

Prayer *Notes*

*Going the distance
to share Jesus in the bush*

At the Bush Church Aid Society of Australia our heart's desire is that *every person in the bush has every chance to know Jesus.*

We are deeply convicted that people living in rural, regional and remote Australia matter profoundly to God. No person is too far, no town too small, and no community is so remote as to be beyond God's grace.

We are going to the distance to share Jesus in the bush.

We go the distance literally. Endless travel and geographic isolation are the norm for many, many people across our nation.

We go the distance metaphorically. Long term faithfulness, resilience, prayerful dependence, sacrificial generosity, and willingness to persevere are the norm for our Field Staff.

We go the distance for one clear, unwavering purpose: to share *Jesus in the bush.*



Going the distance

We are Going the Distance by

bringing the Gospel of Christ to the outermost parts of Australia – We are committed to sending messengers so that all Australians, no matter where they live and work, are able to hear the life-changing message of Christ.

developing a new generation of culturally diverse Christian leaders – We are committed to engaging young people, discipling them in the faith and encouraging them in ministry so they can lead others to Christ.

supporting ministry by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people – We are committed to working with our First Nations People so they can serve Christ in ways that are Biblically faithful and culturally appropriate.

planting and renewing sustainable churches – We are committed to establishing vibrant and outward-looking gatherings of Christ's people.

equipping local leaders for fruitful ministry – We are committed to supporting Christians 'on the ground' so they can be salt and light for Christ.

providing care in Christ's Name – We are committed to serving hurting people in times of crisis and through ongoing Christ-centred pastoral care.

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Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; He is the faithful God, keeping His covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep His commandments. **Deuteronomy 7:9**

September

Give thanks for our Field Staff who go the distance to share Jesus in the bush. Pray for safety and good conversations for Greg Harris as he meets up with Field Staff and explores new partnerships.

October

Pray for the Office Admin team as we enter the last few months of the year, a typically busy time. Pray also for Greg Harris as he speaks at the Diocese of Central Queensland Retreat.

November

Give thanks for the Ministry Priority Panel and Board who gather this month for a strategy day and their final meeting of the year. Thank God for all those who serve BCA in this way. Pray for wise and fruitful conversations and decisions as we look ahead to 2027.

The National Office reaches Australia for Christ by stewarding the resources God gives BCA through our many generous supporters, seeking to use these resources effectively and efficiently to sustain existing and emerging ministries.

National Director serving with BCA since 2019

Gadigal Country

StartWell Coordinator



Malcolm & Leanne Reid

Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will never pass away.

Matthew 24:35

September

Around this time, Malcolm is meeting with StartWell participants in their locations. Please pray that these visits provide good opportunities to connect well, and for Malcolm to gain insight into their ministry contexts and be a source of encouragement.

October

Pray that StartWell participants would gain insight into their local communities – how to connect with those outside their church and recognise opportunities to share the Gospel.

November

Pray for Malcolm as he delivers online training across various locations. Ask that God would give him wisdom and insight to shape content that is timely, practical, and encouraging.

Malcolm coordinates StartWell; a comprehensive program that supports our Field Staff to start well in their ministry, family life, and personal wellbeing. Malcolm & Leanne served with BCA as Field Staff from 1998–2001. They most recently spent 10 years with CMS in Vietnam.

*Serving with
BCA since
January 2026*

Gadigal Country



Rachel Dirks



He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of His great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing. **Isaiah 40:26b**

September

Pray for wisdom to consider creative ideas to support the vision that every person (child) in the bush would have every chance to know Jesus.

October

Pray as we put together the annual BCA 4 Kids magazine; that God would help us with content that engages the next generation.

November

With Christmas not far off, pray that we would support churches well to share the message of Jesus with children all across Australia.

Rachel is passionate about ministry to the next generation and has served in various kids and youth ministry roles for over twenty years. She wants to see BCA connect with kids across Australia and empower churches wherever they are, to share the Gospel with the youngest of our nation.

*Serving with
BCA since 2019*

Gadigal Country



Tim Stevens



I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness. **Jeremiah 31:3b**

September

Give thanks for the university conferences over winter where BCA and ONTRACK were promoted. Pray that these opportunities will lead young Christians to move to the bush to serve Jesus and His people.

October

Pray that as I finalise the program for Term 4, ONTRACK will continue to be a blessing to our 2026 cohort. Pray for the graduates as they live, work, and serve Jesus where God has placed them. Pray for refreshment in the spring holidays.

November

Pray for Christian uni students across Australia as they complete exams and prepare to enter the workforce. Pray for me as I prepare for the AFES National Conference (Canberra) in early December.

Tim has a heart for growing gospel ministry in the bush and has been the coordinator of BCA ONTRACK since mid-2022. He also serves alongside his wife, Kirsty, and their two children, as the Vicar of Guyra Anglican Church in the Diocese of Armidale.

*Serving with
BCA since 2022*

Nganyaywana Country



Rod & Amanda Haywood

Give thanks to the LORD, proclaim His name; make known among the nations what He has done and proclaim that His name is exalted.

Isaiah 12:4

September

Pray for those travelling at the moment especially the team who are currently on Kangaroo Island working on the rectory. Also pray for those Nomads serving at the Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship Family Conference in Gilgandra on the October long weekend.

October

Pray for the Nomads Gathering at Lake Tabourie at the end of the month. Give thanks for the opportunity to build up the Nomad community, to fellowship, and to encourage each other in our travels.

November

Give thanks for new Nomads. Pray they will develop opportunities to go and 'serve those who serve'. Pray that health difficulties may not impact Nomads and their travels.

Since becoming BCA Nomads we have seen God use our existing skills and equip us in new and surprising ways. As BCA Nomads Coordinators please pray that we will seek God's leading and encourage others. Give thanks for God's enduring faithfulness as the BCA Nomads serve those who serve.

*Serving with
BCA since 2025*

Darug Country



David Mitchell



I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me. **Romans 15:30**

September

Pray for me as I visit churches to promote the work of BCA, give thanks that many already support the work by prayer and financial partnership. Pray that our Field Staff would be encouraged by their partners.

October

Give thanks for the many supporters of BCA in Western Australia and pray that BCA Connect next month enables us to say thanks, keep partners informed, and encourage others to share in the work too.

November

Pray for the AFES National Training Event which connects students from around Australia with mission agencies (including BCA!). Ask God to enable the conference to train up more gospel-hearted Christians to serve Him faithfully around the world.

David is a deputationist with BCA in Perth (and former Field Staff). He is married to Traci and they have three kids. David's main work is with the Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students at Curtin University.

*Serving with
BCA since 2023*

Wadjuk Country



Anna (2023)
James (2025)

Augusta/Margaret River



Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. **Romans 12:11-12**

September

As we come into Synod, the Bunbury Diocese will seek to appoint a new bishop. Please pray that God will provide someone faithful, wise and courageous for the sake of the Gospel.

October

Please pray for wisdom in our children's ministry as we seek to make the Gospel known to children and families. Thank God for those in our church willing to serve little ones, and pray more would be raised up.

November

Please pray for unity within our churches and between the churches in our parish. Pray that this would be a witness to those around us of the transforming power of the Gospel and the goodness of Jesus.

The Thomson family live in the south western coast of Western Australia where Scott leads the Parish of Augusta/Margaret River. They previously served at St Lawrence's Dalkeith in the Diocese of Perth.

*Eilidh is pronounced Ay-lee

*Serving with
BCA since
April 2026*

Diocese of Bunbury

**Wadandi and Pibelman
Boodja Country**



First Nations Ministry Training (FNMT)



Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name...

Philippians 2:9

September

Give thanks to God for the growth of FNMT. Pray for continued growth, solidification and our training strategy for the next five years.

October

Pray that God would continue to guide us as we lead the work of FNMT. Pray for good health for us. Pray also for the new 19-week semester of full-time study.

November

Please ask God to guide the succession planning for FNMT. Pray for a person of God's choosing to be appointed and take over in the next 18 months.

Dennis has been a Christian for 45 years and has served in ministry for over 30 years. He is a Pastor and has also worked as a Bible College Administrator and College Registrar. Dennis & Valda have been married for 44 years and they have three children, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Serving with BCA since January 2022

Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship Inc

Wadluk Country



Minister in Training Geraldton Cathedral



And this is His command, to believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and to love one another, as He has commanded us. **1 John 3:23**

September

Pray for the online study I am doing this semester; for focus and diligence. Pray that our Diocesan Clergy Conference later this month will be edifying and encouraging. Pray also for our church camp next month.

October

Pray for next month's GAFCON Conference in Melbourne. Give thanks for our Cathedral's children and youth and pray that we love and disciple them well. Pray for the raising up of more lay leaders to serve.

November

Pray for the upcoming Christmas events; especially our town's Carols by Candlelight, a performance of Handel's Messiah which our Cathedral is hosting, as well as all our seasonal services. May the Gospel be proclaimed to God's glory.

Malachi moved to Geraldton in early 2025 to serve as curate/assistant minister at Geraldton Anglican Cathedral. Mal was a BCA Theological Bursary recipient, and this is his first ministry position post college.

*Serving with
BCA since
March 2025*

**Diocese of North
West Australia**

**Southern Yamatji
Country**



Reuben (2017)
Paige (2018)

Dongara/Mingenew



Let us acknowledge the LORD; let us press on to acknowledge Him. As surely as the sun rises, He will appear; He will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth. **Hosea 6:3**

September

Thank God for the three Bible study groups that meet weekly. Pray that those who attend would grow in their faith and in their love and knowledge of Jesus.

October

Thank God for the faithful saints who gather each Sunday. Pray God would work through His people by the Holy Spirit to bring many more sheep into the fold.

November

Thank God for opportunities to reach out to the Dongara community. Pray for wisdom, creativity and sustenance as preparations for Christmas events begin. Pray for soft hearts as the Gospel is shared.

The Thompsons serve in the coastal town of Dongara in Mid-West Western Australia. The region is known for its fishing, farming and wildflowers. David & Emma seek to love and serve the parish as well as the wider community, holding out the truth of the Gospel.

*Serving with
BCA since
January 2024*

**Diocese of North
West Australia**

Amangu Country



Zachariah (2013)
Oliver (2017)
Eliza (2020)

Carnarvon & Shark Bay/Denham



Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – His good, pleasing and perfect will. **Romans 12:2**

September

Pray for the ministry of the Word in weekly preaching, Bible study and one-on-one formats; that the church would be built up, enriched, convicted and encouraged!

October

Pray for Emma's work as a Youth Care Chaplain; that the connections she has been building with staff, students and parents would continue to bear fruit and comfort the broken.

November

Pray for St Andrew's by the Sea in Denham WA; for the people of the parish, for funding for a permanent minister, and for gospel outreach in this small tourist town.

Mike serves as the rector at St George's Anglican Church and Emma works as a YouthCARE Chaplain at Carnarvon Community College and Carnarvon Christian School. Pray that God would be honoured in and through them.

*Serving with
BCA since
March 2025*

**Diocese of North
West Australia**

Yinggarda Country



Ada (2012)
Eliza (2014)
Benjamin (2016)
Emily (2020)
Abigail (2022)

Newman



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

September

Give thanks for the people God has placed in our presence. Pray they will grow in their trust of Jesus. Pray for Synod at the end of September in Geraldton and safety in travel. Give thanks for the growth of *Playtime*.

October

Give thanks for some much-needed family time away; pray for refreshment and good memories. Pray for our annual Light Party at the end of October; may non-church people hear that Jesus is the light of the world.

November

Pray for wisdom in the preparation of Christmas events and the opportunities to share the Good News of Jesus. Pray for the kids to finish well at school especially Eliza as she prepares to finish Year 6.

The Kyngdons have lived in the Pilbara for eight years where Roger is the Minister in Charge of the Parish of Newman. The mining community is great to be a part of and there are lots of young kids. Please pray for them as they serve the church and local community.

*Serving with
BCA since
January 2016*

**Diocese of North
West Australia**

**Nyiyarparli and
Martu Country**



Lydia (2011)
Eli (2013)
Silas (2017)
Tabitha (2023)

Parish of West Pilbara



Unless the LORD builds the house
the builders labour in vain. Unless the
LORD watches over the city, the guards
stand watch in vain. **Psalm 127:1**

September

We hope to run *Simply Christianity* for new Christians and people exploring the faith. Please pray the course goes well, people engage with Jesus in the book of Luke and that the Holy Spirit softens hearts and saves lives.

October

Please continue to pray that God would raise up workers for our kids ministry. May there continue to be people passionate to teach Kids Church and to be involved in our mid-week toddler ministry. Pray for our outreach at Halloween too.

November

Christmas comes early in the Pilbara. Please pray for the variety of outreach events this term, including Christmas lessons in local schools, Nativity Services at church and our Combined Churches Christmas Carols.

As you read this, life in the Pilbara will be heating up. We experience about eight months of summer and it will be in full swing by October. Life gets very busy in Term 4 as people prepare to move or head south for Christmas. Pray that we would be a light shining for Jesus in the heat.

*Serving with
BCA since
February 2014*

**Diocese of North
West Australia**

Ngarluma Country



Ngairé (2007)
Josiah (2009)
Hayley (2011)
Caleb (2014)
Aurora (2016)

Port Hedland



The LORD will vindicate me; your love, LORD, endures forever – do not abandon the works of your hands.

Psalm 138:8

September

Pray for God's strengthening hand for us as September is the end of five months of intense ministry and life during the cooler months. We often feel very tired by this time of year.

October

Pray that plans to run a four-week evangelistic course over October/ November will come together; that our church family will be excited by this opportunity to share the Gospel, and that lots of unbelievers will be invited and come along.

November

Pray that good planning for Christmas ministry and 2027 will happen, including celebrating the time we've had with people who leave at the end of the year. Pray that God will send new people to join us, especially some to serve in leadership positions.

Port Hedland is the largest bulk export port in the world, 98.5 per cent of which is iron ore. The town has a highly transient population, which is reflected in the church. Pray that God will turn people's hearts from money to Him!

*Serving with
BCA since
January 2026*

**Diocese of North
West Australia**

**Kariyarra, Ngarla,
and Nyamal Country**



Geetha & John, Esther

John & Geetha Warner
Esther George
Luiza Valadao (maternity leave replacement)



The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness... **Exodus 34:6b**

September

Pray for BCA Sundays at Naracoorte Uniting and Trinity Churches Campbelltown, Tonsely and Brighton. Pray the SA Christian Vocation Ministry Conference will be well attended and many moved to minister in the bush.

October

Pray for the Mission teams going to Roxby Downs and Coober Pedy; for safe travel and life-transforming impact. Pray for the Territory Christian Conference (TCC) on 24 October; that many people will be encouraged in faith and service.

November

As uni students graduate, pray that many will choose to live and work in the bush. Give thanks for how BCA ONTRACK is helping many young workers thrive in faith and service.

The SAINT region incorporates four Dioceses – Adelaide, Murray, Willochra and the Northern Territory. The last Census revealed that there were 1.8 million people in SA, with 454,555 people in rural, regional and remote areas. 251,396 people live in the NT with 111,000 people outside greater Darwin.

*Regional Officer
serving with
BCA since 2020*

Kaurna Country



Nungalinga College



As for God, His way is perfect: The LORD'S word is flawless; He shields all who take refuge in Him. **Psalms 18:30**

September

Pray for the Biniŋ Bible Translation students as they graduate. Give thanks for all they have learned, and pray that they will continue translating God's Word faithfully and share it with their communities.

October

As the build-up heat arrives, pray for strength, good health and perseverance for staff and students. Ask God to give energy, patience and joy as we continue teaching through the hottest part of the year.

November

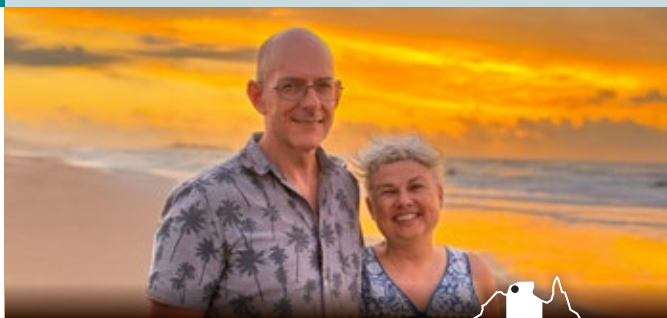
Give thanks as classes finish for the year. Pray for safety and wisdom as staff begin community visits, and that these visits will strengthen relationships and encourage students in their faith and learning.

Nungalinga is a Combined Churches Training College for Indigenous Australians. Emily is the coordinator of the Foundation Studies department, which offers courses in literacy, numeracy and Bible studies.

*Serving with
BCA since
January 2023*

Nungalinga College

Larrakia Country



Nungalinya College Dean



(Nothing) will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Romans 8:39b**

September

During September/October, Nungalinya College will be very busy, running at capacity with six courses. Please pray that students build good relationships and grow in their faith.

October

October/November is a special time at Nungalinya with students graduating in both Certificate 3 and Certificate 4 in Theology. Pray that these students remain strong in their faith and that the Holy Spirit will help them live Godly lives in their communities.

November

During November, Nungalinya staff travel to remote communities and meet with local church leaders to recruit new students. Pray that God will raise up the people He wants to study at the College in 2027.

Annette is the Anglican Dean at Nungalinya College. She is married to Greg, the Bishop of the Northern Territory. Annette has been a trainer at Nungalinya since 2015, mainly teaching the Certificate II course in English as an additional language.

*Serving with
BCA since
December 2025*

**Diocese of the
Northern Territory**

Larrakia Country



Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9

September

A new initiative for the Nungalinya chaplains is to lead a chapel service each week. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the chaplains in this task, teaching students and encouraging them in their faith.

October

During each block of study, a number of students will lose a close family member. Thank God for the Aboriginal Chaplains who are able to comfort grieving students in appropriate ways.

November

In 2027, the Chaplaincy course will run again. Pray that God will raise up suitable people to apply for this course during community visits in November. Thank God for the graduates who have served Nungalinya students throughout 2026.

This program in partnership with Nungalinya seeks to offer Indigenous leaders the opportunity to use skills developed during their Applied Ministry course. For each four week Foundations Block, a different Chaplain works alongside the Deans.

*Supported by
BCA since 2024*

Nungalinya College

Larrakia Country

Nungalinga College Co-Teacher Program



Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' " **Matthew 4:4**

- Thank God for the role Indigenous co-teachers play in being cultural bridges for their non-Indigenous co-teachers. They help facilitate better understanding of the cultural and learning needs of Nungalinga students and often know if there are issues going on outside the classroom. Pray God would strengthen them in this role.
- Pray for strength for Indigenous co-teachers to persevere and focus on their work. Many families face complex health issues which are ongoing worries.
- Pray for Nungalinga students to have clear minds to focus on their studies when they arrive in Darwin, especially if they are coming from, or missing out on, sorry business.

In partnership with Nungalinga, this program sees five or six Indigenous trainers come to the College for four to five weeks of teaching per block, with a total of 30 trainers working as co-teachers across the year.

Supported by BCA since mid-2026

Nungalinga College

Larrakia Country



Katherine



Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Philippians 2:3–4

September

Give thanks for the new people who have been coming to church and exploring Christianity this year. Pray that they would be welcomed, encouraged and discipled.

October

Pray about the high levels of crime in Katherine. Ask God to fill the lives of young people with the hope, meaning and dignity of knowing the love of God revealed in Jesus.

November

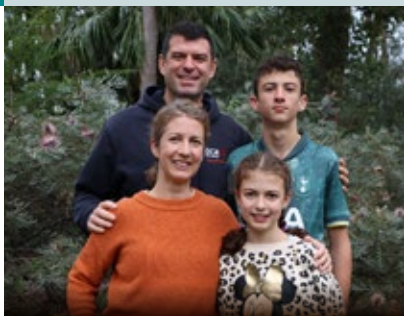
Pray for God to help us equip the saints in Katherine for works of ministry (Eph 4:12). Give thanks for the many people who are willing to serve in the life of our church and ask God to give us wisdom to encourage and enable them to serve with joy!

Pat & Issy have served in Katherine since October 2025. Please join them in 2026 as they pray for God to deepen relationships with their church family and for open doors to share the Gospel in town.

*Serving with
BCA since
October 2025*

**Diocese of the
Northern Territory**

*Jawoyn, Dagoman and
Wardaman Country*



Daniel (2011)
Laura (2015)

Community Pastor Alice Springs



It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. **Galatians 5:1**

September

Pray for our town. Ask that schools will have the necessary teachers and that the hospital will have the nurses and doctors needed. Pray for good government programs that will help our community.

October

Thank God for the various ministries our church is involved in. Pray for good relationships at the hospital, in the prison and in schools. Ask God for good opportunities to share the Good News of Jesus.

November

Pray for growth in our youth ministry. Ask that God will provide the resources and leaders needed. Pray for young people to grow in Jesus.

The Hallyburtons have served in Alice Springs since mid-2021. Topher works as a Community Pastor at Alice Springs Anglican Church. Alice Springs is a multicultural city with a high Indigenous population.

*Serving with
BCA since
February 2017*

**Diocese of the
Northern Territory**

Arrernte Country



Zac (2007)
Lili (2010)
Jaxon (2013)
Jesse (2015)
Asher (2017)

Roxby Downs



For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time.

1 Timothy 2:5–6

September

Pray for safety for BCA Nomads and the Trinity Church mission team travelling to serve our church. Pray for preparations, and that the Holy Spirit will prepare hearts to receive the Gospel.

October

Pray for wisdom in continuing relationships with those we have connected with through the Trinity Church Mission. Pray that God would raise up people from our church to partner in discipling new Christians.

November

Pray for Community Christmas Carols preparations and that God would be glorified. Pray the Carols will place Christ in the forefront for all who attend, and shape their Christmas.

Roxby Downs is a mining town in the beautiful arid lands of South Australia, over 500 kms north of Adelaide. Together, the McDonald family share their lives and the love of Jesus with the community.

*Serving with
BCA since
January 2019*

Diocese of Willochra

Kokatha Country



Coober Pedy



Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. **Ephesians 5:21**

September

Please pray for the mission team coming from Trinity Aldgate, Adelaide from 26 September to 2 October. Pray for the program to come together well, that local kids will come to the activities and will settle to hear the Gospel message proclaimed.

October

Give thanks and pray for families interested in coming up from Adelaide to experience life and ministry with us in the bush. Pray for the Year 12 students from Southern Vales Christian College (SVCC) as they prepare for their November mission with us.

November

Please pray for the Year 12 students from SVCC, that God would work in their hearts to grow them closer to Him during their time with us on mission, and for good connections with the kids and youth in town that will encourage them to seek to know God.

Dave & Margie commenced ministry in Coober Pedy in March 2024. They serve God in various ways including Aboriginal ministry, kids, youth and aged care ministry, tourist ministry and by walking alongside people.

*Serving with
BCA since
March 2024*

Diocese of Willochra

**Arabana &
Kokatha Country**



Lucy (2019)
Eleanor (2021)
Sophie (2023)
Oliver (2026)

Church planting in Goolwa from Victor Harbor



But our citizenship is in heaven.
And we eagerly await a Saviour
from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 3:20

September

Thank God for the group that is gathering together to become the core team of our new church plant in Goolwa. Pray this group may continue to grow.

October

Thank God for the arrival of a new long term pastor at Trinity Church Victor Harbor which enables our focus to now switch towards planning the new church plant in Goolwa.

November

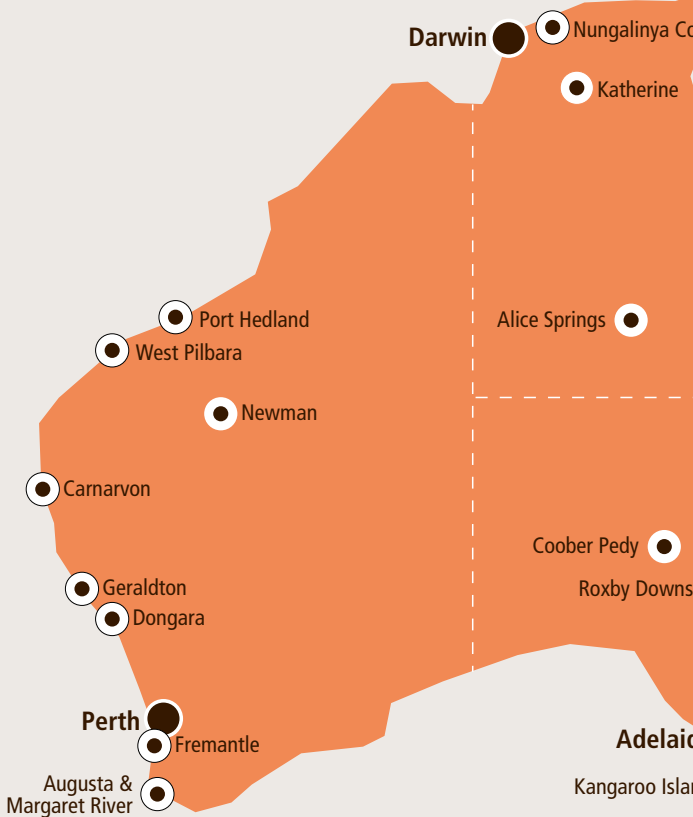
Pray for momentum to be building and logistics to begin coming together that we might launch a new church in Goolwa sometime in the new year.

*Matt & Annika
serve at Trinity
Church Victor
Harbor with the
goal to plant
Trinity Church
Goolwa in 2027.*

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**Trinity Church
Network**

**Ramindjeri and
Ngarrindjeri Country**

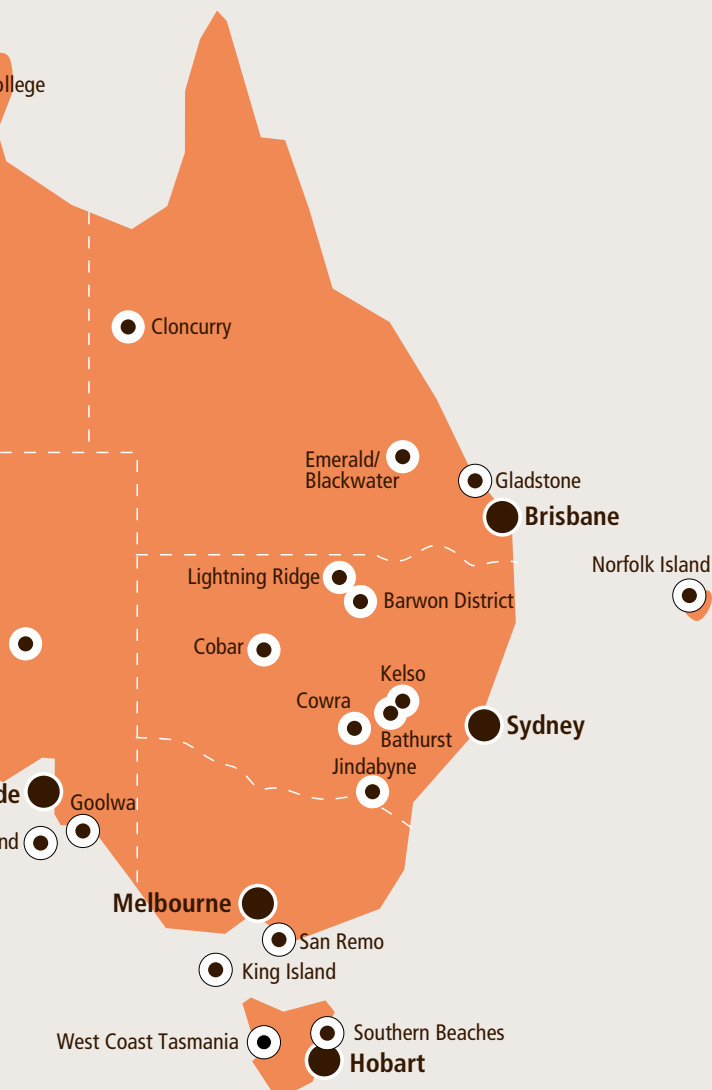


THE BCA PRAYER

Lord our God, help us to remember those who live in isolated and remote parts of our land. We ask you to strengthen and encourage all whose ministries are supported by The Bush Church Aid Society. Refresh them in times of discouragement and loneliness and call others to stand with them in the task of making Christ known.

Grant that, through the ministry of the Word and Sacraments, through caring service and by support for young people, the message of your redeeming love may be proclaimed and accepted by the people of our land.

We ask these things through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**





Outreach Ministry Berean Church



But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.
2 Corinthians 4:7

September

Please thank and praise God for the ministry of reconciliation. Pray for us as we begin a new journey on the Yorke Peninsula in South Australia and for the spread of the Gospel.

October

Please thank and praise God for His strength, power and grace in the work that He has called us to do. Pray for new ministry opportunities and that the Lord will raise up future leaders.

November

Praise God because He is worthy of all praise. Thank Him for sustaining us in ministry. Pray for the men who Jack has built relationships with; may the Lord open their ears and give them understanding.

Jack & Lill serve God as itinerant outreach workers, taking the Gospel to Aboriginal communities in rural and remote areas of South Australia. They currently serve on the Yorke Peninsula.

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**Aboriginal Berean
Community Church**

Kaurna Country



Ministry Trainee Aboriginal Berean Community Church



Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before Him with joyful songs.

Psalm 100:2

September

First and foremost all praise and glory goes to God the most high. Please pray for my studies as I finish off the rest of my associate degree. Please pray for endurance, and also that I get as much as I can out of my last unit.

October

Praise and glory to God. Please pray for the church as we continue to disciple people throughout our study program. Pray they will flourish and grow more confident to be a witness to others both in the community and the church.

November

Give thanks and praise for our glorious God. Please pray for rest for our church leadership and elders as they grow older. Continue to pray for young people to be willing to serve within the church and respond to God's calling in their lives.

Lonny is completing his associate degree at the Bible College of South Australia. As part of his training Lonny is working with the Aboriginal Berean Community Church.

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**Aboriginal Berean
Community Church**

Kaurna Country



Kangaroo Island



Send out your light and your truth and let them lead (us): ... O Put your trust in God: for (we) will praise Him yet, who is (our) deliverer and (Our) God.

Psalms 43:3,6 (adapted)

September

We are praising God for the relief from drought and looking forward to new growth springing up and maturing – farmers, young people, families and older believers needing encouragement.

October

Can we fit in a short evangelistic course after Synod and before Advent? Pray that we might explore hope in Christ with friends and contacts on Sunday evenings during this month.

November

Pray for the election of our new Archbishop this month. As we run towards the end of the year and anticipate holidays and Christmas; pray that we will prepare well for Summer outreach both before and after Christmas.

Mary works as the priest in charge of Kangaroo Island Anglican and as Chaplain (Pastoral Care Worker) at the Kingscote Campus (R-12). Pray for her to build connections with young people and families.

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Diocese of Adelaide

Ramindjeri Country



Matt & Adrian

Adrian Lane
Matt Smith

Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the spirit, especially prophesy. **1 Corinthians 14:1**

September

Please pray for Holy Spirit-equipped ministry for Adrian as he preaches at Ararat (20/9), Holy Trinity Bendigo (4/10) and Diamond Creek (11/10), as he visits Ridley College (7/10) and for BCA's presence at the Melbourne Synod from 7–10 October.

October

Please pray for Adrian as he preaches at Warragul (18/10), Brimbank (25/10) and Dandenong (15/11). Please pray too for the Spring Gatherings with Pat O'Keefe at Bendigo, Sunbury, Ivanhoe, Warragul, Berwick and Glen Waverley from 3–9 November.

November

Please pray for Adrian as he preaches at Rowville/Ferntree Gully (RAFT) (22/11) and Banyule (13/12). One year after Adrian's heart surgery, give thanks to God for his healing and pray for many more years of Holy Spirit-equipped ministry.

Victoria has 1.7 million people in its growing regional cities and shires, including many from other cultural and faith backgrounds. Pray that Christians in rural, regional and remote Victoria would be equipped to bear much fruit – fruit that will last.

*Regional Officer
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Samuel (2023)
Elianna (2026)

Minister in Training San Remo



Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life... **Romans 6:13a**

September

Pray for Hannah as she builds relationships with mums and young families. Pray for deepening friendships and meaningful gospel conversations. Pray that we might establish small groups and a prayer meeting.

October

Pray that we would strengthen bonds with God's family and help the church become a warm, welcoming place for young families. Pray for wisdom as we consider ways to adapt our facilities to better support ministry and hospitality.

November

Pray for Marinus as he is ordained as a Deacon this month. Ask for wisdom, confidence, protection, and blessing as he begins this new season of ministry. Pray for people to be drawn in from the fringes; that the Gospel would take root in their lives.

In 2026 the van Meertens moved to the Diocese of Gippsland to take up a Minister in Training role supported by BCA. Marinus & Hannah serve in the Parish of Bass/ Phillip Island with a particular focus on San Remo.

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BCA since
April 2026*

Diocese of Gippsland

Bunurong Country



Caleb (2011)
Abigail (2020)

Josh & Naomi Skeat



Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you. **Isaiah 54:10**

September

Please pray that the conversations Josh had earlier in September at the Ministry Leaders Conference will bear fruit in both deputations and support of BCA for the coming 12 months.

October

Pray for the Bishop's training event coming up at the end of October; for safe travel, encouraging worship and teaching, plus the opportunity to connect with new supporters.

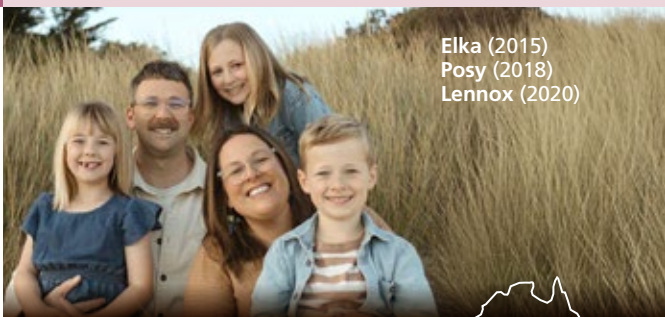
November

Pray for the final deputations of 2026, and that the preparations for Christmas will be well and truly underway in all of our Field Staff locations.

Josh Skeat serves as the Rector of Ulverstone Anglican Church. Alongside this, Josh is the Regional Officer for Tasmania. He seeks to connect with parishes and supporters to encourage, enthuse and grow the BCA supporter base.

Regional Officer serving with BCA since 2020

Tommeginne Country



Elka (2015)
Posy (2018)
Lennox (2020)

Southern Beaches



But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives." **Genesis 50:19–20**

September

This month there is a lot of uncertainty within the church about what the future might hold. Please pray that we would all keep our eyes on Jesus, who has promised to never leave or forsake us.

October

As we begin to emerge from the Tasmanian winter season, we begin to set our eyes on finishing the year well. Pray that we would be creative in our ideas and sustained in our energy.

November

November is often a month of reflection and thanksgiving for us before we hit the run into Christmas. Join us in giving thanks for God's kindness and grace to our church over the past nine years.

2026 marks the sixth year that the Hornes have been on the Southern Beaches of Tasmania. In all this time, their church is still the only church in the community of approximately 8000 people.

*Serving with
BCA since
December 2020*

Diocese of Tasmania

Paredarerme Country



West Coast Tasmania



The LORD will be king over the whole earth. On that day, there will be one LORD, and His name the only name.
Zechariah 14:9

September

Pray for Wild West Kids – our new Kids Club. Pray for Claire, Cam and the team from All Saints, Launceston, and our locals as we finalise plans. May the Spirit be preparing many kids and carers to meet Jesus.

October

Our first holiday outreach – Wild West Kids – ran from 12–16 October. Pray that kids and families met Jesus. God willing, a new Sunday School began in Strahan on 18 October.

November

Pray for stick people! We need people who will stick around! So many come for a time and drop out. It is so discouraging. Praise God for our small faithful band who keep coming despite the trials and tribulations of life and the weather.

David & Margy serve the Anglican Parish of West Coast Tasmania, which includes Queenstown and Strahan. They have a passion to encourage the faithful to be more like Jesus, and to see people come to know Him.

*Serving with
BCA since
September 2025*

Diocese of Tasmania

**Lowreenne and
Mimegin Country**



Calimë (2004)
Tristan (2007)
Chiara (2009)

King Island



For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings. **Hosea 6:6**

September

Give thanks to God for one year since our commissioning. Ask God to bless connections with the community, which are so vital on the Island. Continue to pray for freight and travel costs to and from the Island. Pray for the next calving season.

October

Pray for good weather as our tourism folk re-energise, and that visitors to the Island would be blessed in interacting with our church folk. Pray for opportunities for church members to share their faith in the community.

November

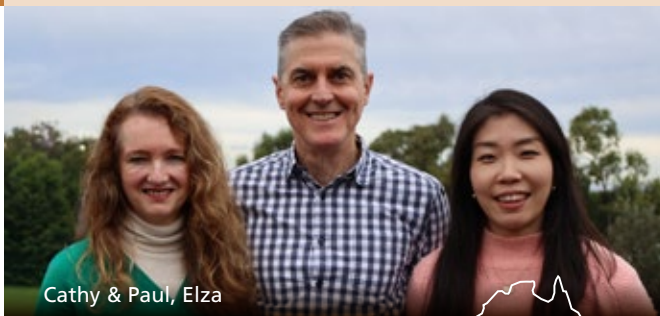
Pray for Year 10 kids preparing to move for schooling away from family and friends (to Melbourne, Burnie, Launceston and elsewhere). Pray for good reflections as we look back over the past year and begin to prepare for Advent and Christmas.

The Killingbeck family commenced serving the faithful on King Island in September 2025. Previously, Tom was a Chaplain in the Royal Australian Air Force.

*Serving with
BCA since
September 2025*

Diocese of Tasmania

Palawa Country



Cathy & Paul, Elza

Paul & Cathy Sampson
Elza Lee



To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honour and glory and power, for ever and ever!

Revelation 5:13

September

Pray for ministry opportunities to country students at the New College (UNSW) Weekend Away in late September, and to Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal delegates at the AEF Conference in Gilgandra over the October long weekend.

October

Pray for fruitful ministries at various partner churches throughout October; that the Gospel would be proclaimed faithfully and boldly, and that many would be enthused by hearing what the Lord is doing in the bush.

November

Praise God for the opportunity to visit and encourage the BCA Nomads as they gather in southern NSW, and for BCA Sundays at churches across Sydney during November.

The NSW/ACT Region incorporates five dioceses: Sydney, Canberra & Goulburn, Newcastle, Bathurst, and Riverina. With over 440 parishes and a population of over seven million, the region has incredible ministry opportunities, and challenges.

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With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of His calling, and that by His power He may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith.

2 Thessalonians 1:11

September

Give thanks for the recent opportunity I had to gather for a week with the other FDMs in my SU Australia NSW/ACT team. Pray I would continue to feel encouraged, refreshed, and inspired by the time spent together.

October

Please pray for all SRE teachers and those in church ministry who are engaging with school students in end of year Christmas assemblies and lessons. Pray that doors would open for these to occur and preparation would be fruitful.

November

Please pray for those working in schools ministry (particularly school chaplains and SRE teachers) as the school year starts to wind down. Pray they might have opportunities to share the love and joy of Jesus.

Rachael works with SU Australia as an FDM, working closely with SRE Boards, SRE Teachers and Chaplains employed in public schools. She also works with volunteers to run camps and provide mission opportunities for children and young people in Central West NSW.

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BCA since
April 2021*

SU Australia

Wiradjuri Country



Ministers in Training Bathurst Cathedral

May your unfailing love come to me,
LORD, your salvation, according to your
promise. **Psalm 119:41**

September

Praise God for Bishop Mark Calder and the way he has led our Diocese with a great love for Jesus, the Bible and the Gospel going out. Pray for Mark & Susan as they finish their time serving in the Central West, and pray that the Lord would provide a new shepherd to lead us in grace and truth.

October

Pray for the Bathurst Diocese Women's Conference on Saturday 24 October. May the women who attend leave with a bigger vision of who God is, and a greater love for Him. Pray for Xanthe as she emcees and helps to coordinate the Conference.

November

Praise God for everything He has been doing in Bathurst this year! We have our annual Thanksgiving Sunday on 29 November. May the Father grow our thankfulness and help our church rejoice in all the good gifts He gives.

Rob & Xanthe are serving at the Bathurst Cathedral for two years to be trained in ministry. Rob studied theology at SMBC after completing a ministry apprenticeship in Christchurch, NZ. Xanthe completed a Master of Divinity at SMBC.

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February 2026*

Diocese of Bathurst

Wiradjuri Country



Elijah (2017)
Joshua (2019)
Hannah (2021)

Kelso



Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

September

Please pray for our Fete happening next month; that we would make good connections with the community and have fruitful Gospel conversations.

October

Please pray for the *Hope Explored* course that we are running before *Playtime*. Pray that parents would want to attend and that it would bring them closer to Christ.

November

Pray for James as he leads the service of thanksgiving to God for Our Year of Prayer in Kelso, and as he shares the vision for 2027.

James, Charly, Elijah, Joshua, and Hannah have served in the Parish of Kelso since January 2025. They pray that God will move among His people in Kelso & O'Connell and grow them in their faith.

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BCA since
January 2023*

Diocese of Bathurst

Wiradjuri Country



Josiah (2018)
Vivienne (2021)
Ezekiel (2024)

Cowra



He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. **Colossians 1:28**

September

Join us in praising God for the outgoing Bishop of Bathurst, Mark Calder, and his faithful service. Please pray for Mark & Susan as they adjust to retirement, and for the appointment of a godly new Bishop.

October

Praise God with us for our BCA partner churches and the many and varied ways they support us as a family, and support our church. Praise God for the BCA Nomads who encourage us as they travel around Australia.

November

Please pray that God would sustain our family as we enter the Christmas season. Please pray that God's Spirit would move in Cowra this Christmas. Pray also for preparations for the 2027 Cowra Summer Breakout.

The Connells have been in Cowra since January 2023. Ben serves as the Priest-in-Charge of St John's Anglican Church. Ben & Alissa, together with their children, seek to love and care for the people of Cowra, and point them to Christ.

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BCA since
January 2023*

Diocese of Bathurst

Wiradjuri Country



Cobar



Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **Colossians 3:1–2**

September

Thank God for raising us with Christ. Thank God also for Mark Calder's seven years of service as Bishop, as he concludes his time this month. Thank God for the great encouragement that he and his wife Susan have been to the Parish of Cobar.

October

Ask God to set our hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Ask that others in the community would come to focus upon things above too.

November

Ask God to prevent us from focusing upon earthly things. Ask God to enable people to realise that money and sport do not compare with the riches and joy of knowing Jesus as Saviour and Lord.

James & Brittany pray for God to soften the hearts of the people of Cobar as they seek to share the Good News of Jesus with them. The principal form of evangelism is through outreach visiting.

*Serving with
BCA since
March 2017*

Diocese of Bathurst

**Ngilyampaa and
Wangaaypwan
Country**



Henry (2014)
Maisie (2016)
Siena (2018)

Jindabyne



I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness... **Psalm 138:2a**

September

Please pray for us and our preparation for Long Service Leave. Give thanks for Trent's ministry in the Anglican Diocese of Sydney and now Canberra and Goulburn. Ask that God would give us an extended season of refreshment in the Lord and joy together as a family.

October

Give thanks for the many gospel seeds scattered throughout the winter season. Pray that those who heard the message of saving grace in Christ at church or at Alpha would turn and trust in Him for eternal life.

November

Please pray for our building project – yes, it's still going! We took a beat to reassess, in the hope of building something bigger and better suited to the church's long-term needs. Ask God to shower us with the resources we need to complete it.

Jindabyne has a year-round need for Bible teaching churches to proclaim the Good News of Jesus and nurture Christian community. The McGraths planted The Village Church as a missional expression of the Anglican Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn.

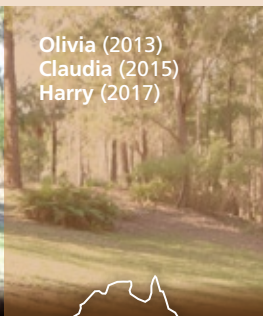
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**Diocese of Canberra
& Goulburn**

Ngarigo Country



Olivia (2013)
Claudia (2015)
Harry (2017)



Norfolk Island



Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

Philippians 4:4-5

September

This month was the Church of England's Annual Spring Fair. This is always a great way to engage with the wider Island community. Please pray this opens up gospel opportunities and a way for God to grow His kingdom on Norfolk Island.

October

Pray for all members of the Church of England on Norfolk Island; that by the Spirit, they will be bold and speak the truth of Jesus into the lives of those God has placed around them.

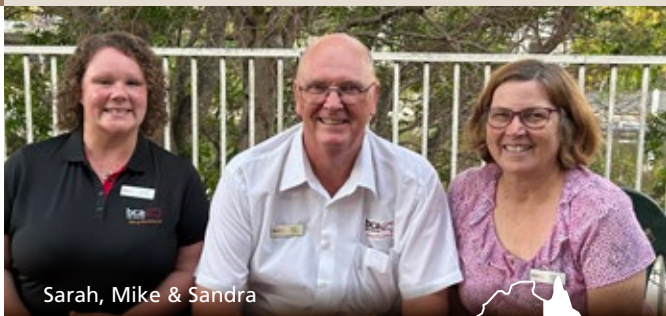
November

Today (25 November) is Thanksgiving Day on Norfolk Island. Around 600 people will gather at All Saints, Kingston. Give thanks to God and pray that the Gospel of Jesus will speak into the lives of those who gather today.

Norfolk Island is about 1400 kms off the east coast of Australia, has 2200 permanent residents and a rich Christian history. Pray the church will live out its vision, to Love Jesus, Love each other, and Love Norfolk Island.

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January 2022*

Diocese of Sydney



Sarah, Mike & Sandra

Mike & Sandra Uptin
Sarah McKinnon



Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. **Isaiah 40:4**

September

Pray for the Armidale Anglican Synod occurring this weekend – especially for Bishop Rod Chiswell as he chairs the meeting. Pray for good attendance at the two BCA Connect events coming up in Coffs Harbour (3 October) and Cairns (10 October).

October

Give thanks for the Central QLD Anglican Synod (23–25 October); for Mike's Synod presentation and deputation to Biloela afterward. Pray for good attendance at BCA Connect Townsville (31 October).

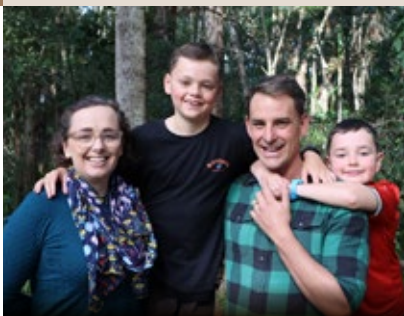
November

Pray for refreshment for Mike & Sandra on Long Service Leave until January 2027. Give thanks for The Revd Daniel Avenell and pray for safe travel and encouragement as he conducts deputations during November and December.

The QLD/NNSW Region covers the geographical areas of the Anglican Dioceses of North QLD, Central QLD, Southern QLD, Grafton and Armidale. Nearly 40 per cent of the population (2.5 million people) live in rural, regional and remote areas.

*Regional Officer
 serving with
 BCA since 2021*

**Turrbal/Yuggera
 Country**



Micah (2016)
Jude (2019)

Gladstone



Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:39

September

Give thanks for those looking to honour God in their lives. Pray for families bringing their children for baptism, for new Christians and for newly married couples. Pray for a new sermon series in Romans over the coming months.

October

Give thanks for the recent gathering of faithful disciples at the ACCQ Synod. Pray that the clergy retreat is a time of refreshment and encouragement, with Greg Harris leading us. Pray for wisdom in planning for the future.

November

Give thanks for the time of gospel outreach with Christmas approaching. Pray for Christmas outreach: RI in local schools and community carols services. Pray for good rest for our volunteers after a busy year. Pray for safety on the roads for all.

David and Zoë have served with BCA since January 2025. Gladstone is an industrial and port city within a wider region of over 60,000 people. There is both great potential and need for the Gospel. The Brownes have a heart for knowing Jesus and making Jesus known.

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Daniel (2010)
Luke (2012)
Matthew (2016)

Emerald/Blackwater



'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and nation.

Revelation 5:9

September

Give thanks that we have people from many backgrounds and cultures in our church family. Pray that we have wisdom in discipling those who have English as a second language.

October

Give thanks for access to schools for Religious Instruction (RI). Pray that the inter-church group will work well together, and see kids and families hungry to know more. Please pray for success in recruiting and training new RI teachers.

November

Give thanks for the first year of our evening congregation; Pray that it would be a gathering easy for unchurched people to understand and feel welcome in.

The Pipers are thankful for their diverse church family, for friends they have made, and the great diocesan team in Central Queensland.

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BCA since
January 2025*

**Anglican Church
Central Queensland**

**Western Kangoulu
Country**



Grace (2016)
Esther (2018)
Josiah (2022)

Cloncurry



"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' **Matthew 25:40**

September

Give God thanks that Simon just conducted his second wedding in Cloncurry and pray for fruit from it. Pray too for safety as we travel 12 hours for the North Queensland Christian Convention and for BCA Connect Cairns.

October

Please pray for weekly services at Cloncurry and Julia Creek and for regular ministry activities including Bible Study groups, RI in school, *mainly music*, and men's and women's ministry. Please also pray as we travel to speak at BCA Connect Townsville.

November

As the early Christmas season begins, please pray for our ministry. Pray for services leading up to Christmas, Carols services at Cloncurry and Julia Creek and for our Cloncurry Church and community barbecue.

Cloncurry has a population of 2900 and is located 780 kms south-west of Townsville. It is a regional service centre and local industries include cattle-grazing and mining. Cloncurry, Julia Creek, and the Gulf area have tiny groups of Christians and many who are yet to hear the Gospel.

*Serving with
BCA since
April 2022*

**Diocese of North
Queensland**

Mitakoodi Country



June (2012)
Arthur (2014)
Lydia (2016)
Jeremiah (2019)
Timothy (2021)

Lightning Ridge



And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward. **Matthew 10:42**

September

Give thanks for our Diocesan Synod which was held over the weekend (25–27 Sept). Pray that our Diocese would be strengthened to press on in our aim of 'introducing all people to Jesus and helping them home to heaven'.

October

Give thanks for our lay preachers, kids and youth leaders, and all who serve humbly and cheerfully in the day-to-day life of our church. Pray for our upcoming Diocesan Youth Camp (Youth Muster) next month; that we might take a whole car load of kids.

November

Give thanks for our Chinese Christmas Banquet and Gospel Gatherings held in Lightning Ridge (20 Nov) and Goodooga (21 Nov), in partnership with a visiting team from a number of Sydney-based Chinese churches.

Lightning Ridge is an iconic, opal-mining town in north-western NSW. The Langmeads love sharing their life & the Gospel: 'Building Christ's Church in the Ridge, on the Rock!' Their main Sunday service is at 9:30am (Brekky Club from 9am). For other groups/ gatherings: lrccweb.site.

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January 2020*

Diocese of Armidale

Kamilaroi Country



Tommy (2021)
Josie (2023)

Minister in Training Lightning Ridge



You have searched me, LORD, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. **Psalms 139:1–2**

September

Please pray for us as we settle into being a family of five*. Pray that we would have great patience and love with each other.

October

Please pray that the Lord would bless the youth in our town and that He will provide ways we can share the love of Christ with them.

November

Thank the Lord for our church family. Please pray that He will grow their faith and love of Him to be shining lights of Christ in the Ridge.

**Baby Ogg was due in mid-August after the Spring Prayer Notes went to print.*

Samuel is a Minister in Training at Lightning Ridge Community Church. The Oggs, have a heart for ministry in the bush and are excited share the Good News of Jesus with the community.

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BCA since
January 2026*

Diocese of Armidale

Kamilaroi Country



Barwon Special District Anglican Parish



Praise the LORD. Praise the name of the LORD; praise Him, you servants of the LORD... Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing praise to His name, for that is pleasant. **Psalms 135:1,3**

September

Please pray for us as we continue to persist with our Collarenebri and Walgett kids' clubs. Pray for our Synod; that wise decisions were made for our Diocese. Please pray for the AEF Family Camp at Gilgandra on the October long weekend.

October

Praise God for our Sector Conference and the encouraging time that we had. Also give thanks for the AEF Family camp at Gilgandra. Please continue to pray for opportunities to share the Gospel with the people in our communities.

November

Please pray for our parish as we prepare for the Walgett and Collarenebri Christmas Carols. Pray that our Carols will be Christ-centred and well attended.

George & Carmel serve God in Walgett and Collarenebri. George serves as the Vicar of the Barwon Special District Anglican Parish. George & Carmel are committed to preaching the Gospel and spreading the Good News of salvation.

*Serving with
BCA since
February 2018*

Diocese of Armidale

**Wailwan and
Kamilaroi Country**

Theological Bursaries (Indigenous & non-Indigenous)



L-R: Shannon, Grace, Meg, Riley, Callum, Nich and Dale.
Not pictured Cam and Daniel.

He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. **Philippians 1:6**

September

As students come towards exam time, ask that God would grant them focus to prepare well and have good recall so that they can remember all they have been taught across the year.

October

Pray that God would raise up more bursary students for 2027 so that there will be more workers in His harvest field across rural, regional and remote Australia.

November

Give thanks for the servant hearts of our Theological Bursary Students and their families.

The BCA Theological Bursary initiatives seek to identify and support students to be suitably trained gospel workers committed to serving in a rural, regional or remote location.

Bursary program re-instituted in 2023



Back row: Wayne Schuller, Peter Palmer*, Tom Melbourne, Greg Harris, Bill Anscombe, Richard Host
Front row: Stephen May, Fred Chilton, Michael Stuart, David Crain, Andrew Harris, Gemma Kleywegt

*no longer serving on the board

The BCA Board meets regularly throughout the year to provide governance and oversight to the Society.

Mr Fred Chilton (Chairman)

Mrs Gemma Kleywegt

**The Revd Greg Harris
(National Director)**

The Revd Stephen May

Mr Richard Host

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The Revd David Crain

The Revd Wayne Schuller

Dr Bill Anscombe

The Revd Michael Stuart

Mr Andrew Harris

- Thank God for everyone who serves on the BCA Board and gives generously of their time, expertise and skills.
- Pray that God will bless the BCA Board with wisdom and discernment as they consider various policies, strategic direction and governance.
- Pray that every decision of the Board will bring honour and glory to God; grow the ministry of BCA and see more people come to know Christ across rural, regional and remote Australia.



Simon Cansdale – Mission Director

I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.

1 Corinthians 3:6–7

September

New ICS Mission Director, The Revd Simon Cansdale, has commenced in the role. Please pray for him as he starts to discern God's call for this next chapter of ICS.

October

ICS Council is preparing for their 24-hour meeting (13 and 14 November); pray that their discussions will be fruitful. Pray especially for new Chair of Council, Bishop James Grier, as he leads, and for the new council members who have joined.

November

Pray for a growing awareness across the Church of the importance of mission and ministry in English for everyone. Pray also for our partnership with local dioceses, especially Bishops and Archdeacons.

ICS partners with around 55 Chaplains and assistant Chaplains working in 65 new and long-established congregations in Europe, North Africa, South America and the South Atlantic. We also provide resort ministry in holiday destinations in Europe and the Mediterranean.

Pray for Former Field Staff and Vacant Parishes



Please join us in praying for the Edwards family who concluded their time with BCA in May this year. Rob, Michelle, Nathan, Josh & Pete continue to faithfully serve at Strathfieldsaye Community Church but they no longer require the financial support of BCA. Please continue to uphold the family and their ministry in your prayers.

Please also pray for the parishes of Kununurra, Exmouth/Onslow, and Croajingolong as they wait for the appointment of full-time ministers. May God raise up workers to go the distance to share Jesus in the bush.

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