

Prayer Notes



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 remote and regional Australia.

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

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.

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.



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 peoples 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.

PEOPLE

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DAYMOND, James & Brittany	Narromine	23
DUFF, Chris & Naomi	Brighton	19
FARICY, Daniel & Rebecca	Kununurra	4
FELL, David & Crystal	Norfolk Island	24
FERGUSON, George	Indigenous Ministry Trainee – Tamworth	28
GOSCOMBE, Richard & Tracy	Wickham	6
HALLINAN, Cheryl	Bush Scripture Adviser – NSW	22
HALLYBURTON, Topher & Chica	RE Worker – Darwin/Palmerston	10
HARRADINE, Jack & Lill	Broken Hill	23
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PEOPLE

LOCATION

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ORR, Doug & Frances	Nomads Coordinators	2
PAINTING, Helena	Yass/Bookham	22
PARABURDOO/TOM PRICE	Vacant	7
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REEVE, Simon & Alison	Woolgoolga	29
ROGERS-SMITH, David & Julie	QLD/Nth NSW Regional Office	25
SHORT, Mark & Monica	National Office	1
SLACK, Kristan & Kathryn	Katherine	11
TAMSETT, Ayumi	Gilgandra School Chaplaincy	21
THIELE, Chris & Wendy	King Island	17
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Editorial – Life with God is never less

When God called Monica and I to move from Wagga Wagga back to the big city seven and half years ago it was a gracious surprise. We'd loved our time serving in the bush but were thankful for the opportunity to pursue that passion in a new role with BCA.

Since then, God has continued to surprise us. Almost always He has done so through His people. I think of the lady who I encountered in one of my first interstate trips, who shared how God called her to faith in Jesus as a three-year-old through the witness of a BCA Missioner in outback South Australia. I think of the lady at the service station in McKinlay North-West Queensland (population 20) who introduced herself as a long-term BCA supporter. I think of Field Staff going bush to make Jesus known when it would be more comfortable and convenient to remain closer to home. I think of countless emails, letters and cards each with their own message of encouragement.

I also think of what cannot be seen, but which I know to be real – the prayers of God's people for us and for the work of BCA. Writing to the church at Corinth Paul puts it this way *On God we have set our hope that He will continue to deliver us as you help us by your prayers* (2 Corinthians 1:10–11). Prayer is more than good intentions or an excuse for not doing something 'practical'. Prayer is one of the ways in which God's people provide real help to one another. Prayer helps because it brings brothers and sisters and their needs to the God who can deliver His people.

Answered prayer is like any gift from a trusted friend. It surprises us, not because we doubt God's ability or willingness to give, but because we're constantly amazed at the timeliness and grace of the gift.

This year BCA celebrates its centenary and Monica and I move to a new sphere of service as we return to the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn. Thank you for sharing the adventure with us so far and be assured of our prayers for God's gracious and surprising work in you and through you.

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2011 – 2019



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Front Row: Sue, Nola, Larissa, Janice, Desiree

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The Lord has made His salvation known and revealed His righteousness to the nations. **Psalm 98:2**

March

Please thank God for Mark and Monica Short's wonderful years of service to BCA and pray for them as they prepare to move to Canberra this month. Pray for David Crain (Interim National Director), and National Office staff as they work together over this period of change.

April

Continue praying for a new National Director; that God will work mightily through him as BCA marks 100 years. Pray for Field Staff as they celebrate Easter and ask that many will come to know Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

May

Pray for Centenary celebrations in various churches and Dioceses across Australia; that people have a vision for God's work through BCA well into the future. Pray that Christ's salvation is proclaimed faithfully in Australia for many years to come.

Profile

The National Office reaches Australia for Christ by stewarding the resources God gives BCA, so they are used effectively and efficiently to sustain existing and emerging ministries. We do this alongside Regional Offices, honorary officers and a team of generous volunteers.

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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**

March

Pray for Neville as he attends the Christian Leadership Summit and for Nathaniel as he graduates from Moore College. Pray also for Adrian, Neville and Mark as they share at Ridley College this month. Please keep the BCA Nomads Gathering in your prayers.

April

Pray for Neville as he attends and helps with the Rivers' convention in central and north New South Wales. This convention has been organised by Isaac Gordon.

May

Pray for Neville and Kathie as they travel to the Northern Territory to attend the Katherine Christian Convention in early May. Pray also for them, son Nathaniel and George Ferguson as they help with a training day in the Armidale Diocese.

Profile

Neville and Kathie reside in Dubbo, central New South Wales. They have set up an office at the local Anglican Church. Neville travels and ministers around the country from this location.

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He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." **Psalm 46:10**

Please pray that:

- more eligible and available singles and couples join the Nomad Ministry this year. In 2018 just 10 people joined. This number will not sustain the ministry long term.
- the Nomad Gathering (March 21–26) in Narromine will be a time of fellowship, refreshment and growth for all. 65 Nomads have booked to attend. There will be five speakers, craft, dinners and breakfasts with the local church.

Profile

The Bush Church Aid Nomads scheme connects Christian travellers with Field Staff and the churches they serve, so they can take part in ministry on their travels. Nomads support the work of the gospel and experience what life is like in remote areas. BCA's Field Staff and their church communities are very encouraged by the presence of Nomads and their willingness to lend a hand.

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Remember him – before the silver cord is severed, and the golden bowl is broken; before the pitcher is shattered at the spring, and the wheel broken at the well. **Ecclesiastes 12:6**

March

Pray for Rob and Kaye mourning the passing of Rob's Dad in January. Pray for renewed strength to travel across WA to share the mission of BCA in proclaiming Christ.

April

Pray for aging Australians in remote and isolated places. Pray for our Field Staff who minister to people of all ages in the bush.

May

Give thanks for the BCA Centenary. Pray that BCA Nomads heading to North West Australia during the southern winter can find a home among God's people in BCA supported parishes.

Profile

Rob Healy is the Regional Officer for Western Australia. He works out of an office at St Alban's in Beaufort Street, Highgate. Contact him for a visit to your church in our Centenary year.

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Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 4:16

March

A mission team from Trinity Theological College visits us this month. Please pray that our people will be bold to speak to their friends about Jesus during mission and invite them along to hear the gospel presented clearly.

April

Easter will be during the school holidays this year, which is always a good time. Please pray that the Christians of Exmouth and those visiting our town will show unity around the cross and in doing so be a witness to our town.

May

Pray that as a church we will spur one another on to love and good deeds. Pray that we will develop good patterns to follow up those people on our fringes and show them the love of Christ in word and deed.

Profile

While not as transient as many other towns, there is a regular flow of people in and out of Exmouth. At this time of year many people come to town due to the strong tourist industry. We seek to be a church that reaches out with the gospel to locals and visitors alike.

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For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. **John 3:16**

March

Give thanks for God's word. Pray that as we go through God's Big Picture as a church (an overview of the Bible course), God will grow us in our love for Him as we better understand His revelation to us.

April

Please pray that our community will be open to hearing the gospel of Jesus this Easter. After Easter we're taking some annual leave, pray that it will be refreshing.

May

This month we commence running an evangelistic course. Pray that God will provide all we need and that He would bring people to hear His good news. Give thanks that Daniel could attend the SMBC preaching conference this month.

Profile

Kununurra is a magnificent part of God's creation with many beautiful sites to visit and things to see. It is surrounded by irrigated farmland with an abundance of fresh water. Farming is a fast-growing industry in our region along with tourism and mining. St James' Kununurra meets at 9:30am each Sunday.

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Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. **Philippians 1:27a**

March

Pray for the Moore College Mission team coming to NW Australia at the end of March. Part of the team will serve in Geraldton with a smaller team coming to Newman. Pray for great gospel opportunities and continued outreach into the community.

April

Give thanks for the Moore College Mission team visit and follow up after the mission. Give thanks for some cooler weather. Pray for good planning of kids' ministries and for more volunteers to step up and support ministries across the church.

May

As we get into the busy sporting months in Newman, pray we will be able to work with families who would normally miss church due to sport. Give thanks for the Kids' Club ministries at church and the blessing they are.

Profile

The Kyngdons have been living in the Pilbara for over a year now. The mining community here is great to be a part of and there are lots of young kids. Continue to pray for us as we make more connections in the church and the local community.

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Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore. From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised. **Psalm 113:2–3**

March

Pray that our home groups will continue to grow in their passion to live life in Christian community and in studying God's word. Pray for more members to join and to see the blessing of involvement in such groups.

April

Pray that Philip would clearly and boldly preach the gospel throughout the community before, during and after Easter, making the most of every opportunity.

May

Give thanks for faithful parishioners whose commitment to meeting regularly together and serving the church is of great encouragement. Pray for Annabella (now in Year 12) as she puts time and effort into each subject.

Profile

Port Hedland is a mining town that has the world's largest bulk export port, long road trains, longer trains and a big industrial landscape. The town is filled with people chasing the idol of money. We give thanks for BCA supporting us for over 13 years to proclaim the true hope of the gospel.

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In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mortal man do to me? **Psalm 56:4**

March

Give thanks for Ian Porter the new locum in Karratha and pray that he settles in well. Pray that his ministry will be Christ focused and that the Lord in His loving mercy will enable him to apply God's words to the congregation to their benefit and His glory.

April

Pray that Ian will model the Lord Jesus to the local community, as well as to the believers in Karratha. Pray that the Lord would stir people's minds to consider the significance of Jesus' death and resurrection this Easter, and that He would provide opportunities for their questions to be soul-satisfied.

May

Pray that during his time as locum Ian has been able to help 'prepare the way' for future ministries – both clerical and lay. Pray for the congregation and for Ian as he finishes his term as locum at the end of the month.

Profile

Karratha is the residential, educational and service centre for the West Pilbara region. Dampier is a major port for the export of iron ore, salt and natural gas. The Dampier Seafarers Centre services thousands of visiting seafarers every year. Long work hours, high pay, 'extreme' materialism and secularism are constant barriers that only the gospel of Jesus can overcome.

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For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him. **2 Corinthians 5:14–15**

March

Pray for the work in the local prison and give thanks that because of the positive feedback to the Christmas Service, we are now permitted to hold a monthly service and weekly Bible Study.

April

Give thanks for the favour that Matt and Rich have received from staff, leadership and inmates at the prison. Pray for Rich as he 'attempts' to play footy with the inmates on Fridays. Pray especially that the inmates will discover the freedom that Jesus brings regardless of prison bars.

May

Pray that the Lord will raise up a team to work with us on Wickham Community Projects. Pray that the culture and environment there will always convey the love and acceptance of Christ and the gospel and will draw folk to engage more and more.

Profile

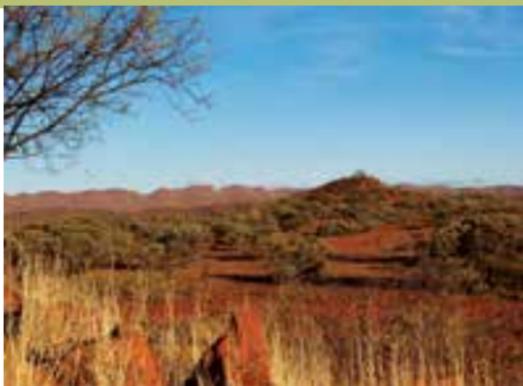
Wickham (1600 km north of Perth; pop 2000) began in the 1970s as a mining town (servicing the nearby port exporting iron ore). Rich and Tracy live in the housing area known as the 'Bronx' which is largely an Aboriginal community, and forms the focus of the chaplaincy they have exercised over the last nine years.

Vacant

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I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:13

March

Pray for the church in Paraburdoo and Tom Price which has now been without a minister for a year. Praise God for sustaining His people and pray for BCA and the Diocese as it decides the shape of future ministry in these two locations.

April

Pray for the ongoing witness of local Christians especially at Easter. May God's name be praised and proclaimed throughout Paraburdoo and Tom Price.

May

Praise God for Aboriginal Christians in Wakathuni and other communities near Paraburdoo and Tom Price. May they be a powerful witness to all those around them.

Profile

Paraburdoo and Tom Price are in the Pilbara region of Western Australia in the Hammersley Ranges, around 1530 kilometres north of Perth and 470 kilometres south of Port Hedland. They are purpose-built mining towns in an area rich with iron ore. BCA and the Diocese are currently assessing the ministry needs and opportunities in these locations.

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Steve, Lyn and Debbie

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.

Psalm 118:1

March

Pray for the SA/NT Annual General Meeting in March and for our speaker Topher Hallyburton. Pray that we will attract new committee members with a vision for BCA into the next 100 years.

April

Please continue to pray regarding the ministry vacancy at Coober Pedy – that the person of God's choosing will be attracted to serve in this place. Pray that the message of Easter will be clearly proclaimed in our SA/NT locations.

May

Give thanks for early BCA work on Eyre Peninsula, South Australia – bringing the good news of Jesus to remote and isolated places. Pray that those who attend the Centenary celebrations in Ceduna will give thanks to God and honour His name.

Profile

South Australia (SA/NT region) was part of the pioneering work of BCA. The Flying Medical Service and the Ceduna Radio School together with the establishment of hospitals in remote communities such as Tarcoola, Cook, Coober Pedy, Ceduna, Streaky Bay and Minnipa were all ministries of Bush Church Aid in the region.

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Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up His clothes by casting lots.

Luke 23:34

March

Pray for Bruce as he receives palliative care for his melanoma. Give thanks for Matthew settling into life at UNSW and New College; Oliver settling into high school; and Laura coping with the Year 11 workload.

April

Pray for the seven youth attending the KYCK youth conference from 12–14 April. Pray that Matthew, Laura, Felicity and Oliver continue to grow in their love for Jesus and remain keen to tell others about the great news of salvation in Jesus.

May

Pray for BCA 100 celebrations in the NT with a Diocesan celebration before Synod (31 May). Pray for the preparation of Synod and a week of training for our Indigenous Synod representatives. Pray also for St Peter's whilst the Kuswadis take long service leave.

Profile

In February Bruce and Jodi together with their family made the decision not to continue with active treatment for Bruce's melanoma. Pray for God's grace and peace in the journey ahead.

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May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. **1 Thessalonians 3:12**

March

Give thanks for the opportunities to serve in Daniel's school. Pray that we can be light in that community. Thank God for the friendship with other families and pray that we will continue to grow the relationships with school staff.

April

Give thanks for the many opportunities to speak of Jesus that Easter brings. Pray especially for Howard Springs Primary School where an RE program will commence again after many years. Ask for wisdom for the team and good relationships with the school.

May

Thank God for the Katherine Christian Convention. Pray that it was a time of encouragement. Thank God for the SU Training Day. Pray that many churches will be involved, and that it will impact Christian teaching to kids in schools and churches.

Profile

Topher, Chica and the kids live in Darwin. Topher is the Schools Ministry Coordinator at Scripture Union NT. There he equips, encourages and works alongside RE volunteers teaching in public schools in the Greater Darwin Area.

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But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. **Mark 12 :42**

March

Give thanks for the life of Wyndham Oombulgurri sister Kathy Carlton who passed away recently. Thank God that He opened Kathy's eyes to life and that she knew the saving power of Jesus.

April

Pray for Natalie as she continues her re-registration into Occupational Therapy. Pray also that our family can adjust well to Natalie re-joining the workforce.

May

Pray for Jim as he prepares for the upcoming dry season working bee with BCA Nomads and people from various supporting churches visiting Nungalinya. Pray that Jim can manage property breakdowns and planned maintenance well.

Profile

The Watsons moved to Darwin in late 2017 after serving with BCA in Kununurra for 13 years. Their primary role, ministry with Aboriginal people, continues with Jim working at Nungalinya Bible College as Property Manager and seeking to pastorally support Aboriginal men.

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The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word. **Hebrews 1:3a**

March

Pray that our parish AGM leads to rejoicing in the Son, and that God would provide godly servants for a new Parish Council. Pray our kids' church has all the teachers it needs and that we would be a hospitable church family to believers and non-believers.

April

Pray that our celebrations of Jesus' death and resurrection declares to our church and town that Jesus shows us what God is like. Pray God softens the hearts of those indifferent and opposed to Jesus Christ, and the church capitalises on every opportunity.

May

Pray that our town comes to see that God's Son sustains their lives by His powerful word. Pray that God will send Christians to town (and church) and save locals. Pray that our Indigenous brothers and sisters were built-up by the Katherine Christian Convention.

Profile

By May, the Slacks will have been in Katherine for three years – enough time to see God answer prayers, as well as realise it will only be by God's Spirit that His kingdom grows amongst Katherine's 11,000 people. New mining opportunities and a growing RAAF Tindal mean there are more lost who need to be found by Jesus.

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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**

March

We give thanks for our women's and men's Bible study groups. Pray for deepening relationships, and a rich sharing of faith and life together. Give thanks for the evangelistic opportunities these ministries bring.

April

Thank God for the joy and freedom we have through Jesus' resurrection victory. Pray for our Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday gatherings; for the truth to sink deeply into the hearts of all.

May

Please pray for our family. May the peace of God reign in our lives, diaries and relationships. Please bring before our Father friends of ours who are going through rough times – may they know the Great Comforter.

Profile

Kangaroo Island's 4500 residents face the joys and trials of isolation, including beautiful views and wildlife, separation from extended family, lower income and a higher cost of living. We run a fortnightly Family Church in Kingscote with a very small group. Please ask God to increase our number with those not yet connected to church. May He draw Islanders to Himself.

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I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:13

March

Praise God for The Revd Arthur Tanner who has spent the last six months as our locum minister. Please pray that a person of God's choosing would hear the call to come to Coober Pedy full-time.

April

Please pray that our Easter Service would shine the light of Jesus to our community. Thank God for the dedicated emergency services volunteers who work in and around Coober Pedy.

May

At present the Catacomb Church does not run any youth-based activities. Please pray that these can recommence under the guidance of a new minister.

Profile

The Catacomb Church Coober Pedy is a small church with a big mission. Situated in outback South Australia, the congregation is committed to presenting the message of salvation to thousands of tourists who visit the church every year, as well as ministering and caring for local people.

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For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. **Romans 1.16**

March

Thank God that we have started to settle into everyday life here in Roxby Downs. Please pray for deepening relationships with the congregation and community. Pray that we will have opportunities to share Christ with them.

April

Please pray for Easter services; that Christ will be proclaimed and that more people in Roxby will come to know the saving grace of God through Jesus' sacrifice. Pray also for Beth as she connects with other parents in the community.

May

Please pray for those who attended Easter services; that we will have opportunities to follow-up with them and connect them into the church community. Please also pray for the Bible study groups within the church.

Profile

Roxby Downs is a mining town with a population of about 4500, nearly 600km from Adelaide. The town exists primarily to resource the Olympic Dam mine, where uranium, copper and gold are mined. It has lots of young families and FIFO workers.

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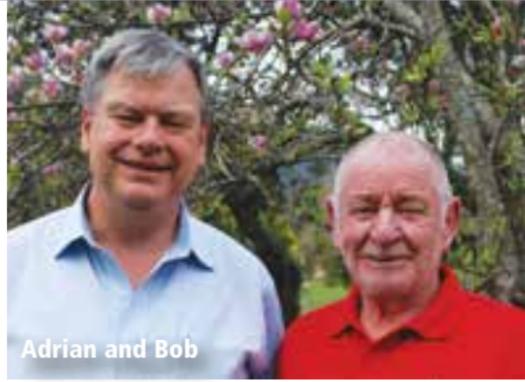
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You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.

John 15:3

March

Pray that God will raise up many labourers to speak His word in country Victoria. Pray for the Oz Mission Week at Ridley College, where Mark Short, Adrian Lane and Neville Naden are preaching (12–14 March). Pray also for Adrian who is on deputation in Burwood on 31 March.

April

Pray for Adrian who is presenting a paper on preaching the word of God at a conference for teachers of preaching from 15–17 April. Pray too for the upcoming BCA Victoria Centenary Dinner on 4 May, where Brad Henley will speak.

May

Pray that all in regional Victoria, especially kids and young adults, would hear and respond to the word of God. Adrian is at the Gippsland and Bendigo Synods this month, as well as at St Paul's Cathedral in Melbourne for the Centenary on 26 May.

Profile

Victoria has a fast-growing population of 6.4 million, with 1.5 million living in 48 regional municipalities, including many immigrants. Pray for gospel labourers, repentance and faith, a steadfast commitment to the word of God, prayerfulness, evangelism and holiness in the face of increased opposition.

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But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. **James 3:17**

March

Thank God for our shop front ministry RENEW and all its volunteers. Pray that RENEW will be a place of connecting with people from our community. Pray that Samuel, Joseph, Eden and Talitha will be lifelong followers of Jesus.

April

Pray that our Easter services will proclaim Jesus in a faithful and relevant way. Thank God for our weekly Sunday Lunch and relationship building. Pray for people to become Christians and for everyday life in the Barclay household.

May

Thank God for the opportunity to speak at Glen Waverley Anglican Church in early May and for BCA's Centenary. Pray that our church grows in all sorts of ways that bring honour to Jesus. Pray that God will provide people to help minister with our youth/children.

Profile

The Anglican Parish of Sunraysia South (APOSS) aims to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus with the core being a Bible-based, Christ-centered church. We seek to serve the local community as well as share Jesus through many and varied programs.

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And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptised and wash your sins away, calling on His name. **Acts 22:16**

March

Pray for wisdom and boldness for the leaders within our congregation, the Church Council and Minister's Advisory Group. Pray for the new initiatives designed to connect with young people in the community through schools ministry.

April

At the beginning of Holy Week, we praise God for Jesus' ministry here on earth, His atoning death on the Cross, and His mighty resurrection. May Christ's heavenly rule be known and obeyed across the heavens and earth.

May

Praise God for His ongoing work amongst us in Strathfieldsaye and pray that we can reap a harvest from previous faithful ministry. Pray that seeds sown over recent years and months will bear future fruit in hearts and minds.

Profile

The Weickhardts have served in Strathfieldsaye since 2011. Their daughters Alyssa and Zoe embark on tertiary study this year. The family have moved to Bendigo, but Steve remains serving as the Minister of Strathfieldsaye Community Church.

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Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. **1 Thessalonians 5: 18**

March

We give thanks for God's hand upon us as we settle into the year. May He continue to be our guide as we seek to spread the gospel message, especially in the new ventures started last year.

April

We pray for the preparations for Easter services and that the sacrifice of Jesus is at the forefront of the minds of people in the communities where we serve. Thank God for encouragement in our outreach.

May

As we approach the celebrations for the Centenary of BCA, we pray that all the services will focus on the continued work of the Society to reach Australia for Christ.

Profile

The state of Tasmania has only one Diocese under the guidance of The Rt Revd Dr Richard Condie. There are two mission regions, the northern and southern regions. The profile of BCA has grown over the past few years and there are encouraging signs of widening support. This support needs to be spread across all generations.

Diocese of Tasmania | The Rt Revd Dr Richard Condie



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.



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Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight. **Proverbs: 3:5– 6**

March

Pray that opportunities will still be available in the all age school after a change of Principal. Give thanks for the formation of a children's music group. It was originally formed for the Community Carols, but because of the kids' enthusiasm it now continues.

April

Pray for the beginnings of youth ministry; both for youth to come and the raising of suitable leaders. Give thanks for the valuable contacts being made in the community that continue to grow. Pray for our first Easter celebrations on King Island.

May

Pray for our church community as we farewell long-term highly committed parishioners from the Island. Pray that God will raise up more people for Kingdom growth. Give thanks for the new people that have joined our congregation.

Profile

Chris and Wendy have been establishing their ministry in the Parish of King Island for the past ten months and are passionate about growing the Kingdom of God by making Disciples of Jesus. They have been married for 37 years and have two children and five grandchildren.

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Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. **Revelation 2:4–5**

March

As we settle into our second year as God's church on the Southern Beaches, join us in asking that we remain effective and focused on our mission to love like family, live like missionaries and make disciples as servants of Jesus Christ in this place.

April

Pray for growth and a continued healthy relationship with the local school. Pray that the school will still welcome and value our gatherings (Kids Plus afterschool program and Kids Plus school mentoring) under the leadership of a new Principal.

May

Pray for the raising up of mature Christians in Southern Beaches Anglican (SBA) for the establishment of new missional communities in the Southern Beaches townships of Lewisham and Forcett. Also pray for additional mature women to join SBA to disciple our young women.

Profile

The Southern Beaches is one of the fastest growing areas of Tasmania. Located south-east of Hobart it is made up of a series of separate coastal towns which have been without a church presence. Southern Beaches Anglican follows a missional community model of church and meets in the local school.

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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**

March

Thank God for many new relationships within our community. Pray for courage and wisdom in turning these connections into participation and belonging to Salt – our new church. Pray also for protection of core members.

April

Thank Jesus for the committed members of Salt. Pray that they might be disciple makers as they go about their everyday lives. Pray for their encouragement; that God will use them mightily and that they will be aware of it.

May

Pray for wisdom and perseverance in establishing structures and frameworks for Salt. Pray that opportunities for natural sharing of the gospel will arise.

Profile

The Duffs are based in northern Hobart. They work as a pioneer ministers and have planted a new Anglican Church in Brighton: Salt – Jordan Valley Anglican. They focus on growing disciples of Jesus who will grow other disciples for Jesus.

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Lucy, Ted and Philip

Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God – children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

John 1:12–13

March

Please pray for Mark and Monica as they finish their time with BCA at the end of this month; that their transition to Canberra Goulburn will go smoothly and that God will use them mightily. Pray also for BCA as we look for a new National Director.

April

Pray for our NSW/ACT AGM; that God will raise up godly, wise people for the Regional Committee and to represent our region as a part of the National Committee. Pray also for Ted and the Moore College Missions heading to the Pilbara.

May

Pray for our National AGM; that God will raise up committed godly leaders for the Society. Pray that Jesus would be honoured during our Centenary celebrations. Please particularly pray for those who will participate in church services on Sunday 26 May – the day BCA was founded.

Profile

The NSW/ACT Region incorporates five Diocese: Sydney (260+ parishes), Canberra & Goulburn (62 parishes), Newcastle (63 parishes), Bathurst (33 parishes) and Riverina (21 parishes). May God continue to save people as the gospel of Jesus is proclaimed across our region.

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In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

Matthew: 3:1–2

March

Pray for Kaleb who wants to give up drugs and alcohol as well as keep his job. Pray for his salvation, that God will move in his life in a powerful way.

April

Pray that our roads are safe from accidents during the school holidays. Pray for Mr Wilcox who has cancer; that he will be saved and healed in the name of Jesus.

May

Pray that the name of Jesus Christ will be lifted-up in all our church services and that God will move powerfully. Pray for revival in our nation. May God move His mighty hand across our nation and in our churches and reveal Himself to us.

Profile

Gulargambone is a small town of 500 people located 50 kilometers from Gilgandra. It is home to many farming families and has a large local Indigenous population. The town has one school which means that many young adults leave town to go to university. Alfrene is employed as Gulargambone Central School's Chaplain.

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Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. **Psalm 63:3**

March

Please pray for a good balance of ministry and life at home. Pray that Ayumi may trust God in everything in life rather than being overwhelmed by tasks and challenges.

April

Pray for good school holidays and that the students whom Ayumi has encouraged will attend Christian camps. Pray for opportunities to meet and learn from Christian people.

May

Please pray for Ayumi's SRE classes and for the strong ISCF group to continue at school. Please pray for teachers and staff members too. Pray that Ayumi will be loving and show the grace that she has received in Jesus.

Profile

Peter and Ayumi along with their four children live in Central New South Wales. Ayumi is a school chaplain and SRE teacher at Gilgandra High School. She runs programs for teenagers, ISCF groups and a weekly leaders' training. Thank you for your prayer and support of this ministry.

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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**

March

Pray for ongoing financial support to employ a Far West SRE teacher to teach primary classes in Broken Hill, to support volunteer teams and to lead secondary seminars in Wilcannia, Menindee and Broken Hill high schools.

April

Give thanks for the provision of the Jindabyne Uniting Church to support the new Snowy Mountains Christian Education Committee. Pray for the new committees being formed to grow SRE in rural towns in 2019.

May

Give thanks for the Centenary of BCA. Pray for Peter Volkofsky as he teaches in five isolated schools. Pray for safe travel for Mike and Cheryl across NSW. Pray for the growing support of rural primary SRE coordinators and teachers.

Profile

In their sixth year of supporting local churches to support SRE positions, Cheryl, with Michael's support, continues to witness growth in the number of rural pupils accessing SRE, in the quality of the teaching and in the response of students to the message of the Bible.

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But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. **Matthew 6:33**

March

Please pray for the new school year and continued good relationships with the schools. Pray also that the words people heard at events across the Christmas period impacted them.

April

Give thanks for the Bookham Community Church. Please pray that we can impact the local community with the love and truth of God.

May

Give thanks for the youth groups in Yass and pray for more leaders to assist with this ministry. Please pray that Helena will be empowered and led by the Holy Spirit as the year unfolds.

Profile

Helena works two days a week with BCA. Her time is focused on Bookham Community Church, being part of Scripture teams, youth group and the Shine and Mini Music programs.

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They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. **Psalm 145:11–12**

March

Praise God for His kingdom. Thank God for Jesus who enables us to enter the Kingdom of God. Ask that we would be able to tell others of the glory of God's kingdom. Pray that the BCA Nomads would be encouraged by their time in Narromine this month.

April

Praise God for His mighty acts. Thank God for Jesus dying on the cross. Give thanks for the leadership of Bishop Ian Palmer as he retires this month. Pray that we would continue to tell others of God's mighty acts.

May

Praise God for the glorious splendour of His kingdom. Thank God for His work in the lives of members of the Narromine Anglican Church and throughout the district. Pray that people would become established in God's kingdom.

Profile

This evangelistic ministry involves reaching out to people in the Narromine district seeking to connect with people, share the gospel, and to establish people in the local church. Narromine is located approximately 40 kilometres west of Dubbo in NSW.

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He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field."

Luke 10:2

March

Please give thanks and praise to the Lord for His mighty strength, power and provision. Pray for the spread of the gospel and for church growth and unity.

April

Give thanks and praise for God's faithfulness and blessings. Pray for the spread of the gospel and that new converts will bear much fruit. Please pray for Lill and Jack in their work and for the salvation of their children.

May

Please give thanks and pray for the ministry of the Living Desert Indigenous Church. Pray that Christ's light may shine through us. Pray also for our work amongst those who don't know the Lord. Please pray that their ears and eyes may be opened and that they will see and understand.

Profile

Broken Hill has a population of around 18,000 and has quite a few mainstream and independent churches. There is also a large Indigenous population. The ministry of the Living Desert Indigenous Church aims to spread the gospel amongst this target group.

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The name of the Lord is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe. **Proverbs 18:10**

March

Please pray for our first Sunday of the month family service. Please ask that we will grow in our love for Jesus, for each other and for Norfolk Island as we work hard at presenting this service in an engaging and contemporary way.

April

Please pray that our Easter outreach services faithfully presented our resurrection hope. Please ask that the God of hope will fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we can abound in hope.

May

Pray that God will encourage both Crystal and Dave in ministry. Pray that He will give them both the wisdom to manage their family and to keep Him at the centre. Pray that the Fell children will know and follow Jesus.

Profile

Norfolk Island is located due east of Byron Bay and has a permanent residential population of 1800, evenly split between Norfolk Islanders, Australians and New Zealanders. David and Crystal moved there in November 2015 as BCA Affiliates. David and Crystal pray that during their term on Norfolk Island God will build up His church.

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Craig, Julie and David

I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land, so I would not have to destroy it, but I found no one. **Ezekiel 22:30**

March

David is helping churches, Dioceses and theological colleges in the region celebrate BCA's Centenary; including Brisbane, Biloela, Bundarra, South West Rocks, Sawtell, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Tamworth, Townsville, Armidale and Moree. Please pray for fruit.

April

On BCA's Centenary of foundation, 26 May, David and Julie will help St Peter's Cathedral, Armidale celebrate 100 years of sacrificial and fruitful service in 'the bush.' Please encourage your church to join in the celebrations on that or another day.

May

Craig will be 'holding the fort' for much of June while David travels with Neville Naden (BCA's Indigenous Ministry Officer) in Far North Queensland (28 May – 6 June) and does some ministry and visiting in Darwin, Katherine and Kununurra (20–30 June). Please pray for them both.

Profile

Praise God for the many faithful BCA pray-ers who 'stand before [God] in the gap on behalf of the land.' Through your prayers, there was good rain in some parts of our region and our Field Staff persevered in fruitful gospel ministry. Please stay 'in the gap' and invite others to join you.

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There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens. **Ecclesiastes 3:1**

March

The Oldfields are now at their home in New South Wales, after slowly travelling back from Cloncurry. Pray for them as they begin their retirement.

April

Pray for Easter activities in Cloncurry and the ecumenical dawn service at the lookout. Pray that all the churches in Cloncurry will be bound together by God's grace and love.

May

Pray for the congregation of St Andrew's as they provide worship in the town. Pray for the provision of a locum to help lead them over the busy months of June through to September.

Profile

Rod and Christene finished their four-year commitment in Cloncurry at the end of February. Hopefully they will be replaced in God's timing, enabling the seeds that have been planted to grow to fruition. Some members of the church will continue to provide a weekly worship service in the gap.

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What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people." **2 Corinthians 6:16**

March

This month we have had AGM's in Barcaldine and Longreach. Praise God for the election of new Parish Councils. Pray that all who serve in this way will serve with missional, relational and incarnational attitudes. Pray for our Easter preparations.

April

Praise God for our Easter Services. Pray that those who heard the gospel of Christ will respond to His call on their lives. Please pray for Synod preparations and that Christ will be at the centre of our Synod as it takes place next month.

May

Praise God for His faithfulness and His leading in our Synod. Pray that more people in our region will respond to the word of God. Pray that the Holy Spirit will open their ears to hear, their eyes to see and their hearts to understand.

Profile

Graeme and Susan serve as Mission Facilitators and Trainers for Central West Queensland. They are into their fourth year based out of Longreach and oversee parishes in the region. Parishes with direct hands-on involvement are Barcaldine and Longreach. Susan is also the Longreach High School Chaplain.

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Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.

Proverbs 16:3

March

As we launch in to the Easter period the parish commences another year without a resident minister. Praise God for the effective work of the laity and visits from Longreach by Uniting and Anglican Clergy. Pray for guidance in the way forward.

April

Praise God for our Easter Service and those who contributed to it. Pray that we will be a Christ light to those in the community so that they will ask us about the faith we have. Pray that we will be able to give an answer for our faith.

May

Praise God for His faithfulness and the work of our Synod. Pray that ministry in the remote outback will not be forgotten by those in the cities and coastal regions. Pray for a new lay minister for the parish that will complement the existing team.

Profile

Winton is an isolated town of about 800 in remote outback Queensland. It has historical links to the birth of Qantas, the composition and performance of Waltzing Matilda and the discovery of dinosaur remains. The region is currently suffering from severe drought, which is affecting all people.

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When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it." **Genesis 28:16**

March

Pray for Religious Education classes that are held across the three local schools. Pray for good ongoing relationships with teachers and administrators and that through this ministry many children will come to know Jesus better.

April

Pray that our small group Bible studies and one-on-one ministries will be effective in growing the members of our church to be mature disciples of Christ.

May

Pray that our Diocesan Synod will be a time of encouragement and working together for the sake of the gospel in this region.

Profile

The Collings family continue ministry in Moranbah to reach the community with the message of Jesus. While many come to town to seek the good things of this world, our prayer is that through our ministry they may find the better treasure of the Kingdom of God.

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If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. **John 8:31–32**

March

Pray that the congregation may stay united during the interregnum. Pray for the young people after their time at the SU camp. Pray for rain that is desperately needed and for the farmers.

April

Pray for the mission team from West Pymble as they arrive in the Ridge. Pray that locals would want to learn more about Jesus.

May

Pray for the many visitors that we usually have during the winter months and pray that we will always be a welcoming church.

Profile

Lightning Ridge is a town in northern New South Wales near the southern border of Queensland, about 740 kilometres south-west of Brisbane. Opal mining and tourism are the main industries that support the economy. Lightning Ridge Community Church has a weekly service with a kids program and a service is held at Cumborah once a month.

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For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. **1 Thessalonians 5:9**

March

As the second year of George's Diploma of Biblical Theology commences, he needs your prayers. Please pray that he studies hard and prepares his essays well so that he can reach the requirements to pass this course. George has found it a valuable learning experience so far.

April

From 12 – 28 April George joined the Rivers Convention which journeyed through seven outback NSW towns preaching the gospel. Please pray that the gospel was preached clearly and with the power of the Holy Spirit.

May

The South Tamworth Indigenous Committee held a one-day training event at Narrabri on 11 May with Neville Naden as guest speaker. Pray that God worked in the hearts of our Indigenous brothers and sisters as we presented the gospel.

Profile

George Ferguson serves at St Peter's Anglican Church South Tamworth where Senior Minister Rod Chiswell provides him with training in preaching, preparing and leading Bible studies. The focus of George's role is the Coledale Front Yard Church. George has been married to Carmel for 25 years and they have three adult children.

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Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.

Psalm 118:29

March

We give thanks during the lead up to Easter for all the Lord has done for us in Jesus. May our Easter services reflect our gratefulness to Him. Pray for our safety and special family time as we take leave after Easter.

April

Pray that the children in our WiFY youth group will grow in truth and understanding. Pray for opportunities to encourage and get to know more youth in our area.

May

Pray for our Kids' Church. Pray for the teachers, children and our time in learning together. May we not only grow in our knowledge of Jesus but in number too, so many more children in our community can know the love of Christ.

Profile

The Reeve family serve in Woolgoolga, just north of Coffs Harbour. Their ministry area stretches from Red Rock down to Moonee Beach. As Children's and Families' Minister, Simon focuses on families in the area and helps support families' ministry across the Grafton Diocese.

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Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." **Matthew 19:26**

March

Holy Trinity Brussels ministers at the heart of the European Union (EU). Please pray for its members working daily in the EU and for the ministry at EU Institutions that is being led by Jeremy Heuslein.

April

We hold the ICS Chaplains and Families' Conference in Ghent, Belgium this year. Please pray that the chaplains and families who attend are inspired, refreshed and sent out with a renewed passion and energy.

May

Richard Bromley (Mission Director) is in Australia attending BCA Centenary celebrations. Congratulations to BCA on reaching this milestone. We give thanks for our partnership and pray for BCA's future ministry and mission.

Profile

ICS is committed to mission and ministry to people who speak English. It comprises a small staff team in Coventry in the UK and is overseen by a Council. We support 50 plus chaplaincies across mainland Europe, North Africa, the Falkland Islands and Latin America.

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Aila Alderson

Mellita Bate

Rod Morris

Peter Palmer

Stephen May

Leonie Burgess

Bill Anscombe

Tom Melbourne

David Peters

Neil Walthew

Martin Drevikovsky

Pray for:

- God's direction and wisdom as the Executive consider various policies and the implementation of new programs in 2019.
- Careful and responsible management, patience and perseverance in this special ministry to the Society.
- God's love where we provide opportunity for jobs, growth and human dignity in the workplace.
- Wisdom and discernment under God's care.

Pray for Former BCA Field Staff



Andy & Liz Goodacre

Praise God for a wonderful sabbatical for Andy and a family holiday over the summer. Please pray for wisdom for Anglican Church leaders in Launceston as we look at how we can work together to resource ministry across the city and further afield in the coming year.



Geoff & Tracey Piggott

Geoff and Tracey are very much enjoying life and ministry at Kiama Anglican Church in their job share role of three days each. They appreciate continued prayers as they adjust after six years in Coober Pedy. They enjoy being two hours from family rather than 2000 kilometres.



Les & Jenny Gaulton

Praise God for His faithfulness to us and for the prayers and encouragement we have received from BCA supporters across Australia. Please continue to pray for Jenny as we work out how to control and mitigate the impact of her Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS) on our lives. We continue to rejoice in God's blessings.



Peter & Lee Caspersonn

Praise God that Dylan, the 11-year-old boy from Hay has completed post cancer surgery and is now home. Please continue to pray for Dylan and his family.

Pray for Former BCA Field Staff

Rod & Christene Oldfield

Rod and Christene have now settled into their home in New South Wales. Please pray for them as they begin their retirement.



David & Joanne Piper

Please pray for David, Joanne and their boys as they settle into their new home in Gunnedah. Pray for David as he takes on his new role of associate minister at Gunnedah Anglican.



Nathaniel & Pip Naden

Nathaniel and Pip Naden have moved to South Tamworth to commence ministry at St Peter's Anglican Church. Nathaniel will also work alongside our Indigenous Ministry Trainee George Ferguson at the Coledale Front Yard Fellowship. Pray for them as they adjust to life in the bush.



Peter & Penny Volkofsky

Peter continues his role teaching Scripture in and around Dubbo. Please pray for fruitful relationships and conversations with school staff members and good engagement with students in class, at recess and lunchtimes. Pray also for continued protection on the road.





Ali Williams (Previously Champness)

Ali is starting a new life in Newcastle closer to her family after a difficult situation in her marriage with Brian. Please pray for God's strength and a close walk with the Lord in this new season. Ali will also explore new ministry opportunities for 2019 and beyond.



Furneaux Island

The Diocese of Tasmania have decided not to seek a permanent appointment to the Furneaux Islands at this time. Ministry will continue to be provided by short to medium term locums – please contact the Diocese if you are interested in offering this ministry. BCA will ensure supporters are brought up-to-date when this situation changes. Thank you for your prayers for the Islands and those who live there.



Field Staff – Karratha, Western Australia

The Anglican Diocese of North-West Australia and Bush Church Aid seek an experienced Anglican evangelical minister to lead a church in a coastal city of over 15,000 people.

He needs to have a good grasp of the gospel, love people and be committed to serving for at least four years. The successful applicant will pastor the current Anglican congregation in Karratha – a vibrant mining town and port on the edge of the spectacular Pilbara region.

We are looking for someone with the gifts to lead God's people in evangelising a young and largely unchurched population. The Diocese and BCA also hope to establish Karratha as a training base for newly ordained ministers so commitment and competence in ministry training is essential.

For further information contact The Rt Revd Gary Nelson on (08) 9921 7277 or the BCA National Office on (02) 9262 5017



Field Staff – Coober Pedy, South Australia

The Anglican Diocese of Willochra and Bush Church Aid seek an ordained minister for Coober Pedy.

Coober Pedy is an iconic outback community of over 1500 people located 850 kilometres north of Adelaide on the Stuart Highway. It is a major tourism and service center, best known for underground opal mining.

The ministry encompasses the underground Catacomb Church as well as mining chaplaincy at the nearby Prominent Hill site.

The congregation has a long-standing commitment to solid teaching. There are many opportunities to reach out to the community and to tourists who visit the underground church.

For further information contact The Rt Revd John Stead on (08) 8662 2249 or the BCA National Office on (02) 9262 5017



Field Staff – Lightning Ridge

The Anglican Diocese of Armidale and the Bush Church Aid Society seek an ordained Anglican minister with a commitment to teaching the Bible and a passion for reaching the lost to serve in this unique outback community.

The Lightning Ridge Community Church gathers weekly in this culturally diverse opal mining town of over 2000 people. The Church has a Sunday morning children's ministry and there are excellent opportunities to teach Scripture at the local school. There is a weekly Bible study group and a daytime women's group. Regular services are also held in the outlying centres of Goodooga and Cumborah.

There is a modern church building in Lightning Ridge and a well-equipped vicarage with four bedrooms and a study. The congregation has long-standing mission partnerships with city churches and there are excellent opportunities to reach out to tourists in the cooler months.

For further information contact The Rt Revd Rick Lewers on (02) 6772 4491 or the BCA National Office on (02) 9262 5017.

Notice of Annual General Meetings

The Bush Church Aid Society of Australia will hold its Annual General Meeting for the purpose of adopting the audited accounts of the Society for the financial year ended 31 December 2018 and to elect councillors.

Wednesday 15 May 2019 from 9.30am at Anderledy Lodge, 80 William Street, North Sydney

Queensland and Northern New South Wales

including Bush & Bible Day

Saturday 2 March 2019 from 9.30am | North Pine Anglican Church, 2 Wyllie Street, Petrie

Bishop Greg Anderson will give the key address on 'Celebrating God', with two talks from the Psalms. Also hear from Simon & Alison Reeve, Field Staff in Woolgoolga

\$20 includes lunch

To register:
email qld@bushchurcaid.com.au
or call 07 3349 9081

Western Australia

Saturday 9 March 2019 – 12 noon AGM, 12:45 pm Lunch | St Alban's Anglican Church 423 Beaufort Street, Highgate

Guest speaker The Revd Dr Mark Short
\$30 (\$20 concession)

To register:
email the WA Regional Office
rob.healy@bushchurcaid.com.au or
call 1300 554 025

South Australia/ Northern Territory

Saturday 16 March 2019 from 12 noon | Christ Church, 62-67 Jeffcott Street, North Adelaide

Hear from Topher Hallyburton, Field Staff Darwin/Palmerston

Lunch included
(cost to be advised on booking)

To register:
email sa@bushchurcaid.com.au
or call on 08 8221 5444

New South Wales/ Australian Capital Territory

Thursday 4 April 2019 from 11.30am | St Philip's Anglican Church, York Street, Sydney

Hear from Kristan Slack, Field Staff in Katherine, Northern Territory

Lunch provided –
donation to cover cost

To register:
contact Lucy Vallentine in the NSW/
ACT Regional Office on 02 9262 5017
or email lucy@bushchurcaid.com.au

Victoria

Saturday 4 May 2019 5:30 pm for 6pm | Glen Waverley Anglican Church, 800 Waverley Rd, Glen Waverley

Hear from Brad Henley, Field Staff on Kangaroo Island, South Australia

\$45 for a spit roast meal

To register:
contact the BCA Victorian Office by
29 April on 03 9457 7556 or email
victoria@bushchurcaid.com.au

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