

Diary Dates	
<b>Sunday 23rd. March</b>	<b>Lent 3 (Violet)</b>
9:00 am	Auburn (HC), Balaklava, Clare, Riverton
11:00am	Belvidere (HC), Goyder (HC) Penwortham, Watervale (HC)
<b>Tuesday 25th. March</b>	<b>Annunciation of the Lord (White)</b>
10.00 am	Balaklava (HC) (Note Lady's Day at Cathedral, Port Pirie ABM)
<b>Thursday 27th March</b>	<b>Ministry District AGM meeting 7:30 pm St. John's, Auburn</b>
<b>Sunday 30th March</b>	<b>Lent 4 Mothering Sunday (Pink or Rose)</b>
10.30 am.	Belvidere (HC)
	Dedication of Hall, Pooled lunch and fellowship to follow.
<b>Sunday 6th April</b>	<b>Lent 5</b>
9:00 am	Auburn, Balaklava, Clare, Riverton (HC)
11:00am	Hamley Bridge, Penwortham, (HC), Yacka
<b>Friday 11th. April</b>	<b>Chrism Mass &amp; Renewal of Ordination Vows Cathedral &amp; Quiet Day</b>
<b>Sunday 13th. April</b>	<b>Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday)</b>
9:00 am	Auburn Balaklava (HC), Clare (HC), Riverton (HC)
9.30 am	Hamley Bridge (Hosp)
11:00 am	Penwortham (HC), Snowtown (HC)
<b>Monday 14th April</b>	<b>Sunday of the Passion</b>
7.00 pm	Watervale (HC)
<b>Tuesday 15th April</b>	<b>Holy Week (Tuesday)</b>
7:00 pm	Yacka (HC)
<b>Thursday 17th April</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>
Check Local times Auburn, Balaklava, Clare, Penwortham (5pm), Riverton.	
<b>Friday 18th. April</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>
Check Local times Auburn. Balaklava, Belvidere, Bungaree, Clare, Hamley Bridge (UC), Penwortham, Riverton, Saddleworth, Watervale, Yacka (Ecumen)	
<b>Sunday 20th. April</b>	<b>Easter Day</b>
8.00 am	Bungaree (HC)
9.00 am	Auburn (HC), Balaklava (HC), Clare (HC), Riverton (HC)
11.00 am	Penwortham (HC), Yacka (HC), Hamley Bridge (TBC)
2.00 pm	Saddleworth (HC)
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# *Wamindi update*

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*The Intent For Lent...Find Awe and Wonder Each Day With God*

The Wamindi Update is a monthly newsletter designed to celebrate our mission for God in our particular communities, to provide encouragement through news of past events and notices for future activities. Contributions are invited for inclusion from each of the congregations, especially with images, that promote our missional life. Articles can be emailed to Father David (thompsondm09@gmail.com), (wmdhome.org.au) or addressed to P.O. Box 34, Clare, SA 5453.



## Healing Spaces...Healing Places

A new healing ministry was initiated at Clare in February. Reverend Joan and Father David guided us through a series of stations that involved meditation, reflection, quiet readings and sensory activities, within both the church and hall. The focal point was the Healing Arc located around the Sanctuary where the laying on of hands and anointing was provided. A light meal and fellowship was enjoyed between the two sessions, catered admirably by Coral and John Chard. The concept of the Healing Places...Healing Spaces has been growing for some time and we must thank Patricia Jacka for her Spirit-led vision. It is hoped that another service isn't too far away even at a venue in another community. Above



is part of the Healing Arc in the Sanctuary with the symbolism of healing water flowing to the rock pool.

## A Blessed Milestone

Congratulations to **Canon Roy Todd** for his 55 years in Holy Orders. Fr. Roy celebrated the day at St Barnabas', Clare with much aplomb, good humour and humble gratitude. Those gathered afterwards were treated to a special morning tea and a celebratory toast to Roy and Georgina. Fr Roy is seen here with Reverend Joan at the reading of the Gospel with thurible in hand and good working order.



## New Life at Saddleworth

**St Aidan's Church at Saddleworth** has had little activity in the last ten years. The Ministry District Committee was considering sale of the building rather than neglect and deterioration. The Bishop asked us to have a public meeting. Local people expressed their concern that it would be sold but it was explained that the church is really a community of Christians rather than an empty building. Frank Reed from Saddleworth volunteered to letterbox drop Saddleworth and round up a congregation. Bravo Frank! He did just that and now there is a small group of people who gather once a month for worship. Fr David and some LLMs



from neighbouring places attend to help the new congregation along. They have a long way to go before they are a Ministering Community and they need all the help they can get to move to that status, but the recent events there shows how the Spirit moves in mysterious ways to give new life to what appeared to be dead bones! We are encouraged by

Ezekiel's vision (Ezekiel 37): *Dry bones, listen to what the Lord is saying to you, I the Lord God, will put breath in you, and once again you will live*".

In this Ministry District we do face the dilemma with our many buildings and small congregations of knowing what best to do with our assets. The question must always be asked about buildings and money, "**Is this money/asset being directed to mission or maintenance?**" It is not always an easy question to answer and takes a lot of prayerful consideration in relation to old buildings and new expenditure. The question is not about efficiency or tradition or opinion or ability to afford, but always the question should be about the kingdom of God.

## Belvidere Hall Dedication

Mothering Sunday, 30 March, will be celebrated at St. Philip's, Belvidere as a combined Ministry District Service 10:30am. The service will include the Dedication of the new hall which the congregation recently took full ownership from the builders. The service will include the blessing of Simnel cake and flowers during Communion by Archdeacon Prue and Father David followed by the dedication and blessing of the hall by Archdeacon Michael. A pooled lunch and fellowship will be then enjoyed in the new facilities.



Please do come, with cameras, and by all means, car-pool wherever possible, to see this new space in a picturesque part of the Ministry District.

## St John's Afternoon Tea

On Wednesday 30 April at 2.00pm, the people of St John's Church at Auburn invite you and all members of the community and Ministry District to a pleasant **Afternoon Tea** in their hall. A gold coin donation for the Willochra Bursary Fund is asked of those who come. St John's folk would love to hear from you so we can make sure they can provide for you generously.

## Follow the Palm Branch Road



**Saturday 12 April 10.00-2.00 at St John's Auburn**

A creative event for primary and preschool children., exploring the Easter story. Preschoolers must be accompanied by a carer. This wonderful day of story, activity and craft organized by the Diocesan Children's Ministry Group will be hosted by St John's Auburn but it is designed for any child from church or community to attend. \$6.00 each child and adult covers food and materials. Please register by 28 March. See clergy mailing for brochures and details.

## Lenten Study Groups

By the time that you have read this article, Ash Wednesday will have been observed but now we can carry forward the intent for Lent, which is to find awe and wonder each day with God. A few groups around the Ministry District are undertaking a closer and deeper study into various aspects of our faith and God's mission for us all. Study groups however, can happen at any time of the year and should you wish to investigate something further it is likely someone else is seeking the same. Ask around or contact Fr. David to see what might be on offer.



## Connecting to Community and Integrating into Community

If you come along to the **Mission on the Margins** training event 28-29 March at Melrose (see clergy mailing for brochure) you will learn a lot about ways to make contact with families in your community through **"Messy Church"** and **"Fresh Expressions"**. If you don't know what these mean, then perhaps you should come along to find out. Another way to make contact with families with children in your community is through a program called **Mainly Music**. (Just google for more information) Started in 1990, mainly music is a fun music group for parents or primary care givers to enjoy together with their young child. Each Mainly Music group is associated with and is run by volunteers from a local church. Children are introduced to music, creativity and more, plus families given a chance to think about the God-part of life. In Sydney suburbs some parishes have had contact with 90 families a week through Mainly Music. **However the truth is that this contact through fresh expressions or messy church or mainly music or... then needs to be the basis for further invitation and welcoming and nurturing if new contacts are to be integrated into the family of faith.**

## Social Media and the Ministry District.

After and hours of designing and testing and some trepidation, the **Ministry District is on the Web**, Facebook and GooglePlusOne. (See a the screenshot of the website with the happy crew from Balaklava.)

Many thanks to Sophie Thompson (Fr David's and Jenni's eldest daughter), for her work in navigating the design stage and the colour scheme that evolved. You can access the website at [www.wmdhome.org](http://www.wmdhome.org) which is sponsored by wix.com, the website



authoring software, or you can find it through Facebook, where it comes under Father David's page. The same goes for GooglePlusOne.

It also means we need a greater supply of articles, photos and insightful ideas to keep these sites active and of interest to others so please ensure your community can contribute. There are always stories to tell of God's work in us and through us, including the environment.

We are looking for co-administrators who can help ease the load of posting and editing the various sites, so if you understand these terms then you are most likely a possible candidate. Please Fr David know if you can help out.

## ABM and Technology

In the clergy mailing there was information about an ABM app which you can download to your iPad or iPhone. It sends you a daily reflection for Lent which is colourful, informative and provoking. It has a handy link to Facebook or Twitter so if you are linked into these you can spread the message to others.

ABM has sent out a DVD *Mission is Possible*. The Bishop has asked us to have a retiring collection one Sunday for ABM so why not arrange to show the video too, either at church or in someone's home.

## Lent from the wandering priest

The challenge for Lent was provided to us through the lens of the Transfiguration read on the Sunday prior to Ash Wednesday. Jesus had taken just the three disciples, the fishermen, up a *high* mountain, *by themselves* and *six* days after Peter's rebuttal of Jesus' mission. Peter did not want a Messiah that could die especially on his watch. So the question we can ask of ourselves is; what kind of God, Messiah, Christ, Jesus would we prefer?

If we hear God speak do we fall to the ground in fear and trembling or sit in the middle of the road like startled kangaroos in the headlights? Or is it that we desire to see a shining, white Teflon version of Jesus, blemish free and perfect in every way? The disciples did but they had no idea what to say and only babbled instead. Or do we hope for a Jesus who reaches out and touches us? That's the Jesus the disciples responded to after the cloud had rolled away. And most people would likely opt for the same, a personal Jesus. The Jesus the disciples really got however, is the Jesus who took them back down from that high mountain into the shadows of humanity to continue caring for the poor, weak, the needy, the alien, the children and the sick. Perhaps the kind of people God wants us to be is the disciple who goes with Jesus amongst their own neighbours, reaching out to those whom God loves, and to declare that the Son of Man is indeed amongst us.

**Have a read of Matthew's Transfiguration section (Matthew 17:1-9) and let your faith inform you about your response.**

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CREATURES THAT CAME TO YOU IN PEARS