

Prayer Notes



Reaching Australia for Christ since 1919

The Bush Church Aid Society of Australia

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

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

Under God, we do this by

- **proclaiming** Christ so that people may respond to Him;
- **nurturing** Christians in their faith and ministry;
- **strengthening** local Christian communities in their mission;
- **providing** services of Christian care and advocacy;
- **developing** an understanding of Christ's mission and
- **promoting** active partnership throughout the church.

Our core commitments are

- **relying** on prayer for God's help and the Holy Spirit's guidance;
- **trusting** in the vision, authority and encouragement of Scripture;
- **working** in humility, servanthood and fellowship with the church in mission;
- **developing** interdependent relationships with Diocesan Bishops;
- **providing** pastoral care and professional development for staff and
- **responsibly** managing our resources.

Front cover:

Lake Eucumbene near Old Adaminaby taken by NSW/ACT Regional Officer Ted Brush

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

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Editorial – Where has 25 years gone?

It seems like only yesterday that we, as a family with four young children, left the hustle and bustle of the 'big smoke' in Sydney and headed west for the wide open spaces of the Western Australian outback. We left behind our personal support networks of friends and family and entrusted ourselves and our future to God, the Bush Church Aid Society and the Bishop of North West Australia.

First stop: Leinster in the parish of the North Eastern Goldfields, the largest Anglican parish in the world. Three towns – Leinster, Leonora and Laverton – set in 470,000 square kilometres of bush and desert. Prior to accepting the position, we visited the West Australian Government Tourist Office in Sydney. We asked the delightful young lady behind the counter what she could tell us about Leinster, Leonora and Laverton. With a blank look on her face she asked "Where are they?" We knew we were in trouble!

God is always faithful and true. He never asks you to take on something that He is not prepared to equip you for and to provide for physically, emotionally and spiritually. We can attest to this truth.

After ten years of sometimes difficult but always fruitful ministry in the three towns, various mine sites and isolated communities, and over 400,000 kms of driving, we bid farewell to the three people in Leinster who had been there longer than we had. We headed to Karratha for the next fifteen and a half years to continue serving our same faithful God. As they say 'the rest is history'.

Looking back, what has been the highlight of those 25 years? Not the heat, the dust or the flies. Not the long boring drives. Not the separation from children at boarding school. Not the constant turnover of people in each of the churches. The highlight has been to see our faithful, loving God changing people's lives and bringing them, with us, into His eternal kingdom.

We have been privileged to have had over 25 years of ministry made possible because of the faithfulness and generosity of you, the supporters and pray-ers of Bush Church Aid. And for that we say thank you.

To God be the glory forever.

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For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Romans 8:38–39**

December

Please pray for the Carols events and services being run by BCA Field Staff. Pray also for the Field Staff who are finishing their terms with BCA. May they finish praising God confident of how He has been glorified through their ministry.

January

Please pray that the slower pace of life during January will give great opportunities for family time as well as catching up with friends or meeting new people. Please pray for safety in travel for the Field Staff on holiday.

February

It is the start of the academic year and often the time when church events commence. Please pray for peace and harmony in homes now that the pace of life has quickened. Pray also for planning sessions that Field Staff are leading with their congregations.

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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It is better to go to a house of mourning than to go to a house of feasting, for death is the destiny of everyone; the living should take this to heart. **Ecclesiastes 7:2**

December

Please pray for BCA Indigenous staff as they prepare for Christmas celebrations. Pray that the gospel will be faithfully proclaimed. Pray also for Neville as he begins to think about rolling out the Reconciliation Action Plan with BCA Field Staff next year.

January

Pray for the Eden Country Gospel Sounds weekend. Pray that as people gather they will be blessed by our almighty God. Pray for Kathie as she supports Neville and for the Indigenous Support Committee and their work.

February

Pray for Neville as he travels to North Queensland and meets with the staff at Wontulp-Bi-Buya College. This is a fact-finding trip so please pray that Neville will ask good questions.

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 travels and ministers around the country from this location.

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But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign Lord my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds. **Psalm 73:28**

Please pray for:

- the couples who are cooking on Kangaroo Island for Brad Henley's Scripture Union mission team in January.
- guidance in the planning of the next Nomad gathering in March.
- new Nomads who join this summer.

Profile

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

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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**

December

As we celebrate the birth of the Lord pray that we will stand firm in the truth of the gospel.

January

As we rest and enjoy some leave, pray that we will be refreshed by the Spirit to give ourselves fully to the service of the Lord.

February

As we count down to 100 years of The Bush Church Aid Society, help us to remember that all who labour for the Lord do not labour in vain. Pray that our work for the Lord will transform our nation.

Profile

The WA Office is based at St Alban's Anglican Church in Highgate, just north of the Perth CBD. The Regional Officer cares for Field Staff and supporters in Western Australia. Ask your church to contact The Revd Rob Healy if you would like a deputation in this Centenary Year of BCA.

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As a father has compassion on His children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him; for He knows how we are formed, He remembers that we are dust. **Psalm 103:13–14**

December

December is a great time of Christian unity in our town. Please pray that the Community Carols engage people with the Christ of Christmas. Pray also that our people actively invite friends to our Christmas Eve party.

January

We travel to Perth this month for holidays and chaplaincy training. Pray that while we are away the gospel continues to be faithfully proclaimed in our parish. Please pray for driving mercies.

February

As the year begins, please pray that we will remember Psalm 103. We are but dust. Pray that we will faithfully do the work of ministry we are called to this year, but that we will remember to trust God for the growth that only He can bring.

Profile

The heat is on, it's on our town. Exmouth is blessed with its oceanside location, but unlike many other places, we miss out on sea breezes so things are warm over summer. Praise God for aircon! Ministry takes a slower pace during summer, but we praise God for hospitality opportunities this time brings.

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But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness. **Psalm 86:15**

December

Give thanks for the Combined Churches Carols held on 2 December which announced the good news of Jesus to Kununurra. Pray that many who attended will come to our church services over Christmas and respond to the good news of Jesus.

January

With the newest member of our family expected on 3 January, give thanks to God for the life He has breathed. Pray that we as a family would adjust quickly to life with a baby. Give thanks for the lay preachers who will preach in January.

February

Give thanks for our Parish Councillors and Wardens at St James' who faithfully serve the gospel. Pray that at our AGM we will again elect gospel-minded people who want to see Jesus proclaimed in the East Kimberley.

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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And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Colossians 3:17

December

Praise God for the Combined Churches Carols held on 2 December and that those who attended heard a clear presentation of the good news of the gospel. Pray for our Christmas services and new people visiting.

January

Pray for safety as we, and others connected to our church, travel over the holidays. Pray for a time of refreshment in Perth and good preparations for the New Year, especially the preaching schedule and ways of connecting with others in the community.

February

Give thanks for a good start to the New Year. Pray for the kids as they settle back into regular routines. Pray also for Kids' Church as it recommences and for enough volunteers to teach. We ask for God to send new people to join us at church.

Profile

The Kyngdons have settled well into life in the Pilbara. The mining community here is great to be a part of and there are lots of young kids. Continue to pray for us as we make more connections in the church and the local community.

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Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever.
Psalm 136:1

December

Give thanks for the great opportunity to present a Christ-centred Community Carols night at the beginning of December. Pray for us as we farewell people from our church family and celebrate the joy of Christmas with those who are left.

January

Give thanks for the opportunity we have for holidays. Pray that we will be refreshed and encouraged by our time away. Pray for safety on the road as we drive to Perth and back. Give thanks for faithful members of the church who serve joyfully.

February

Pray that our church will connect with new people arriving in town. Pray also for God to send Christians with a heart to serve in the church and be involved in mission. Pray for Lilly (Year 8) and Annabella now in her last year of high school.

Profile

Port Hedland is a mining town that has the world's largest bulk export port with 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 supporting us for 13 years to proclaim the true hope of the gospel.

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I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.
Psalm 40:8

December

Give thanks for the ministry of Neil and Carmen Ellis, who are serving the Parish in a locum capacity until the end of this month. Pray that God will raise up other ministers willing to serve at Karratha and in other bush ministries who are in between permanent appointments.

January

Give thanks for the re-establishment of home Bible study groups in the Parish. Pray that God will use them to grow His people and integrate new arrivals into the life of the congregation.

February

Give thanks for recent signs of growth in the Karratha economy as house sales and prices tick upwards. Pray that God will supply the Karratha Anglican Community Church with a committed pastor so the work of the gospel may grow in the city.

Profile

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

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

December

As things heat up on a land that has seen so little rain this year, pray that the cyclone season will see us receive much needed rain without major damage to population centres. Pray the true meaning of Christmas will be heard and Emmanuel praised.

January

As BCA enters its 100th year, we give thanks for your support and prayers as partners with us in the gospel. Also, give thanks and pray for Sarah and her husband Josh as their first child is due at the end of January. Please pray for them as they adjust to life as a family.

February

As people come back into town after escaping the heat in January, pray for ministries as they resume for 2019. Pray for commitment of the church to meet together, grow through the Word, and make Christ known.

Profile

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

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Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord is the Rock Eternal.

Isaiah 26:4

December

Pray for other Christian ministries in the district, including the Baptist Church and the Frontier Services Chaplain based in Tom Price. May the light of Christ shine on them and from them this Christmas time.

January

As new residents prepare to move into town pray that Christians among them may go with a sense they are being sent by God into a special part of His mission field.

February

Give thanks for former residents of Paraburdoo/Tom Price who now serve Christ in other places. May the lessons learnt in the Pilbara continue to bear fruit for God's glory.

Profile

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

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Steve, Lyn and Debbie

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

December

Please give thanks for our time visiting BCA Field Staff in Darwin and Katherine. It is always great to see them face-to-face, to encourage and be encouraged as they serve the Lord. Continue to pray regarding the ministry vacancy in Coober Pedy.

January

Give thanks for Glen and Beth McDonald as they settle into their new ministry role in Roxby Downs. Please pray for the church in Roxby as they welcome their new pastor. Pray for friendships for their children.

February

Give thanks for all the work the SA/NT mission contacts do in churches. Pray for Debbie in the office as she takes on greater responsibilities. Pray for opportunities to connect with our ministry partners in our Centenary Year.

Profile

The region of SA/NT is vast covering some 3000 km. It traverses the beauty of Kangaroo Island, the red sands of the desert in central Australia as well as the tropical vegetation of the NT. Pray for safe travel for Steve as he journeys to these areas.

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Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

1 Corinthians 13:6–7

December

Give thanks for 2018 and the privilege of partnership in gospel ministry. Give thanks for Matthew finishing high school and Oliver finishing primary school. Pray for all our Christmas activities and services around the theme #YouMatter.

January

Pray for Matthew as he works out what he will be doing in 2019. Pray for Oliver preparing for middle school (Years 7–9). Give thanks for family time over the Christmas holidays and pray for new ministry opportunities in 2019.

February

Pray for the start of youth group in 2019 and the blessing of having leaders. Give thanks for God's sustaining hand in all things. Praise God for the wonderful supporters around Australia. Pray for ongoing patience and contentment for Bruce as he continues treatment for melanoma.

Profile

This year we celebrate more than a decade of ministry in the NT. Thank God for the partnership we share with BCA supporters and churches. Give thanks that God continues to sustain the family while Bruce continues his treatment and proclaims that Jesus is Lord!

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Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. **Galatians 6:9**

December

Thank God for all the volunteers from different churches who took the good news of Jesus' birth to children in schools across the Top End. Ask that those children will treasure that good news in their hearts every day of their lives.

January

Thank God for time visiting Chile. Ask that as we share with family and friends, we may find rest and be mutually encouraged. Pray for safety on the road. Ask for patience, especially for Daniel and Laura as they adjust to speaking Spanish.

February

Thank God for the new school year. Pray that as Daniel begins Year 2 he will settle in well with his new teacher and friends. Ask that God will continue to strengthen us as we share in Bible studies and other ministries at St Peter's Nightcliff.

Profile

Topher and Chica have been in Darwin for two years. Topher is the school's ministry coordinator at Scripture Union Northern Territory. There he equips, encourages and works alongside RE volunteers who teach in Darwin and Palmerston.

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He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.
Revelation 21:4

December

We give thanks that God is working in the lives of Aboriginal people studying at Nungalinya College. Please pray for our family as we continue to settle in and build relationships at school, in the community and at Nungalinya.

January

Pray for Jim and Pastor Amos as they travel through the Kimberley to talk to Indigenous people about what training Nungalinya College is offering in 2019. Pray for this new opportunity and for a renewal of old Kimberley relationships.

February

Give thanks to God that Natalie has been able to return to work as an occupational therapist. Pray that our family can make some suitable adjustments to its routine. Pray that Nat can have good opportunities to share her faith and love in this new role.

Profile

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

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

December

Thank God that He met our deepest needs by sending Jesus. Thank Him for friendships He's given us. Many people leave during this period – some on holidays, others permanently. May God use these movements for His glory.

January

Thank God for those who partner with us in prayer. Praise God that He supplies all our needs. May He use this quieter month to deepen our church relationships and prepare us for another year of serving in His strength.

February

Pray that new-to-town Christians would make a priority of connecting with church, and new-to-town non-believers who seek community would discover it in the body of Christ. Also cabin fever's a real risk in the wet season – pray that we'd be gracious.

Profile

The Slacks have been in Katherine since mid-2016 and have enjoyed seeing God answer prayer and send new people and families. Kristan leads the parish and Kath raises our kids, ministers in kids' church and befriends local mums.

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Worship the Lord in the splendour of His holiness; tremble before Him,
all the earth. **Psalm 96:9**

December

Give thanks for the abundant opportunities God provides to share nuggets of faith in the lead-up to Christmas. Pray for our Carols and other events and that KI Christians will boldly share faith with friends and neighbours.

January

Thank God for the Scripture Union Family Mission. Pray for leaders to be faithful and for many children and families to engage with God. Pray also for Brad to have clear, inspired vision and lead God's church well this year.

February

Pray that God will powerfully reveal Himself to *mainly music* families. Pray that as a family we will revere Christ in all we do, that school this year would deepen our girls' faith, and that our marriage would be strong.

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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Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again, Rejoice!

Philippians 4:4

December

Give thanks for the locum ministry of Arthur Tanner and pray that God will supply a permanent minister for Coober Pedy.

January

Give thanks for Christian ministry in the APY lands to the North-West of Coober Pedy. Pray that as the Old Testament continues to be translated into Pitjantjatjara, God's powerful word will grow His church and transform communities.

February

As schools re-commence pray for new teachers and other staff. May Christians among them find a place of fellowship where they can encourage and be encouraged.

Profile

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

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And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

Hebrews 12:1–2a

December

Please pray for our family as we say farewell to dear friends and church family in Junee. Also pray for patience in the stress of packing up our house and moving to Roxby Downs.

January

Please pray that we will settle into Roxby Downs well and build new friendships in town. Pray particularly for our children as they miss their friends. Also, uphold us in prayer in the emotions of not knowing the future as we settle in.

February

Please pray for wisdom as to how we can best serve the saints in Roxby Downs. Continue to pray for relationships and for our children as they start at a new school.

Profile

Glen and Beth McDonald and their five children moved to the mining town of Roxby Downs in December 2018. 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.

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Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of our Lord. **Deuteronomy 8:3b**

December

Pray that God's word will be proclaimed winningly and with great fruitfulness this Christmas season right across regional Victoria: in schools, churches and community events. This month Adrian is preaching at Wonga Park/Croydon Hills and Traralgon.

January

Pray that God's word will be shared clearly and lovingly with children and youth at holiday programs, camps and beach missions right across Victoria, bringing new life and deep comfort. Pray for Bob and Adrian as they prepare for the year ahead.

February

Pray for young adults from country Victoria as they begin or return to study and work, often away from home. May they find Christian communities and the deep sustenance only the word of God can bring. Pray for Adrian as he edits the Regional Victorian Prayer Notes and prepares sermons on Luke's parables.

Profile

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

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Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David.
This is my gospel. **2 Timothy 2:8**

December

Pray that Christmas services will clearly communicate the gospel. Pray that our children will grow to love and serve Jesus. Pray for Samuel as he applies for university courses after completing Year 12. Thank God for the Bible in the Bush weekend.

January

Thank God for our Parish Council and pray for wisdom as they lead. Pray for Rachel and Dale in their role as parents particularly during the holidays. Pray the year ahead will be one of growth in all sorts of ways that brings glory to Jesus.

February

Pray for opportunities to proclaim Christ and that people will respond. Pray that our sewing group can be a place of encouragement for those who attend. Pray that our youth and children's ministry will grow.

Profile

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

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

Psalm 46:1

December

As we anticipate Christmas celebrations, pray for the miracle of Jesus' earthly life to be understood and for hearts and minds to be transformed by His death and resurrection. Pray for protection from fire in our district.

January

This new year we pray that the Holy Spirit will powerfully revive the Church, locally and globally. Pray that we have wisdom in the co-operating elements of the Strathfieldsaye partnership.

February

To God be the glory! Pray that God will be glorified at work, school, clubs and other places of commitment that those in our church are involved in. Praise God that He is very present with us, all the time.

Profile

The Weickhardts have served in Strathfieldsaye since 2011. Their daughters Alyssa and Zoe embark on tertiary study in 2019. The family have moved to Bendigo, but Steve remains serving as the Minister of Strathfieldsaye Community Church.

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

December

During this advent season, we praise God for a refreshing approach to the Christmas story and ask that it will be an encouragement to those attending services, particularly visitors.

January

We seek God's blessing on the staff who are on leave – that it will be a time of relaxation and refreshment. We pray for the parishes and the continuing outreach into the community in the New Year.

February

May God's hand of comfort and guidance be with Field Staff as they prepare their programs for the coming year. Pray for BCA office staff as the routine for the year commences.

Profile

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

Diocese of Tasmania | The Rt Revd Dr Richard Condie



THE BCA PRAYER

Lord our God, help us to remember those who live in isolated and remote parts of our land. We ask you to strengthen and encourage all whose ministries are supported by The Bush Church Aid Society. Refresh them in times of discouragement and loneliness and call others to stand with them in the task of making Christ known.

Grant that, through the ministry of the Word and Sacraments, through caring service and by support for young people, the message of your redeeming love may be proclaimed and accepted by the people of our land.

We ask these things through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us.

Ephesians 3:20

December

Pray for our Christmas outreach activities, particularly the Community Carols and 'Pop Up' street carolling. We pray earnestly that God's Spirit will speak into the hearts of King Islanders to be moved to have a desire to seek Him. Come Lord Jesus.

January

Pray for a time of refreshment while our family visits us. Pray for connection opportunities with visitors to the Island during the peak holiday season. May contacts we have made on the Island turn into gospel opportunities.

February

Pray for visioning for the New Year and the commencement of new ministry opportunities. Pray especially for ministry into the local all-age school. Pray too that God will raise-up more apostolic leaders in our church.

Profile

Chris and Wendy have been establishing their ministry in the Parish of King Island over the past eight months and are passionate about growing the kingdom of God by making disciples of Jesus. Valuable connections have been made with various community groups and within the local school.

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Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 2:3

December

Please pray that with the warmer weather and longer days there are more opportunities for missional communities and individuals to make connections in the local community with those who don't know Christ.

January

Please pray for Southern Beaches Anglican (SBA) and its work in the local schools as we approach another school year. Pray that the Kids Plus Youth Group, its leaders and the school mentoring program will help grow SBA kids but also kids and families in the community.

February

Please pray that as SBA nears one year since its launch, members of the church will grow in their love of Jesus and His call on their lives, and have a strong desire to see the gospel changing people in the Southern Beaches.

Profile

The Bester family live and minister in the Southern Beaches area, south east of Hobart in Tasmania. Southern Beaches Anglican (SBA) is a missional community church launched early in 2018 which gathers in a local school and community hall on Sundays.

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Who dares despise the day of small things, since the seven eyes of the Lord that range throughout the earth will rejoice when they see the chosen capstone in the hand of Zerubbabel? **Zechariah 4:10**

December

Praise the Lord for the new beginnings of our Christian community *Salt – Jordan Valley Anglican*. Pray that as we embark on Stage 2 of our church plant the Lord will bring (and lead us to) ‘people of peace’ to join us.

January

Praise God for the joy of the changing rhythms of seasonal life. Thank God for fun, play and laughter. Pray for refreshment over the holiday period for those involved in the hard work of growing *Salt* from scratch.

February

Praise God that He promises to bring to completion the good work He has begun in us. Please pray for focus and that we will hold the main things as the main things – growing as disciples of Jesus who are growing disciples for Jesus.

Profile

The Duffs are based on the semi-rural edge of northern Hobart. They are working as pioneer ministers to plant a new Anglican Church in Brighton. They are calling the new plant *Salt – Jordan Valley Anglican*. They focus on growing disciples of Jesus who will grow other disciples for Jesus.

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Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved. **Acts 4:12**

December

All five Dioceses in the NSW/ACT Region are declared to be in drought at the time of writing. Please pray for God to be gracious and send rain. Pray also that He will send the living water of His gospel to many.

January

Pray for a refreshing break for those who take time off during January. Pray too that people will be refreshed by the faithful teaching of God's word in His church week-by-week and that many new ministry initiatives in 2019 will honour Jesus.

February

Pray for wisdom and strength for Field Staff in this new year. Pray especially that those in school-based ministry would get many chances to share Jesus with students, staff and parents.

Profile

The NSW/ACT region incorporates five Dioceses: Sydney (400+ parishes), Canberra and Goulburn (62 parishes), Newcastle (63 parishes), Bathurst (33 parishes) and Riverina (21 parishes). May God save many as the gospel of Jesus is proclaimed.

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I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. **Ephesians 3:16–17a**

December

During the first week of December Ali was part of a small team who presented Christmas assemblies to children in 11 Primary Schools in Goulburn. Pray that hearts were opened as the true meaning of Christmas was shared with students and teachers.

January

January starts off with a time of rest and refreshment with family in Newcastle. Pray for this and for Brian and Ali as they fly to New Zealand to oversee the children's programs at the New Wine Summer Family Festival near Wellington.

February

February is back to school with new Scripture classes – getting to know children's names and settling in. Please pray for parents to see the value in enrolling their children in Christian Scripture classes.

Profile

Ali Champness teaches Scripture in five schools in Goulburn. Goulburn Association of Churches (GAC) have now employed a Primary Scripture Coordinator for two days a week. The primary schools in Goulburn welcome Scripture classes weekly.

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In you, Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me; turn your ear to me and save me. **Psalm 71:1–2**

December

Pray for Laurance and Mike who both have terminal cancer. Give them peace through God's blessings and pray for their salvation and a miracle in their lives. Pray that God would give wisdom to our new Prime Minister.

January

Pray for a safe holiday for all people and that they will take care on our roads. Pray that Gulargambone School will get more children enrolling in 2019. Pray that our next generation of Christians will move more in the power of God like never before.

February

Pray for the return of all schools – that both teachers and students have a blessed new year and that God will move upon their lives. Pray for the safety of homeless people across the country. Pray also that the sick will be healed and restored to good health.

Profile

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

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My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. **Psalm 73:26**

December

Give thanks to God for a good year of ministry at the high school. Please pray for wisdom and strength as December is often a very busy month with extra events.

January

Please pray for a good break during the school holidays; time to rest, time to pray, and time to prepare for a new year of ministry.

February

Please pray for good health for all the family as it gets extremely hot in Gilgandra. Pray for meaningful conversations and new contacts as new students join the high school.

Profile

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

December

Pray for fruitful interviews for vacant SRE positions in rural NSW. Pray for the new local SRE Committees as they plan for 2019. Give thanks for the opportunity to celebrate and teach the true meaning of Christmas in our government schools.

January

Pray for Cheryl as she works over the school holidays on training and support resources for primary SRE teachers and coordinators. Give thanks for precious time with our 11 grandchildren, six children and partners over the Christmas–New Year week.

February

Pray for a good start to the year for new teachers and SRE committees. Give thanks for the wonderful team of SRE Advisers at Generate and prayerful BCA and Generate Head Office staff.

Profile

Cheryl Hallinan, supported by husband Mike, continues to support established SRE ministries, teachers, SRE committees and schools; and helps grow new positions so that all in rural NSW schools may hear of God's love.

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Then He said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." **Luke 9:23**

December

Pray for Penny as she grieves the loss of her sister and father.

January

We ask for God to intercede for our five high schools as we head into Part 4 of the curriculum: the big picture of a Biblical worldview.

February

Please pray for fruit in lunchtime groups and the grace of Jesus to touch hearts.

Profile

Peter and Penny have lived in West Dubbo for four years. They have seven adult children. A sudden shortage of Scripture teachers in Dubbo in 2018 meant that Peter had to let go of his role as a Generate Adviser, so he could look after two high schools. Penny's home day care has allowed some deep relationships to develop with families.

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Because of the Lord's great love, we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. **Lamentations 3:22–23**

December

Praise God for the Carols services/events at Yass, Bowning and Bookham. Give thanks for these opportunities.

January

Give thanks for the past year of reaching out to this community with the love of God and the truth of the gospel. Pray that seeds sown will be fruitful.

February

In this New Year please pray that Helena is guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit to do what she is called to do.

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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The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. **2 Peter 3:9**

December

Praise God for keeping His promises. Thank God for what He has promised through Jesus Christ. Lament that so many are ignorant of God's promises. Ask that people would come to trust in Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

January

Praise God for His patience with us. Thank God for treating us better than we deserve. Ask that we would be strengthened to boldly proclaim the gospel.

February

Praise God for His desire that no one would perish but that everyone would come to repentance. Lament that some people are unrepentant. Ask that people would hear the message of the gospel and repent.

Profile

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

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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**

December

Give thanks and praise to the Lord for the many great things He has done during the past year and pray that He will lead, guide and strengthen us in 2019.

January

Pray for the spread of the gospel. Pray that God will add to our numbers at the Living Desert Indigenous Church.

February

Pray for unity in the church and that God's children will bear much fruit. Pray for the salvation of our children and grandchildren, that they may know Jesus.

Profile

Jack and Lill Harradine lead the Living Desert Indigenous Church in Broken Hill. Their calling and passion is ministering amongst, but not exclusive to, Indigenous people. Please join them in their prayers and desire to spread God's word, everywhere.

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And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and He will dwell with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God.
Revelation 21:3

December

Please pray for us as we seek to move into our new lives after studying at Moore Theological College for four years. Please pray that our move to Tamworth will go smoothly and that we will find a good house to live in.

January

Please pray that we will rest well over the Christmas break and that we can settle into our new lives and jobs. Pray that Nathaniel would fit in well at St Peter's Anglican Church South Tamworth and pray that the Lord would bring good friends around us.

February

Please pray that we will serve the Lord well in our new congregations. Pray also that we would adapt to life out of Sydney away from family and friends and make new friends and be involved with the church community we will be a part of.

Profile

Nathaniel has completed his four year theological degree at Moore College. He and Pip are moving to South Tamworth to work under The Revd Rod Chiswell at St Peter's Anglican Church and the Coledale Front Yard Church.

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

December

Please pray for our Christmas activities and services. Pray that Emmanuel, 'God with us', will open our hearts and encourage us as we point people to the Lord at this busy time of year.

January

Please pray for our ministry to Norfolk Islanders who are returning home for holidays. In the past this has meant plenty of weddings and baptisms for David, as well as new faces at church. Please pray that we can enjoy some family time too.

February

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." Please pray for our church family. May we not only be readers of His word but believers and doers. Ask that we would walk in a manner worthy of the calling He has given us.

Profile

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

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Craig, Julie and David

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. **Revelation 7:9a**

December

Thank you for supporting us and our Field Staff in prayer throughout this year. We are ever conscious of your prayers and our need of them – Craig managing the regional office and David (with Julie's help) overseeing the region. Please keep praying!

January

Please ask God to be preparing us for a new year of work and ministry across the region and for new opportunities to proclaim Jesus and promote BCA. May this, BCA's Centenary Year, stir new interest in BCA and bring glory to God.

February

Our annual Bush & Bible Day is planned for 2 March at Northpine Anglican Church, Brisbane. Please pray for strong support of the day, for Bishop Greg Anderson (NT) and the Reeve family as they speak, and for renewed support of BCA.

Profile

57 per cent of Queensland and virtually all of NSW are in drought. There is also a spiritual drought with devastating results. Our region supports six ministry families bringing the love and truth of Jesus into this challenging environment.

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Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Philippians 4:6

December

Mainly music has finished for the year. Please pray that the team and carers will consider what they heard during the year and come closer to God.

January

It is a quiet time of the year – pray that those travelling may have safe journeys. Pray for substantial rain during the wet season.

February

Pray for Rod and Christene as they pack up to move into retirement. Pray for the congregation as they go into a time without a permanent person to lead. Pray that the activities set up by us may be taken up and continued.

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 in drought.

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As for other matters, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honoured, just as it was with you.

2 Thessalonians 3:1

December

Praise God for His provisions in allowing us to share Christmas services with all congregations across our vast area. Pray that those who came to our services will respond to God's calling on their lives.

January

Praise God for providing for those in need, especially those who have suffered through seven years of drought. Pray for great summer rains, a new sense of optimism for the coming year and that all congregations will share their growing faith.

February

School is back. Pray that Christ will guide and protect Susan in her role as the Longreach High School Chaplain. Praise God for His provision in opening doors for school chaplains across the region. Pray for the parishes as they prepare for AGMs.

Profile

Graeme and Susan serve as Mission Facilitators and Trainers for Central West Queensland. They are near the end of their third year based out of Longreach and oversee parishes west of the Great Dividing Range. Parishes with direct hands-on involvement are Barcaldine and Longreach.

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Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – His good, pleasing, and perfect will.

Romans 12:2

December

Praise God for the Christmas services held in Winton. Please pray for rain as the whole of the Central West is dry.

January

Pray that local business will survive the summer now that the tourists have disappeared due to the heat.

February

Please pray for a new minister to lead the faithful in Winton. Praise God for the locums who have served the parish in the absence of a priest-in-charge.

Profile

Winton is an isolated town of about 800 in outback Queensland with strong historical connections to the beginnings of Qantas and the composition and first performance of *Waltzing Matilda*. The local 'Age of Dinosaurs' Museum is a big tourist attraction.

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Children obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.
Colossians 3:20

December

Pray for our op shop ministry which is in a time of transition as we consider how we might best use this opportunity to reach the people of Moranbah.

January

Pray for families in Moranbah who are often under a lot of stress due to mining work schedules disrupting family time. Pray that our church can be a blessing to these families.

February

Pray that those who will be staying in Moranbah over the summer holiday will find joy in the message of Christmas even though they may be far from family and friends. Pray for opportunities to show hospitality and grace to those who will be among us.

Profile

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

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All people are like grass, and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field. The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever. **Isaiah 40:6b, 8**

December

David is going with others from the Armidale Diocese to teach at a youth conference in southwest Uganda in early January. Pray for a fruitful trip. Pray also for Joanne and the kids back home.

January

Pray that our church will be welcoming to any new people coming to town at this time of year.

February

Pray for our kids' church – that our teachers will continue with diligence, and that the congregation will be welcoming, patient and considerate of young people.

Profile

Life is slower and quieter in the Ridge over summer. Many people go away to escape the heat, and there are few tourists. Summer is even harder for those living in 'camps' without electricity. It is also difficult for graziers caring for stock in dry conditions. Pray for good summer storms.

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“But what about you?” He asked. “Who do you say I am?” Peter answered, “You are the Messiah.” **Mark 8:29**

December

Our first year in ministry has been a challenge, but also very rewarding serving our God. Give God thanks for His love and goodness throughout 2018. Pray that over the Christmas break, the kids we teach will reflect on stories about Jesus.

January

Pray that as we prepare for the New Year God will continue to guide and direct our paths. Pray for Darlene as she prepares for her second year at uni and our son Ben as he prepares for the second year of his apprenticeship.

February

Pray that as we plan to re-start Coledale Front Yard Church after the Christmas break, kids will look forward to another year of church and that they will come to know Jesus as Lord of their lives.

Profile

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

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I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.
Psalm 119:11

December

Give thanks to God for the opportunities that our Christmas services always bring us. Praise God for a year of ministry in Woolgoolga and across the Diocese. Pray for a fruitful holiday period of planning and connecting with people.

January

Pray for the planning and launch of a new playgroup this year. Pray for God's wisdom as we restart children's and youth ministry in the Parish. Pray for God's grace as Ella starts high school. Pray for growing families' ministry across the Diocese.

February

Give thanks for SRE classes across the Diocese and pray that Scripture teachers will be bold in sharing the good news of Jesus. Pray for the growth of youth ministry in the parish. Continue to pray for our Bishop in his new role.

Profile

The Reeve family have been getting to know the Woolgoolga community for the past year. They seek to engage people with the gospel and grow followers in maturity. They mainly work with youth and young families in the township, but also provide resources to churches across the Diocese.

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In you, Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me; turn your ear to me and save me. Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go. **Psalm 71:1–3a**

December

Pray for the seasonal chaplains who will be ministering at St Peter's Zermatt and St Bernard's Wengen, in Switzerland. Pray for the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of people attending services.

January

Pray for the New Year, new beginnings, and for help in facing new challenges whatever they may be.

February

With potential new opportunities for resort mission, please pray that more, especially younger, clergy and readers will offer to serve as chaplains so that we have a team that can respond to the needs.

Profile

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

Mr Fred Chilton – Chair

The Revd Dr Mark Short – Ex-officio

Mr Greg Bridge

Mr David Peters

Mr Richard Host – Honorary Treasurer

Mr Martin Drevikovsky

- During these months the Finance Committee will be working to 'fine tune' BCA's annual budget. Pray that they do some with skill, wisdom and trust in God's ability to supply all our needs through the generosity of His people.
- Give thanks for the role of the Committee in ensuring that BCA fulfils all its legal obligations and does it work in a way that is transparent and honouring to Christ.

Pray for Former BCA Field Staff

David & Priya Morgan

Give thanks for the birth of Acacia Hope on 4 September 2018. Please pray for wisdom to know how to minister in a place of great suffering and need in a way that loves people and is faithful to the gospel.



David & Traci Mitchell

Give thanks as we continue ministry in Dongara and Mingenew. Pray for our plans for a very busy Christmas period proclaiming Jesus in the community, for enthusiasm and energy to keep working and for follow up of relationships begun.



Anthony Andrezza

Due to health issues, Anthony deferred his studies at Ridley College for 2018. Please pray for his health, his future re-commencement of study, and for his work at St James' Ivanhoe as they proclaim the name of Jesus.



Andy & Liz Goodacre

Please pray for Andy as he takes much needed long service leave in December and January and for Liz as she completes her Diploma in Theology. Thank God for His provision through the Lifeincolour coaching business and pray for wisdom in leading the Barney's community.





Geoff & Tracey Piggott

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



Les & Jenny Gaulton

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



Peter & Lee Caspersonn

Please continue to pray for the four primary school students who were in Lee's after school Bible study group. Three are attending a local church and one has moved away from Hay. Pray also for one of the mothers who is considering baptism.



Furneaux Island

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



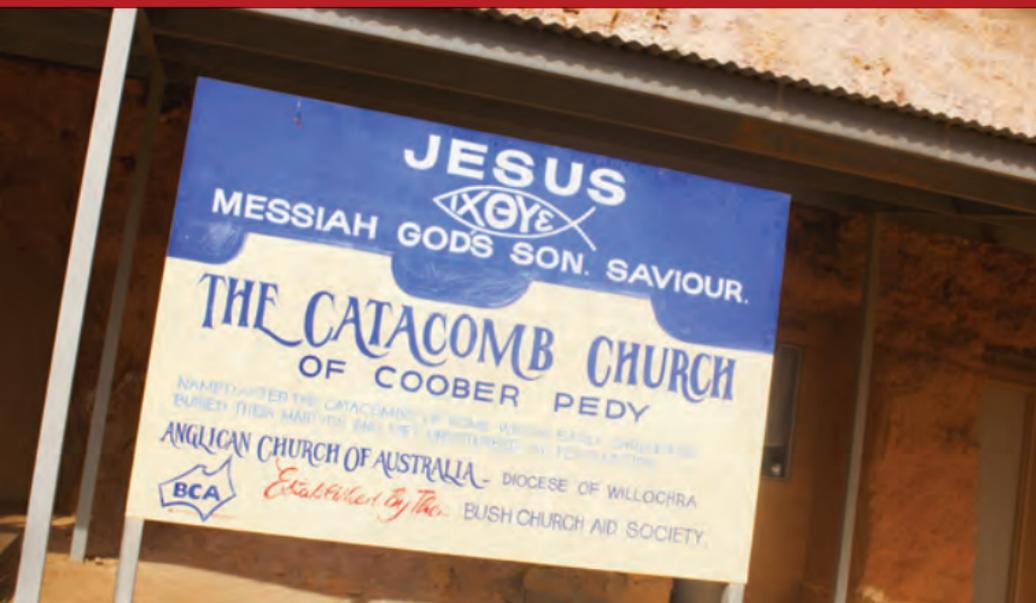
Field Staff – Karratha, Western Australia

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

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

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

For further information contact The Rt Revd Gary Nelson on (08) 9921 7277 or The Revd Dr Mark Short on (02) 9262 5017



Field Staff – Coober Pedy, South Australia

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

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

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

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

For further information contact The Rt Revd John Stead on (08) 8662 2249 or The Revd Dr Mark Short on (02) 9262 5017

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