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An Extramile

*I am forever walking upon these shores,
Betwixt the sand and the foam,
The high tide will erase my foot-prints,
And the wind will blow away the foam.
But the sea and the shore will remain forever.*
(Kahlil Gibran-the great Christian Lebanese Poet.)



This is what comes to my mind after visiting this beautiful part of Lower Yorke Peninsula. The sea and land meet together all around this wonderful place.

When you reach the heart of life you shall find beauty in all things, even in the eyes that are blind to the beauty (Kahlil Gibran). Life is a very interesting and challenging journey. My journey began in Kerala, southern Part of India. I grew up in a country area with lots of people. Kerala is a land of coconut trees, Pepper, Ginger, Cashews and Rubber trees and I helped my Dad in the Rubber tree farms. I am the eldest of the six boys, Growing in a big family was a wonderful experience. After year 10, I joined the seminary, then next 11 years of Philosophy and Theology. During this time I met people from different parts of India (a country with many religions, cultures, languages, beliefs, traditions).

It is believed that St. Thomas the Apostle brought Christianity in Kerala, India. The legacy of that St. Thomas and his followers work in Kerala is a sign of Christian stronghold with almost 22 percent of the people being Christian in a country otherwise dominated by Hinduism, Islam, Jainism, Sikhism, and Buddhism. For many centuries people of different faiths lived together in peace and harmony.

After my ordination in 1997, I spent 3 years serving in Gujarat state, a coastal area in north west of India. In 2001 January 26th a massive earthquake hit killing thousands of people. In the days immediately after the earthquake with the help of young people

from the parish I set up an aid centre to help the injured and homeless. At times we worked around the clock visiting so many villages with food and other basic things. The support of so many aid agencies from all over the world was amazing. I spent 3 months working on relief work before returning to Kerala where I spent the next 3 years as Parish Priest. In 2004 I came to this great country, and served the next 6 years in Gippsland in 2 Parishes, before joining the Anglican Diocese of Willochra. Last 6 months I served in the Port Pirie Parish before coming to the Lower Yorke Peninsula.

In 2009 my Mum and Dad visited Melbourne and spent 6 months with my brother and sister-in-law and their new born child. My parents spent time with me in Gippsland and totally enjoyed their time in Australia.

Now I am in the beautiful part of Yorke Peninsula. I am looking forward to becoming a part of this community and of the people in this area.

One of Jesus' messages "if someone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile"(Mt 5:41). This message of Jesus inspired me in my ministry to walk along with people, and I have learnt so much from the people I have met in my life's journey. Jesus invites each and everyone to travel an extra mile with our brothers and sisters.

Lenten season is a time for us to reflect about Jesus' public ministry and his ultimate sacrifice for humanity and also our journey with God in this world. An extra mile is a real challenge for all of us. Let us follow Jesus' message and make this world a better place. May God bless us and our journey.

Thomas Karama

CHOICES

One of the themes of Lent is choices; the every day choices of our lives. Some choices seem to have more, some less impact on our lives and the lives of those around us. All are made within our relationship with God. When Jesus was in the wilderness, he faced many choices. He was tempted three times; turn stone into bread, gain power by worshipping the devil and tempt God by trying to force God's hand.

Our period of temptation is not limited to the 40 days of Lent, nor was Jesus'. We struggle with choices every day of our lives, just as Jesus did. Jesus exercised his free will in harmony with God's purposes for him. Lent is an opportunity for us to take time out, step back, and reflect on the choices we make and the direction of our lives. The Church invites us to the observation of a Holy Lent, and commends to us the practices of self-examination and repentance, prayer, fasting, self-denial, the reading of and meditating on God's holy Word. These are choices that we should consider.

Lent is the season in which we struggle with our most challenging issue. How are we to use the gift of free will? As we struggle with this question, we are asked to remember that this gift has been given to express the love of God and the love of our neighbour as ourselves.

Rev'd Anne, Priest at Minlaton



FROM THE MINISTRY DISTRICT

It has been a fairly busy time recently, what with Annual Vestry Meetings, getting annual statistics returns done to send to the Diocese, and preparing for the arrival of Fr. Thomas Karama, our Locum District Priest for six months. We had just re-tenanted the Yorketown rectory when the Bishop made his surprise announcement in late January, so Fr. Thomas will live in the Minlaton Rectory. However, at our quarterly District Committee meeting on January, we had talked seriously about where the next District priest would live, and the question is still very much in our minds.

We have also negotiated Service Times for the coming season of Lent and Easter, and details appear elsewhere in this magazine. It is really pleasing to see that six of our centres will be able to conduct a Eucharist celebration on Easter Day itself. Now that we have a stipended Priest with us again, I would like to record our thanks to Frs. Ted Horne and Michael Sainsbury who have so willingly assisted us for the past five months. I know their efforts have been appreciated and we say thank you to both of them.

We were sorry not to have been able to have our January 5th Sunday Service at Mt. Rat as planned, but the weather was just too hot. We hope to get out there later this year. Our next Fifth Sunday will be at Stansbury on May 29th and our guest preacher on that day will be the Vicar-General of the Diocese (the number 2 man!), Fr. Michael Hillier who is also the Director of Spirituality in Willochra. Some of you know him from two retreats he has conducted for us.

Blessings to all as we enter yet another exciting phase of our Anglican life here in Lower Yorke.

Michael Ford, Chairperson.

Fifth Sunday at Minlaton



FROM THE DISTRICT TREASURER

Our 2010 financial year ended with a \$4,000 surplus. This is a pleasing result and thanks must go to our member churches for diligently making their quota payments. That said; I know a number of churches have been drawing down reserves to make their payments, so each of us must be mindful of that as we plan our years giving.

We have been able to effectively operate on half quotas for five months due to the vacancy. Come April, following Fr Thomas' appointment churches will have to resume full quota payments. At the time of writing the Diocese have not provided us with all details of Fr Thomas' remuneration but the table below is my "best guess" of each churches monthly quota payment.

SYP cluster	\$2,101
St Augustine	\$396
St Benedict	\$4,089
St Christopher	\$290
St Neot	\$895
St Raphael	\$266

Having just completed the financial summary of all the District entities and having audited some accounts and having had my accounts audited I thought I would pass on some thoughts on a few areas of our financial "systems". I certainly don't know it all or have any formal qualifications but I have learnt a bit on the job.

An auditor needs a paper trail showing each transaction and justification for all payments made. Mostly, we do a pretty good job, and certainly all payments are usually justified by an account

for the particular item. The area where we often fall down is cash receipts. Obviously a significant part of any churches receipts are cash. This is an area where all churches can improve.

- **ALL** cash receipts should be counted and recorded on a form by two people (preferably not the treasurer) and signed by both.
- Any float needed for a fundraising event should be provided by a cheque from the treasurer (paper trail). The float must be counted and banked with the takings.
- Any person needing payment for goods or services provided must provide a tax invoice to the treasurer who should pay the person with a cheque. **It is totally unacceptable for a person to just take some money out of the proceeds "because I bought the tea & coffee"**
- For practical reasons some congregations may bank 2 or 3 Sundays offerings as one deposit. This is fine provided each offering has its own signed deposit form and they are all stapled together with the bank deposit receipt. If this is not done the audit is very difficult.
- **No person should ever leave a fundraising event with a bag of uncounted money.** This is for their own protection as much as anything.

There is one more point I would like to make. Treasurers need to provide an annual financial statement to their vestry for **ALL** accounts held by their church. This includes any non-operative accounts that may have only one interest transaction for the whole year. Such accounts as Guild accounts, deposits held in the Diocesan Pooled Funds, Mothers Union accounts and Term Deposit fall in this category.

Bruce Cook
District Treasurer

Happenings at St. Benedict's



Laying hands on Frances Cook at
Ministry District Service



Rev'd Anne baptizing Isobel Cook



Roz Kidd cleaning Rectory shower



Clean-up at Rectory



Tossing the Pancake frisby-style



Audrey & Father Thomas

A DOUBLE BAPTISM AT ST. BENEDICT'S

The congregation all celebrated the baptism of Isobel Sophie and Olivia Eda Cook at the 9.15 am Family Service on March 6th. The two delightfully behaved little girls are the first daughters of Adam and Carmel Cook. They arrived a little early on the morning of July 28th last year and had the medical Centre on full alert for an hour or so, but are now thriving and looked a real picture in their traditional garments. The gown worn by Olivia [on the right] was originally worn by the first child of Amy and Dave Cook, J.J. Cook, who was born in 1888. It is made of fine cotton lawn, inset with broderie anglaise lace and with pintucked skirt. It has been worn by many of Amy's descendants. Isobel wore a silk gown which has been handed down from the Marston family over three generations. Proud grandparents Bruce and Audrey Cook watched on as did Margaret, the matriarch, a very proud great-grand parent.



Four Generations



Godparents



MU Baptismal cake presentation

P.S. So the name Cook continues to grow and flourish in Minlaton. Next month sees yet another double baptism at St. Ben's and yet another two Cooks! Is there no end to this dynasty?

SHROVE TUESDAY

Our firmly established tradition of running Pancake nights at Minlaton and Yorketown on the night before Lent starts went well again this year. Good crowds attended functions in both places, held at St. Benedict's and the Lions Club Rooms in Yorketown. Both church groups decided this year to donate all proceeds to the Queensland Flood Relief via the Archbishop of Brisbane's Appeal. Lots of fun was had by all who attended. Pancake tossing (Frisbee style) was the order of the day at Minlaton, capably led by the chief tosser, Greg Illman. At Yorketown, the Swedish youth group "Alternan" entertained with a song, then we were subjected to a bizarre double-eating competition won by Pat Sincock and her partner. These two events were Fr. Thomas' first official functions in the Ministry District (he appeared at both venues) and endeared himself to the kitchen staff at Yorketown by getting stuck in to the dishes towards the end.

Between them, the events raised well over \$900 for the Brisbane Archbishop's Flood Relief Appeal.



Getting ready



The winner



The cleanup

RECTORY SHIP-SHAPE

A small willing band of volunteers worked in fairly warm conditions on Saturday Feb. 26th to get the Minlaton rectory ready for its new occupant. The yard and surrounds needed a bit of attention and got it. We are still not sure how badly the rainwater tank is leaking and we had hoped to fix it when it ran dry, but the summer has been too wet, so the wait continues. Inside things look nice and fresh. One parishioner has generously donated a brand new washing machine to stay in the Rectory, and other items of furniture such as cupboards, wardrobes, etc. have appeared very copiously.

SYP PANCAKE TEA

The Anglican SYP churches held their annual Pancake Tea on Shrove Tuesday, 8th March at the Lions Club rooms in Yorketown. After a rather slow start due to some misunderstanding with the starting time, over 80 people shared in a night of great food and fellowship. The pancake eating competition provided the audience with many laughs and the competitors with a huge mess. During the evening Fr. Thomas arrived to be introduced to those present as well as sharing in the meal and the fun. He also proved to be very competent at pancake tossing! Once again the children enjoyed the games, especially the chocolate treats that followed. The lucky seat prize, guess the lollies in the jar, and raffles for the hampers all contributed to a varied and exciting night. As well as being a successful night socially, nearly \$600 profit was made. The committee would like to thank all who contributed in any way to help make the night a success.



ST. MARY the Virgin - EDITHBURGH

Over the Christmas Season we were happy to have many visitors join us for services. We are thankful for Fr. Ted Horne and Fr. Michael Sainsbury as well as Rev'd Anne Ford who have continued to minister to us during the interregnum.

We are eagerly looking forward to Fr. Thomas celebrating at St. Mary's. At our SYP annual Vestry meeting held in February there were no changes to the various positions held at St. Mary's.

We wish Barbara Miller, one of our stalwarts, every blessing. Due to ill health she has now moved into Eleanora, Stansbury.

ST. NEOT'S – PORT VINCENT

Life-giving God,

By your grace we grow together and blossom into a lively and attractive church: give us the will and the strength in action that leads us from bud to blossom and the blossom to bearing fruit for you. May our joy for life overflow in love to others that all may be drawn to faith in Jesus our living Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Lent: Father, we see in Jesus Christ your love and compassion for the whole world. By your Holy Spirit renew and empower us to witness to the world that all may know your life and love. Amen.

St. Neots congregation is steadily going along. The good news, besides Father Thomas Karama arriving amongst us, is that our ceiling is at long last going to be fixed and hopefully we have found the leakage problem as well. Recently we had a wedding when two well-known families of Port Vincent were united: Melanie Trotter and Will Eccles. On Easter Sunday each year we cater for members of the Royal Yacht Squadron and any other people visiting our town by holding an early morning service. This will be at 8-30am. Our Trash & Treasure shop goes from strength to strength and the income supports our church. It is open each Saturday and patrons are always welcome to come in – maybe just for a chat.

Pam Biggs

ST. BENEDICT'S MOTHERS UNION

The new year has certainly kept us all awake! At our first meeting held at the home of Cheryl and Greg Carmichael, we heard Peter Burford speak about his occupation as a Social Worker at YP Community Health. A week after that several members attended the annual Diocesan Council meeting at Port Pirie and then early in March we were hostesses for the World Day of Prayer. The next engagement was the Area Executive meeting at Maitland and we will have members making the trip to Port Pirie for Lady Day. At each baptism, we present the baby and parents with a cake which is distributed to the congregation at morning tea, and a folder to the godparents containing their responsibilities. The baptism of the Cook twins was an exceptional occasion. We continue our weekly Aged Care visiting.

Contributed

Laughter is a tranquilizer with no side effects.

LEADERS OF WORSHIP – TRAINING DAY

Eight LLM's and one Local priest (Rev. Anne) met at Stansbury on February 24th to do some thinking and planning about services preparation and delivery. This training had fallen away in recent years and several leaders wanted to revive it.

We commenced with the saying of The Daily Office at 10 am, then Rev. Anne gave a brief history of this Office and its place in the life and liturgies of our Church.

Michael Ford then presented a session on “The Liturgical Year and the Church Calendar” and led us through the Lectionary and the Big Red Prayer Book. Most of us were amazed at the detail contained in it and the many possibilities suggested for enriching our worship.

After lunch, together we looked at a huge variety of commercial resources which can also be used to enrich our worship and provide creative alternatives to the straight saying of Services. We concluded at 2.30 pm with spinning heads but recognised it had been time well spent. Our next meeting will be on June 1st at Yorketown and we will look at the issue of “Intercessions”.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S

We have had a constant number in our congregation – eight to ten fortnightly – with the help of our Uniting Church people. Recently the Rev'd Ted Horne celebrated and preached at our service and it was pleasing to have his wife Maija with him. The service with music was very uplifting. We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of Fr. Thomas and meeting him at the service at Yorketown. He will be with us on 27th March and we are looking forward to him giving us some cooking lessons on Indian food and telling us about his home country, India.

On Easter Sunday the service will be at 10am and we hope to have the usual complement as well as some visitors.

We wish everyone a safe and holy Easter.

Rosemary Eichner



ADDITIONAL SERVICES FOR LENT, HOLY WEEK AND
EASTER
IN THE MINISTRY DISTRICT OF L.Y.P. - 2011

Wednesday, March 9 Ash Wednesday
 9.30 am Port Vincent (TK)
 7.00 pm Yorketown (TK)
 7.30 pm Minlaton (AF)

Wednesdays, March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13 (during Lent)
 8.00 am Minlaton (TK, AF)

Sunday, April 17th Palm Sunday
 9.15 am Minlaton (TK)
 11.15 am Yorketown (TK)
 11.15 am Stansbury (MP)
 2.00 pm Corny Point (TK)

Monday, April 18th Monday in Holy Week
 8 am Minlaton (TK)

Tuesday, April 19th Tuesday in Holy Week
 8 am Minlaton (AF)

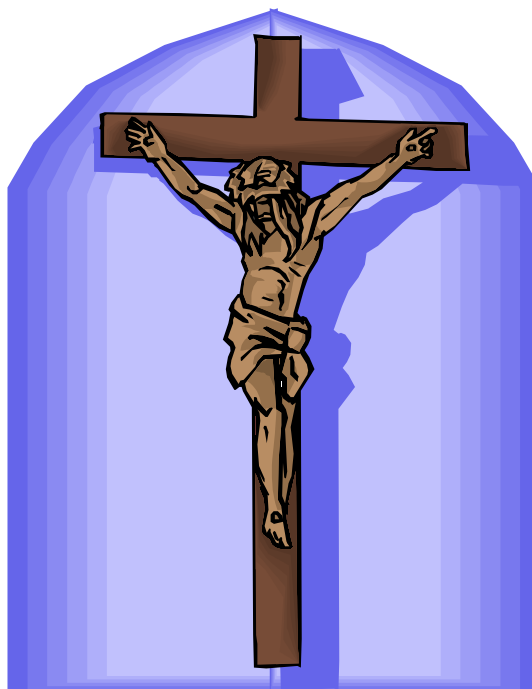
Wednesday, April 20th Wednesday in Holy Week
 8 am Minlaton (TK)

Thursday, April 21st Maundy Thursday
 5.30 pm Edithburgh (TK)
 7.00 pm Warooka (TK)
 7.30 pm Minlaton (AF)

Friday, April 22 nd	Good Friday	
9.30 am	Yorketown	(TK)
10.00 am	Minlaton	(TBA)
7.00 pm	Edithburgh	(LLM)

Sunday, April 24 th	Easter Day	
8.00 am	Minlaton	(AF)
8.00 am	Edithburgh	(TH)
8.45 am	Port Vincent	(TK)
9.30 am	Yorketown	(TH)
10.00 am	Curramulka	(TK)
10.30 am	Stansbury	(AF)

Services on Sundays in Lent (March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10) will all follow the normal roster for the particular Sunday of the month. All services are Eucharists except on Good Friday, and Stansbury on Palm Sunday (Morning Prayer)



WORSHIP ROSTER

- First Sunday** Mount Rat - 8.00am
Minlaton - 9.15am
Yorketown - 9.30am
Edithburgh - 9.30am
Stansbury - 11.15am
- Second Sunday** Minlaton - 9.15am
Curramulka - 9.30am
Edithburgh - 9.30am
Port Vincent - 11.15am
Warooka - 11.15am
- Third Sunday** Minlaton - 9.15am
Yorketown - 11.15am
Stansbury - 11.14am
Corny Point - 2.00pm
- Fourth Sunday** Minlaton - 9.15am
Yorketown - 9.30am
Curramulka - 9.30am
Edithburgh - 9.30am
Port Vincent - 11.15am
- Fifth Sunday** at a pre-arranged centre 10.30am
one service only

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