

# Prayer *Notes*

WINTER 2026

*Reaching Australia for Christ since 1919*

# The Bush Church Aid Society of Australia

The Bush Church Aid Society has a heart for people living in rural, regional and remote Australia.

We are committed to going the distance to reach Australia for Christ.

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## Under God, we do this by

**proclaiming** Christ so that people may respond to Him;

**nurturing** Christians in their faith and ministry;

**strengthening** local Christian communities in their mission;

**providing** services of Christian care and advocacy;

**developing** an understanding of Christ's mission and

**promoting** active partnership throughout the church.

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## Our core commitments are

**relying** on prayer for God's help and the Holy Spirit's guidance;

**trusting** in the vision, authority and encouragement of Scripture;

**working** in humility, servanthood and fellowship with the church in mission;

**developing** interdependent relationships with Diocesan Bishops;

**providing** pastoral care and professional development for staff and

**responsibly** managing our resources.

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*Going the distance*

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## **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.

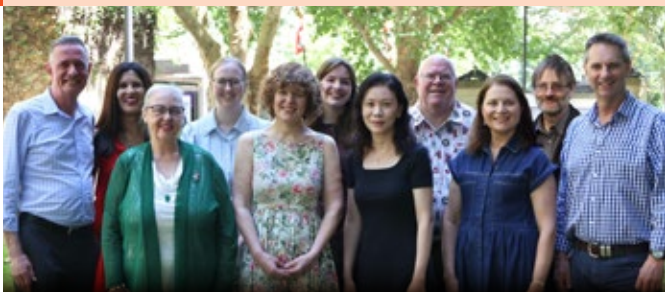
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Back row: Ted Brush, Janine van den Tillaart, Jessica Kim, Sonia Wensley, Greg Bridge, Philip Lidbetter; Front row: Nola Starmans, Susie Mills, Desiree Chan, Karen & Greg Harris

Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.

## Psalm 36:5

### June

Thank God for His provision and goodness towards BCA. As we come to the end of another financial year, thank God for all our faithful supporters and donors. Please pray for our admin team as the end of the financial year is typically a busy time.

### July

Our biennial Field Staff Conference is being held from 6–10 July. Please pray that as Field Staff gather from all around the country, they will be encouraged and refreshed to continue going the distance in the places they serve.

### August

Pray for Greg Harris as he travels to various Field Staff locations this month; for safety and for good and fruitful conversations with those with whom he speaks. Pray also for COO Greg Bridge and his wife Liz, as they enjoy some Long Service Leave this month.

*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**

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. **1 John 1:9**

### June

Thank God for the new Field Staff who have started this year and pray that He would renew their physical, emotional, and spiritual strength, especially when ministry seems repetitive, slow, or lacking progress.

### July

Pray for good connections, fellowship and refreshment for newish Field Staff and their families at next week's Field Staff Conference.

### August

Pray that StartWell participants would develop sustainable rhythms of rest, prayer, and reflection that guard against the world, the flesh and the evil one.

*Malcolm joined BCA to establish 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



As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

**John 15:9**

### June

Pray that many more children would continue to sign up as members of the BCA 4 Kids Program. Thank God for the many who are currently engaged. Please ask that God would inspire them as they are engaged with His mission in Australia.

### July

Pray that the kids who attend the Field Staff Conference this month would be blessed in hearing the word of God and encouraged in their friendships; whether building on years gone by or new friendships that develop during this time.

### August

Thank God for the leaders that attended the Field Staff Conference last month, pray that throughout this month they might experience the Lord's rest and joy.

*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**



Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations. **Jeremiah 1:5**

### **June**

Pray for ONTRACK as we complete our Term 2 program in early June. Please give thanks for our cohort of young people living in the bush.

### **July**

Pray that the ONTRACK program will continue to be a blessing to our current cohort. Pray for them as they serve Jesus where God has placed them. Pray that the July winter holidays will be a time of refreshment for our family.

### **August**

Pray for opportunities to promote BCA and ONTRACK at university Christian groups in the second half of the year. Pray that more young Christians will consider moving to the bush for the Gospel in 2027.

*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**

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. **1 Corinthians 1:18**

### June

Give thanks that a location has been settled on for our Nomads gathering in October and pray for upcoming preparations. Please also pray for Nomads on extended trips; may this extra time allow deeper connection and support.

### July

Give thanks for the Field Staff and their encouragement to Nomads. Pray for the Nomads team serving in children's ministry at the Field Staff Conference next week; for good connections, energy and health.

### August

Give thanks for the many Nomads who have served faithfully over many years. Pray for new members to join the Nomads group; that they will find means and ways of serving that bless others.

*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



There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

**1 Corinthians 12:6–7**

### June

Praise God for those who serve as Field Staff across BCA and pray that through prayer and financial partnership we can join them in their work. Pray that my work encourages people at both ends of the partnership.

### July

Pray that Mid-Year Conferences in WA encourage uni students to serve the risen Christ around Australia and the world. Pray for me as I speak on the topic of the Resurrection. Pray too as I speak at the Perth EFAC Conference.

### August

Pray for visits to churches around Perth; that we encourage those who partner with us. Pray also that plans for BCA Connect later this year come together.

*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



In these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, and through whom also He made the universe. **Hebrews 1:2**

### June

Pray for Scott who is ordained as a Deacon this month. Give thanks for the training he has received and pray that by God's grace he would be faithful to the promises he makes and that God would grant endurance for ministry.

### July

Continue to pray for unity in our parish. Pray that being unified in love and focused on Christ we would be a faithful witness to the local community around us. Pray that in us people would see the goodness of Jesus.

### August

As we return from the BCA Field Staff Conference and some leave, pray that we would be refreshed and energised in serving the Lord and His people. Pray that we would be joyful in the tasks God has given us.

*The Thomson family have moved to the south western coast of Western Australia where Scott is leading 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 from  
April 2026*

**Diocese of Bunbury**

**Wadandi and Pibelmen  
Boodja Country**



### First Nations Ministry Training (FNMT)



But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed. **Isaiah 53:5**

#### June

Due to issues with immigration not approving their visas, Richard & Rio Handley have returned to the USA. Richard was our curriculum development officer and Bible training presenter. Please pray for another worker to fill these positions.

#### July

Praise God for another successful time of outreach Bible training to the Kimberleys and Port Augusta. We give thanks to BCA for the provision of finance to travel and conduct our ministries with First Nations People.

#### August

We ask for God's continued grace and love for the work and ministry of FNMT to His glory and praise. Please pray for us as we enter our sixth year of service with FNMT.

*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.*

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BCA since  
January 2022*

**Aboriginal  
Evangelical  
Fellowship Inc**

**Wadjuk Country**



### Minister in Training Geraldton Cathedral



Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. **1 Peter 1:3**

#### June

Pray for Geraldton Grammar School and the provision of a school chaplain, for deepening relationships between our church and the school, and for the Gospel to be at work there to the glory of God.

#### July

Pray for the development of our 'Ministry Training Pipeline' and for more people to offer themselves as apprentices. Pray also for Nathan studying at Trinity Theological College and for myself learning the ropes as Curate.

#### August

Give thanks for the 'Perth Gospel Partnership', a network of evangelical churches across denominations throughout WA. Pray for our annual conference from 18–19 August and for genuine unity between churches.

*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**

# David & Emma Thompson



Reuben (2017)  
Paige (2018)

## Dongara/Mingenew



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**

### June

Praise God for our congregation members who faithfully meet each Sunday and for the new people who have joined the Dongara Anglican Church community. Pray that God would continue to grow His people in love and unity.

### July

Praise God that we have the chance to meet with other BCA Field Staff at the biennial conference, particularly that Reuben and Paige will be able to hang out with other Christian kids. Thank God that we will head off on holiday afterwards.

### August

Pray for end-of-year kids and youth ministry plans. Pray that God would raise up willing volunteers and that He would be softening hearts in the community in preparation.

*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**

## Mike & Emma Welham



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

**Carnarvon &  
Shark Bay/Denham**



Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction.

**2 Timothy 4:2**

### June

Please pray that Mike would preach the Word in season and out of season, faithfully serving the people entrusted to his care as a shepherd of the flock in Carnarvon.

### July

Pray that the towns of Carnarvon and Shark Bay would be reached with the Gospel, with believers being intentional in reaching out with the Good News of Jesus.

### August

Please pray for Emma in her chaplaincy work. Many staff and students come and go, so pray for continued open doors for Emma to offer support and encouragement to the school community.

*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**

## Roger & Amanda Kyngdon



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

Newman



And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 4:19**

### June

Give thanks for visits from BCA Nomads and the many and varying skills they bring. Give thanks for the beauty of the Pilbara, especially in winter. Pray for the youth group we have started; may more youth attend.

### July

Give thanks for the BCA Field Staff Conference in Queensland. Pray for safety in travel and give thanks for the blessing of visiting family beforehand. Give thanks for our supporters across the country and their constant encouragement in our ministry.

### August

Pray for opportunities to connect with new families in town. Pray for more volunteers to help in Kids Church on Sundays. Pray that our kids will grow in their faith and trust in Jesus.

*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



I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. **Ephesians 3:17b-18**

### June

Give thanks for Bishop Darrell who is speaking at the Hedland/West Pilbara church camp this month. Pray that as we meet with the Pilbara Aboriginal Church in early June, reconciliation is experienced around Jesus.

### July

Please pray that God would raise up workers for His harvest field specifically in the areas of kids, music and evangelism ministries. Give thanks for the many kids coming to church each week.

### August

Pray for our evangelistic efforts: for our toddler ministry; for our chaplains to schools, prisoners, police and seafarers. Pray that we might run evangelistic events this month.

*It's winter that reminds us why we love living in Karratha. Warm sunny days and refreshing cool nights bring this Pilbara port town to life. As people enjoy creation though winter, pray that the church might help the community know the creator of this place.*

*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



Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the Gospel of God but our lives as well. **1 Thessalonians 2:8**

### June

Pray that those who heard the Gospel through our 321 course will come to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour. Thank God for the wonderful Pilbara winter weather! Pray that our combined church camp with the Parish of West Pilbara (19–21 June) will be a wonderfully encouraging time.

### July

Pray for safe travel to and from the BCA Field Staff Conference (6–10 July) and a restful and refreshing family holiday following (11–19 July).

### August

Pray that our youth group leaders and youth will all be encouraged from our time together. Ask for God to bring new youth to join us, especially the unbelieving friends of our youth; may they hear the Gospel and be saved.

*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)



When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.' **John 8:12**

### June

Give thanks and pray for Luiza Valadao, who is filling in as the SA/NT admin assistant while Esther is on maternity leave. Please pray for BCA Sundays at Largs Anglican, Naracoorte Uniting and City Reach Marion.

### July

Pray for good refreshment at the BCA Field Staff Conference (6–10 July). Pray also for BCA Sundays at St Barts Norwood, St Georges Magill, and the AFES Mid-Year conferences.

### August

Pray for good engagement with BCA Sundays at Trinity Churches Victor Harbor and Golden Grove, Christ Church North Adelaide, Trinity Church Lockleys and then our BCA Connect week – Spring Edition.

*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**



## Nungalingya College



But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. **Isaiah 40:31**

### June

Pray for comfort to communities conducting funerals in the dry season, give safe travel to staff visiting family, and grant rest, reconnection and strength for those carrying heavy cultural and emotional loads.

### July

Pray for energy, unity, wisdom and patience in cross-cultural learning with the return to classes. May God protect the health and rhythms of staff and students.

### August

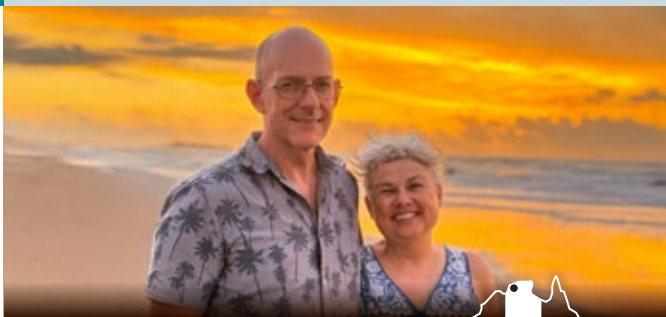
Pray for perseverance through the term, deep learning that lasts, increasing confidence and voice in students, and peace throughout, with good boundaries, shared support, and moments of joy.

*Nungalingya 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*

**Nungalingya College**

**Larrakia Country**



## Nungalinga College Dean



Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go. **Joshua 1:9**

### June

Thank God for the students who have been able to study in Block 3 (mid-May to mid-June). Pray that they will get home safely. Pray that they will live out and share what they have learnt in their communities and be light and salt for the Lord Jesus.

### July

Pray that God will guide each student He wants studying at Nungalinga to be able to come for Block 4 (mid-July to mid-August). Pray they won't get sick and that no emergency from their community will occur to interrupt their time at Nungalinga.

### August

Thank God for the students who studied in Block 4. Pray that they will live out and share what they have learnt. Pray that they will be light and salt for the Lord Jesus.

*Annette is the Anglican Dean at Nungalinga College. She is married to Greg, the Bishop of the Northern Territory. Annette has been a trainer at Nungalinga 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**



What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? **James 2:14**

## June

Thank God for the provision of a chaplain for Block 3. Pray that God will sustain the chaplain through to the end of the block. May God give her wisdom as she counsels and prays for students in need.

## July

Pray that God will guide the right person to come to Nungalinya to be a chaplain for Block 4. Pray that the chaplain will take initiative when appropriate. Pray that as the chaplain helps to sustain students, God will sustain the chaplain.

## August

Thank God for the provision of a chaplain for Block 4. Pray that God will sustain the chaplain through to the end of the block. May God give her wisdom as she counsels and prays for students in need.

*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**



For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

### **Romans 3:23–24**

- Pray for strength for Indigenous teachers to support students and to be able to focus on teaching.
- Pray for the health and safety of families and communities at home while teachers are in Darwin. Pray for an end to fighting, especially among young people.
- Pray that students will be able to focus on study and manage contact from family who are in Darwin for other reasons. Pray for more young people to come to study at Nungalinya to learn about Jesus.

*In partnership with Nungalinya, this program will see 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*

**Nungalinya College**

**Larrakia Country**



## Katherine



Mightier than the thunder of the great waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea – the LORD on high is mighty.

**Psalm 93:4**

### June

Pray for Katherine as we continue to recover from the flooding in March. Ask God to give us opportunities to keep serving the town, and courage to point people to the hope we have in Jesus.

### July

July is prime time for Katherine as it's the Northern Territory dry season! Ask that God would give us energy to be present in the community and ready to make the most of every opportunity to share the Gospel.

### August

Give thanks for the Aboriginal people who come to church each week, especially for their example of faith and joy in following Jesus. Ask God to give us the help we need to make church accessible and edifying for every person who comes, no matter their cultural background.

*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



Jesus said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace'.

**Luke 7:50**

### June

Thank God for His work around the Diocese. Thank Him for the Diocesan Workers and Families Conference. Ask that it will refresh and encourage all gospel workers. Thank God for the team of volunteers running the kids and youth programs.

### July

Thank God for school holidays. Ask for good rest. Thank God for the Field Staff Conference! Give thanks for all involved and pray that it helped foster long-term relationships. Ask for God's provision of resources and people for the Society to grow.

### August

Thank God for our church camp. Pray for our partner church, Trinity Unley, as they visit and support us to run the camp. Thank God for the fellowship we have in the Gospel. Ask God for safety on the road for everyone.

*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



After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," He said. "The Kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" **Mark 1:14–15**

### June

Pray that Christians working for BHP and those staying in the mining camps can connect and form a Christian community. Pray for wisdom in growing ministry and support in these areas.

### July

Thank God for our partnership with the Trinity Church Network and the annual mission. Thank God for the fruit from these missions and for those who are now part of our church family.

### August

Pray for the Trinity mission team as it is formed and as plans are made for the mission. Pray that God would be preparing the hearts of children, youth and their families to respond to the Good News of Jesus.

*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



'I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.' **John 16:33**

### June

Please pray for our interactions with the community during the Opal Festival this weekend and for opportunities to invite people to come to church. Pray also for the advance preparations of two mission teams coming to Coober Pedy in October and November this year.

### July

Give thanks for the BCA Field Staff Conference held last week. Give thanks also for good fellowship with other Field Staff and BCA staff, for refreshment, encouragement and good Bible teaching.

### August

Please pray for us as this weekend we join with Alice Springs Anglican Church for their church camp. Pray for good connections, fellowship and encouragement. Pray also for the BCA Connect week in Adelaide; for good conversations and interactions.

*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.*

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BCA since  
March 2024*

**Diocese of Willochra**

**Arabana &  
Kokatha Country**



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

## Church planting in Goolwa from Victor Harbor



So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. **Colossians 2:6–7**

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

### June

A current focus is to grow the serving capacity of the Victor Harbor church, so that it's as ready as possible for sending out a group of people to the new church plant. Please pray for gospel-hearted responses.

### July

We've had a couple of men come to faith in Jesus this year. Praise God for the opportunity to baptise new believers and pray that they would be established in faith.

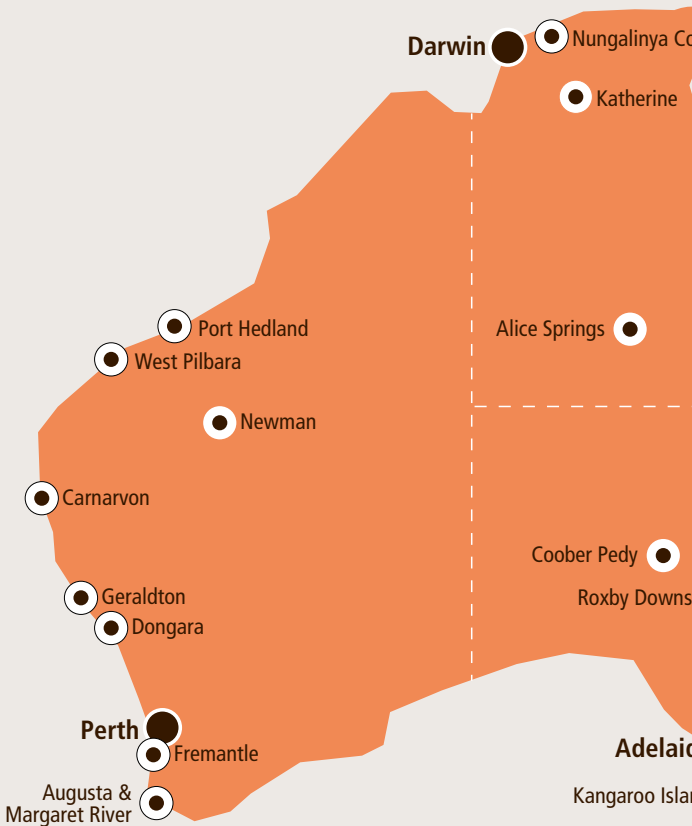
### August

Please pray for clarity and wise decisions to be made as we wait for a new long-term pastor at Victor Harbor and plan the timing around launching the new church in Goolwa.

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**Trinity Church  
Network**

**Ramindjeri and  
Ngarrindjeri Country**

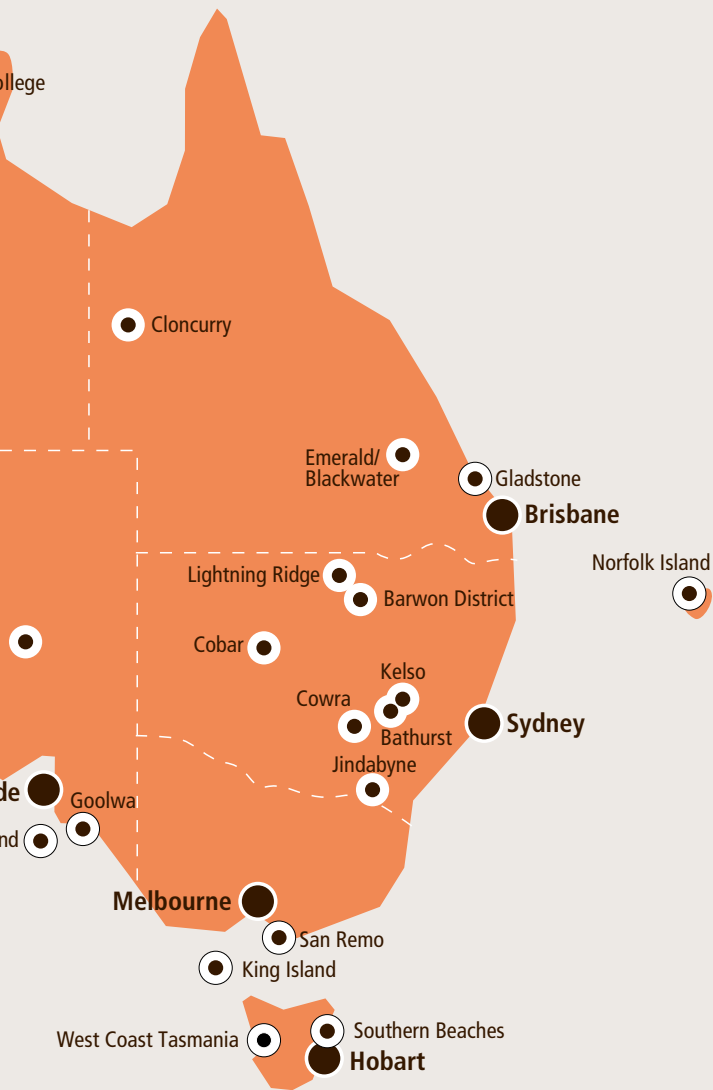


### THE BCA PRAYER

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



Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. **1 John 3:18**

### June

Please thank our Father God for strengthening and upholding us during this time of loss for our family. Please continue to pray for His work in us and our work for Him.

### July

Please give thanks and praise for God's blessings. Continue to pray for wisdom and guidance and for the spread of the Gospel. Please pray for our family.

### August

Please pray for our work; that we can spread the Good News amongst our people. Please pray for the children in the communities we serve and pray against drugs, alcohol and gambling addictions.

*Jack & Lill serve God as itinerant outreach workers, taking the Gospel to Aboriginal communities in rural and remote areas of South Australia. They currently lead the Copley Christian Fellowship.*

*Serving with  
BCA since  
November 2017*

**Aboriginal Berean  
Community Church**

*Kurna Country*



## Ministry Trainee Aboriginal Berean Community Church



Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.' **Matthew 9:37–38**

### June

First and foremost, all praise and glory goes to God. Continue to pray for the Bible studies that are happening at church as we have newcomers attending. Pray that it shapes their lives.

### July

Please pray for me as I complete the last unit required to finish my associate degree. Pray that I have the capacity to finish off this last unit strongly and obtain as much knowledge as I can for my ministry ahead.

### August

Continue to pray for our church leaders as they serve faithfully within the Aboriginal Berean Community Church. Pray for strength and endurance, also pray for more young people who are willing to step up and serve God within the church.

*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.*

*Serving with  
BCA since  
July 2025*

**Aboriginal Berean  
Community Church**

**Karna Country**



## Kangaroo Island



Through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

**Romans 8:2**

### June

It is celebration month – both congregations will celebrate the Feast of their Patron Saint, with guest preachers, concerts, a food fest, visiting Bishops and the signing of the Mutual Covenant between KI Anglican and the KI Lutheran Church. Praise God with us.

### July

We attended the BCA Field Staff Conference last week. Give thanks for the encouragement, renewal and growth through God's Word and worship. Give thanks also for locum Brian Jeffries who cared for the parish in our absence.

### August

In God's kindness we are running *Taste and See* this month. Pray for us to be bold in asking our friends and neighbours to come. Ask Jesus to move in people's lives to be prompted to seek after God at this time.

*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.*

*Serving with  
BCA since  
March 2025*

**Diocese of Adelaide**

**Ramindjeri Country**



Matt &amp; Adrian

**Adrian Lane**  
**Matt Smith**

Very truly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

**John 12:24**

### June

Praise God that Christ's death produced such an abundance of eternal fruit. May Adrian's ministry at Deep Creek (21 June), Bentleigh (28 June), the Field Staff Conference and at the Melbourne Anglican Ministry Conference generate Christ's fruit.

### July

Pray that many across regional Victoria would die to self and produce eternal fruit for Christ. Adrian is at Ivanhoe on 19 July and North Carlton on 26 July. Pray for Matt to be fruitful in the office as Adrian is on leave in August.

### August

Pray that the work of BCA Victoria would produce abundant eternal fruit. Adrian is at Pantom Hill (6 Sept), Ridley College (8 Sept) and Greensborough (13 Sept).

*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



For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities – His eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. **Romans 1:20**

### June

Pray that God would connect us to the people He wants us to reach early on in our time in the Parish so that we can nurture their faith. Pray for favour as we seek to build trust with our new congregation and learn to lead them.

### July

Pray for discernment as we consider ways to do outreach in Newhaven, Cape Woolamai and San Remo. Your Kingdom come!

### August

Pray that God would help us build new support structures quickly as we raise our two kids on the Island.

*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.*

*Serving with BCA  
since April 2026*

**Diocese of Gippsland**

**Bunurong Country**



Caleb (2011)  
Abigail (2020)

## Josh & Naomi Skeat



This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. **John 3:19**

### June

Our Synod meets around this time in June – pray for all our representatives and especially those who need to travel longer distances to meet together. Pray for godly discussions and wisdom.

### July

Give thanks for the Field Staff Conference; for safe travel to and from it, that all our Field Staff were blessed and refreshed by their time at it, and that they settle back into their ministries quickly.

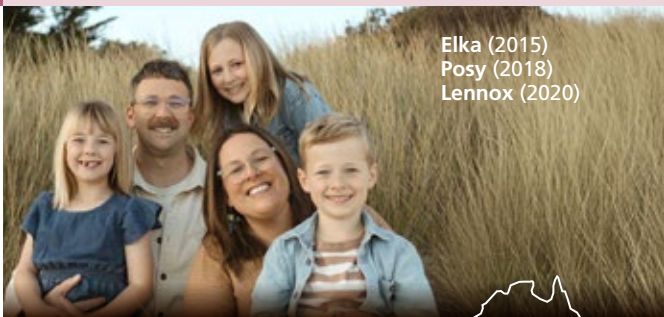
### August

August is often wet, dark and miserable in Tasmania. Please pray for us as we hold out the light and love of Christ to our community. Pray also for those who are homeless and that our local ministry to the needy will bear gospel fruit.

*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.*

*Serving with  
BCA since 2020*

*Tommeginne Country*



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

## Southern Beaches

For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. **2 Corinthians 6:2**

### June

In late May we had confirmations and baptisms. Pray that those who made a public declaration of their faith in God would be strengthened and emboldened to live for Him and share their faith.

### July

We are just about to finish a month of annual leave. We have attended the BCA Field Staff Conference and enjoyed a family holiday. Give thanks for times of refreshing for us and for the volunteers at church.

### August

This month we're doing a short teaching series encouraging our church to go deeper into their relationship with Jesus. Pray that God would stir our hearts to search for Him, find Him, and worship Him in every part of our lives.

*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



He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

### **Micah 6:8**

#### **June**

As the nation celebrates NAIDOC week (5–12 July), pray that Christians in the Western Wilds would be open and welcoming. Pray for opportunities to listen humbly, for bridges to be built, and for many to meet the one who suffered injustice and shame for them.

#### **July**

Praise God for Cameron, Claire and the All-Saints network in Launceston! God willing, they will send a team of skilled children's workers to run a holiday outreach in Strahan in October.

#### **August**

The typical Western Wilder is a survivor, used to solving problems with no outside help. Pray for humility, with hearts that discover the truth of the Psalmist's words: *Because I love your commands more than gold, more than pure gold.* (Psalm 119:127).

*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**



Calimè (2004)  
Tristan (2007)  
Chiara (2009)

## King Island



Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain. **1 Corinthians 15:58b**

### June

Pray that God provides a way to minimise the impact of fuel prices on travel to and from the Island, including freight costs. Thank God for generous people who share eggs, veggies, milk and meat. Pray the Church sees and provides for needs in the community.

### July

Thank God for the young people on the Island, for Tom's engagement at the school breakfast program, and for games nights, youth groups and the building up of our 'disciples in training'.

### August

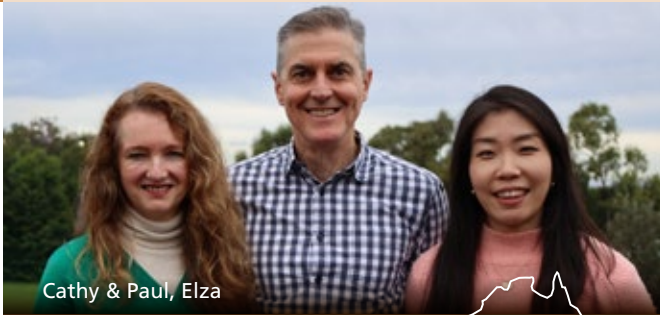
Thank God for one year of ministry on the Island, and for His grace and favour with the church and the community. Thank God for the support of BCA leadership, partner churches and for the flow-on effects of recharging at the BCA Field Staff Conference!

*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 &amp; Paul, Elza

**Paul & Cathy Sampson**  
**Elza Lee**

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?

**Matthew 6:25**

### June

Pray that the Field Staff Conference will provide the opportunity for many encouraging conversations and refreshment for all who attend, as well as refuelling Field Staff for the next season.

### July

Pray that more churches and individuals would partner with BCA in its mission and become prayer and financial supporters.

### August

Praise God for the many opportunities to preach missionally and remind people of the wonderful things the Lord is doing across Australia. Pray that the churches Paul visits this month in Weston/Molonglo, Castle Hill, Greenwich, Jindabyne and West Wollongong would be blessed through his ministry.

*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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## SU Australia Field Development Manager



Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. **Romans 12:12**

### June

Please pray for your local schools by name – that Jesus would be a light in those places. Ask Him to use His people who are there in teaching roles (including SRE/CRI), as Chaplains, and school support staff for His good purposes.

### July

Thank God for the opportunities to gather with both my BCA family and my SU Australia family at their conferences this month. Give thanks for encouragement and refreshment.

### August

Please pray for all vacant positions in schools' ministry around the nation. Please pray that God would raise up faithful people to answer the call with "Here am I. Send me!", particularly to rural areas in need of more faithful people to join them.

*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.*

*Serving with  
BCA since  
April 2021*

SU Australia

Wiradjuri Country



## Ministers in Training Bathurst Cathedral



I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

**Psalms 119:10–11**

### June

Pray for our youth group ministry which is just two months old. Please pray that God would give us wisdom as we engage youth with the Bible. Pray that there would be increased momentum and that youth will invite friends along.

### July

Pray for a time of rest as we travel to Queensland to visit close friends. May we also be able to reflect well on our first six months at Bathurst Anglican.

### August

Pray for Rob as he begins planning a men's day away. Pray that God gives him wisdom as to what the men of Bathurst Anglican need to hear from the Bible. Pray also that it would be an encouraging time away that equips these men in the work of the Gospel.

*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.*

*Serving with  
BCA since  
February 2026*

**Diocese of Bathurst**

**Wiradjuri Country**



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

Kelso



And He has raised up for His people a horn, the praise of all His faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to His heart. **Psalm 148:14**

### June

Please pray that God would continue to build bridges between Playtime and Church with more Playtime families exploring who Jesus is.

### July

Please pray that God would continue to grow our love of prayer as we work through the book of Daniel and see His sovereignty afresh.

### August

While we have very servant-hearted congregations, the harvest field is plentiful. God has encouraged us to pray for more workers so please pray that He might raise more up for us.

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

*Serving with  
BCA since  
January 2023*

Diocese of Bathurst

Wiradjuri Country



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

Cowra



That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

**2 Corinthians 12:10**

### June

Praise God for almost four months of SRE in 2026. Please pray for continued energy and creativity for SRE teachers as they prepare lessons. Please pray for fruit from school SRE in Cowra and surrounds, that includes an impact on whole families.

### July

Praise God for the opportunity to attend the Field Staff Conference; to be encouraged, trained and equipped for our ministry in Cowra. Please pray for continued energy and good health for our family through winter.

### August

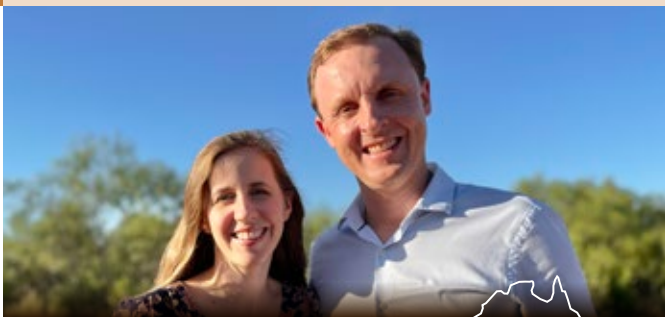
Praise God for eight years of Josiah. Please pray that he would continue to grow in the love and knowledge of God, and that he would come to know Christ as his Lord and Saviour.

*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.*

*Serving with BCA since January 2023*

**Diocese of Bathurst**

**Wiradjuri Country**



Cobar



...having cancelled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; He has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.

**Colossians 2:14**

### June

Thank God for blotting out the list of debts that stood against us. Ask that God would enable others to realise His grace. Ask God to bless and build His church here in Cobar.

### July

Thank God for declaring us righteous in His eyes through Jesus Christ. Ask that we would proclaim the mighty acts of God. Ask that people would turn to Jesus and no longer be condemned.

### August

Thank God for the cross of Christ. Thank God for the forgiveness of sins. Please enable people to look to the cross and be saved.

*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



Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

**Colossians 3:1–4**

### June

Please pray that our time away at the BCA Field Staff Conference will be refreshing for our family. Pray also for the TVC leadership team, giving thanks to God that He has raised up people to serve faithfully while we are away.

### July

Give thanks to the Lord for sustaining our family and our church through the first half of the year. Pray for the winter season; that God would equip us to welcome, love and serve those whom He brings into our midst.

### August

Give thanks to God for the snow that's fallen so far this year! Pray that more would fall so it's a long and joyous season for the workers and residents who love this part of God's creation.

*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.*

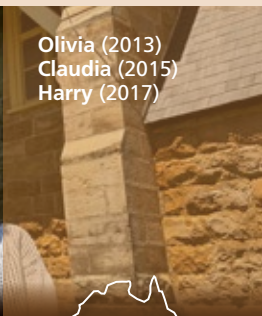
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**Diocese of Canberra  
& Goulburn**

**Ngarigo Country**



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



## Norfolk Island



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**

### June

As we celebrated Bounty Day earlier this month, please pray that God will be at work in the lives of many as we reflect on the Christian heritage of Norfolk Island.

### July

Give thanks to God for the BCA Field Staff Conference held earlier this month. Give thanks for the fellowship and encouragement we received as Field Staff came from all over Australia to share stories of the work God is doing in our locations.

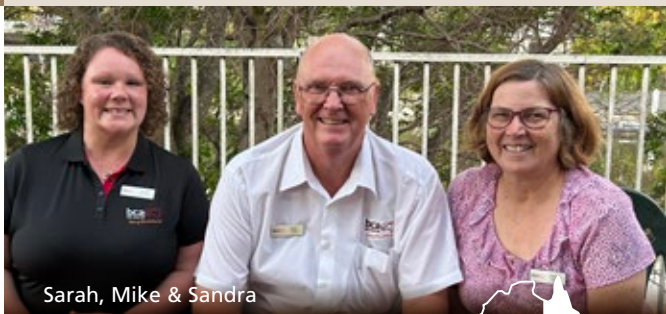
### August

Please pray for our Winter Warmers outreach event. Ask that God would bring people to experience Christian fellowship and be impacted by the Good News of Jesus.

*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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BCA since  
January 2022*

**Diocese of Sydney**



Sarah, Mike &amp; Sandra

**Mike & Sandra Uptin**  
**Sarah McKinnon**



The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. **Psalm 23:1**

### June

The Anglican Dioceses of Brisbane and Grafton are holding their Synods over the next couple of days. Please pray for wisdom and graciousness and a clear focus on the Gospel of Jesus.

### July

Give thanks for the Field Staff Conference and the relationships built and renewed. Pray for BCA Connect Armidale on 15/16 August; that George Ferguson would encourage attendees to continue supporting ministry in the bush.

### August

Pray that Mike's visits to Gladstone and Emerald/Blackwater in the next few weeks would bring God's joy to him, the Field Staff and the churches. Also pray for preparation for deputations by former Field Staff Daniel Avenell while Mike is on Long Service Leave in November/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



For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God who brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. **Romans 1:16**

### June

Give thanks for the 40th birthday celebrations of St Peter's this month; a testament to faithful service and God's provision. As the weather gets colder, pray for Soup Kitchen diners and people without accommodation.

### July

Give thanks for Bishop Peter's visit to Gladstone this month. Pray that enquirers would continue to investigate Christianity and come along to church. Pray that people would respond to invitations to grow in faith in Jesus through baptism and confirmation.

### August

Give thanks for faithful volunteers who serve in many ways across our church and wider community. Pray for our Kids Church; that the children (including ours) would grow in faith, hope and love.

*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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BCA since  
January 2025*

**Anglican Church  
Central Queensland**

**Bailai, Gurang, Gooreng  
Gooreng and Taribelang  
Bunda Country**



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

## Emerald/Blackwater



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**

### June

Please pray for people to be hungry to grow in their character and ministry competence (praying, reading, teaching, witnessing, welcoming) and the discipline to spend time investing in it.

### July

Thank God for our kids program ('Truth Trackers'). Pray that parents will commit to bringing their children along, and that we will disciple them well. We also ask for wisdom in helping parents disciple their children.

### August

Ask God for wisdom and unity for the Parish Council in how to best care for and use our property. Give thanks for BCA Nomads and church members working on maintenance and upgrades.

*The Pipers are thankful for their first year in Emerald/Blackwater; for friends they have made, for their diverse church family, and the great diocesan team in Central Queensland.*

*Serving with  
BCA since  
January 2025*

**Anglican Church  
Central Queensland**

**Western Kangoulu  
Country**



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

## Cloncurry



So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. **Genesis 12:4**

### June

As we prepare to travel to the BCA Field Staff Conference, pray that this will be an encouraging and refreshing time and that God will keep working in Cloncurry and Julia Creek during our absence.

### July

Pray that God will keep growing His people and kingdom in Cloncurry and Julia Creek. Pray He will keep drawing people to Himself through the 9am & 5pm services in Cloncurry and the monthly services at Julia Creek.

### August

Please pray for the ECU mission from James Cook University happening this week. Pray that God will be at work through His church, the mission team and in all we have planned.

*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



For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 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 8:38–39**

### June

Give thanks for the visit from St Bart's Youth so we could hold another youth edition of our monthly gospel gathering last Saturday night.

### July

Give thanks that Christ's welcome extends to all tribes and cultures – pray for gospel fruit from among some of our local 'tribes' who will gather this month for NAIDOC Week and the Gem Festival.

### August

Give thanks for our AGM held on Sunday 16 August. Pray for our incoming Parish Council; for wisdom, gospel vision and servant hearts.

*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](http://lrccweb.site).*

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Tommy (2021)  
Josie (2023)

## Minister in Training Lightning Ridge



God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

**2 Corinthians 5:21**

### June

Pray that the youth in our town whom we have connected with through SRE and other events will continue taking steps towards Jesus. Pray also for wisdom for our church as we try to cater for youth.

### July

Pray for our new Christians growth group as we teach them the core truths of our faith and life following Jesus. Pray they would grow in depth of knowledge of their Saviour.

### August

Give thanks for the safe arrival of our third child. Please pray as we enjoy time as a family of five and for joy, sleep and recovery for Grace.

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

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### Barwon Special District Anglican Parish



Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

#### **Ephesians 1:3**

#### **June**

Please pray for NAIDOC services that are to be held across our great land. Pray for revival in many remote and rural areas. Pray for our BCA Field Staff Conference in two weeks' time; for safe travel and a time of blessing and encouragement.

#### **July**

Please pray for our AGM and the election of parish councillors; that the people elected will be godly and living according to God's Word. Give thanks for all those who have faithfully served on Parish Council.

#### **August**

Pray for the Armidale Diocese Synod; that God will lead us by His Holy Spirit and give us godly wisdom to make wise choices with the resources He has given us.

*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.*

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## Theological Bursaries (Indigenous & non-Indigenous)



**Top L-R: Callum, Cam, Dale, Grace & Nich.  
Bottom L-R: Riley, Daniel, Meg & Shannon.**

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word. After He had provided purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. **Hebrews 1:3**

### June

Please give thanks for our 2026 Theological Bursary students and their heart for serving Jesus in rural, regional and remote Australia after they complete their studies.

### July

Please pray that our students would continue the year with enthusiasm and diligence to learn and grow in their understanding of God and His Word.

### August

Pray that the grant that these students receive from BCA helps them to fully focus on their studies.

*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*



Greg B, Richard, Gemma, Greg H, Fred

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**The Revd Canon Greg Harris**

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**Mr Greg Bridge**

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**Ms Gemma Kleywegt**

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**Ms Katarina Mostarac** (not pictured)

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**Please give thanks to God:**

- for continued growth in donation income and BCA's loyal and generous supporters.
- for the time and skills of the Committee members.
- that BCA's systems continue to be safe, effective and efficient



## Simon Cansdale – Mission Director

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose. **Romans 8:28**

### June

The ICS AGM and Showcase will be held in Coventry on Friday 19 July where we look forward to introducing and welcoming the next ICS Mission Director, The Revd Simon Cansdale. At the meeting we will say goodbye to retiring Mission Director, The Revd Canon Richard Bromley.

### July

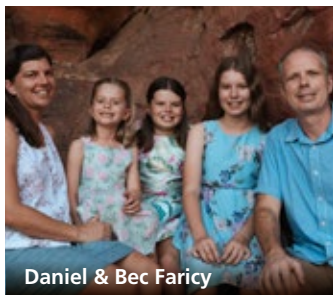
Please pray for new ICS Mission Director Simon Cansdale as he settles in, meets with ICS mission partners and starts working with the ICS staff team. Pray that he is welcomed well and will quickly get a grasp of the multi-faceted ministry ICS is involved in.

### August

This holiday month, please pray for rest and refreshment for those travelling or taking a break at home. Pray also for our chaplaincies; may they welcome many visitors and be a source of blessing.

*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



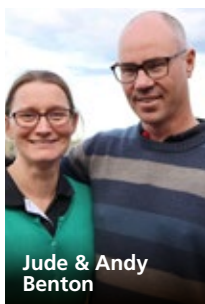
Daniel & Bec Faricy



Rob & Michelle Edwards



Jacob & Sarah Kelly



Jude & Andy Benton



Simon & Alison Roberts

Please join us in praying for the Field Staff who concluded their time with BCA at the end of last year and early this year:

- **Daniel & Bec Faricy** have moved to Diocese of Central Queensland where Daniel is serving as Dean of the Rockhampton Cathedral.
- **Simon & Alison Roberts** have moved back to Sydney where Simon is serving on the ministry team at Bayside Anglican.
- **Jacob & Sarah Kelly** have moved to serve at South Wagga Anglican Church.
- **Jude & Andy Benton** have moved to Adelaide with Jude taking up a role as the Coordinator of Ministry Discernment and Formation at St Barnabas College.
- \* **Rob & Michelle Edwards**, Nathan, Josh & Pete continue to serve in Strathfieldsaye but no longer require the support of BCA.

Please also pray for the parishes of Kununurra, Exmouth/Onslow, Kyabram and Croajingolong as they wait for the appointment of full-time ministers.

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