

# 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

## From Peter Linn...

Hi

It's heading to the busy time of year again both in our Church and the wider community.

We are about to start the last term of the School year and the grain harvest is about to start.

For the church we have our annual strawberry fair in November and the beginning of the new Church Year with Advent. This of course leads in to the Christmas Season.

We have of late also been busy.

We have been visited by the Rural Dean Rev'd Mary Lewis from Roxby Downs. Mary shared stories about the ministry at Roxby and the role Bush Church Aid played in supporting this ministry and other ministries in our Diocese.

## Pastoral Care

The Ministry Development Officer, the Ven. Prue O'Donovan, visited us and helped us with the formation of a visiting group for the many who are in need in our parish.

Rev Ruth is the 'go to' person for any information regarding those who are sick in our parish. We are currently looking for a person to co-ordinate this pastoral care group. Visiting and care happens in this parish in an informal way and has provided care to many people over the years. This formalising of visiting is designed to support both those who visit as well as those in need. Please keep this group in your prayers.

In the Parish at the moment either through accidents or illness we have quite a number who are in need of our prayers. Please refer to the Link (either on line or pick one up from the back of the Church open 9.00 till 4.00 daily for prayer) for the names of those who have asked for our prayers.

## Ministry Appraisal

Bishop Garry issued me with a three year Licence to Port Lincoln and this expired on September 14<sup>th</sup> 2013.

I was asked to undertake a ministry appraisal which is to be conducted every three years. This was a good process involving the Archdeacon Rev'd Brian Jeffries, an independent member nominated by the Diocese from outside the Parish, and four members from within the Parish. They met with me and discussed the good parts of my ministry and areas where I could improve. It was a valuable experience for me and very encouraging.

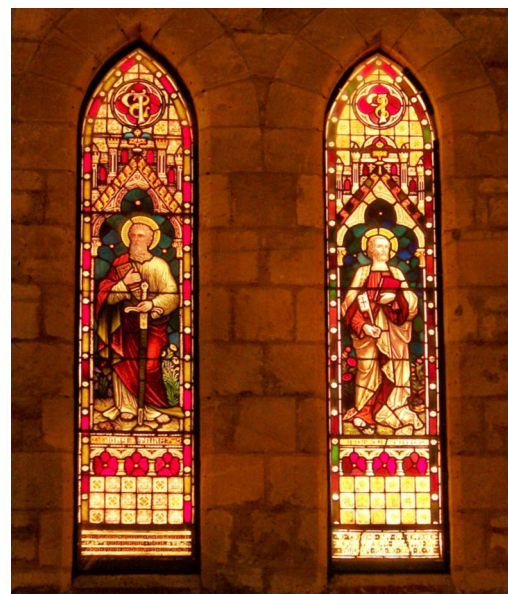
Bishop John has now issued me with a new licence with no end date. He is happy for me to continue working in the Parish of Port Lincoln for as long as I am feeling called to this place. I am looking forward to an enjoyable time of ministry in Port Lincoln. Rose and I have felt supported and cared for in our last three years in this Parish. Thank you to all who have provided this support.

Cheers

*Peter*



**ST THOMAS' NEW LOOK WITH THE OLD FENCE REMOVED**



**THE ST PETER AND ST PAUL WINDOWS BY NIGHT**

Thank you to Brian Bascombe who has supplied these photos taken in and around St Thomas' Church.

The grounds have taken on a new look and the Lady Chapel has been reorganised to suit the parishioners who worship there.

Brian is hoping to supply photos of St Matthew's at Poonindie for our next issue in December.

**ST THOMAS' LADY CHAPEL**



**HERE AND NOW**

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## **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.



# FAREWELL AND GOD SPEED JEAN SOLOMON

*Jean passed away on July 26th 2013*

Sermon

by

The Rev'd Susan Straub

Texts: Matthew 25:34-40; Colossians 3:12-17

In the presence of God, we proclaim the Christian hope in the face of death, Jesus Christ, whose resurrection is the promise of our own. We remember Jean, wife of Lennox, mother of Ann, Andrew, Katherine and Helen, mother-in-law of Jim, Paul and Greg, and mother-out-law to Bob, Karen, Sally and Milos, grandmother, great-grandmother; and great friend.

What I'm about to deliver is a sermon and not a eulogy: I wouldn't dare. Jean expressly forbade a eulogy at her funeral. Members of Jean's family are witnesses to that wish, as are several members of the cafe laite group who are here. I've been warned many times by the woman herself that Jean Solomon has a PhD in haunting.

So I'll start where all sermons begin: with the scriptures, those she chose for you to hear this morning. The reading from the Gospel according to Matthew Chapter 25:34-40, is part of that for the Sunday of Christ the King, Christ the King: ruler of the Christian's heart and will, the one Jean lovingly and willingly served although she, like most of us, would readily confess that she did watch that she didn't break out occasionally.

Jean was a Lancashire lass from Worsely. She liked things honest and simple, clean lines, classic lines, in the arrangement of her life with Lennox, whom she loved so much and grieved for so much when he died; in her dress. She spent quite some time in shops, she told me, looking for a nice straight skirt. She liked the one I'm wearing under this cassock. She'd admire it and then admonish herself and chuckle: 'Thou shalt not covert thy vicar's skirt'. Jean enjoyed a good banter, especially with Yorkshire men and women (they came from over the border!), her physician, her priest, her family.

She liked things honest and simple, clean lines, classic lines in the ordering of church life: Jean lived the Anglican ethos of Godliness and Good Order. A parish priest and a bishop who tried to sell off

St. Thomas' heard at a vestry meeting, to their great chagrin, Jean say and substantiate that the deeds of the property had a caveat placed by Queen Victoria preventing just such a move. She liked the liturgy the same way, as a server and crucifer, keeping the boundaries of step and role ('I'm not doing it, Peter! It's not my role'), and in reading the scriptures, her speech was (you can guess what's coming!) 'articulated' and conveyed that she knew, had experienced, what she was reading.

Christ the King, desires that we give to those who lack food, drink, welcome, clothing, health and freedom. Jean followed her Lord in the missionary heart and spirit that reaches out and gives to such as these. She'd begun training as a nurse when she met and married Lennox, moving to Cornwall. They migrated with Ann, Andrew, Katherine and Helen by ship to Australia in the sixties. Knew what it was like to be a stranger. They taught the children in the family to engage with overseas mission and how to run committee meetings. With Lennox, she worked at the Mission to Seafarers in Port Pirie – with a particularly soft spot for the young Indians, so courteous - and welcomed many a hungry soul, including priests, at her table; and those who had been sons and daughters-in-law were still part of her family as far as she was concerned.

She told what she had done and showed it in the present, without pretension or the self-consciousness of doing a good deed that tarnishes the deed: 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?'

What of the reading from Colossians? All that we heard in the gospel and more: 'with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God', express your thanks for your life and delight in it. Listen to the hymns Jean has chosen for us to sing, remember her love of music, dancing, and above all, of poetry: the dance of words that is music to our souls, and especially

**'The Daffodils'**

by William Wordsworth

I wandered lonely as a cloud  
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,  
When all at once I saw a crowd,  
A host, of golden daffodils,  
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,  
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine  
And twinkle on the milky way.  
They stretched in never-ending line  
Along the margin of a bay:  
Ten thousand saw I at a glance  
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced, but they  
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:  
A Poet could not but be gay  
In such a jocund company!  
I gazed – and gazed – but little thought  
What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie  
In vacant or in pensive mood,  
They flash upon that inward eye  
Which is the bliss of solitude;  
And then my heart with pleasure fills,  
And dances with the daffodils.





## BLESSING OF THE FLEECE

Mt Dutton Bay Woolshed

September 2013



### FETES AND FAIRS

About a week ago, I heard somebody at morning tea ask when the Strawberry Fete had become an annual event. Someone else responded with "somewhere in the early 1960's." I knew for certain it was much earlier, but was unable to provide a date.

Then I came upon some annual reports, the earliest being that for 1919 in which the financial statement reads, "Annual Fair £106 (approx \$212)," listed as part of the annual activities. Probably St Thomas church fairs have been part of the yearly calendar for as long as the congregation has been raising money; how else would they have paid for the building of the church and then for the extensions and furnishings.

This week I have been reading some old weekly bulletins from St Thomas church dating back to 1928.

"Preliminary arrangements for holding the annual Fair in the Memorial Hall at the end of September or early October 1932, were discussed and a Strawberry Fete only, be arranged for a later date, to be held in the Parish Hall." A later description of a similar fete, says it was held in the Church grounds, under shelters of green boughs of mallee and brush. It appears it was a more relaxed entertainment for the enjoyment of the parishioners. Music was supplied throughout the afternoon by an amplifier courtesy of a Mr. Claude Burns. The sum of £10 was raised from the sale of refreshments and other produce.

*Courtesy Margaret and Leland Vivian*





Sausage Sizzle and Bacon and Egg Sandwich fundraiser on Voting Day  
Funds raised went to support parishioners in need, and the Mission to Seafarers

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY MERV

Congratulations to Merv Tilly who celebrated his 90th Birthday in September!



### In other news...

**Congratulations to Ken and Rosemary Holden and to Gerry and Bev Woodroffe on their 50th wedding anniversaries.**



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

*To resume in 2014*

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



## STRAWBERRY FAIR 2013

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2nd**  
**10.00am – 2.00pm**

As our major fundraiser is only a few weeks away, it is hoped that those who are able are thinking of ways they might contribute to the day.

Now is the time to sort through your books and offload to the book stall. All books can be left at the Parish Centre.

Plants can be delivered to the garage at the back of the Church on Friday between 9.00am and 1.00pm.

Setting up in the Parish Hall will be on the Thursday at 4.00pm. Any help will be appreciated.

We look forward to a day of fun and fellowship!

### **Attractions include:**

Strawberries	Morning Tea
Books	Drinks
Cakes and Biscuits	Hot Food
Children's	BBQ's
Pancakes	Face Painting
Plants	Merry-Go-Round
Band	

If you would like to help on the day, please contact Meredith Dobbins (Ph 8682 4415) or Penel Jones (Ph 8682 3351). All donations of goods and/or time are greatly appreciated.

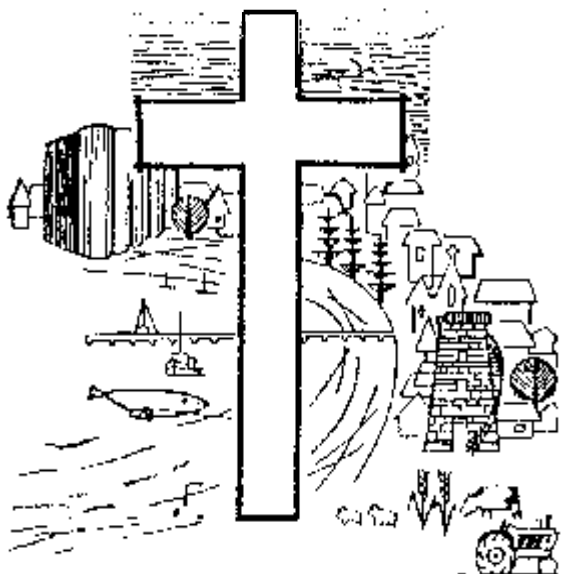
### Wishing you a speedy recovery...

Please keep Linnea and Richard Doudle in your prayers. They are currently at Mt Barker whilst undergoing treatment.

Please also keep the Kroemer family in your prayers as Ryan continues to make slow progress following the road accident.

We wish both Terry Krieg and Janet Nicholls a speedy recovery following their recent hip surgery.

**GET WELL!**



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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 household utensils, knick knacks etc welcome. Nothing electrical, thank you.*

