



## Anglican Pastoral District Yankalilla and Delamere

### Note from your Priest in Charge Father Max Bowers

December 2015

Firstly greetings from Ros and myself as we commence ministry amongst you. After speaking to the lay leadership in early december about my possible role in the parish, and the meeting being so positive, I have made a commitment to the Bishop that I will commit till Easter 2016, and then assess the support for our ministry together. If we (together) agree it is a good 'marriage' then I will consider staying on till at least the end of 2016.

I have not come here with a magic wand, but I do come with suggestions of how to turn the parish round. BUT, this will depend on parishioners as a whole, **pulling together and supporting and owning** the plan we collectively make. It must be more than lip service, and as tired as you may be, (and I have already heard many of these comments) there will be something everyone can do to be supportive of the plan to grow both churches. Let's not be negative before we start.



Currently there is a team of around ten people working with me to put together an outline we will take to the combined congregations on the last Sunday of January. You will have a chance to ask questions, suggest changes and in the main, come up with something that **EVERY parishioner can claim as their own**. This will also be the annual meeting and a bring and share luncheon will follow.

The Pastoral District is now officially the Pastoral District of Yankalilla and Delamere (One district with two churches) and new wardens and council members need to be elected

as well as dealing with any other general business as is necessary for an Annual meeting. (The annual meeting part of the day is planned to be no longer than 5-10 minutes)



#### Getting to Know You

One important way will be to wear name tags at services and functions. This helps me considerably, as will any newcomers we can attract because of our new direction together. It will also be useful when receiving the sacrament as I like to mention people's names at the time.

#### High Tea

A further way of getting to know you is when Ros and I put on an upmarket High Tea for 10-12 parishioners at a times. The best of china and home cooked "unique" foods will be the order of the day. The plan is to make better use of the smaller rooms in the hall for this purpose and you will all receive a personal invitation in turn. Hopefully we will start in late January or early February.

#### Clean up in January

A serious re-arrangement (clean out) of the hall, side rooms and church in Yankalilla is planned and maybe that is something you could offer to assist with. Times and dates would be arranged to suit those who offer to assist. **If you can help, please let me know of your offer.**



## Good Communication

This is essential in a happy parish where parishioners are kept aware of what is happening and to have some input into any planning. As a result there will be quarterly congregation meetings to keep people in the loop and to seek their support. Also I plan to produce a monthly newsletter like this one to further help in good communication. A parish produced version will replace this eventually.

## Sermon Outreach

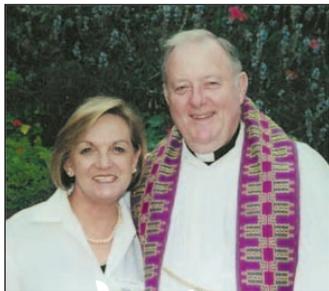
The sermon will be printed each week for parishioners to take a copy home (should they wish) to consider further what was said in the service. This is also an opportunity for a little TLC and outreach. Parishioners are encouraged to take additional copies to distribute as they see fit. It may be someone who was not at worship, or a person they are trying to encourage to eventually join us. It is a start in OUTREACH.

## Pre Australia Day Breakfast and "Family Service" Mass - An opportunity for Yankalilla & Delamere parishioners (and those they plan to invite to share with them) to get together.

This is planned at Delamere on Sunday 24th January at 8am followed by a less formal mass at 9am. **This will be a great opportunity to invite someone to join you.** Donations towards food costs appreciated. If you would like to join us for this special day, make sure you wear something patriotic. Please sign up on one of the sheets at the back of the church or you can indicate on line by going to:-  
<http://www.grassroots.com.au/FormSetupBreakfast.html>

## Lent Home Study Groups

Lent is early in 2016 and commences with Ash Wednesday on the 10th February. It is hoped parishioners will see the importance of "nudging" their Spiritual Journey by attending a home group. Maybe you could offer your home for one of these groups. They will commence in the week following Sunday 14th February for five weeks. Sign up at the back of the church or you can make your intentions know by going to:-  
<http://www.grassroots.com.au/FormSetupHomeGps.html>



Until next time,  
Every Blessing  
Father Max & Ros

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## Service Times after Christmas

27th December 2015

Yankalilla 11am Delamere 9am

2016

Jan 3 - **Yankalilla** 9am

Jan 10 - **Yankalilla** 9am **Delamere** 11am

Jan 17 - **Yankalilla** 9am

Jan 24 - **Yankalilla** 11am **Delamere** 9am

Jan 31 - **Yankalilla** 9am

*This service will be followed by a special congregational meeting, Annual meeting and Bring and Share Luncheon.*



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## Combined Churches Op Shop

The 21st Birthday of the Op Shop will be celebrated on Tuesday 19th January 2016 at the Sanders Hall at the Yankalilla Uniting Church. This will begin at 1.30pm. Past and present

volunteers will be invited. We ask

for Church members, who are not involved with the Op Shop, to assist with supplying food and helping on the day.

