

Prayer Notes



Reaching Australia for Christ since 1919

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.

Front cover: Easter Service in Newman, Western Australia

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

LOCATION

DAY

ADKINS, Peter & Gwen	NSW/ACT Regional Office	20
ANDREAZZA, Anthony	Theological Student – Ridley College	17
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FELL, David & Crystal	Norfolk Island Affiliate	25
FURNEAUX ISLAND	Vacant	19
GAULTON, Les & Jenny	Karratha/Dampier	6
GOODACRE, Andy & Liz	Launceston	20
GOSCOMBE, Richard & Tracy	Wickham	7
HALLINAN, Cheryl	Bush Scripture Adviser – NSW	21
HALLYBURTON, Topher & Chica	Darwin/Palmerston	10
HEALY, Robert & Kaye	WA Regional Office	3
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ICS Richard Bromley	Intercontinental Church Society	30
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MORGAN, David & Priya	Paraburdoo/Tom Price	7
MORANBAH	Vacant	29
NADEN, Neville & Kathryn	Indigenous Ministry Officer	2
NADEN, Nathaniel & Philippa	Student Minister – Moore College	25
NICOL, Frank & Jo	Exmouth	3
NIXON, Anne & Noel	Winton	28
OLDFIELD, Rod & Christene	Cloncurry	26
ORR, Doug & Frances	Nomads Coordinators	2
PAINTING, Helena	Yass/Bookham	22
PIGGOTT, Geoff & Tracey	Cooper Pedy	12
PIPER, David & Joanne	Lightning Ridge	27
QUINN, Dennis & Lois	Tasmania Regional Office	17
ROGERS-SMITH, David & Julie	QLD/Nth NSW Regional Office	26
ROXBY DOWNS	Vacant	12
SANDEFUR, Joy	Adviser on Indigenous Matters	2
SHORT, Mark & Monica	National Office	1
SLACK, Kristan & Kathryn	Katherine	11
VOLKOFKY, Peter	Distance Scripture Education	23
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The gospel is at risk in many bush communities. Why? Shrinking, aging churches unable to support paid leadership, poorly led churches, poorly taught Christians ill-equipped to endure suffering and to overcome false gospels deeply-entrenched in parishes and the denomination. Churches are grossly ill-prepared to weather the superstorm that's battering them in city and country, with its potent convergence of aggressive atheism, malicious Christo phobia, revolutionary change, and the discipleship-destroying gods of pleasure, consumerism and personal autonomy.

Good thing God is on the throne! And good thing He is determined to keep His gospel flame alight. How? In the teeth of serious threats to the gospel's survival and His own survival, the Apostle Paul's last letter tells us how. Here's the heart of it: entrust the gospel to sincere faithful believers, including local church leaders, who will guard and teach the gospel, suffer for the gospel, and preach the Word (2 Timothy 1:5, 8, 14; 2:2-3; 3:14; 4:1-5). God's way of keeping the gospel flame alight has proven remarkably effective. In the face of the ferocious winds of persecution, heresy, time and trouble, this flame stayed lit and spread around the Greco-Roman world and beyond, even to Australia, to you!

So, dear BCA supporter, be concerned that the gospel in the bush is under great pressure, but be confident that God will guard and grow His gospel; and be clear about how He principally does that. This is why equipping local leaders for fruitful ministry is one of BCA's publicly stated key priorities – supporting local believers and home grown church leaders so that they can spread the gospel regardless of poor finances, industry downturns, crippling droughts, transient populations, and enemies of the gospel. Through your faithful consistent prayers and gifts, together we can help local leaders 'fan into flame the gift of God' (2 Timothy 1:6), faithfully guarding, teaching, preaching and suffering for the gospel, by the grace and power of God. Amen!

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Back: Greg, Janine, Mark, Philippa. Front: Desiree, Melinda, Rebecca

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Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Romans 5:11

March

God-willing, BCA will celebrate 100 years of ministry in 2019. Give thanks for the team that is working with our National Director to plan for this milestone.

April

Give thanks for the new ministries that have commenced this year. Pray for any vacant ministry positions and that God will lead His people to fill them.

May

Our National AGM and Annual Council meeting will be held on 17 & 18 May. Pray for godly discussions, wise decisions and Spirit-given insight into God's purposes at this vital moment in history.

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

Psalm 118:29

March

Praise God for the many Aboriginal Christians who study at Nungalinga College. Pray that they will be able to take what they learn and apply it to their lives and churches and that God will work through them to draw people to Jesus.

April

Pray for all Aboriginal ministers and their churches as they share the true story of Easter and the hope we have in Jesus who rose from the dead. Pray that the Holy Spirit will soften the hearts of those who have not yet decided to follow Jesus.

May

Pray for me as I retire from BCA in June. I have enjoyed this role but it is time to slow down some more. Pray for Neville Naden and his wife Kathie as he takes up his new BCA role of Indigenous Ministry Officer.

Profile

The honorary role of National Researcher/Adviser on Indigenous Matters provides assistance in research and issues relating to ministry by BCA with Indigenous people. Ministry is widely varied. BCA has Indigenous staff and those who walk alongside Indigenous people in various capacities. With a long history of working beside Indigenous people, BCA desires continued partnership with them. Pray for wisdom as future ministry is planned.

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Your words have supported those who stumbled; you have strengthened
faltering knees.

Job 4:4

March

Please pray for us as we begin this new role. Pray that we will have a clearer understanding of the role and what is required, as we seek to support those in the field.

April

Pray for the various Easter activities over this time. There is an Easter Convention in Gilgandra run by the Gilgandra Aboriginal Church. There is also an Easter gathering and family camp at Bimbadeen. Pray for my visit to Darwin this month.

May

Pray for the National BCA Council meeting this month and pray for journey mercies as I seek to visit Field Staff in New South Wales.

Profile

BCA support ministries throughout Australia, many of which minister among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. As the Indigenous Ministry Officer, Neville seeks to support those at the coal face who minister to our First Nations people, the majority of whom live in rural and remote communities.

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And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased..... equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. *Hebrews 13:16,21*

As we Nomads plan for and engage in the year ahead, please pray that we seek, with open hearts and minds, to understand where we may best serve and that our travels may reflect this.

BCA Outback Queensland Holiday July 2017



Travel west through New South Wales and further into Outback Queensland and be inspired by Australia's vast landscapes as well as the dedicated BCA Field Staff who serve God in these remote regions.

15-day tour departing 7 July 2017

Travelling to Dubbo, Lightning Ridge, Charleville, Longreach, Winton, Cloncurry, Charters Towers, Moranbah, Mackay and Townsville

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The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be God my Saviour!

Psalm 18:46

March

Pray for safety in travel. Last year I travelled over 20,000 km by road and over 50,000 km by air as Regional Officer for WA. Pray for good conversations and meetings as I visit Geraldton and Sydney this month.

April

Pray for our WA AGM and fundraising lunch to be held on Saturday 8 April, at St Mary's West Perth, from 12 noon. Our guests are The Revd Roger and Mrs Amanda Kyngdon. Pray that a large number of people will attend.

May

Pray for The Revds Neil Walthew and Richard Minol, travelling with me to the National AGM and Council Meetings in Sydney. Give thanks to God for their willingness to serve Him. They are both ex-Field Staff and now serve in Perth parishes.

Profile

The WA Regional Officer serves Christ and Bush Church Aid across Western Australia. The Revd Rob Healy visits churches and speaks about BCA in the Diocese of Perth, Bunbury and North West Australia. Please contact the WA Office if you would like a visit to your church. You can also visit the Office at St Alban's in Beaufort Street, Highgate.

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In a loud voice they were saying: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise!" *Revelation 5:12*

March

Life is hot in Exmouth this month. Pray that we would be on fire as a church to serve God this year. Pray that the new parish council and I put good plans in place to make and mature disciples of Christ in Exmouth.

April

Praise God with us for the death and resurrection of our saviour Jesus Christ. We run two services outdoors for the Exmouth Christian community over Easter. Pray we work well as a family to offer that service to our town.

May

As the many tourists begin to roll into town this month, pray that we would be mutually encouraged as they meet with us. Pray that our members have time for their existing relationships as well as welcoming visitors into our church family.

Profile

Exmouth is a tourist town 1250 km north of Perth. It is hot and arid, but the marine life is stunning. People flock to fish, dive and swim with whale sharks and generally frolic in our beautiful waters. The challenge of our parish is helping people see beyond the creation to the amazing Creator.

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A person's steps are directed by the Lord. How then can anyone understand their own way?

Proverbs 20:24

March

Thank God for the willingness of The Revd Rod Williams to serve as a locum while a permanent rector is sought.

April

Give thanks and praise for the opportunities to share the message of our risen Saviour with the people in our community. May our Easter services bring glory to God.

May

Pray for the Bishop, Diocese and BCA as they work with the Wardens and Parish Councillors at St James Kununurra to find a permanent rector.

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 farm land with an abundance of fresh water. Farming is a fast growing industry in the region along with tourism and mining. St James Kununurra meets at 9.30am (all year round) and at 5pm for Café Church (June to September).

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Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might break the power of him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil. *Hebrews 2:14*

March

Praise our Lord for His abundant blessings. As it cools down, pray for renewed energy to actively follow-up Aboriginal brothers and sisters who need encouragement, and others who have shown interest in the good news. Pray God sustains our family.

April

Thank God for Easter opportunities to share the gospel of Jesus with our community. Pray for responsive hearts and changed lives as people come to repentance and faith. Pray Aboriginal Christians find belonging in Christ's church.

May

Give praise for our church family and their commitment to serving Jesus in all circumstances. Pray for the provision of a new minister for our parish. Pray for their transition to Kununurra, for discernment and that we grow in Christ's love.

Profile

The population in Kununurra/Wyndham is currently about 7000 people, about half who are North Australian Indigenous people. Some call themselves 'stolen generation people'. Lots of these senior people have had a close connection with the Church through mission life. The Watson family have been in Kununurra since 2004 and minister with them.

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You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:13

March

As we prepare to leave this wonderful church, pray that we will finish well. Pray for us as we go on long service leave. Derek will start as Senior Chaplain, Mission to Seafarers Port Hedland in July.

April

May the Easter services glorify God and proclaim His rescue plan. Pray for the locum as he ministers to the people here in Newman. Pray also for the new minister, that he and his family finish well in their last church.

May

Pray for the faithful congregation here in Newman as there have been so many changes. Pray that the children's ministries will continue to go from strength-to-strength, that Bible studies and strong fellowship will remain here.

Profile

As we conclude our sixth year in the Jewel of the Pilbara, we still never cease to be amazed at the faithfulness of God and the richness of His love for His people here. We are ever mindful of the power of prayer from all of you, who keep us before the Master's throne of grace. We praise God for the opportunity to preach Christ crucified here in Newman.

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Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from Him. Truly He is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress, I will not be shaken.

Psalm 62:5–6

March

Pray for the church as we hold our AGM this month. Give thanks for those who serve the church so well and pray for the election of a new parish council. Pray for the women's Bible study group to grow in spiritual wisdom and in reaching out to others.

April

Give thanks for the many opportunities we have in our community over Easter to proclaim the gospel. Pray for a spiritual awakening of people's hearts and minds which will lead to repentance and faith in Jesus.

May

Pray that our home groups will grow in their passion to live life in Christian community and in studying God's word. Give thanks for parishioners whose commitment to meeting regularly together and serving the church is of great encouragement.

Profile

We celebrate 11 years of ministry in Port Hedland in April 2017. We are so thankful to God for the way in which He has sustained and blessed us during this time. Port Hedland is currently going through some challenging times with the economic downturn. Against this backdrop of uncertainty, the gospel of God shines ever so brighter. We give thanks for BCA supporting us to proclaim this gospel and see people's lives transformed by it.

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While He was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased. Listen to Him!"

Matthew 17:5

March

Thank God for opportunities to serve the people of Karratha/Dampier. Pray that our service will be gospel focused and draw people into a relationship with Jesus. Pray that as new people settle in, they will find a home and a ministry with God's church here.

April

Thank God for the gift of eternal life in Jesus. Pray that as we prepare to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, we will be clear and forthright in presenting Him as the living Lord and King. Pray that we might know God's will and purpose for His church in this town and fulfil it.

May

Thank God for congregation members as they assist in leading services and faithfully operate the techno stuff. Pray that our church meetings will bring honour and glory to God and be user friendly to members of the community without losing the gospel.

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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Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness."

2 Timothy 2:19

March

Pray for efforts within our church (sermon series, devotion books) to make the most of Lent to promote a deep-seated commitment and ongoing renewal in Christ. Give thanks that the gospel of Christ grows and shapes us all.

April

Give thanks for the opportunities over Easter and Anzac Day to speak about sacrifice and hope beyond death. Pray that we speak clearly and graciously of our great need for Christ and the great salvation He offers.

May

Give thanks that we can serve in our town. Pray that Christ will draw people to Himself through our ministry. Pray that our church grows in number and maturity in Him. Pray that we would hold firm and keep persevering in our service of Christ.

Profile

David has been the Senior Minister for Dongara-Mingenew since October 2015. About 3.5 hours' drive north of Perth, Dongara, with a population of around 3500 people, is home to a variety of people from retirees to crayfishers, miners to farmers and is visited by many tourists. About 50 km inland, Mingeneew has around 500 people and is more agricultural.

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And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ... Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.

Colossians 4:3–4

March

Give thanks for the restoration work that has begun on the old Holy Trinity church building in Roebourne, and for the appeal established with the National Trust WA. Pray that through this work the oldest church in the NW will not just be a testament to the faithful people of the past, but that it will be a tool to minister to the lost and found of Roebourne in the future.

April

Give thanks for the way that occasional services in Roebourne are attended by the community, both black and white, united in the gospel (see photo above from the Roebourne 150th Anniversary Service).

May

While the restoration is taking place in Roebourne, we take the pews outside and have services under the stars. Pray that the Lord would have mercy upon the towns of both Roebourne and Wickham.

Profile

The town of Wickham services Cape Lambert, Rio Tinto's largest Port facility for the export of iron ore. The current downturn in the industry has hit hard. Many jobs have been lost, and many in the church who want to stay have had no choice but to leave, uprooting families and giving us heavy hearts.

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But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. I will say, 'Salvation comes from the Lord.'

Jonah 2:9

March

Pray for an increased awareness among Sydney's Christians, of the gospel challenges for North West Australia as we do deputations and encourage God's people there. We ask for more Christians to pray for and financially support gospel ministry in North West Australia.

April

Pray for Christian witness in Onslow – a community 390 km from Paraburdoo where local believers have begun gathering under the umbrella of Onslow Christian Fellowship. Praise God as this is the first church gathering in Onslow for over two years!

May

Praise God for sustaining His people in our absence and that Christ is THE Senior Pastor of all His churches. Pray for wisdom, creativity and perseverance for outreach and church planting for the remainder of 2017.

Profile

We are thankful for your support of gospel work in North West Australia through BCA. Paraburdoo Anglican is in a time of transition; please pray for wisdom for the Bishop, Diocese, BCA and local Christians in considering the best shape for gospel ministry in these small towns and communities. This quarter the Morgans are on extended deputation leave in Sydney sharing about gospel work in the North West. They will return to the Pilbara in May.

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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*

March

Give thanks for Roger and Amanda being able to attend Roger's sister's ordination in Sydney on 18 February. Give thanks for Ben's 1st birthday today! Please pray for the Playtime Easter event we are running and gospel opportunities there.

April

Pray for good connections to be made through Playtime. Continue to pray as Roger and his boss Andrew work together sharing the gospel with the local community. Give thanks for the support we receive from family, friends and through prayer.

May

Pray for the day-to-day running of Playtime and also Kids' Church at St George's as we seek to teach the children about Jesus. Pray for Roger teaching Scripture at Bluff Point Primary School.

Profile

It is now over a year since we began working at St George's Bluff Point. It has gone very quickly. We are very thankful for all that God has taught us and what God is doing through us. We are continuing to enjoy life in Geraldton and ministering at St George's.

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And those the Lord has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. *Isaiah 35:10a*

March

Give thanks for our recent trip north to Darwin stopping to visit Field Staff and others at Coober Pedy, Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine and Darwin. Please pray that we will engage with new supporters through the remainder of the year.

April

Give thanks for the work of the SA/NT Regional Committee. Pray for the AGM this month, for the continuing Regional Committee as well as new members. Pray that our churches will boldly proclaim the message of Easter and that many will hear and respond.

May

Pray that the preparation to move to a new site will go smoothly. Pray that the wives and families of Field Staff in our patch will continue to grow spiritually as they support their husbands and fathers in BCA's work.

Profile

The SA/NT office has been based at St Luke's Church in Whitmore Square. While we have a great working relationship with the church, the office has become inadequate for our purposes. We are negotiating with St Luke's for a smooth transition to a new office, close to the centre of Adelaide.

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The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

March

Give thanks for the Building Blokes Men's Conference (3–4 March). Pray that women attending the St Peter's Women's Day Conference will be built up in their faith and encouraged to persevere. Pray for Craig Rogers (Ngukurr) preparing for ordination.

April

Give thanks for the seven young people (including Matthew and Laura), who attended the KYCK youth conference in Katoomba NSW (7–9 April). Please pray for preparations at the new site of the Katherine Christian Convention and for Bruce, Ruth Brigden and the youth program.

May

Pray that Bruce has good discussions with Aboriginal community leaders about how to grow children and youth ministries in their churches. Give thanks for the biennial NT Synod 5–7 May and pray decisions made will be implemented wisely.

Profile

Thank God for the way He has sustained us in ministry in the NT for over eight years. We give thanks to God for all those who have partnered with us locally, around Australia, in our partner churches and even overseas. BCA is continuing its support of our ministry in the NT for at least another two years. During this time Bruce will particularly focus on assessing the NT Diocese's needs in children's and youth ministry and in consultation, develop a strategic plan.

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So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55:11

March

Please pray for us as a family adjusting to Darwin, leaving behind friendships and support networks. Pray that we will be kind, loving and patient as we make ourselves at home. Please pray for Daniel who has recently started school.

April

Praise God for His children in Darwin as we settle into church life. Pray that we can be an encouragement to His people, and that we might be encouraged as we open His word together. Please pray for a good home group with whom to share our Christian walk.

May

Give thanks for the volunteers involved in SRE and their faithful work for the gospel. Pray that God would raise more volunteers who are willing to give their time and energy so that more children might hear God's word in Darwin and Palmerston.

Profile

Christopher (Topher) and his wife Maria Loreto (Chica) are based in Darwin. They have recently moved from Sydney where Topher was studying at Moore College. Topher is an RE (Scripture) worker, teaching classes, training volunteers and linking churches with primary schools in both Darwin and Palmerston.

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Trust in Him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to Him, for
God is our refuge.

Psalm 62:8

March

Please join us in our request that God send/save a family to join us at church. Christianity Explored will be in full swing so our request is that church members taste and see God's good news in a new light.

April

Pray for creativity in explaining Easter to outsiders. We have a holiday with Kath's family planned, and will celebrate the wedding of dear friends. Ask for refreshing times and good reconnection for our boys with their cousins, uncles and aunties.

May

May marks a year of being in Katherine. Pray for clarity and wisdom about how to share Jesus and where to focus our efforts. Pray that Jesus' Sermon on the Mount will provoke us as a church and visiting locals and tourists will repent and trust Him.

Profile

Katherine has over 11,000 people, including those at the nearby RAAF Tindal base. The town has a handful of churches, and each is small. The population is transient, and many locals are mobile for work reasons. Kristan leads St Paul's and he and Kath are seeking to build relationships inside and outside the church.

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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*

March

Pray that church members will be filled with God's peace and comfort in the midst of change. As trust in our unchanging God increases, so may generosity and understanding regarding changes for the sake of effective ministry in a post-Christian society.

April

Give thanks for opportunities to share the good news over Easter. Pray for School Christian Pastoral Care Workers, lunchtime Christian groups and Easter seminars. Pray for us to have some fun and restful family time.

May

Please pray for more partners in the gospel to be raised up here and also move to the Island. Pray for God to reveal His wisdom to us for the building up of His church. Pray that our church members will have boldness, energy and enthusiasm in sharing their faith.

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. In May 2015 we started a fortnightly Family Church in Kingscote with a very small group from churches in other towns. Please ask God to increase our number with those not yet connected to church. May He draw Islanders to Himself.

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On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."
John 7:37–38

March

Pray for Val as she returns for a second year to volunteer in outreach to tourists who come to see our underground church. We ask for tourists who are seeking the truth and for Val to be sensitive and clear in her explanation.

April

Pray that all the teens who attend the Scripture Union Easter Camp will have their eyes and minds opened to the generosity of God's gospel in Jesus. May they follow Him and tell their friends. Please also pray for our participation in the Opal festival.

May

As Val has a month off, we hope to have another volunteer – may they grow in the role and be used by God. Pray for our relationships in town to be authentic and cause others to be drawn to Jesus. Give us the words to speak into people's lives.

Profile

Coober Pedy is a very unique town of 2500, with 40 different nationalities and 500 Indigenous people. Half the population live in dugouts. Last year our tourist ministry volunteer Val spoke to over 3000 tourists that came to view our underground church. Our congregation is small but each week in tourist season we are boosted by travellers from all over Australia. Isolation is challenging.

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Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and
 my hope is in you all day long. *Psalm 25:5*

March

We ask for prayer for The Revd Bob and Mrs Jan McKay who are returning as locums and will be serving the community of Roxby Downs as well as the Olympic Dam Mine.

April

Please pray for wisdom and guidance on our search for a new minister for the parish.

May

Pray that we continue to be encouraged in our own personal ministries while we are without a full-time minister.

Profile

Roxby Downs is a mining town in South Australia, about 560 kilometres north-west of Adelaide. It has a transient population of around 4000 who come from around the world. The town was purpose-built for Olympic Dam, a mine that produces copper, uranium, gold and silver, which is located 16 kilometres to the north of the town.

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This, then, is how you should pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:9–10

March

Praise God that we have a Father in heaven who cares and forgives. Pray that His name would be hallowed in our regional Dioceses of Ballarat, Bendigo, Wangaratta and Gippsland, as well as in Melbourne and Geelong.

April

Pray that God's kingdom would come through the preaching of His word in every community. Pray too for the preparation and fruitfulness of the BCA Victoria Annual Meeting and Dinner on 5 May, at which Bishop Richard Condie from Tasmania and The Revd Steve Weickhardt will speak.

May

Pray that God's will would be done as Victorians turn to Christ in repentance and follow Him. Praise God that His will is perfectly done in heaven. May it be our goal and certain hope.

Profile

Victoria has a fast-growing population of 5.8 million, with 1.5 million living in 48 regional municipalities, including many immigrants. Pray for gospel workers, repentance and faith, and a fresh commitment to evangelism, holiness and submission to God's word in the face of increasing opposition.

Diocese of Melbourne

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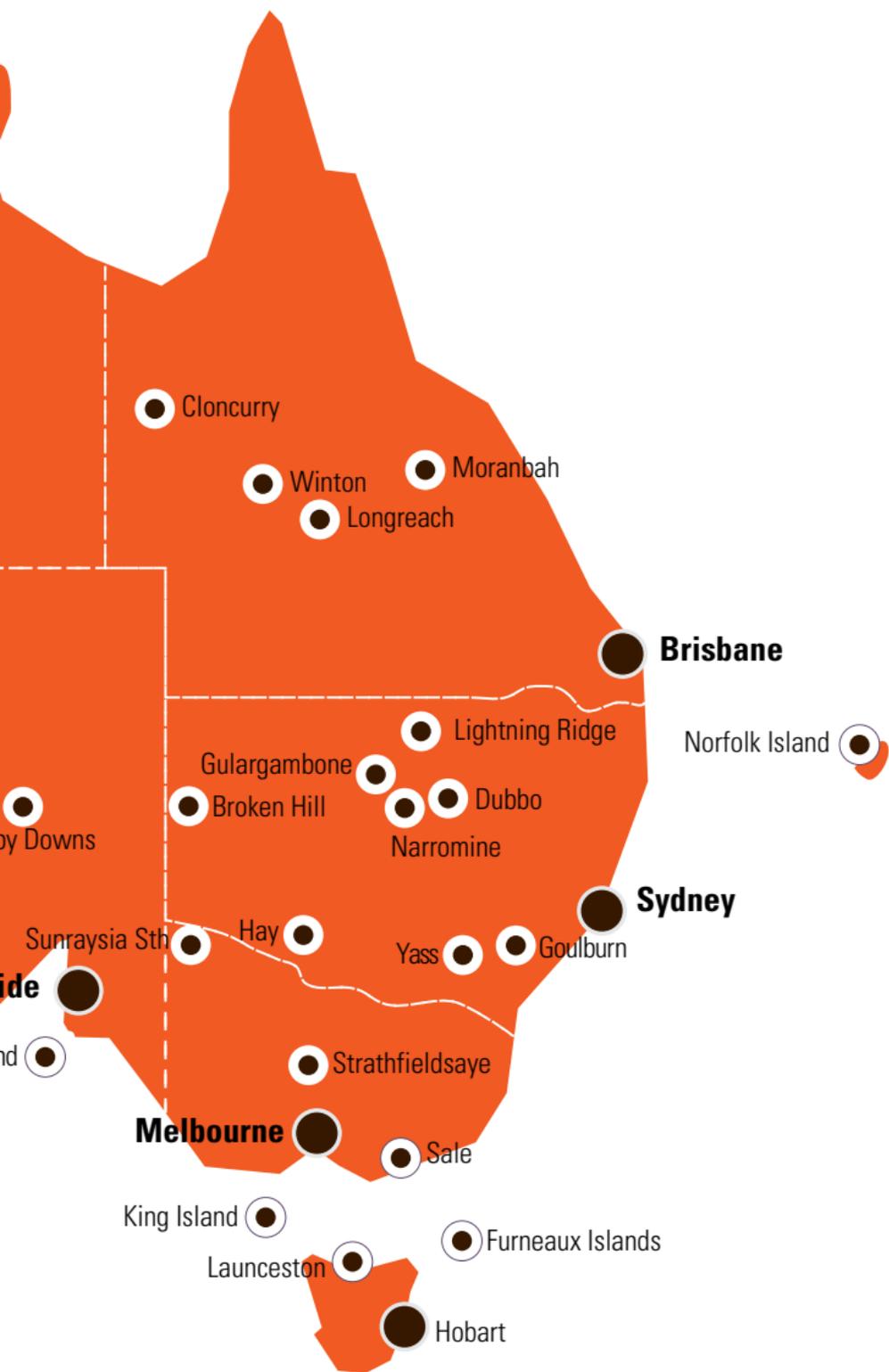


THE BCA PRAYER

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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God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Psalm 46:1

March

Please pray for those were affected by the hail storm last November – particularly those who lost most of their crops. Thank God for our new parish council and pray for wisdom. Pray that the Barclay children will love and serve Jesus.

April

Please pray our Easter services will reflect the life that Jesus offers. Pray our shopfront ministry continues to have an impact in our community. Pray for our church to grow in all sorts of ways and for Dale and Rachel in their role as parents.

May

Pray our Bible studies will be well attended and that people will grow in Christian maturity. Pray our Sunday lunch continues to foster community. Pray our children will be good students, have encouraging friends and grow to love Jesus.

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-centred church. We seek to serve the local community as well as share Jesus, through many and varied programs.

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See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

Isaiah 43:19

March

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday 19 March. As we look back, we give thanks for how far the Lord has brought us. As we look forward, pray with us for courage to take risks and to walk by faith.

April

Easter Saturday... waiting, wondering with the disciples. Praise God we know the joy of Easter Day – Jesus is alive! Pray with us that more souls in Strathfieldsaye will awaken to this good news.

May

Pray for the Bendigo Diocese as we anticipate some big changes in the next year. Pray that we will keep our initiative as a Diocese in mission, and seek the kingdom of God first at every level.

Profile

Strathfieldsaye ministry is regularly changing as we find new ways to work with the local community. We are trialling a new time (Sunday 5pm) for locals who aren't excited about traditional church, but who are looking for Jesus. We are privileged to have all your prayerful support.

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"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

March

Thank the Lord for a great first term at 123. Please pray for Gippsland Grammar Students in our lunchtime Bible study. Please pray for Julie as she supports and loves people at 123 and for our Easter outreach activities at 123.

April

Thank the Lord for a great school holiday program at 123. Please pray that those who have heard the gospel during the Easter period will know Jesus as their redeemer. Please pray for the Lord's wisdom and presence as I run Chapel at school.

May

Please pray for our volunteers at 123, particularly that those who don't know Jesus will encounter Him through this ministry. Please pray for our sons, Jack, Jacob and Elijah as they share a house together in Melbourne.

Profile

Rich and Julie Lanham are based in Sale, Victoria. Rich has worked extensively with young people for over 20 years. Julie is a youth worker, published author and is currently studying nutritional medicine. Rich is the Director of 123 and the School Chaplain at Gippsland Grammar.

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For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. *Hebrews 4:12*

March

In this, the 500th year of the reformation, please pray for the salvation of all those who are following man-made religion rather than Christ. Pray for God's revival flowing from the authority of Scripture, and for unity founded in our triune God.

April

Pray for the preservation, proclamation and efficacy of Christ's gospel especially this Easter, but throughout this generation. Pray that Jesus' life, death and resurrection might bring many to a saving knowledge and rightful recognition of Christ as Lord.

May

Pray for VCYC 2017 (May 19–21) as hundreds of Victorian youth gather to hear John Dickson speak on 'History Changes Everything'. Please pray that this foundational grounding might spur these students into a lifetime pursuit of Christian ministry.

Profile

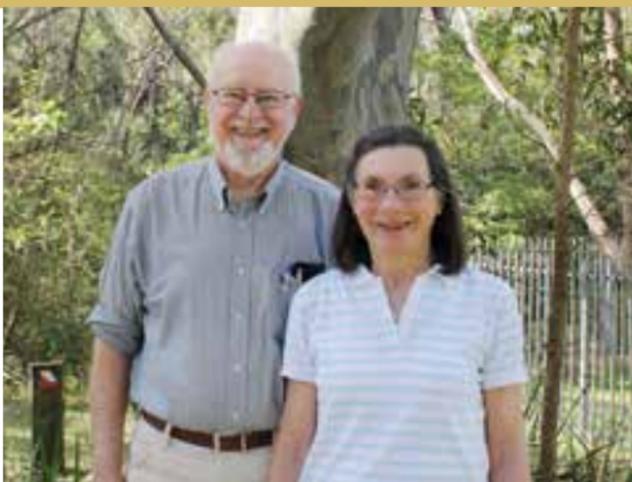
Anthony was born-again through university ministry in Armidale, and has a desire to share Christ's gospel in rural NSW. Since moving to Melbourne, Anthony has been studying at Ridley College and has become an Anglican ordinand. In 2017, he will serve as a Student Minister at St James' Ivanhoe.

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For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. *Romans 15:4*

March

Thank you Lord for your encouragement and guidance as we continue to reach out and encourage others to support the ministry of BCA across the region. We give thanks for the support of parishes and individuals.

April

Please pray for the preparations for Easter and in particular for the services to be held in field locations across the nation. We pray for the visitors to these parishes during Easter celebrations.

May

We seek God's blessing and guidance for the BCA Executive and Council as they meet in Sydney. Pray for the preparations of the Diocesan Synod early next month.

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 with 48 parishes. 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.

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"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."

Matthew 4:19

March

Pray that God will watch over the runners in the King Island Imperial 20 race from Naracoopa to Currie, as well as the King Island show contributors and the yachters due to race into Grassy.

April

We seek God's blessing on the variety of Bible study groups that meet on King Island throughout the year. Pray that they will be encouraged by what they learn and in how they support each other.

May

Loving God we pray for a revival on King Island: to enlarge your flock and to encompass all that is good. Lord send your rain, send your sun and send your Holy Spirit across our Island.

Profile

At the time of going to press, we are still looking for a permanent minister on King Island. We have a lot to offer anyone who has the calling to come and be part of this loving community.

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In that day you will say: "Give praise to the Lord, proclaim His name; make known among the nations what He has done, and proclaim that His name is exalted".

Isaiah 12:4

March

Pray for the maintenance of reliable and affordable transport connections between the Islands and the rest of Tasmania. This will allow tourism and other industries to flourish and enable Islanders to access health and other services when needed.

April

Pray that Easter will be a time when God's people are strengthened in their faith and the wider community reached with the good news of Jesus.

May

Give thanks for local Christians who have faithfully served during the long vacancy in the Furneaux Islands and ask God to give wisdom to the Society and Diocese as we work towards a sustainable and long-term ministry model.

Profile

The Parish of Furneaux Islands reaches beyond Flinders Island to encompass all 52 islands of the group. A permanent population exists only on a few. Though the population of the Islands is small, there are strong community ties and many positive qualities of life. Currently the Bishop and BCA are seeking God's will and direction in regard to ministry to the folk there.

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I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. *John 15:5*

March

Pray for our core team of ministry equippers at Barney's as they seek God's will for our community for the coming year. Pray also for Andy as he heads to New Zealand on 22 March to lead a learning community for church teams in the Wellington Diocese.

April

Pray for good rest over the Easter holidays and for Andy and a team from Barney's as they head to Melbourne at the end of April to undertake strategic planning for our community. Pray also for Liz who has completed her first term of part-time theological study.

May

Pray for church teams from around Tasmania as they come together on 19 & 20 May to share, practice and plan strategically for being missional disciple makers. Pray for Andy as he leads this gathering.

Profile

The Goodacres are based in Launceston. Andy has been working as a pioneer minister as part of the Anglican Diocese of Tasmania since 2010. They lead the church community at Barney's which focuses on being God's missionary people to their local area through mentoring high school students, bushwalking and reaching the University campus. Their main focus is seeing people grow as disciples of Christ.

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He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, "Love your neighbour as yourself".

Luke 10:27

March

Please pray that those who attended the Temora and District Camp at Tumut in early March were encouraged as Peter and David Morgan shared from the scriptures and also about the work of BCA.

April

Pray for Peter and Gwen as they take annual leave, that they can draw near to God and He will draw near to them. Pray for the NSW Committee as they organise a NSW conference to be held later this year.

May

Pray for effective deputations each week in churches across the region and that God will bless and anoint the preaching of His word and bless and build up His church.

Profile

NSW Field Staff are involved in various ministries: work in rural churches, school chaplaincy, church plants, youth and children's work, rural evangelism, scripture teaching and advising in country schools. May God fill each of them with the mighty power of His Spirit.

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It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High,
 proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.

Psalm 92:1-2

March

Pray that we get more children in our school. Pray that the school will get more funding for our three Indigenous workers and that they get full employment until the end of the year.

April

We give thanks and praise for safe Easter holidays. Pray that the people of our country will come to know our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Pray for revival in our churches.

May

Pray that the leaders of this Nation will make the right decisions and that they will not get intimidated by others. Pray that the sick will be healed and that God's love is poured out on them.

Profile

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

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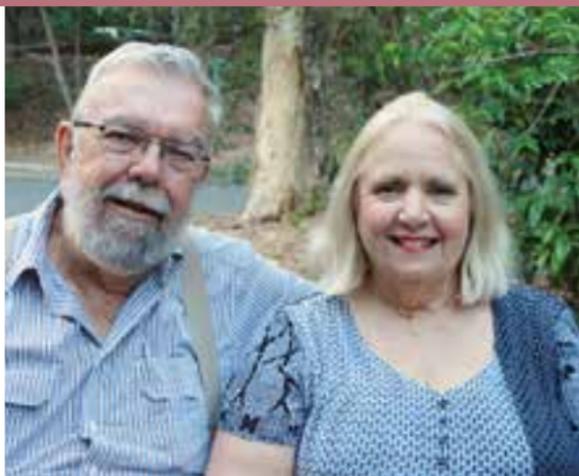
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But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6:33

March

Pray for central schools beginning Bush Scripture Distance Education lessons in 2017, their students and volunteer teachers. Give thanks for supportive church volunteers who have accepted the role of classroom helpers.

April

Pray for the growth of Secondary School Scripture (SRE) in the lower south coast of NSW. Give thanks for the chance to spend all April worshipping with local churches and sharing the vision and process of implementing Scripture throughout the region.

May

Give thanks for the support of Generate Head Office Staff and the BCA NSW team. Pray for travelling mercies as we conduct probationary reviews, classroom and Scripture board visits throughout the Armidale and Bathurst Dioceses.

Profile

Bush Scripture Adviser, Cheryl Hallinan and her driver/logistician husband Mike, are working with BCA and Generate Ministries to provide access to quality Scripture for all rural high schools and secondary departments of central schools in NSW by the end of 2020.

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The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and He helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise Him.

Psalm 28:7

March

Give thanks for the way all the churches work together in Yass and for the SRE teams and open doors in the schools.

April

A year on with the Bookham Community Church – give thanks for the year we have had and for all the people who have supported and helped to make it happen. Pray that the church will grow both in number and in faith.

May

Give thanks for our youth group leaders and pray that they have wisdom, patience and grace as they work with the young people. Pray that the youth will learn more about Jesus and put their trust in Him.

Profile

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

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Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name.

Nehemiah 1:11a

March

This month we will be getting into the full swing of Rocky Hill Church, Scripture in schools, and children's and families' programs. We will also be looking to launch a new playgroup and a Messy Church. Please pray that many people from East Goulburn will respond.

April

This month we are planning to run an Easter Holiday Club with the help of Soul Survivor. Please pray for many children to draw closer to God through the teaching, music and fun. Please also pray for the first Easter Services at Rocky Hill Church.

May

Please pray for strong relationships and discipleship to be built through our mid-week Connect Groups which have the purpose of 'Connecting with God, Connecting with each other and Connecting with our community'.

Profile

Goulburn has a population of about 29,000 and was the first inland city in Australia. We love the opportunity to minister in schools (with Scripture, breakfast clubs and reading programs), with parent and toddler groups, kids' clubs and through the people of Rocky Hill Church.

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Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Matthew 5:48

March

We give thanks and praise for the provision of budgetary needs and good progress in schools at Baradine, Coonamble and Coonabarabran. We ask for God to intercede for Peter's new support and training roles with SRE teachers at Wee Waa, Moree, and in local towns like Trangie.

April

We give thanks for improved health and strength. Pray for redemptive relationships with staff and SRE teachers at the schools, and local churches. To let God in, we would also like to see gifted and experienced volunteers available to help.

May

Pray for freedom from idolatry in all its forms. Pray for protection, love for Jesus, and joy in the hearts of the students. Pray also for genuine and consistent body-life: especially praying together. Pray for grace and faithfulness in shepherding my own family.

Profile

Peter is a Distance Education Coordinator (and supervisor) for Bush Scripture. His work takes him to towns across north-west NSW. Peter loves being in a classroom with high school students, telling them stories about Jesus and seeing them open their Bibles to explore faith for themselves.

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Then the master told His servant, "Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full".

Luke 14:23

March

Praise God that His gospel is for all people. Give thanks for the opportunity to have proclaimed the gospel in the city and ask that we would be blessed with wisdom as we proclaim the gospel in the country.

April

Praise God for His desire that all people will be saved and come to knowledge of the truth. Thank God for the privilege of serving Him. Ask God to pour out His Holy Spirit upon people so that they will repent and believe in Jesus.

May

Praise God for His hand at work in and around Narromine over many years. Thank God for the gift of His word. Ask that God's word would find its way into the hearts of many, bringing conversion and growth.

Profile

This evangelistic ministry seeks to reach as many people as possible throughout 2017–18 in the Parish of Narromine so that they may hear about Jesus and become established in the fellowship of God's people. Narromine is located approximately 40 kilometres west of Dubbo in NSW.

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I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples.

Psalm 108:3

March

Please pray that the people in Broken Hill would come closer to God through prayer and Bible reading.

April

Pray that as people come closer to God they would reach out and affect the community with the gospel.

May

Pray that the people would know God's Spirit and be empowered to do the work the Father has prepared for them.

Profile

Broken Hill is an isolated town in western New South Wales, located only 50 kilometres from the New South Wales and South Australian border. It has a population of around 18,500 people and is Australia's oldest mining town. Around five per cent of the population are Indigenous, a figure that continues to grow.

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For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

1 Corinthians 2:2

March

Pray for Scripture (SRE) at Hay Primary School, for follow-up from the SRE intensive at the high school earlier this month, and for wisdom regarding possible future SRE events there. Pray for the work of School Chaplain, Shane Orchard.

April

Pray that we will always be thankful for Jesus' sacrifice for us and that we will be able to effectively share the message of the cross with the church and community of Hay.

May

Pray for us as we plan some travel in North West Australia and for those who have offered to come to Hay to take our place at school and in church.

Profile

Hay is an isolated town on the Murrumbidgee River in NSW, halfway between Sydney and Adelaide. St Paul's Anglican Church has been without a minister since 2006. Peter and Lee Caspersonn moved to Hay as BCA Co-workers in 2011 to take SRE in the schools and help with the church.

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But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

March

Pray that my start to college has gone well and that our new marriage is being built on Christ and His word.

April

Pray that our new role at St Thomas' North Sydney as a student minister will be fruitful and also a time of learning.

May

Pray that we will continue to trust God for all of our needs whilst we are studying.

Profile

Newly married to Philippa, I am an Indigenous student studying at Moore College. I am now in my third year studying for the four year Bachelor of Divinity.

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Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the worst.

1 Timothy 1:15

March

Our Minister's Fraternal is still looking for a part-time youth and children's pastor for 2017. Pray that the person who answers the call will be holy, passionate, and evangelistic. Please pray for David as he leads the youth team in the interim.

April

Pray that our church will delight in God's word and always hunger for His truth. Pray for our Easter services and witness in the community. Pray that the Fells have a good break as we take annual leave in the second half of April.

May

Pray for thankfulness. God, make us to be a church that is thankful to you and for you. May you captivate our hearts, minds, and wills so that our everyday circumstances are transcended by the fact that you are for us in Christ.

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 to Norfolk Island in May 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

The great dragon was hurled down – that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.... he is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short.

Revelation 12:9,12b

March

The Lord Jesus has triumphed over Satan – freedom from sin’s guilt and power, a new heart and hope are now ours by grace through faith in Jesus. Pray this message brings new and renewed life and inspires greater support of BCA’s mission.

April

The devil’s mission is to deceive and destroy. Pray that our region’s missions and their churches will stand fast in the gospel and hold out the words of life. Please also pray that David’s ministry at the Rockhampton Synod (19–21 May) will bear fruit.

May

Time is short. Jesus is coming any day to judge and to save. Please pray that David’s ministry in June (Armidale Diocese Lay Leaders’ Conference, Grafton Diocese Synod and church visits) results in the lost saved and the saved built up and sent.

Profile

The verses from Revelation given above reassure and warn us. Our enemy has been cast down (at the cross of Jesus) – HALLELUJAH! But this defeated-but-not-yet-destroyed foe is at large. Our region relies on your earnest prayer in this war. Thank you so much. Who else can you enlist to stand with us?

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"The time has come," He said. "The kingdom of God has come near.
Repent and believe the good news."

Mark 1:15

March

St Andrew's hosted World Day of Prayer. Give thanks that it was a good time of combined worship and an opportunity to consider other brothers and sisters in Christ.

April

We no longer travel to the Southern Gulf. Pray for John Mudge who is taking on this job. Pray also for Joe Haase in Georgetown as he continues school Chaplaincy in the region.

May

Pray for our new church members as they become involved in our outreach activities into the community.

Profile

Rod and Christene are based in the north-west Queensland town of Cloncurry. Their area of ministry extends to Julia Creek, Normanton, Croydon, Georgetown, Karumba and Burketown. The pastoral industry is suffering from a long drought, and mining from a downturn. The churches of these areas are small but welcoming and supportive of new ministry initiatives to help them grow.

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But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.

Joshua 24:15

March

Praise God for the past 12 months and the inroads made in ministry in Central West Queensland. Pray for Easter preparations, the ability to reach the lost with the gospel message and that people will hear and respond.

April

Praise God for the Easter services, His wondrous ways and His ability to open the eyes of the spiritually blind.

May

Praise God for those who have come to know Christ and for a good clergy retreat. Pray that communities of Aramac, Muttaborra, Jericho, Alpha, Stonehedge, Morrella, Jundah, Ilfracombe, Barcaldine and Longreach might respond to Christ.

Profile

Graeme and Susan have just completed their first 12 months working in remote Central West Queensland. Graeme is the Mission Facilitator and Trainer overseeing the parishes of Barcaldine & Longreach that encompasses a region in excess of 90,000 sq kms. Susan supports him in this role.

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I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel. For He is the living God and He endures forever; His kingdom will not be destroyed, His dominion will never end.

Daniel 6:26

March

Our annual mission week starts soon (2 April). Pray that both the team from St Matt's West Pymble and our church will be well prepared and work together prayerfully and harmoniously. Pray that interest in the gospel will continue beyond mission.

April

As the new school term starts, please pray for our Scripture (SRE) ministry in Lightning Ridge and Goodooga. Pray that God will raise up more teachers for this harvest field.

May

Pray for the men's and ladies' ministry. The Equip womens conference is on today. Please pray that the technology will work smoothly, that many women will come, even from surrounding towns, and that God will use it to grow all the women in maturity.

Profile

Autumn is the start of tourist season. Many tourists pass through between now and spring. Many also come annually to live for the cooler months. The Easter festival is a major annual event, and our church seeks to reach out during the festival.

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And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.
Hebrews 10:24–25

March

Please pray that the parishioners will work together to build the church in the community, as we all come to terms with my leaving the parish next month. Pray for the success of our St Paul's celebrations. Pray for our learning together.

April

Praise for a wonderfully reflective and holy Easter. Pray for safe travels and an uneventful move for us, and for the church to meet together to support each other and pray together.

May

Give praise for the success of the Mother's Day garden party, and the ability and willingness of the members of the community to work together. Pray for leaders to be raised up.

Profile

Winton Parish is the most westerly part of the Diocese, and is the biggest parish geographically, though sparsely populated. The parish is hoping a new incumbent will be found who will love the west and its people, and will appreciate the wonderful wide-open spaces.

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Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

March

Thank God for granting the Haynes four fruitful years of life and ministry in Moranbah and for the unchurched who have been reached, equipped, and even grown into leadership roles.

April

Pray for the local leaders in the church to know Jesus as their Shepherd and the Holy Spirit as their enabler and for the church to be faithful in gathering, constant in love for one another, courageous in outreach.

May

Pray for a suitable locum to be found soon and for a suitable family to replace the Haynes' and build on their important work.

Profile

Moranbah is located in Far North Queensland about 400 kilometres north-west of Rockhampton. The population of Moranbah is young, multicultural and transient, due to fluctuations in the resources sector. It has a population of around 8000 people and has a hot and dry climate. BCA and the Bishop are seeking God's direction in regards to ministry there.

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As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.'

Matthew 10:7

March

Please pray for the recruitment that ICS is involved in for various Chaplaincies. 'Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field'. (Matthew 9:38)

April

The annual Chaplains and Families Conference took place from 24–28 April in Beatenberg, Switzerland. Give thanks for the organisation, the speakers, the children's workers and the safety in travel for all who attended.

May

Holy Trinity Brussels ministers at the heart of the European Union. Pray for the Lord's blessing on all outreach activities by members working daily in the EU and for Jeremy Heuslein the EU Outreach Worker.

Profile

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Please pray for:

- God's direction and wisdom as the Executive consider various policies and implementation of new programs in 2017.
- Careful and responsible management, patience and perseverance in this special ministry to the Society.
- Love when we provide opportunity for jobs, growth and human dignity in the workplace.
- Wisdom and discernment under God's care.

Pray for BCA Staff in Transition

Lindsay & Carolyn Whybrow

Please give thanks that we have settled into our new home in Uralla after Lindsay's eight months in hospital and for the recent visits of our children and grandchildren. Please continue to pray for Lindsay's on-going recovery and for him as he copes with his disabilities.



Stuart & Katherine Haynes

Please pray for Katherine who is now working as a Chaplain at Sapphire Coast Anglican College where Christina has just started high school. Pray also for Stuart who is the Families Minister at St John's Bega.



Gary and Nikki Alexander

Gary and Nikki concluded their time as BCA Field Staff in Kununurra at the end of 2016 after eight and a half years' service. They are remaining in town as Gary pursues other work opportunities. Please pray for them and for their children Thomas and Tobias as they transition together to new roles.



Pray for BCA Staff in Transition

Rob & Jenny Stubbs/Beth Hazell

We give thanks for seeing many young people experience Australian rural life through the Dusty Boots Program since its establishment in 2007. Rob and Jenny are now settled into their home in Gerringong. Please pray for Rob's continual cancer treatment and give thanks for its effectiveness and the wisdom of the medical practitioners. Beth is in the process of transition to retirement and gives thanks for God's provision to do this.



Joel & Hannah Hill

Thank God that He will continue to grow His people in Roxby in maturity until Jesus' return. Pray for a godly leader who loves Jesus and His word. Thank God for new opportunities for gospel partnership in Taree NSW. Pray that our kids continue growing in their trust of Jesus and boldness to make Him public.



Irfon & Barbara Griffiths

Barbara and I are now back on the mainland and our ministry has concluded at St Leonards. It is also time to conclude our prayer points. Thanks for your diligence and patience over the years.



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