

# ST. BENEDICT'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Ministry District of Lower Yorke Peninsula  
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PEW SHEET  
25<sup>th</sup> April, 2010



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**Fourth Sunday of Easter** - Today Jesus says that his sheep hear his voice, and they follow him. He gives them eternal life. Today, let us make a positive step towards eternal life. Today let us listen to Jesus' voice and follow him.

- When do I hear Jesus' voice? Do I follow him?
- Give thanks for the Anglican Church of Korea, and pray for the efforts to bring peace to the Korean peninsula.

*[Anglican Board of Mission Pew Reflections 2010]*

**BCA BOXES** - Those people who have boxes, Barbara would like to empty them during April. Thanks for your contributions.

**My Cat's Tale** - I love my cat. So when she was banned from inside for too many indiscretions, I knew I couldn't let her suffer. I cleared a spot in our shed, found some old cushions and covered them with a lambswool cover in a cosy corner. Every day I change her kitty-litter and make sure she has a bowl of clean rain water and a snack of dry cat food at night. I know I have prepared a safe haven for my cat. A place where she is safe from vicious creatures and speeding cars. So why does she constantly run away from me at bedtime? Why does she treat me with such disdain and arrogance? She eventually goes in but she does so on her terms, in her time. It makes me feel angry, frustrated and grieved and I feel that is how God must feel about us at times. God has planted a glorious vineyard for us. We have everything we need to survive both physically and spiritually. God has blessed us richly with talents and gifts and for this we do give thanks. But like my cat, we sometimes want to meet God on our terms. Sometimes we forget that we are God's trusted tenants of this world, we see our position in business, community or church as being so important that we reject the basic Christian message. The inheritance may be ours but only by the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Sometimes I get frustrated with my cat late at night, and I walk away leaving her to fend for herself. We face the same result if we reject Christ. But God is generous, loving, patient, trusting and forgiving, and just as I get up at 4am to deal with my cat on these occasions, I'm sure God will open the door and let us back into the haven prepared for us.

*[Mark Chellew]*

**Readings 25<sup>th</sup> April MP**

Acts 9. 36-43

Ps. 23

Revelation 7. 9-17

John 10. 22-30

***Reader: D. Walton******Sidesmen:******J. Cook/J. Correll*****Readings 2<sup>nd</sup> May HC**

Acts 11. 1-18

Ps. 148

Revelation 21. 1-6

John 13. 31-35

***Reader:******Sidesmen:******G. Illman/T. Martin***

**Prayer of the day-**Gracious God, you sent Jesus, the good shepherd, to gather us together: may we not wander from his flock, but follow wherever he leads us, listening for his voice and staying near him, until we are safely in your fold, to live with you for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**WEEKDAY SERVICES**Southpark Hostel - 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 9-30amMelaleuca Court - 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 11amElanora - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 11amSt. Benedict's - every Wednesday at 9am MP

**WELCOME!** Especially to family and friends of our congregation, other visitors, or newcomers. If you receive Holy Communion in any Christian tradition, you are very welcome to receive the sacrament with us. We invite you to join us for morning tea afterwards in the hall. It is our custom to not pass the offering plate during the service, but there is a plate at the door if you would like to make a donation to our church.

**Prayers** are requested for Brenda Thompson [*Althea's cousin*], Felicity Corlett [*Dawn Parsons' Daughter*], Clarence Cook [*Jeff's brother*], Christopher Pullin, Connie Hosking [*Joan's friend*], Rosemary & Bob Nicholls, Alison Clark [*friends of Michael & Anne*], Don Rawolle [*brother-in-law of Lorraine & Joe*]

**Year's Mind:** Walter Burner, Tom Newbold, Everilda Long, Harold Koop, Neil Edwards

## THE CALENDAR

April	27	St. Benedict's Council 7-30pm
May	12	Mothers Union Evening meeting
	25	St. Benedict's Council 7-30pm
	30	Ministry District Service at Warooka 10-30am

**PLEASE CHECK THE NOTICE BOARDS EACH WEEK**

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### ***Moral Persuasion***

Pliny, a Roman Governor in the early days of Christianity, complained in a letter of the growing unpopularity of bloodsports, with consequent loss of revenue. Women and children being torn to pieces by wild beasts, and gladiators hacking at each other were losing their box office appeal. Pliny attributes the growing sense of disgust to the influence of the Christians who, he said, 'will not tolerate such things'. What a tribute to the power of moral persuasion and of religious conviction. Would to God some voice on day might complain at a falling off in revenue from 'porn', drug trafficking and crime in general because 'the Christians will not tolerate such things'. Sadly, too many who go by the name of 'Christian' are so afraid of being dubbed 'square' that they bend over backwards to be all things to all men, often losing their balance and their credibility in the process. We may not throw people to the lions for public entertainment, but we need not look far for conditions we should not tolerate; the shameful poverty of lonely old folk in our cities, sharp practice in business, cruel gossip that tears a reputation to shreds and a world beyond where more than half are illiterate and undernourished.

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Two dogs went into Wigmore Hall to buy tickets for a concert. The ticket seller said: "But you're dogs! What could you possibly know about classical music?" The first dog replied: "Are you kidding? He Bach and I Offenbach!"

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One night, a lady with a black eye stumbled into the police station. She told the desk sergeant that she had heard a noise in her back yard and had gone to investigate. The next thin she knew, she was hit in the face and knocked out cold. An officer was sent to her house to investigate. He returned a few minutes later, also with a black eye.

"Did you get hit by the same attacker?" his captain asked.

"No, sir," he replied. "I stepped on the same rake."

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