in the township of Port Lincoln until I could get a dwelling for myself put up. In the meantime I spent most of the week at Poonindie, sleeping sometimes in one place and sometimes another as the case might be. However, I was always at Port Lincoln on Sunday, where I held services regularly for the few Europeans who lived in the little townships and the neighbourhood."

This sharing arrangement of services with St Thomas' appears to have continued until mid 1856, when Archdeacon Hale left Poonindie and went to Western Australia to become the first Bishop of Perth. His leaving was indeed a loss to both Port Lincoln and Poonindie, but fortunately his place was taken by Dr Octavius Hammond, who was skilled in medicine, having gained his MRCS (Member of the Royal College of Surgeons) in England in 1832. A person with such qualifications was indeed a great asset at the Mission, where the native inmates' health was becoming a real problem, largely due to the prevalence of (TB) Tuberculosis.

The Adelaide paper, "The Register" of 12/2/1857 reported that, "On December 8th, 1856, Bishop Short, when preaching at St Thomas' Church, Port Lincoln, gratified his congregation by announcing that Octavius Hammond had become a candidate for admission into Deacon's Orders, an arrangement which will be hailed with the more satisfaction in as much as Dr Hammond is universally and justly esteemed".

He was duly admitted to Deacon's Orders in February, 1857, licensed to Port Lincoln with Poonindie in March of that year, and appointed Priest-in-Charge the following year, being ordained by Bishop Short on 15 April, 1858. To mark this occasion, the Bishop presented Octavius with a Paragraph Bible. It is of local interest to note that the Bible has been passed on to the National Trust of SA and that it is being kept in its "Mill Cottage" archives.

As a result of this ordination, Octavius Hammond became the first incumbent of our Church of St Thomas the Apostle. His record term of ministry there continued uninterrupted for some 22 years. He was an outstanding man of many talents, and as he gave so much to establishing our Church, I feel a short profile on his background would not be inappropriate.

He married in 1835, but his wife was short lived. In 1847 he married again and came to Australia with his family on the ship "Duke of Wellington" in 1849, listed as Surgeon-Superintendent. Whilst at sea on the voyage out, his wife gave birth to a daughter, Elizabeth Anne Miller. The latter name was given in honour of Captain Miller who was in charge of the ship. Elizabeth was destined later to marry Joseph K Bishop of Port Lincoln in 1868 and their newly built home was "Mill Cottage".

Dr Hammond practised his profession at Hindmarsh for several years, but relinquished it in 1852 to work at the Government Assay Office in Adelaide. He continued working in this field until appointed to the Poonindie Mission as Superintendent in June 1856. Following re-organisation of the Mission, a Mr R W Holden (Later Rev'd) was put in charge and Hammond was appointed Chaplain and answerable to all matters concerning the native welfare.

It was about this time in 1868 that the Hammond family moved from Poonindie to a weatherboard house known as Boston Cottage, which stood on the exact site of the present well-known Boston House, some 2½ miles (4km) from Port Lincoln and 7 miles (11km) from Poonindie. The location was fairly convenient for him being situated between his Port Lincoln and Poonindie places of duty. He used to make the intervening journey in a light two wheeled horse drawn vehicle called a Dog-cart. †

Eric O'Connor

Please Pray for the those who have died

Nancy Hyde who passed away on Monday October 6th. Please remember those who mourn—John and Ellie Hyde and Jim and Gyn Hyde and their families.

John McLaughlin passed away on November 21st aged 69 years. Our prayers and sympathy go to Dot and to their children Robyn, Matthew and Anthony and their families.

Baptisms—we give thanks for the following

Alan Roediger and Fletcher Barnett were baptised at Tumby Bay on October 19th

NOTE FOUND IN ST THOMAS'

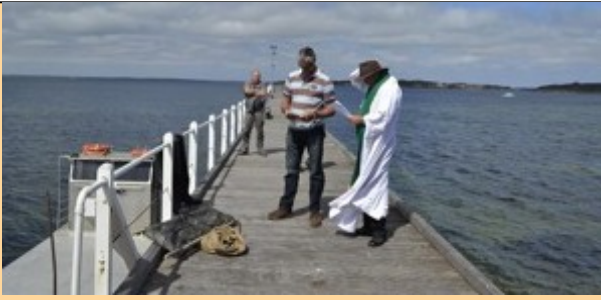
The following message was found on a slip of paper in St Thomas on November 1st:

Australia's most prolific describer of coleopteran (beetles), the Rev Thomas Blackburn, was minister here c 1890's.

Ian Failhell

Entomologist visitor from Melbourne

"God must have had an inordinate fondness for beetles"



CELEBRATING THE BLESSING OF THE FLEECE, SEA, LAND AND CAR

On Sunday October 12th Rev Ruth celebrated a Blessing Service with Rev Peter at Dutton Bay. The fleece, the sea, the land and the Eyre Ministry Car were all blessed in a service that was attended by people from all districts. We also enjoyed the company of Bishop John Stead and his guest Bishop from Myanmar.





AT GUM CREEK



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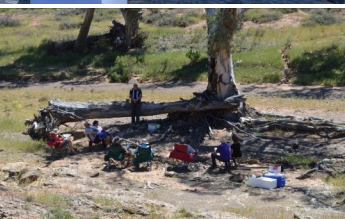
Terry



PARACHILNA



ROCKS AND GORGES

EUCHARIST
In the Gorge

GUM CREEK SPIRITUAL TREK OCTOBER 2014

with

Terry and Geraldine Krieg
Peter and Rose Linn
Leland and Margaret Vivian
Simon and Jane Bailey
Trevor and Rosie Clark



Leland and Margaret



Fr Peter

This group travelled to Gum Creek Station in October and stayed in the 'old' shearers' quarters. Terry and Geraldine hosted the trek and provided beautiful gourmet meals and a wealth of hospitality and information.

Terry was our guide to all things geological and Peter Linn was our guide for all things spiritual.

90TH BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS

Laura Chewings was born in Doncaster England and now resides at Boston Bay Village in Port Lincoln.

We wish Laura all the very best for her 90th Birthday which she celebrated on November 25th.



ORDINATIONS

Congratulations to our own Brian Bascombe and to Jane Harris from Roxby Downs on the occasion of their ordination into the Diaconate on November 28th. The celebration was held in the Cathedral Church of Saints Peter and Paul at Port Pirie. Bishop John Stead intends to ordain Brian into the Priesthood at St Thomas in Port Lincoln in 2015. We are already looking forward to what will be another very special occasion.



MU SERVICE

Members of the MU gather in the Lady Chapel for their Thursday morning service.



This area is being used by the small group gatherings on Wednesday evenings, Thursday mornings and at 8 o'clock on Sunday mornings. Upholstered chairs have been moved from the Parish Centre for the comfort of worshippers, on a trial basis.



THE LADIES GUILD 2014

The President, Joan Belling writes...

Another year, with no new members. We are a very small group, but our end of year luncheon was well attended plus we had ladies from Cummins join with us for the day. Thank you to Sue and her team at the Grove for the lovely table settings and the delicious meal.

This year we have visited Pioneer Village; Miroma Place for a sing-a-long and then lunch at the Five Loaves Bakery with the Cummins Ladies; Tumby Bay for lunch and a visit to their Op Shop. Our last meeting was held at Maureen Morgan's home.

Using funds raised from our own Op Shop, we have paid for new mugs in the Parish Hall and we will be paying for some new linen for St Thomas' in the New Year.



THE MOSAIC COUCH

Since the unveiling of the mosaic couch in October, there has been a tremendous surge of approval for this fabulous innovation. The couch even has its own Facebook Page! Check it out!



The couch was an initiative of the West Coast Homecare organisation. They have a mosaic group which has been directed by local artist Karen Carr, and Kate Eglington, of West Coast Homecare, approached St Thomas' to say that they were developing the idea of a couch, and if it went ahead would we be happy for it to be installed on our lawns. Of course we would be happy! And here it is.

In the photo on the left you can see Elva Morgan enjoying the Sunday morning sunshine. Elva is a member of the Mosaic group who created the piece, and is a long time parishioner of the Anglican Church at St Thomas.

FROM JACQUI GILES AT THE MOUNT DUTTON BAY WOOLSHED WANTED: CALLING ALL ARTISTS

Quality Eyre Peninsula Artwork for Mt Dutton Bay Woolshed NEW Gallery!
Desire variety of mediums, large and small pieces ready for hanging & sale.
Register NOW. Need art work to be hung last week November ready for opening in first week December!

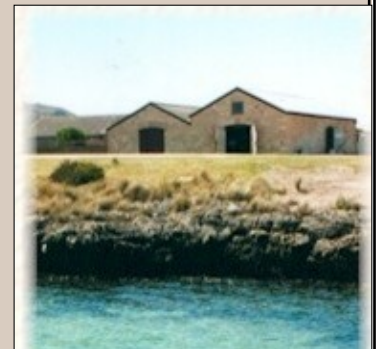
Ph Jacqui 8685 4031

M 0427 603 041

woolshed@duttonbay.com

As you can see from the advertisement above, Jacqui has been organising artists on EP to exhibit their work (max. 6 pieces of artwork) within the NEW Woolshed Gallery, opened in the first week of December.

Not only is Jacqui developing this great initiative for the display of local Art on EP, but she is planning to open a Café at the Woolshed in December, as well.



CONFIRMATION AND BAPTISM

A service of Confirmation and Baptism was held on Sunday December 14th at 9.00am at St Thomas' with Bishop John Stead. Regular worshippers Ryan Kroemer and Emily Yu received the sacrament of Confirmation, whilst Emily also received the sacrament of Baptism. Ryan was presented by Rosemary Raymond-Daniels and Emily was presented by Glynda Patton. Congratulations go to Ryan and Emily.





The Mission to Seafarers

Caring for seafarers around the world

In November, the final plans fell into place for Trevor Clark to begin his role as Ships' Visitor for the Mission to Seafarers. Fr Peter Linn and

Trevor went down to the wharf and were able to board and mingle with the crew of two ships currently at berth. One of the ships was here for an extended stay while its hull was being cleaned out. The crew of about 30 were Philippine Catholics and Peter and Trevor were able to organise a Mass on board for them on one evening, led by Fr Benjamin from St Mary of the Angels. Trevor and Peter were touched by the warm welcome and the gratitude extended for the liaison they provided. We hope that this will be just the start of many such visits in the future.

‘COME ON DOWN’

We've all heard the beckoning voice of a TV host calling, 'Come on down!' to the next competitor to present before an audience.

Jewish people have prayed this phrase for centuries, as it were, while waiting for the Messiah to appear and give them a brand new life. The 12th article of faith, recited each day by religious Jews says, 'I believe with complete faith in the coming of *Messiah*. And though he may tarry, I shall wait anticipating his arrival each day.'

Each Advent we learn to wait again and in this special space we have time to think about how we will welcome Christ into our lives this season. I usually have to tidy up my head and heart, if you get my drift. The head gets so full of stuff - it almost mirrors parts of my house. And even my heart holds onto things that shouldn't be there – like an ache that needs forgetting after having been forgiven.

I used to almost dread this time of the year until I came to be here with you. It's not that there wasn't company and a show of goodwill, but other than the joy of being with our people from the mission, it seldom struck a really deep chord with me. But now the four weeks of Advent prepare me for Christ-mass.

I have spent Christmas in an atheistic country and in a religious one. Both were travesties of what we value as followers of Jesus. The former was depressingly empty, the latter riddled with tawdry commercialism. Now, across Eyre Peninsula, there are times to get together and say thank you to our Good God. Families expand to take in another soul from outside their clan and the feasting is light and bright.

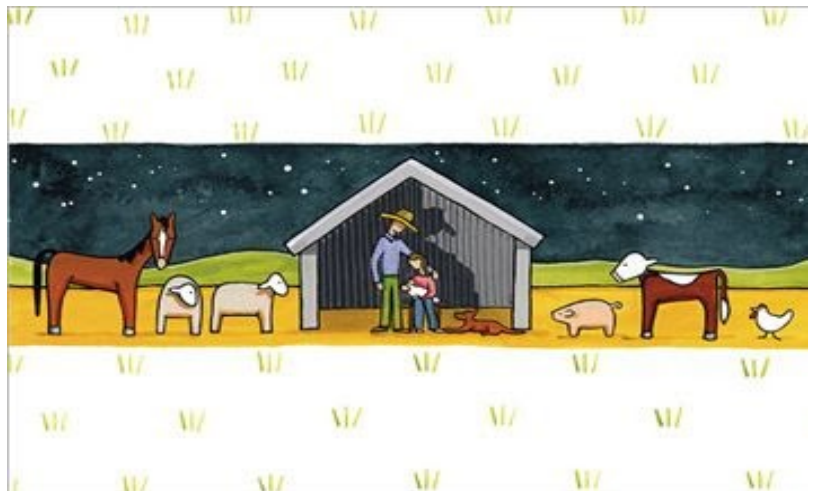
We know that this is the worst time of the year for those who are dispossessed and lonely. And the lead-up and aftermath of this part of the year often cause deep hurts to surface. Perhaps we can re-tune our senses to respond to any who find it all too hard.

'O that you would burst from the heavens and come on down...' writes Isaiah in his lamenting prayer. (Is.64v1) He prays in the midst of his pain for his people. He knows that God cares about their condition and he trusts God with the outcome. We may find ourselves this Advent and Christmas praying the same words as we wonder how earth's peoples will do more than survive.

The comforting truth is that Jesus keeps on coming to us even as we repeat the line, 'He shall come again in glory...' each worship time. And he will surely come. Christ comes to us in the every-dayness of living – in the garden, the shop, at home and with others. Let's keep on seeking him there.

While the invitation to, 'Come on down' belonged to the financially attractive show, 'The price is right', it was a perversion of the truth that Christ lived and taught – 'blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven'. The true price of the Incarnation is incalculable.

**A peaceful Advent and a joyful Christmas,
love,
Ruth**



2015 WILLOCHRA CENTENARY PLANS

CENTENARY BURSARY AWARDS FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS

Congratulations to these three students who will be in Year 12 in 2015: Georgia Stratton [Ardrossan], Tarlina Flavel [Port Lincoln] & Mathew Brice [Gladstone] who have each been awarded a \$500 bursary for use in 2015.

Tarlina will be invited to receive the Bursary Certificate in Cummins on the 1st March at the Centenary Service.

CELEBRATING THE CENTENARY

In a Dry and Thirst Land is the book which has been prepared for the centenary year and will be launched on 22 February. It is a great read and we believe you will like it immensely.

It is available for \$25 but, with the early bird offer, you can secure a copy for \$20 by placing an order with Rosie Clark or with Dianne Watson on 8676 6049 or 0427 766 049 and collect your copy at the celebratory service at Cummins on March 1st.

Thirsty? is the name of the Lenten study prepared by the Rev Ruth Buxton especially for the centenary year. The reflections are free and available from the website diowilochra.org/au. Lent begins on February 18th and Easter Day is April 5th.

The Launch of the Centenary Year will actually take place at two venues. Firstly at the Cathedral in Port Pirie on 22 February at 3.00pm, and then on Eyre Peninsula at Cummins on 1 March at 10.30 am during a ministry district service. The Bishop will be at both. There will be at each occasion the launch of the history book and the sending out of the first bishop's staff on pilgrimage. Both services will have a presentation of the first Willochra Bursary or Bursaries depending on where the winners live. Our congregations are cordially invited to attend one of the launch services..

Willochra Bursary. We hope you will be pleased to know that the Bursary fund now has about \$18 700 in it - a very pleasing amount which may enable us to give several bursaries. We have already awarded the first bursaries for 2015, as you have read earlier. Thank you for your fund-raising and donations. Well done Willochra! We hope you will continue to support the Bursary next year and in following years so the Bursary will go from strength to strength.

The Pilgrimage of the First Bishop's Staff is going to be a year -long significant event. Soon you will hear details of its travels for the first half of the year which will take in Eyre Peninsula and the mining towns. Yorke Peninsula, Wakefield and Flinders will be the second half of the year (except for Peterborough which is first stop for history's sake). The Eyre Peninsula towns should be thinking now about how they will greet the staff and where they can take it as a focus of prayer for their town and area. Fr David Thompson has prepared a short liturgy which can be used and adapted for local use.

The Simultaneous Diocesan Meal on Mothering Sunday weekend: March 15– 16.

For the Port Lincoln Parish we are thinking of a **COUCH POTATO BRUNCH!** After a service where we will worship together and watch the DVD, we will share a meal of baked potatoes on the lawns around the Couch.



STRAWBERRY FAIR

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1st

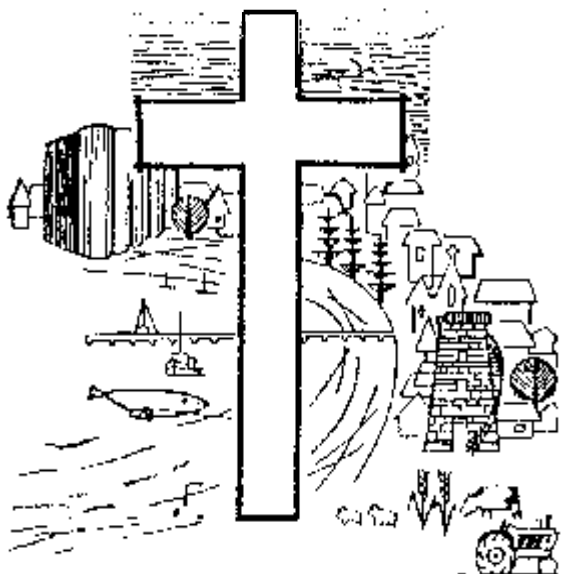
I would like to express my appreciation to all who willingly assisted and supported the Strawberry Fair for 2014. Although numbers seemed to be slightly down this year I feel that the Fair proved to be very successful with a final total of \$7,113.21.

Thank you to all who contributed in any way with their time, help and donations of goods, produce and plants.

A GREAT JOB WELL DONE. THANK YOU TO ALL.

MEREDITH





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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 electric.

