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Going the distance

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Prayer Notes

Reaching Australia for Christ since 1919

The Bush Church Aid Society

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.

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We are Going the Distance by

- **bringing the gospel of Christ to the outermost parts of Australia** – We are committed to sending messengers so that all Australians, no matter where they live and work, are able to hear the life-changing message of Christ.
- **developing a new generation of culturally diverse Christian leaders** – We are committed to engaging young people, discipling them in the faith and encouraging them in ministry so they can lead others to Christ.
- **supporting ministry by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people** – We are committed to working with our first 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
BARCLAY, Dale & Rachel	Sunraysia South	14
BESTER, Jamie & Claire	Southern Beaches	18
BRUSH, Ted & Michelle	NSW/ACT Regional Office	20
CASPERSONN, Peter & Lee	Hay Co-Workers	25
CHAMPNESS, Ali	Goulburn	23
CHAPMAN, Bruce & Jodi	Diocesan Youth Minister, NT	9
COLLINGS, Luke & Julia	Moranbah	28
DAVIS, Steve & Lyn	SA/NT Regional Office	8
DAYMOND, James & Brittany	Narromine	24
DUFF, Chris & Naomi	Brighton	19
FARICY, Daniel & Rebecca	Kununurra	4
FELL, David & Crystal	Norfolk Island Affiliate	26
FERGUSON, George	Indigenous Ministry Trainee –Tamworth	29
FURNEAUX ISLAND	Vacant	18
GAULTON, Les & Jenny	Karratha/Dampier	5
GOODACRE, Andy & Liz	Launceston	19
GOSCOMBE, Richard & Tracy	Wickham	6
HALLINAN, Cheryl	Bush Scripture Adviser – NSW	22
HALLYBURTON, Topher & Chica	Darwin/Palmerston	10
HARRADINE, Jack & Lill	Broken Hill	24
HEALY, Robert & Kaye	WA Regional Office	3
HENLEY, Brad & Joh	Kangaroo Island	11
ICS Richard Bromley	Intercontinental Church Society	30
KING ISLAND	Vacant	17
KNIGHT, Philip & Elke	Port Hedland	5

PEOPLE	LOCATION	DAY
KYNGDON, Roger & Amanda	Newman	4
LANE, Adrian	Victoria Regional Office	13
LANHAM, Richard & Julie	Sale Affiliate	15
LIERSCH, Graeme & Susan	Longreach/Barcaldine	27
NADEN, Nathaniel & Philippa	Student Minister – Moore College	25
NADEN, Neville & Kathryn	Indigenous Ministry Officer	2
NICOL, Frank & Jo	Exmouth	3
OLDFIELD, Rod & Christene	Cloncurry	27
ORR, Doug & Frances	Nomads Coordinators	2
PAINTING, Helena	Yass/Bookham	22
PARABURDOO/TOM PRICE	Vacant	7
PIGGOTT, Geoff & Tracey	Cooper Pedy	12
REEVE, Simon & Alison	Woolgoolga	30
PIPER, David & Joanne	Lightning Ridge	29
QUINN, Dennis & Lois	Tasmania Regional Office	16
ROGERS-SMITH, David & Julie	QLD/Nth NSW Regional Office	26
ROXBY DOWNS	Vacant	12
SHORT, Mark & Monica	National Office	1
SLACK, Kristan & Kathryn	Katherine	11
VOLKOFISKY, Peter	Distance Scripture Education	23
WATSON, Jim & Natalie	Nungalinya College	10
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The tyranny of distance. It's a phrase that we readily associate with the bush. Since time immemorial, inhabitants of this vast, harsh land have had to cope with isolation. As time has passed we have devised staggeringly impressive means of transport and communication to bring together people who are far apart. When people have a common purpose, even when they are highly motivated and strongly committed, it may be frustrated by lack of mutual support. Geographical remoteness can be a barrier to effectiveness of a shared enterprise. When some of the participants do not know one another personally or when they do not have useful information, work can be hindered.

Many projects labour under such difficulties. They are certainly not new to God's mission. Despite two millennia of these kinds of challenges, God's mission has continued unabated – the gospel has been preached, lives and societies have changed.

Considering the odds, how is that possible? Several paths lead to an answer to that question. Let us take one.

God, creator not only of this land but of all there is, inhabits the furthest reaches of the cosmos and the innermost being of His followers. He tells us He loves what He has made. God's mission is to bring everything and everyone together, reconciled and unified through that love. God's people participate in the process. Prayer is a fundamental mechanism for advancing the mission. Prayer aligns God's people with the purpose. Prayer is a way of communicating and satisfying the needs of the mission. Prayer links together strangers separated by distance, ethnicity, culture and experience. Prayer connects. It energises action.

That is how God has conducted His mission from the beginning. Bush Church Aid has carried God's mission to the bush for almost a century. Prayer has been central to its work. These notes are designed to help anyone who wants to support BCA and its people working in the front line or the back office. You can pray effectively for the mission to enable BCA to go the distance.

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Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.

Psalm 127:1

March

Give thanks for the work of BCA Mission Contacts in churches across Australia. Pray that we will be effective in supporting them in their vital ministry and that God would use their efforts to further our mission to reach Australia for Christ.

April

We are just over a year away from celebrating 100 years since BCA was established. Pray for those involved in planning and preparing events and resources for our centenary. May God be glorified.

May

The BCA Annual General Meeting and Annual Council Meeting will be held in Sydney on 16 and 17 May. Please pray that both occasions will be marked by thanksgiving to God with wise and godly discussions and decisions.

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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Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

Psalm 139:7

March

Pray for the Indigenous Ministry Support Committee as they continue to work on a Reconciliation Action Plan for BCA. Pray also for Neville as he travels to South Australia to speak at the Ceduna Easter Rally.

April

Pray for the Victorian Annual General Meeting and the New South Wales/ACT Annual General Meeting as Neville is the keynote speaker at both events.

May

Pray for Kathie and Neville as they travel to the Katherine Christian Convention and for BCA staff promoting the work of Bush Church Aid. Pray also for Neville, Kathie and Nathaniel as they facilitate some training 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 whose team has been very welcoming. Neville seeks to move and minister around the country from this location.

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And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.

Philippians 1:9-10

We have become more aware of how enormous the potential and need that our ministry is being presented with. At present we are looking at new service models and outreach opportunities. We most earnestly seek your ongoing prayers in knowing our Lord's path. Pray for both first time Nomads and seasoned Nomads who will commence travelling at this time of year.

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The tour cost includes:

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I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me – just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I lay down my life for the sheep.
John 10:14–15

March

Pray for opportunities to speak in churches about the Good Shepherd and those who serve Him across remote and isolated Australia. Pray that His flock will hear His voice and come to Him.

April

Give thanks for the Good Shepherd who laid down His life and took it up again. Pray that the forgiveness of sin will be proclaimed in the bush and in the cities of our land.

May

Pray that as the seasons change the hearts of Australians can change. Pray for a good planting season for our farmers. May the news of the Good Shepherd be planted in the hearts of Australia.

Profile

The Revd Rob Healy is the WA Regional Officer. 2017 was a struggle for Rob as his fractured right foot refused to heal. Following surgery late last year he is looking forward to a better 2018. Pray for him as he travels across the state visiting churches, supporters and Field Staff.

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

2 Corinthians 5:21

March

What a joy it is to celebrate Easter. Please pray that God will raise up people to help Frank with the logistics for our Easter events. Pray for a wonderful time of unity around the cross with all Christians in Exmouth.

April

Tourists numbers are well and truly starting to swell by this time of year. Pray that we will have great times of fellowship with visiting Christians and encourage them to live for Jesus' glory on their travels.

May

Please keep praying that we can have a heart to reach the lost in our town. Pray that we as a church will commit ourselves to praying for the lost all around us. Pray that God can give us boldness to speak of Jesus when possible.

Profile

April is the best month to holiday just about anywhere in WA. Exmouth is no exception and so during this period of the year our tourist numbers grow and town gets busier. As a church we enjoy the increased fellowship this brings with Christians from all over the country and the world.

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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

Pray that our Easter services will be well attended by the community and that people will be saved. Ask God to give members of St James' courage and opportunities to invite friends and family.

April

Give thanks for God's goodness and mercy to us in Christ. Give thanks for times of rest and pray that God would refresh us as we go away for two weeks. Give thanks for the many people who partner with us in prayer.

May

Pray for the live-streaming of the Equip Women's Conference at St James'. Pray that the women who attend will be encouraged and built up as they hear from God's word and encourage one another. Pray also that there are no technical glitches!

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 our region along with tourism and mining. St James' Kununurra meets at 9:30am each Sunday.

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Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day.

Psalm 96:1–2

March

Give thanks for new beginnings in Newman – getting to know new people in town and making new friends at church and in the community. Pray for the kids as they continue to settle into their new school. Pray also for the lead up to Easter services and the gospel opportunities which come from that.

April

Pray for Roger as he adjusts to weekly preaching. Pray that we will take and use, to God's honour and glory, the opportunities to make connections with people in the community.

May

Give thanks for relief from the heat and for the connections that Amanda has made through church and other locations. Pray that Roger can do the same and encourage the other men in church.

Profile

In December 2017 Roger, Amanda, Ada, Eliza and Ben made the long drive from Geraldton to Newman, in the heart of the Pilbara, to continue the ministry there. Give thanks to God that the gospel has been clearly proclaimed in Newman for many years. Pray that this will continue.

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

1 Corinthians 1:18

March

Pray for opportunities for members of our church to share the hope we have in Christ's death and resurrection as we celebrate Easter. Pray for the gospel message to transform lives. Give thanks that our confidence is in God to change lives.

April

Pray for those who are new to our church to be eager to join a Bible study group to fellowship, learn and minister to others. Give thanks for those who faithfully serve the church in ways that go unnoticed by the majority.

May

Pray for our Mother's Day service followed by a traditional breakfast cooked by the men of our church. Ask God to send out more workers into the harvest field of Port Hedland (Matthew 9:38).

Profile

Port Hedland is a mining town that has one the world's largest and busiest working harbours. We have long road trains, even longer trains and a big industrial landscape. The town is filled with people chasing the idol of money. We give thanks for BCA support to proclaim the true hope of the gospel.

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

Jeremiah 29:11

March

As we enter our final month of ministry in Karratha pray that we will finish well. Pray that God leads Bishop Gary to the person of His choosing to pick up the baton. Pray that congregation members will step up to new roles with enthusiasm.

April

Les and Jenny's final day of ministry was Easter Sunday. Pray that congregation members will become more active in ministry and that the search for a new senior minister will not take too long. Pray for Les and Jenny as they adjust to retirement.

May

Pray that those looking after ministry in Karratha will find willing hands to share the load and that God's kingdom will continue to grow and expand under their ministry.

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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This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed. Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.

1 Corinthians 4:1–2

March

As work begins in the houses Rio Tinto are letting us use for Wickham Community Projects (WCP), pray that the Lord will bless the meals we are preparing for the community three nights a week, creating trust that will give folk confidence to return.

April

Pray that as the Bible is opened with each evening's meal at WCP, people's hearts will be softened. Pray that the Lord would create a desire in them to know His goodness and grace, and that He will grant them the precious gifts of repentance and faith.

May

The local Elders in Roebourne have named WCP, Banyilgu Marndabura (Stepping Stones). Praise God for their enduring faith in Him and may He answer their prayers that WCP will provide the stepping stones their people need to escape dysfunction.

Profile

Wickham, Roebourne, and Point Samson (population: 3500) form a corridor of towns 50 kms east of Karratha and 1600 kms north of Perth. The area is home to the local Ngarluma people, but other Pilbara tribes (Yindjibarndi, Kuruma, Marthadunera, Banyima) also live in Roebourne and the housing area in Wickham.

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The Lord is my rock, my fortress, my deliverer; my God is my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Psalm 18:2

March

Give thanks for Duncan McArthur and other ministers who are doing locum ministry in Paraburdoo/Tom Price while BCA and the Diocese assess the ministry needs and opportunities in these locations.

April

Pray for Aboriginal Christians in Wakathuni and other communities near Paraburdoo and Tom Price. May their witness be powerful and attractive to those around them.

May

Pray for Christians working on a fly-in fly-out basis in the mining industry. May they establish healthy relationships and practices that will nurture their faith in Jesus.

Profile

Paraburdoo and Tom Price are located 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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The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. *1 Timothy 1:5*

March

Thank God for the encouragement of prayer partners who rang when delivery of their Prayer Notes was delayed. Please pray for opportunities for Steve to go into the Murray and Willochra Dioceses to share the work of BCA.

April

Pray for the SA/NT Annual General Meeting in April and for Bruce Chapman as he comes to speak at this event. Pray also that while Bruce is in Adelaide his gifts can be used well in promoting BCA in other churches, particularly amongst younger people.

May

Pray for the National Annual General Meeting held in Sydney this month. Pray that everyone will pursue the same goal of making Christ known as they discuss resourcing, funding and Field Staff. Please continue to pray for deputation opportunities across the Region.

Profile

Our SA/NT office is currently open from Monday to Friday for pick ups and deliveries via Hannah at the front desk. If you want to meet with our staff please phone beforehand to make arrangements as we may be out on other BCA business.

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Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one He has sent."

John 6:29

March

Pray for those elected to positions of leadership at the St Peter's Nightcliff AGM (4 March). Give thanks for Easter. Pray for service preparations and for God to prepare those who are invited to come.

April

Give thanks for BCA supporters around the country. Pray for Bruce as he addresses the BCA SA/NT Annual General Meeting in Adelaide. Give thanks for the opportunity for our youth to attend the KYCK youth conference in the Blue Mountains, west of Sydney.

May

Give thanks for the small team who support and encourage our Aboriginal leaders and churches. Praise God for the Pearson family, supported by CMS, who are moving to Gunbalanya this month. Pray that we can all work well together.

Profile

In June we celebrate 10 years of ministry in the NT. Thank God for the partnership we share with BCA churches and supporters that makes this possible. Give thanks for all the people that Bruce and Jodi have partnered with in ministry and gained mutual encouragement sharing the great news of Jesus.

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So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. *1 Corinthians 3:7*

March

Thank God for the opportunity of speaking in schools about Easter. Pray that as the message of the cross is explained, many kids may see their need for repentance. Ask that God will provide volunteers for programs in new schools.

April

Thank God for all that was done during Term 1. Pray for a week of rest for our family, and for all the RE volunteers. Ask that God will refresh all of us to persevere in loving our neighbours and doing good works.

May

Thank God for the kids' program run by Scripture Union NT at the Katherine Christian Convention and for all the remote communities that were represented. Pray that God's message will remain in the kids' hearts as they return home.

Profile

Topher and Chica have been in Darwin for a year. Topher works as the schools ministry coordinator at Scripture Union Northern Territory. There he equips, encourages and trains RE volunteers who teach in Darwin and Palmerston.

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Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

Psalm 90:14

March

He has risen! Praise our Saviour! Pray for our family making new Easter traditions in Darwin; that these will strengthen us and reach out to those in need of Jesus. Pray for BCA Nomads considering coming to Nungalinya this dry season.

April

Pray for students and staff at Nungalinya Bible College to stand firm in the gospel and grow in faith together. Continue to pray that Jim will be a good steward of time and resources, and will get to know students, families and communities.

May

Praise God for giving us every blessing in Christ and providing for all our needs. Pray that we build deep Christ-focused friendships at home, church, work, school and in the community. Pray for Marrara Christian School staff and students.

Profile

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

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Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

Hebrews 13:5

March

Pray for a good team of people on the new Parish Council. Praise God for those who serve in church and ask the Father to provide sufficient kids' church workers. In celebrating Easter, pray we renew our trusting, following and sharing of Jesus.

April

As we head back to Sydney for four weeks this month, please pray for the church family in our absence, especially those who are preaching. We're glad for a reunion with all of Kath's family and a chance for the cousins to reconnect.

May

Give thanks and pray for great connections with our link churches while we spend one Sunday and a few days with each of them. Pray for Kristan who attends the Clergy Conference at the end of the month. As the dry season begins – please pray for wisdom in ministering to visitors to our town.

Profile

Katherine has beautiful natural offerings – the river, Katherine Gorge, hot springs and barramundi. Some come for high salaries, others live on welfare. It's a haven for adventurous, outdoors people and has many young families. We would love to see some of these people discover Jesus is their ruler and rescuer.

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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

Give thanks for those attending our *Jesus the game changer* series. Pray for the Holy Spirit to move powerfully in the hearts and minds of our regulars and newcomers. Please pray for our school Christian pastoral care worker and our *mainly music* Easter celebrations.

April

Give thanks for God's generosity to us, and pray for Christians both near and far to be generous in their response to God.

May

Pray for Jemima, Gabriella and Evangeline. May they always know the love and grace of God in their lives. May God give us wisdom as parents and give our girls Christian peers to grow with.

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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A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God." *Isaiah 40:3*

March

Please pray that teenagers will be keen to attend the Scripture Union Easter Camp and that transport will be available. May the Catacomb Church faithfully declare the message of the cross this Easter.

April

As the tourist season begins we thank God for Val returning for six weeks and ask God to provide other tourist outreach volunteers for 2018. May God use this ministry to make tourists curious about Jesus and take the books and tracts available.

May

We ask for Christians to choose to come to live here and be lights for Jesus in this needy town. May God's people keep looking outside their own comfort and material needs to make Jesus known through BCA and their own church families.

Profile

Cooper Pedy was once a vibrant opal mining town in the 1980s with 5000 people. The town is experiencing frequent discouragement and negativity and needs positive people who can reach out. Thousands of tourists come to see our church and the new school principal is bringing exciting changes.

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Your word, Lord is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.

Psalm 119:89

March

Give thanks for Christians working in the mining industry in Roxby Downs and across Australia. Pray for them to be a gracious witness to their colleagues.

April

Pray for students and staff at local schools and give thanks for church ministry to young people and their families.

May

Pray for the committed lay leadership at the Roxby Downs Community Church who have carried significant responsibilities in the period between ministry appointments.

Profile

The town, mine and church are closely linked in Roxby Downs. There is currently gradual growth in them all, as mining refocuses for its next phase of expansion underground. There is an eager and prayerful anticipation of a new minister as the church continues giving strong, godly witness to Roxby Downs.

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Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Matthew 19:14

March

Pray that kids right across Victoria will hear of God's love and purpose for them. Pray that parents would be keen to bring their children to Jesus and help them be His disciples daily. Pray for workers and leaders of children's and family ministry.

April

Thank God for Matt Brain, the new Bishop of Bendigo. Pray that his skills in children's and youth ministry would bear much fruit. Pray too for the BCA Victoria Annual General Meeting at Boronia on 27 April where Neville Naden will speak on Indigenous ministry needs and opportunities.

May

Pray that youth and young adults' right across Victoria would hear of Christ's care and truth. Pray for youth ministers, leaders and student workers. Pray that many of those studying at Ridley College would prepare for country ministry.

Profile

Victoria has a fast-growing population of six million, with one and half million living in 48 regional municipalities, including many immigrants. Pray for gospel labourers, repentance, faith and a fresh commitment to evangelism, holiness and child-like obedience to God's word in the face of increasing opposition.

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

Colossians 1:28

March

Thank God for Bishop Matt Brain and pray for his ministry. Pray for Joseph in his role as school captain, Samuel in his VCE year and Eden and Talitha in their schooling. Pray that our children grow to love Jesus. Pray also for an effective Easter outreach.

April

Pray that our church will grow in its prayer life. Thank God for our Parish Council and pray for wisdom and guidance. Pray for Rachel and the sewing group ministry and Dale in his weekly sermon preparation. May people hear and respond to Jesus.

May

Pray for continued protection for Dale when he drives. Pray that our church will grow and thrive for the glory of Jesus. We ask for God's hand over everyday life in the Barclay family and that the children will be deeply aware of His love.

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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And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit. *Ephesians 1:13*

March

Pray for a clear and faithful witness about Jesus' death and resurrection to our community over Easter. Also pray for the preparations and running of our children's Holiday Program from 4–6 April.

April

Praise God for the opportunity to take some leave in April. Pray for Bishop Matt Brain, the new Bishop of Bendigo and the Diocesan Clergy Conference at the end of the month.

May

As Pentecost approaches we give thanks for the work of the Holy Spirit in the worldwide Church – historic, present and future. May He continue to strengthen us until Christ's return.

Profile

The Strathfieldsaye Community Church is an Anglican/Uniting co-operating centre serving a booming dormitory suburb of Bendigo. We are reducing our financial dependence on BCA, and we value the ongoing prayer and ministry support from the Society and you, our supporters.

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

Micah 6:8

March

Please pray for our lunchtime Christian gathering at Gippsland Grammar School and that our young Christians will feel supported and encouraged to impact their school with the gospel. Pray for our Easter celebrations. Pray that Jesus' love and example would impact our local community as they hear the story of Easter.

April

Pray for our Wednesday night Bible study at 123 and for Jules as she continues to work at the 123 café. Pray she will continually know the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

May

Please pray for our new venture 'The Factory' – a community mechanical workshop and op shop. Please pray as we connect with and engage young people in our community. Pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to draw them into a knowledge of Jesus' love. Please pray for our sons: Jack, Jacob and Elijah.

Profile

Rich and Julie Lanham are based in Sale, Victoria. Both Rich and Julie have worked extensively with young people for over 25 years. Rich is the Director of the 123 Project and has been the chaplain at Gippsland Grammar School since early 2016. Julie co-manages the 123 Projects' Cafe and is in charge of its day to day functioning.

Diocese of Bendigo

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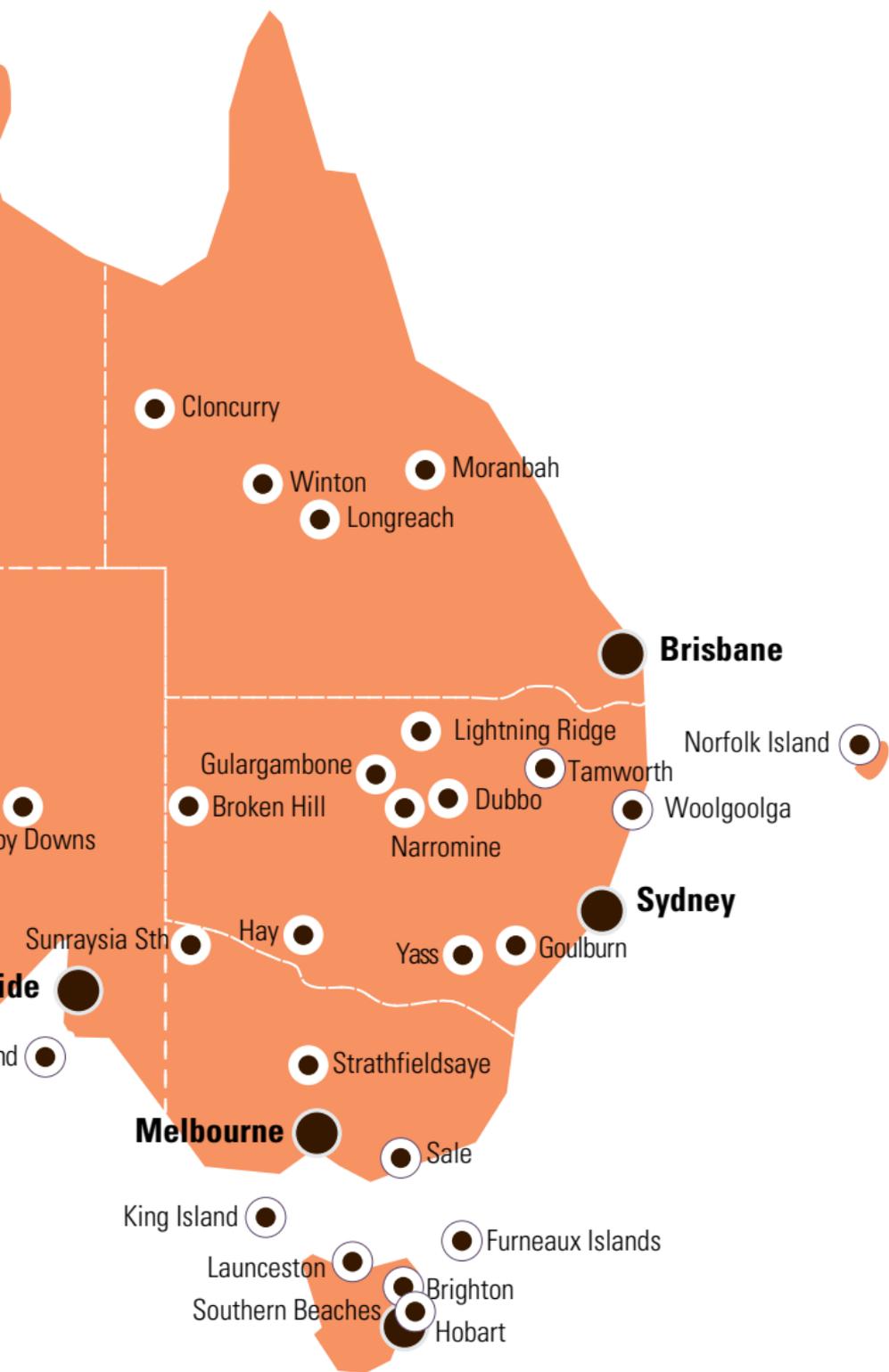


THE BCA PRAYER

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.



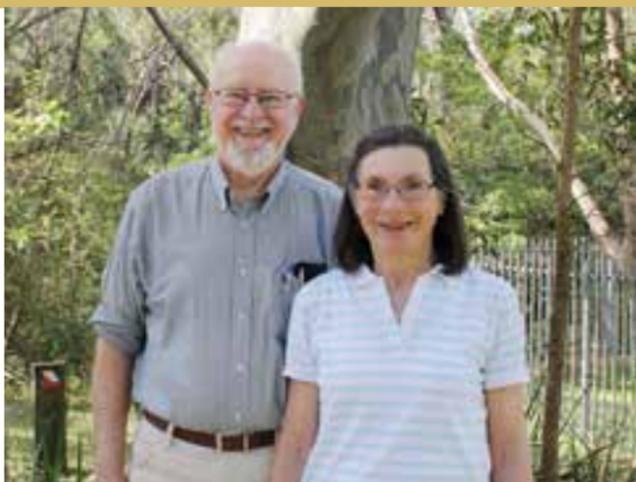
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Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Matthew 7:7–8

March

We seek God's blessing on the recent BCA appointments in the Diocese. Please pray for increasing support from the region. May the preparations for Easter bring blessings to all.

April

We give thanks to God for the ongoing work of the Society throughout the region and increasing awareness of the role of BCA to churches across the state.

May

Heavenly Father draw together the work of BCA as we gather for the Annual Council Meeting. We pray for the outcomes of our meeting and the encouragement to Field Staff.

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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Love does no harm to a neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law.

Romans 13:10

March

Please pray that God will watch over and protect the participants, organisers and volunteers of the Island's 25th Imperial 20 marathon foot race. Also pray for the entrants, committee, volunteers and livestock at the King Island Show.

April

Please pray that God will guide our congregation with the plans and programs we have in place and in mind to spread the good news amongst our community and visitors to our Island.

May

Please pray that God will watch over the students travelling on and off our Island for education. Pray that they will be blessed with enquiring minds and help them to find their true purpose in life.

Profile

King Island is world renowned for its excellent beef, cheese and crayfish, it is now also on the world map for its outstanding golf courses, but it's more than that. We have for the resident or the visitor, an outstanding and varied lifestyle in a friendly, idyllic and safe environment.

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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him,
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

March

Please pray that God will open the spiritual gates of the Southern Beaches and that we will confidently rely on God to do this work (Psalm 24). Pray also for a growing relationship with Dodges Ferry School (where we will initially hold Sunday services) and that a larger, suitable location to run services will be found.

April

Please pray for the health and excitement of the Anglican Parish of Sorell who sent out the church planting team. Ask God for a renewed excitement for the whole community to make disciples who make disciples. Pray also that our marriage will grow and our family will become a stronger unit.

May

Please pray that God will provide protection for the leaders of the church plant as we do His work. Pray for healthy and sustainable youth ministry where all children in the community hear about Jesus. We pray that every person in the Southern Beaches may know at least one Christian so they will hear something about Jesus.

Profile

In partnership with BCA, Jamie, Claire and their three children are leading a new church plant in the Southern Beaches area of Southern Tasmania. Sent out from the Anglican Parish of Sorell, by God's grace, a bunch of ordinary people have come together to do extraordinary things because of the power of Jesus.

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A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

John 13:34

March

Pray for the preparation of Easter services and outreach as well as opportunities to share Jesus with the wider community.

April

On Anzac Day the community will gather to remember the wartime service of Islanders, many of whom came from an Indigenous background. Pray for an occasion that honours Christ and blesses the community.

May

Pray for elderly members of the community especially as winter approaches. Give thanks for the pastoral care provided by members of local congregations.

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 regarding ministry to the folk there.

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I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep.

John 10:10b–12a

March

Please pray for the street party we are organising outside Barney's on 24 March. Pray it will be an effective way to connect with and bless the local community. Pray also for baptisms that are happening at Barney's this month.

April

Pray for us as a family as we take some time off over the school holidays. Pray for good rest and readiness to head into Term 2.

May

Pray for all our missional community leaders as they seek to be disciples who make disciples. Pray also for our leadership team as they engage in reflection and goal setting for the next six months at the Tassie Community of Practice.

Profile

The Goodacres are based in Launceston. Andy has worked 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 focus is seeing people grow as disciples of Christ.

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Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah. *Acts 2:36*

March

Thank our heavenly Father for his wonderful provision – for work, home, family and a community. Pray for our children, especially Isabelle, Ruby and Charli as they settle into new schools and ask Him for good friends.

April

Praise our Saviour Jesus for His mind-blowing generosity and sacrifice – to give up all and die on a cross that we might be found. Pray the Holy Spirit will guide us as we connect and seek out God's chosen core team members for the new church plant.

May

Thank God for warm hospitality, friendships and fires as the weather turns cold here in Tassie. Pray that we may share that warmth as we befriend the people of Brighton, and share the gospel clearly and sensitively.

Profile

The Duffs are based in northern Hobart. They are working as pioneer ministers to plant a new Anglican Church in Brighton. Chris is also an associate at Edge Anglican, Claremont; where he preaches regularly. They are focusing on growing disciples of Jesus who will grow other disciples for Jesus.

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

Psalm 36:5

March

As Ted settles into his role as Regional Officer, pray that God's Spirit will establish supportive and productive relationships amongst the NSW/ACT office team. Pray also that Ted will have God's wisdom in building connections with Field Staff and supporters.

April

Give thanks for supporters who attended yesterday's NSW/ACT Annual General Meeting which included a presentation by Neville Naden. Pray that many will have been inspired to continue or begin sharing in BCA's mission of reaching Australia for Christ.

May

Pray for godly discernment as Ted builds relationships with Dioceses and other ministry partners so that together they might identify new opportunities for ministry and mission in the bush.

Profile

Ted Brush was commissioned as the new NSW/ACT Regional Officer in early February. The NSW/ACT region for BCA incorporates five Dioceses: Sydney (circa 400 parishes), Canberra & Goulburn (62 parishes), Newcastle (63 parishes), Bathurst (33 parishes) and Riverina (21 parishes). May God pour out His Spirit on all who call on the name of Jesus in our region.

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This is He who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for Him.'"

Matthew 3:3

March

Pray for revival in our nation – that God will move with power and might setting captives free from sin. Pray that God will stir up our hearts so that we do more for Him and that He will send out more labourers into the harvest field.

April

Pray that all students and staff have a safe and refreshing holiday. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us in our lives every day so that we can minister to the unsaved and show God's love to them.

May

Pray for miracles in our churches – that people will be healed and delivered from their sickness and set free. Pray for God's hand to move upon all churches so we see salvation and restoration in people's lives.

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 that many young adults leave town to go to university. Alfrene is employed as Gulargambone Central School's Chaplain.

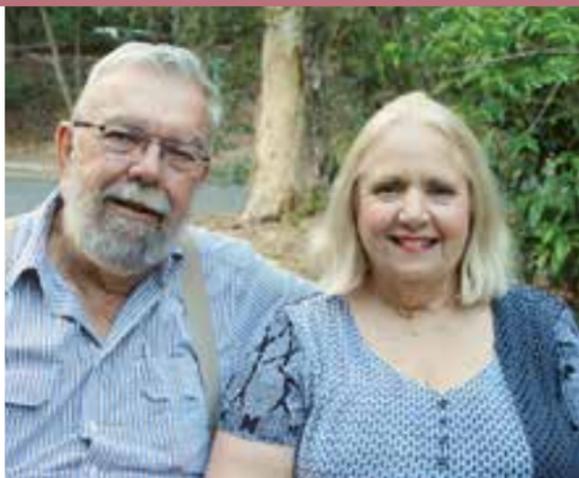
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Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" *Matthew 4:4*

March

We give thanks for the new Scripture teachers in Dubbo, Wellington, Finley, Yass, Bathurst and Bega. Thank God for the support and welcome of school principals and staff and the support of local churches.

April

Pray for the growth of lunchtime groups and student leaders. We give thanks for the opportunity for school students and Christian teachers to spend time together in fellowship, study and prayer.

May

Pray for growth of volunteers willing to support distance Bush Scripture in small towns. Give thanks for those who answer the call to continue teaching Scripture (SRE) into the high school years of questioning and decision.

Profile

Cheryl, supported by husband Michael, works with BCA and Generate Ministries to support local churches to grow paid and volunteer secondary Scripture teachers across rural New South Wales and the south coast. She mentors and trains teachers, supports school implementation and board governance.

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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him,
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Romans 15:13

March

Give thanks for the new format of Scripture (SRE) at the high school and pray for continued strong relationships between the school and local churches. Please pray that Inter School Christian Fellowship (ISCF) gets up and running in the high school.

April

Give thanks for open doors at the local schools and the good relationships that we are building on. Pray for the Bookham Community Church gathering and give thanks that we have been meeting for two years.

May

Please pray for the new 'older' youth group which has started this year to take the flow on youth from the younger group. Pray for strong, godly leaders to run the youth groups. Give thanks that this is an interdenominational youth group.

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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Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

Revelation 3:20

March

Please pray for open doors into the schools in Goulburn for Easter assemblies and for hearts to be open to hear the wonderful message of salvation through Jesus' death and resurrection.

April

Pray for our Little Sheep Play Group – we ask that some parents will be interested in exploring the Christian faith by attending a Women's Group, Bible Study or Messy Church.

May

We ask God for more Scripture (SRE) teachers to join the team and for current teachers to be strengthened and encouraged in their ministry to the children of Goulburn.

Profile

Ali Champness is a Scripture (SRE) worker in Goulburn. She teaches SRE at four primary schools and a special needs school in Goulburn, and in two primary schools outside Goulburn. She runs SRE assemblies at schools who do not have enough Scripture teachers for each class. At the end of 2017 Brian took up a new appointment as locum rector at the Parish of St Paul's Ginninderra in the ACT. Brian commutes to Canberra for his ministry.

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Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 14:27

March

Peter teaches high school Bush Scripture (SRE) at five schools in four towns (Coonamble, Baradine, Coonabarabran and Dubbo). The classes range from Years 7–10, depending on the school. Pray for prepared hearts, including Peter's. Ask God for a creative portrayal of the Easter message in the schools.

April

Pray for Penny's home day care children and their families. Our number three daughter married a godly man on 14 April and we praise God for a powerful kingdom celebration of their marriage.

May

Thank God for open doors in the schools and also with our neighbours. Thank God for the good progress with filmed interviews for Bush Scripture. Please pray that Peter can connect well with local BCA Field Staff.

Profile

We are enjoying a full family life with seven children and five grand children. Our number seven child Nadya is in Year 12 and we also have Taya, the daughter of friends, staying with us. Peter is currently working on his next book – a thriller.

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So He said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,'" says the Lord Almighty.

Zechariah 4:6-9

March

Praise God for His sovereignty. Thank God for His Spirit. Pray that God would enable the Narromine district to know Him and love Him.

April

Praise God for the opportunity to know Him. Thank God for Jesus who brings us to Him. Pray that God's Spirit would draw people to Jesus.

May

Praise God that we have the opportunity to share Him. Lament that we sometimes do things in our own strength. Thank God for His forgiveness. Ask God to enable us to preach Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Profile

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

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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

Please pray for the spiritual growth and discipleship of people who have made a new commitment to the Lord.

April

Please thank God for the Living Desert Indigenous Church and the outreach that we do.

May

Please pray for the upcoming outreach to Ceduna at the end of the month – may God be glorified.

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 and is Australia's oldest mining town. Around five per cent of the population are Indigenous; a figure that continues to grow. Jack and Lill lead the Living Desert Indigenous Church.

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Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses... let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. *Hebrews 12:1–2*

March

We are planning a Scripture (SRE) Intensive at Hay War Memorial High School on 12 April. It will be on the Anzac theme of sacrifice for others. Pray for the team from Wagga who are doing much preparation and for the response from students and staff.

April

We give thanks for two young boys from primary school Scripture (SRE) who indicated a desire to become Christians, and have been to church. One boy brought his mother and sister. Pray that they will continue and be nurtured.

May

Pray that the parishioners at St Paul's will have a vision for reaching the lost and be salt and light in the community.

Profile

Peter and Lee Caspersonn have been in Hay for seven years this April. They concentrate on primary school Scripture (SRE), which is very rewarding. At St Paul's Anglican Church, numbers have slowly declined.

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Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.

Romans 4:4–5

March

Pray for the beginning of Nathaniel's last year at college. Pray that he would be able to concentrate and finish well and that through it all continue to love Pip well. Please pray also that God would show them what to do after college.

April

Please pray for the Easter conferences we will be attending; that God will be at work in the lives of those who come to listen. Nathaniel may have speaking engagements this month so please pray that they will go well and he would faithfully preach, pointing people to Christ.

May

Continue to pray for our work with the Department of Evangelism and New Churches. Pray that God would continue to draw young men and women to study His word and that many would think about Gospel ministry as a vocation for life.

Profile

Nathaniel is married to Pip and they live in Newtown. He is a third year student at Moore Theological College and in the long-term plans to serve Aboriginal communities in ministry.

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

March

Please pray that transparent, meaningful relationships will become normal and remaining anonymous would become strange. Pray that our leader will remain above reproach, kept from temptation, complacency, idols, and worldliness.

April

Please pray that hopes for political change will be outstretched by the hope of heaven. Pray that giving would be faithful, as well as joyful, consistent and sacrificial. Pray that members will share the gospel and see more conversions!

May

Please pray that a culture of discipling will form, in which making disciples is viewed as an ordinary part of Christian life. Pray that our church's primary teachers will grow in dedication to God's word even when no one's watching.

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 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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They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Isaiah 11:9

March

Two ministry and mission education opportunities for our region to highlight for your prayers: BCA representation at the Queensland Tropics Keswick Easter Convention and engagement with young Christians on 26 April during a Soul Survivor NSW road trip.

April

Two important things happening in our region in May for your prayers: A BCA visit to the University of New England Chapel services (6 May) and a Central/Central west QLD road trip to visit the Collings in Moranbah and the Emerald Anglican Church.

May

Please pray for robust health for the Queensland/Nth NSW team through the approaching cold and flu season. Please also pray for BCA representation in June at the Armidale Diocese's Clergy Conference and at the Synods of the Diocese of North Queensland and Grafton.

Profile

Imagine Australia totally free of sin and its devastating effects; that's the future that God has secured and promised in Jesus! May God work mightily through your prayers and support and through our region's Field Staff to hasten that day. Come, Lord Jesus!

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“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. 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 43:18–19*

March

Christene has begun her new women’s ministry for Christian women called ‘Afternoon Glory’. *Mainly music* is in full swing as well as our Friday Fun Food and Fellowship. Pray that these will glorify God. Pray also for our upcoming Easter services.

April

Pray that there was a movement of the Spirit this Easter and many locals considered their relationship with God.

May

There is a possibility that we may have the joy of another mission in July. Pray that this will eventuate and bear much fruit. Pray for the new SU Chaplain in the state school.

Profile

Rod and Christene are based in the north-west Queensland town of Cloncurry. They are part of a ministry cluster that includes Julia Creek and Mount Isa. Cloncurry is one of the few places in Queensland that is no longer drought declared.

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His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness.

2 Peter 1:3

March

Give thanks for the great Queensland/North NSW Bush & Bible Day held in Brisbane at the beginning of the month. Please pray for our Easter services, especially the ecumenical dawn service held at the Stockman's Hall of Fame. Pray that many will respond to Christ.

April

Last week Mark Short and Graeme attended an International Rural Ministry Conference in New Zealand. Praise God for the fellowship and pray that they can use the new things learnt in our context. Pray for Susan and her Chaplaincy work at the high school.

May

This month we celebrated Beef Week in the Diocese and had a presence at the sale yard complex at Gracemere. Pray that many graziers will put their trust in Jesus because of their encounters with active Christians. Give thanks for a good Synod.

Profile

Graeme and Susan work as Mission Facilitators and Trainers for Central West Queensland in the Anglican Church Central Queensland. The region covers from the Great Dividing range through to the far West. The majority of their work is carried out in the parishes of Longreach and Barcaldine. They are now in their third year.

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I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever. For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the depths, from the realm of the dead. *Psalm 86.12–13*

March

March is an exciting month. The Revd Nick Hearnshaw and his wife Ruth arrive to conduct a locum in the parish. Pray that they settle in well and are able to commence assessing the way forward for the Parish. Please pray for rain.

April

Give thanks for our Easter services, God's guidance and the work Nick and Ruth are carrying out. Please pray that we can see good possibilities for the future of ministry in the Parish and throughout the channel country.

May

Give thanks for Nick and Ruth's ministry among us over the tenure of their locum. Pray that we will embrace future possibilities and be able to make the appropriate changes needed. Pray for BCA and Bishop David as they consider the way forward.

Profile

Winton is the most Western parish of the Anglican Church Central Queensland and straddles the legendary channel country with Winton on the eastern side and Boulia and Bedouri on the western side. BCA and the Bishop are currently examining future avenues of ministry for the Parish that are sustainable.

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But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. *2 Timothy 4:5*

March

Pray for *mainly music* as we recommence for 2018. Pray that we would be able to connect with existing families on a social level. Pray for preparation for Easter services and activities. Pray that some of the *mainly music* families will come to visit us at Easter and that Luke will present the gospel clearly.

April

Pray for us as we go on our first holiday away from Moranbah. We ask for safety for the family and that we will come home refreshed.

May

Pray for the Family Op Shop and the volunteers who staff it from week to week and for people who come to the shop in crisis. Pray that we can minister to them effectively and that they will know the love of Jesus.

Profile

Moranbah is like a large suburb dropped into the middle of nowhere. We have all the infrastructure and activities that we could possibly want, and in many cases better accessibility to sports than back home. The kids are taking full advantage of this by getting involved in everything. It's a wonderful way to make local connections.

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But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13b-14

March

Please pray for our Easter outreach during the Easter Festival: our stall (including a resurrection egg lucky dip for kids), and our 'Super Saviour' float in the Easter Parade.

April

As we go into Term 2, please pray for our Kids' ministry which has grown significantly in the last 12 months. Pray that kids who attended our annual mission week (before Easter) will keep coming. Pray also for connections with parents.

May

Give thanks for our ladies' Equip mini-conference held on Saturday 26 May. Pray that it spurred on ladies in our congregation to grow more like Jesus and share their faith.

Profile

Autumn is the start of the tourist season. Many tourists pass through between now and spring. Many also come annually to live during 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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How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? *Romans 10:14*

March

As Carmel and I set out into ministry, we seek God's guidance as it is a new journey for us. We pray that He will settle us into this work. We also pray that God will heal my broken arm so that I will be able to drive myself around.

April

Please pray for the gospel outreach at Coledale Front Yard Fellowship. We ask for clear preaching of the gospel so that those attending will believe in Him. Please pray for George as he undertakes the online Diploma of Biblical Theology.

May

Our daughter Darlene has commenced University at Armidale this year. She is studying social work as this is where she believes God has called her to. Please pray for her as she settles into Uni life and living away from home.

Profile

George Ferguson is an Aboriginal Ministry Trainee at St Peters Anglican Church South Tamworth. Senior Minister The Revd Rod Chiswell is providing George with training in preaching, preparing and leading Bible studies. As part of his traineeship, George will complete the online Diploma of Biblical Theology. The main focus of George's role is the Coledale Front Yard Fellowship. George has been married to Carmel for 25 years and they have three children Samuel (23), Benjamin (21) and Darlene (18).

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So then, men ought to regard us as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the secret things of God. Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. *1 Corinthians 4:1–2*

March

Please pray for the Bishop Appointment Board of the Grafton Diocese as they go about their deliberations. Pray that they may appoint a godly Bishop who loves Jesus and His Word, and has the skills to care for and lead this Diocese.

April

Please pray for the Easter services at Woolgoolga and across the Diocese. Pray that the services aimed at youth and young families may be engaging, effective and faithful to God and His Word.

May

As Term 2 gets underway please pray that initial contacts we have with people in the Parish and Diocese may be strengthened. Also pray that growth will occur in the lives of all those involved in our young families' programs.

Profile

Simon has been involved in young families' ministry at the Anglican Cathedral in Armidale for the past six years. His new role with families will be both as an Associate in the Parish of Woolgoolga and as a Resource Officer across the Diocese of Grafton.

Diocese of Grafton

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For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

Matthew 6:14

March

Pray for the many Lent courses that are taking place in the ICS Chaplaincies. Pray that they may be times of deepening faith and fellowship for those who join them.

April

Today the ICS Chaplains and Families Conference commences in High Leigh in Hertfordshire. Please pray for safe travel, sound teaching and fellowship and that all who attend are refreshed for ministry and mission.

May

Join us in prayers of thanksgiving and praise for all volunteers who quietly, yet faithfully, offer their services for the wellbeing and support of others within and outside the church.

Profile

ICS is an evangelical Anglican mission agency to English-speakers of any nationality. We are a patronage society and a mission to English-speakers through church growth, planting and outreach.

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Please pray

- For wisdom as the Executive consider management of the finances and share portfolio of the Society
- As the Executive prepare and consider recommendations
- For hearts and minds that seek God's will in the distribution of generous donations to the Field
- For sound judgement and responsibilities.

Pray for Former BCA Field Staff

Derek & Amanda McArtney

The Mission to Seafarers has brought so many different evangelistic opportunities for Derek. Thank God for the seafarers and the Port Hedland Seafarers Centre. Amanda is teaching child protection in church and Diocesan settings. Derek and Amanda are enjoying being part of the group of believers in Port Hedland.



David & Priya Morgan

Please ask that our presence in Sadleir would encourage God's people to grow in faith, hope, and love, and for Christ to draw more people to himself there.



Pray for Former BCA Field Staff

Peter & Gwen Adkins

Thank God for the warm welcome to the parish of Buladelah/Tea Gardens by the loving, prayerful, and committed brothers and sisters here. May God touch the lives of people who don't yet know Him as we develop outreach events and expand the evening service. Pray also for wisdom, grace and humility in leadership.



Joy Sandefur

Pray for all Aboriginal churches throughout Australia as they proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ at Easter. Ask God to give them much fruit from their ministry so they will see more people following Jesus and people in their churches growing in their discipleship.



David & Traci Mitchell

Thank God for the opportunity to keep serving in Dongara/Mingenew and pray we can grow the congregations in number and maturity. Pray for opportunities in the community especially over Easter and Anzac Day. Give thanks and pray for the new baby we are expecting in late May.



Anthony Andrezza

Anthony has been studying at Ridley College and is a student minister at St James Ivanhoe. Due to health issues he is deferring his studies in 2018. He asks that you pray for his health and for St James Ivanhoe as they deliberately engage with the local community with the love of Jesus.



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