

NEWSLETTER

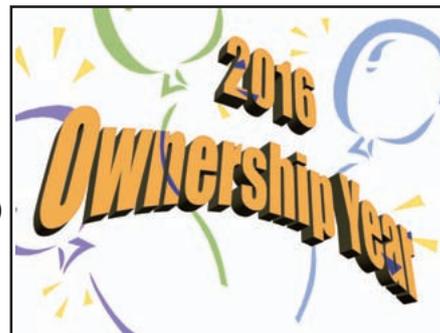
Anglican Pastoral District Yankalilla and Delamere

Note from your Priest in Charge Father Max Bowers

January 2016

Now that Christmas activities and services have now passed, it is time to look ahead with a sense of optimism and enthusiasm. But like any time one steps forward, there is always a cost. A cost that is very previous (if we are to succeed) of our commitment and time.

As I said last month, if we are serious about wanting our churches to grow (and only you can answer that) you (with my support) have an opportunity to put up your hand to say "Im up for it!" I am prepared to "Own" what is being planned to aid the future of our two churches. (Now officially one, as the Pastoral District of Yankalilla and Delamere)



The small leadership team that has been working with me, have put together a plan forward that will be presented to a congregational meeting after **9am church on Sunday 31st January** for discussion and seeking acceptance. There will be NO 'on high insistence' you have to do this or that. What is finally decided upon will be your ownership. SO, it is imperative that you come along and bring your voice to show your support and or concern with the plan.



The service will be one for the district at Yankalilla at 9am. This will be followed by a cuppa, then the special meeting in the hall where the plan will be voted upon. We will also have a short annual meeting for business and elections to the new combined pastoral district. Nomination forms are at the back of the churches and must be completed in the week before this meeting. Please bring along a good sized savoury or sweet to share for lunch in the parish hall.

Getting to Know You

I have prepared new name tags for all parishioners which helps me greatly getting to know peoples names as well as mentioning you by name as you receive the blessed sacrament. **If you are coming across for a cuppa, (which I hope you do) please leave the tag on to make it easier for new people to know who you are and just leave them in the special basket as you leave the hall. Sidesperson on duty that day will return them to the church porch**

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 early February. (It all depends on support for the clean up and preparation of the room at Yankalilla)

Clean up in January

A serious re-arrangement (clean out) of the hall, side rooms and church in Yankalilla is planned for late January 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. **Sadly there has been only one offer to date** so if the clean up does not go ahead, this will simply retard progress and put a halt to the High Teas that were planned. I am sure this has been overlooked, so I am waiting on the end of the phone for a flood of enthusiasm - 0409 441 246.

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.

An ENORMOUS amount of work has gone into the Delamere service on Sunday 24th January. Starts at 7.45am with breakfast followed by a less formal "Foot Tapping" mass at 9am. **I hope you will make use of this great opportunity being offered and invite someone to join you.** Donations towards food costs appreciated. When you come to join us for this special day, please enter the spirit and wear something patriotic or even outrageous. 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>

SPECIAL COMMISSIONING SERVICE AT YANKALILLA - Special time of 9am

Bishop John is coming to the Pastoral District on Sunday 7th February to officially commission Father Max as Priest in Charge of the newly formed Pastoral District of Yankalilla and Delamere. I hope a goodly number of parishioners made an effort to be part of this new start for the parish. This is followed by morning tea. (Please something special for morning tea)

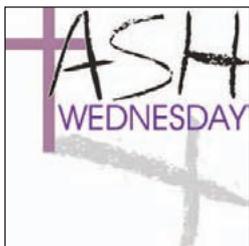


Lent Home Study Groups

Lent 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 known by going

to:- <http://www.grassroots.com.au/FormSetupHomeGps.html>



Service Times

9am - Christ Church Yankalilla followed by Hot Cross Buns

7pm - Saint James Delamere followed by Hot Cross Buns



PANCAKE DAY

Tuesday 9th February

- 6.30pm
- Lots of Laughter
- Savory & Sweet Pancakes
- Family Friendly

Bring a Friend

Anglican Church
132 Main South Rd
Yankalilla - Ph: 8387 9993
Donation towards costs appreciated
BYO Drinks



**Everyone
Welcome**

Invite
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If you want your church to grow,
Invite someone to one or both of these events.



PRE Australia Day Breakfast
Sunday 24th January
From 7.45 am

Followed by a relaxed foot tapping
"Family Service" at 9am

Come to one or both
Donation appreciated towards food costs

St James Anglican Church Hall
Main South Rd Delamere
Bring along a friend

ALL WELCOME

For More Information - 8598 0223



Enclosed with this letter are a couple of **invite** slips to make your task easier to **invite** people to these events.

UPDATING THE PASTORAL DISTRICT ROLL

It has been some considerable time since the list was updated and it may well include people who don't wish to be involved. We certainly don't want to put people off side, so it would be greatly appreciated if parishioners could either fill out the enclosed form and post it to me or drop it in when you attend church **or** fill it out on line at - www.grassroots.com.au/formsetupMailinglist.html



Until next time,

Every Blessing

Father Max Bowers

Priest in Charge - Yankalilla and Delamere

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Service Times in 2016 - 5th Sunday time to be announced as necessary

Yankalilla - 1st, 2nd, 3rd Sundays (9am) 4th Sundays (11am)

Delamere - 2nd Sunday (11am), 4th Sunday (9am)