



Record of Service – Rev John Boundy

John was born into a farming family at Minlaton on the Yorke Peninsula. John attended the Minlaton Primary School and then the Minlaton High School. In 1967 the family sold up and purchased a farm at Meningie where John continued his education at the Area School and then a year at Urrbrae Agricultural High School before continuing life on the family farm.

Life continued to happen including wife Irene and three offspring, Cara, Matthew and Cameron.

In 1993 the family farm was sold in response to the financial economy and market forces of the time.



John wasn't sure what to do with his life. He always had a dream to fly especially agricultural aircraft but that was left a bit late in life so John tested the water of possible service with Missionary Aviation Fellowship. A year-long certificate course was required at the Bible College of South Australia. That done flying training was next on the list. Unfortunately service with MAF was not to eventuate.

So what next? A discussion with Rev. Brian Ball at the South Australian Synod office lit a fuse that John really didn't wish to light but none the less decided to enrol as a Lay Education student.

It was during this time that John's heart was strangely warmed and he decided to test the water and candidated for ordained ministry in the renewed diaconate. John was accepted and then it was another five years of study, a prospect not necessarily heartwarming!

John was ordained in 1998 and was then interviewed by Frontier Services. That wasn't to be either!

After various discussions John accepted a call to the then Naracoorte Parish which included Lucindale, Penola and Wrattontully.

During this time at Lucindale John was again approached by Frontier Services and offered the possibility of taking on the aerial Murchison Patrol based at Meekatharra in W.A. John's heart was again strangely warmed to the idea. Irene wasn't so keen but they moved to Meekatharra in 2001 and continued there for an amazing time of ministry and its experiences.

John eventually felt the need to move on, perhaps back to S.A. and closer to family. Frontier Services had other ideas and offered John the Centralian Patrol based at Alice Springs and he could take the plane with him and instigate an aerial patrol. That move was in 2007 and continued until 2010 when the need to be closer to family took precedence.

It was disappointing to leave Frontier Services as they too were like family, but life moves on.

A discussion with the S.A. Synod eventuated in John accepting the role of Resource Minister to nine congregations with the living base at Millicent. That was initially to be for one year but was extended for another year.

John then found the placement process a difficult and frustrating experience so took work back in agriculture until retirement in April 2020.