

Carnarvon Together!

with Mike & Emma Welham • October 2026



Hello Supporters, we're excited to update you on our ministry in Carnarvon and Shark Bay over the past few months. We've been so encouraged by the faithfulness of those whom God has entrusted to our care.

Since March this year, we have spent the majority of our time in Carnarvon. Shark Bay has had a number of ministers (and their families) coming for a holiday break each month, they run Sunday Services during their stay. For the Sundays without a minister, the Diocese sends packaged services complete with pre-recorded songs, and a video sermon produced by Lachlan Edwards, Dean of the Geraldton Anglican Cathedral. We call this growing sermon library 'North West Live'.

Lachlan's sermons have also come in handy for St George's Carnarvon in the event that Mike is unwell, visiting Shark Bay, or most recently, while we were away at the BCA Field Staff Conference. These video sermons are also sent out to those centres in the Northwest who don't currently have a minister of their own, enabling local wardens to lead services with confidence.

Give thanks for the congregation of Shark Bay and the ministers who have preached faithfully over the past six months.

Give thanks for Lachlan Edwards and North West

Live. Also give thanks for the faithful saints in Carnarvon and Shark Bay.

In the second week of August we had the annual visit of Year 10 students from Geraldton Christian College. Around 70 kids came across as part of what they call *Service Week*. Their primary focus is running activities and lessons and having fun interactions with the primary students at Carnarvon Christian School. They also do community work going out in teams of 10 and helping people in the community in various ways. They did a cleanup at the Church of Christ, and they helped us with gardening and getting the weeds out of the paving at our church.

This service trip is a long-standing tradition between the two schools and historically some primary school students move to Geraldton Christian College for their high schooling.

A few of the teachers from Geraldton Christian College who were part of our previous church, came for *Service Week*, and it was a really happy occasion to see them. Annalise Edwards, the lead teacher this year is great friends with Emma.

Banner Image: Dolphins at Monkey Mia

Circle Image: The Welhams

Middle Image: Cape Peron at Shark Bay.
Photo by Dylan Shaw on Unsplash.

Bottom Image: Mike down at the water



Carnarvon Harbour

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Emma spent a lot of time with the team hanging out and being an extra set of hands. She even went down to a local cafe every morning and bought coffees for all the staff, which were gratefully received!

The three protestant churches got together at the beginning of *Service Week* for a combined church service. It's great working together with these churches and Mike is working hard to continue building on those relationships. At the end of the year there will be a combined churches Community Carols and a combined Christmas Eve Service.

Give thanks for the students from Geraldton Christian

College and their faithful service in Carnarvon.

Give thanks for the unity with the other two protestant churches in town. May Mike be able to build on those relationships.

In terms of our everyday Sunday ministry, since our return from the Field Staff Conference, Mike has been preaching through the book of Ezra. A couple of new Christians in the congregation have been really enjoying the teaching. Mike is also trying to experiment with how he preaches, not just expository preaching, but also topical preaching. Mike's considering doing a topical series centred around questions that people

might ask about why Christians do things. Why do Christians baptise? Why do Christians pray? Why do Christians make so much of the Bible? Earlier this year, Mike did a short series on the importance of doctrine, and the doctrine of the Trinity.

Pray for Mike as he preaches to the faithful in Carnarvon and encourages them in their faith.

Our Diocesan Synod was held last week. It's really important that we govern our diocese well. So, as a parish we were thinking toward Synod and how that trickles down to what we're on mission for here in Carnarvon. May God be glorified!

With love from,
Mike, Emma, Zac, Ollie & Eliza

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