

# 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.

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## 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: Karijini National Park, Western Australia

## We are Going the Distance by

- **bringing the gospel of Christ to the outermost parts of Australia** – We are committed to sending messengers so that all Australians, no matter where they live and work, are able to hear the life-changing message of Christ.
- **developing a new generation of culturally diverse Christian leaders** – We are committed to engaging young people, discipling them in the faith and encouraging them in ministry so they can lead others to Christ.
- **supporting ministry by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people** – We are committed to working with our first peoples so they can serve Christ in ways that are Biblically faithful and culturally appropriate.
- **planting and renewing sustainable churches** – We are committed to establishing vibrant and outward-looking gatherings of Christ's people.
- **equipping local leaders for fruitful ministry** – We are committed to supporting Christians 'on the ground' so they can be salt and light for Christ.
- **providing care in Christ's Name** – We are committed to serving hurting people in times of crisis and through ongoing Christ-centred pastoral care.

## PEOPLE

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## Providing care in Christ's Name

BCA will celebrate its centenary in 2019. It seems that this organisation has been around forever. Our charter is to take the gospel to people in remote and isolated communities where mainstream churches are unable to provide the love and care that the gospel demands. But why do we do this? What is the nature of the service that BCA provides to these communities?

The answer to the first question is simple: "Christ's love compels us," 2 Corinthians 5:14. BCA Field Staff do what they do because: "Christ died for all," 2 Corinthians 5:15. The gospel must reach beyond the borders of our major cities and large regional centres. So how does the church do that? Well, the church empowers organisations like BCA to take the gospel to the far-reaching places of this continent.

Currently BCA has ministries in every state. It ministers in some of the remotest areas of this country. Its ministry also reaches across the water to provide love and care to the islands just off mainland Australia, giving the gospel hands and feet. It is one thing to know Christ; it's another to make Him known.

But what is the nature of the service that BCA provides? It provides support in times of grief and loss. Since ministering in Broken Hill, I have taken many funerals, helped people in their time of sorrow, been a shoulder to cry on and provided support as they think through the issues of grief and loss.

BCA Regional Officers were recently informed that 70 per cent of Queensland has been declared to be in drought. How does the church respond to such heartache and pain? Some farmers are committing suicide; many feel hopeless and are unable to see a resolution to their situation. Friends, BCA is convinced that God has raised up this part of His church to do just that – provide care in Christ's name. Christ is coming back for His church. When? We don't know, but He is coming, and when He comes, He will call the church to account regarding their service for Him.

Matthew 25:31–40

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

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But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise... *2 Peter 3:8-9a*

### June

Praise God for the safe keeping of all National Office staff and volunteers during winter. Please pray for any follow-up from the BCA Annual Council Meeting held in May.

### July

Thank God for those on the BCA Centenary Taskforce working diligently towards BCA's centenary celebrations throughout 2019.

### August

At this time of year BCA is considering applications for ministries to support in 2018 and beyond. Please pray for God's wisdom for all those involved in this process.

### 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 for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. *Galatians 5:1*

**June**

Please pray for the Eastern Area Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship of Australia ladies gathering in Cootamundra this weekend. Pray that all who attend will be encouraged as they meet for fellowship.

**July**

Neville has two speaking engagements this month. One at All Saints Parramatta and the other at the Bible Society's international gathering in Sydney (where he will do a welcome on behalf of the Aboriginal Church in Australia).

**August**

This month Neville and Kathie will be helping with NSW's Real Australian Mission Conference at the Village Church Annandale. Pray that it goes well.

**Profile**

BCA supports a number of ministries that serve in an Indigenous context. As the Indigenous Ministry Officer, Neville and his wife Kathie, assist BCA in helping staff think through this ministry. Over their first 12 months they will visit some of the ministry centres to fulfil this role.

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But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it – not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it – they will be blessed in what they do.

*James 1:25*

Give thanks for the BCA Nomad ministry commenced by Max and Jan Boyley. Pray that many will join in continuing this legacy and vision of practical support and fellowship to all serving our Lord in locations near and far.

## BCA Outback Queensland Holiday July 2017



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

15-day tour departing 7 July 2017

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

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This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us.  
And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

*1 John 3:16*

**June**

Praise God for His never-ending love in the face of our human rebellion. Pray that our nation would see and know His love. Thank God for the supporters of BCA. Pray for Rob's ongoing healing after breaking his foot.

**July**

Praise God for His never-ending love for us in His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Pray that our nation would embrace the good news of forgiveness through the cross of Christ. Thank God for our BCA pioneers. Pray for our Kirkby lunch for former Field Staff on 13 July.

**August**

Praise God for His never-ending love for every brother and sister in our nation. Pray that we would be prepared to give our all in love and service for them to the glory of God. Thank God for our BCA Field Staff. Pray for Rob as he visits North West Australia.

**Profile**

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

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This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

*1 John 4:10*

**June**

Another vocational minister moves to town this month. Please pray that Jo and I form a strong relationship with him and his family, and that together we would work within Exmouth for the cause of the gospel.

**July**

Praise God that Christ unites us across every cultural divide; particularly at this time of year due to the large number of tourists in town. Pray that tourists and locals alike will build each other up in Christ.

**August**

Our church has a relationship with an orphanage in Zambia. Some of these children will visit us this month. Please pray for the trip; particularly that we would love them well and their stories would be encouraging to all who hear.

**Profile**

Winter is a great time to be in Exmouth. The town swells as people from all over the state flock here to enjoy our very pleasant weather, snorkelling, diving and fishing. Ministry is no longer limited to locals but through tourists truly reaches beyond our town, state and country.

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Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.

*Jude v21*

**June**

Praise God for the enthusiasm of the congregation which continues to be a blessing. Pray that God's word will continue to be preached and taught.

**July**

The dry season is upon us and we welcome the influx of tourists. Please pray for the never-ending number of possibilities that this community provides for evangelism.

**August**

Please pray that those who have left our congregation may find suitable churches. Pray also for the provision of a new minister for our parish.

**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 (all year round) and at 5pm for Café Church (June to September).

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This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says: "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it." *Isaiah 30:15*

**June**

Give thanks for the opportunity for our family to go away for Jim's long service leave from TAFE. Please pray for refreshment in the Lord and for restored family relationships after a traumatic year of fostering two sisters.

**July**

Give thanks for safe travels and a restful time spent with God and each other. Please pray that our two foster daughters in respite care will thrive and adjust well. Please pray that our Aboriginal friends will remain encouraged in Jesus.

**August**

Give thanks for a safe return home to Kununurra. Pray for our family as we readjust again to fostering and Kununurra life. Pray for us as we prayerfully plan future ministry; for wisdom and that God will provide for all our needs.

**Profile**

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

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Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them. *Hebrews 7:25*

**June**

The Reverend Michael Steinwede is locum until the end of June and The Reverend George May will locum from July until October. Pray that both these men will be blessed by God with wisdom and stamina for their ministries.

**July**

Give thanks for faithful local leadership in the congregation at Newman. May they continue to serve with joy in this period between Field Staff appointments.

**August**

Pray for ministry amongst and by Indigenous people in Newman and the surrounding district. Pray also for teachers, health care workers and others serving in remote communities.

**Profile**

Newman is a mining town in the heart of the Pilbara, located inland about 450 kilometres south-east of Port Hedland. It has a population of around 3000 people and an additional fly-in fly-out workforce of around 800. It is a very young and multicultural town of high salaries and long working hours. There is also a high turnover of locals and FIFO workers. As Newman is quite isolated from surrounding towns, there is a real sense of community in town.

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I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. *Galatians 2:20*

**June**

Pray for this month's Women's Conference in Karratha (16–18 June) and for all the ladies from our church attending. Give thanks for our four faithful Kids' Church teachers who are committed to explaining the amazing truths of the Bible.

**July**

Give thanks for the cooler weather which enables people to get out and socialise more. Pray for opportunities to build friendships and share the gospel with others. Also, pray for safety as people travel great distances during school holidays.

**August**

Give thanks for the close connection our church has with the Seafarers Centre. Pray for all staff, especially Derek McArtney as he steps into his new role of Senior Chaplain.

**Profile**

Port Hedland is currently going through some challenging times with the economic downturn. Against this backdrop of uncertainty, the gospel of God shines ever so brighter. We give thanks for BCA supporting us to proclaim this gospel and see people's lives transformed by it.

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Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

*Hebrews 13:8*

**June**

Thank God for the cooler weather and the many visitors. Pray for the North West Regional Women's Conference (16–18 June) where Monica Short is the speaker. Pray for all those travelling long distances to be here.

**July**

Thank God for the opportunity to take a break this month out of the parish. Pray for the Pilbara Archdeaconry as we meet in Exmouth (19–21 July). Pray for safety in travel for all clergy and for encouraging interactions.

**August**

Thank God for the commitment of congregation members to share the gospel with their friends, family and workmates. Pray for a renewed enthusiasm as winter ends. Pray for our visitors as they return to their home states and churches.

**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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Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of His bones will be broken."

*John 19:34-36*

**June**

Pray for follow-up of people who attended the 'Grill a Pastor' evangelistic event in May. Ask God to give our church members abundant joy and confidence in Jesus as they share their faith with their friends, and save more people in our parish.

**July**

Thank God for the freedom we have in Christ. Please pray that we will work our hardest for the Lord and rest well, always trusting in His unfailing love and sovereign will.

**August**

Pray for early planning for Christmas – for the events to be well organised and bring glory to God, and for plenty of volunteers to help run them. Pray that the Mingenew Expo is a good opportunity for David to connect with people in the town.

**Profile**

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

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

*Luke 10:2*

**June**

Pray for Dusty Boots 2017 and the Youthworks College and support teams coming to share life with the folk here, at Tom Price and Wakathuni. Pray the Lord would richly bless both His servants and those who receive His love and truth in these towns.

**July**

Pray for those who have come to trust in Christ from dysfunctional backgrounds. Pray that they can follow Jesus when those around them are caught in substance abuse, and stand against the 'pull' of family and friends regarding the use of their money.

**August**

Pray especially for our Aboriginal brothers and sisters for whom 'family' is so significant, especially when society today still brings constant reminders of the abuses suffered by their forebears. Pray they know God's love, forgiveness and healing daily.

**Profile**

The mining town of Wickham (1600 kms north of Perth) services Cape Lambert (Port Walcott) – Rio Tinto's largest port facility for the export of iron ore. It has 2000 residents. Pray it will also soon provide welcome, service and support to the thousands of seafarers who come to the port in these bulk carriers.

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Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised.

*Job 1:21*

**June**

Recently returned to the Pilbara, we'll be in the midst of starting again. After almost the entire congregation left town last year, pray for wisdom in how God might have us direct our ministry and prayer energy.

**July**

Pray for grace and perseverance for Priya in caring for Evie and Lizzie. Pray that our girls grow to love Jesus, and are used by the Spirit to draw other children closer to Christ, especially children in Paraburdoo.

**August**

There continues to be many who don't know the gospel in the vast Pilbara, and resourcing ministry here is very difficult. Please pray for all gospel workers here, and those who support us, to have wisdom and perseverance in sharing the good news.

**Profile**

After a longer than normal deputation, David, Priya, Evie (and now also Elizabeth) have returned to Paraburdoo and Tom Price to reboot ministry (again!). After a very difficult year in 2016, with lots of redundancies and seven fatalities, 2017 feels more positive in town. Pray for gospel connections!

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Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself."  
*Matthew 22:37–39*

**June**

Give thanks for a much-needed holiday in Busselton as well as Amanda and Eliza's birthdays. Give thanks for the men's Bible study that has started. Pray for growth in knowledge of the Bible and faith in God.

**July**

Pray for significant rain for the farmers around Geraldton. Pray for growth in connections with new families.

**August**

Pray for opportunities to share the gospel with families from Playtime. Pray that the people of St George's Bluff Point will grow in their faith.

**Profile**

Roger, Amanda, Ada, Eliza and Ben have now been in Geraldton for a year and a half. The time has flown by which is crazy. Our family continues to love living in Geraldton and experiencing the beautiful scenery which surrounds us. The church we serve at continues to be a great encouragement.

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But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

*John 20:31*

**June**

Pray for Steve and Lyn's involvement in the Willochra Mission Conference in Port Pirie over the June long weekend. This year the conference highlights the work of BCA. The studies will be led by The Rt Revd Dr Greg Anderson, Bishop of the Northern Territory.

**July**

Please pray that our office relocation to newly refurbished premises in the heart of the city will take place later this month. Please pray that the move will go smoothly, and that our supporters and partners will quickly adapt to finding our new location.

**August**

Pray for Steve's visit with Rob Healy to North West Australia. Please also pray for our Regional Committee as they prepare for the Spring Lunch next month.

**Profile**

Give thanks for the opportunity to travel the 3300 km from Adelaide to Darwin (including a detour to Roxby) to visit and encourage Field Staff and conduct deputations in Alice Springs. Please pray for further opportunities to raise awareness of the ministry of BCA, particularly among young people.

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Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

*Colossians 4:5–6*

**June**

Pray for Religious Education (RE/Scripture) at Nightcliff Primary School. Also pray for the roll out of a new safe ministry package including training for the NT (21–24 June). Give thanks for the opportunity to have a family holiday in July.

**July**

Give thanks for the chance to see Bruce's younger brothers and parents who are visiting Darwin this month. Pray that Bruce can meet with church leaders to talk about children's and youth ministry and what resources might help them in the future.

**August**

Pray that relationships will be strengthened at the St Peter's Nightcliff church camp (18–20 August) as we learn from God's word. Pray for Bruce and others spending time in Ngukurr as part of Craig Rogers' discernment process for ordination (21–25 August).

**Profile**

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

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For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.

*Mark 10:45*

**June**

Thank God for the RE (Scripture) programs that happen across Darwin. Pray that soon we might start new ones in Palmerston. Pray that the connections developed in the first half of the year might lead to churches including RE as part of their ministries.

**July**

Thank God for the chance to stop and enjoy His creation. Thank Him for the days off we will take at the end of the month with family from overseas. Pray that our energy will be restored, and that we might enjoy getting to know the Northern Territory.

**August**

Thank God for the yearly training day for RE teachers. Pray that those leading each session might teach in a loving way. Ask God that the volunteers might be further equipped to serve in the schools.

**Profile**

Topher and Chica have been in Darwin since January 2017. Topher works as the school's ministry worker for Scripture Union Northern Territory. He equips, encourages and trains RE (Religious Education) volunteers who teach in Darwin and Palmerston.

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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*

**June**

Praise God for our first year here. Locals take advantage of dry season weather and go away on the weekends. Pray that the church family don't experience a Christian 'dry season' by missing church and lack of Christian input.

**July**

Ask that God saves and sends families to join us. Pray both church family and tourists will consider how obedient we're being to Jesus' demands in the Sermon on the Mount. Holidays means less routines/friends for our kids and Kath.

**August**

20 August is our church's 60th anniversary – pray for planning, that locals turn up, and that God gives them eyes and ears for His good news. Pray that celebrating 500 years of the Reformation enthuses the church about how awesome God and His gospel is.

**Profile**

Katherine swells with tourists in the dry season. In 2016, close to a quarter of a million people passed through town, in addition to the 11,000 locals. Christian presence and witness is small, and Indigenous ministry by local churches is limited. Kristan is parish rector and Kath connects with mums.

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I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples. For great is your love, higher than the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

*Psalm 108:3–4*

**June**

Give thanks and pray for those attending the Alpha course. Thank God that He is working in us and our guests to open blind eyes and soften hard hearts. May the Holy Spirit enlighten hearts and minds to the truth of life and salvation in Jesus.

**July**

Pray for gospel partners to come to and be raised up on the Island. May our girls grow in their knowledge and love of God and may the other children of our community go deeper in their quest for the truth about life, the universe and everything.

**August**

Pray for God to grow a team of people on Kangaroo Island who are passionate about Him and about being and making disciples. Give thanks for those who attended the Alpha course and pray for their salvation and growth in faith.

**Profile**

Kangaroo Island's 4500 residents face the joys and trials of isolation, including beautiful views and wildlife, separation from extended family, lower income and a higher cost of living. In August 2015, we started a fortnightly Family Church in Kingscote with a very small group from churches in other towns. Please ask God to increase our number with those not yet connected to church. May He draw Islanders to Himself.

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Do not conform 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*

**June**

The longer we are here the more opportunities and relationships we make. Pray for wisdom to choose what to say yes to and then for God to use us for His glory. Pray for Tracey who is taking six teens to see the musical Matilda on 23 June in Adelaide.

**July**

Pray for the Normanhurst mission team; for effective contacts and joyful fellowship. Pray that Val our volunteer will have gospel conversations with the many tourists who come to town. Pray for our church family to hunger after God.

**August**

Pray for our church connected children and youth to keep growing in their understanding and trust in Jesus. May God raise up more volunteers to come and support the ministry here. Ask God for good contacts for Geoff at Prominent Hill Mine.

**Profile**

Coober Pedy is known as the opal capital of the world. It has 45 different nationalities and about 2500 people. Being on the Stuart Highway, it is extremely popular for tourists. The complexities of people's lives here in isolation is immense. Lack of family support networks etc leaves large gaps.

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For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.  
*1 Corinthians 15:21–22*

**June**

Pray for the little branch church in the opal town of Andamooka. We have begun a Sunday evening prayer service and are seeing blessings of answered prayer. Pray for peace and grace for the town and deepening conviction in the people of faith.

**July**

We ask for prayers as we continue to seek God's provision of a new minister for the Roxby Downs Christian Community Church. Most weeks we seem to be welcoming a new household into the church family, so we seek God's help to connect well with them.

**August**

We continue to find new ways to help minister to the Olympic Dam Mine and processing plant. This is currently achieved by developing an on-site prayer ministry. Pray for sensitivity to God's leading in preparing to connect any future minister with the mine.

**Profile**

The town, mine and church in Roxy Downs are closely linked. There is currently gradual growth in them all, as mining refocuses for its next phase with expansion underground. Bob and Jan McKay are currently locums in the church. They are enjoying the town and the Diocese. The lay leadership is spiritually and administratively sharp and church members have a deep love for Jesus, but there will be a great blessing when God's person is called to the church as minister and team leader.

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Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

*Matthew 6:11–12*

### **June**

Praise God for His daily provision of so many good things. Pray that God would provide the means to employ excellent ministers for each of Victoria's regional communities. Pray for Adrian and the trainee preachers he is teaching this month in southern Tasmania.

### **July**

The church in Victoria has much to repent from. Pray that we would be convicted of our sin and come to God in contrite repentance. May we understand the cost and wonder of Christ's salvation. This month Adrian is at Healesville/Yarra Glen and the Diocese of Melbourne Ministry Conference (26–28 July).

### **August**

As we are persecuted and sinned against, may God give us Christ's forgiving grace, so that our heavenly Father will also forgive us. Adrian is preaching at Ridley College and is also on leave this month. May God raise up many preachers of forgiveness for country Victoria and heal divisions in families and communities.

### **Profile**

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

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Answer me, Lord, out of the goodness of your love; in your great mercy  
turn to me.

*Psalm 69:16*

**June**

Thank God that after five months RENEW (shop front) has finally been repaired after the hail storm. Pray that we will quickly reconnect with members of our community. Pray that all our children will trust in Jesus as Saviour and Lord.

**July**

Pray for Bishop Andrew as he retires on 30 November and the committee is charged with selecting a new Bishop. Pray for Dale as he travels and participates in the committee. Thank God for our congregation and pray we may grow in all sorts of ways.

**August**

Pray for wisdom for Dale and Rachel in their parenting. Please pray that our giving may increase this year and especially that people would become Christians. Thank God that Dale has been able to run the Christians Against Poverty money course.

**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.

**Diocese of Bendigo**

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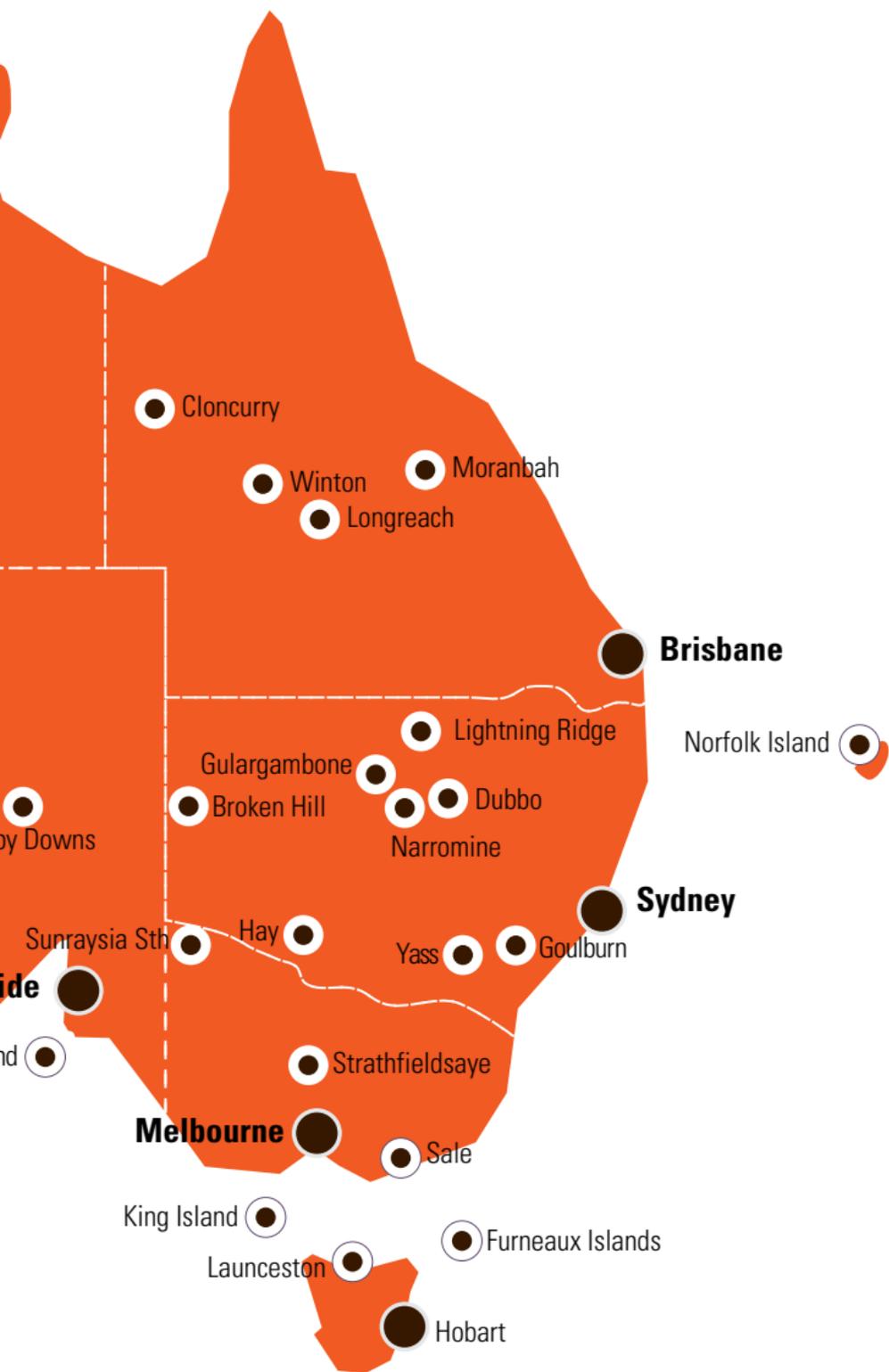


### THE BCA PRAYER

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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And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the Lord has said, even among the survivors whom the Lord calls. *Joel 2:32*

**June**

Pray for Vanessa and Zoe's involvement with the local 'horsing' community and the many relationships we now have within it. Pray for the light of Christ to shine amongst them and for safety during horse events.

**July**

Praise God that winter is followed by spring, that Good Friday is followed by Easter Day, and when it is dark and cold, we have the promise of light and life. Pray that those in darkness in Strathfieldsaye will turn and walk in the light of Christ.

**August**

This month we are exploring the gospel of Luke. Pray that our congregation will grow in faith and knowledge of Jesus, illuminated by the Holy Spirit, all to the glory of God. Pray for Alyssa as she completes her VCE (Year 12) assessments and exams.

**Profile**

Our Sunday morning service is growing while our new monthly Sunday evening family gathering continues to attract some locals through a time of community and connection in faith. We are building our local profile and look forward to finding new ways to serve the local area.

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Declare His glory among the nations, His marvellous deeds among  
all peoples.

*Psalm 96:3*

**June**

Please pray for our winter Kids' Club and Bible study group at our 123 Outreach Centre. Please pray for Jules as she works and ministers to young and old there. Please pray that our 123 volunteers would know the love of Jesus.

**July**

Please pray for Rich as he ministers at Gippsland Grammar and for the lunchtime Christian group. Please pray as we encourage young believers to be committed followers of Christ and for Rich in his desire to make Jesus' love and truth known.

**August**

Please pray for the growth of our 123 ministry team. Pray the Lord will continue to raise people up to work and serve Him at 123. Please pray for our outreach and development programs being run in partnership between Gippsland Grammar and 123.

**Profile**

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

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What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?  
*Romans 6:1*

**June**

Pray that students undertaking their Australian College of Theology exams will be filled with godly wisdom and character. Pray also that their studies will build up the church, that God would use these works for His glory, and for the future ministries of those finishing their studies.

**July**

Please pray for the young adults' ministry at St James'. Pray for continued growth in their love of God, for a fruitful term of training, for more intentional discipleship, and for opportunities to reach out into the local community with the gospel of Christ.

**August**

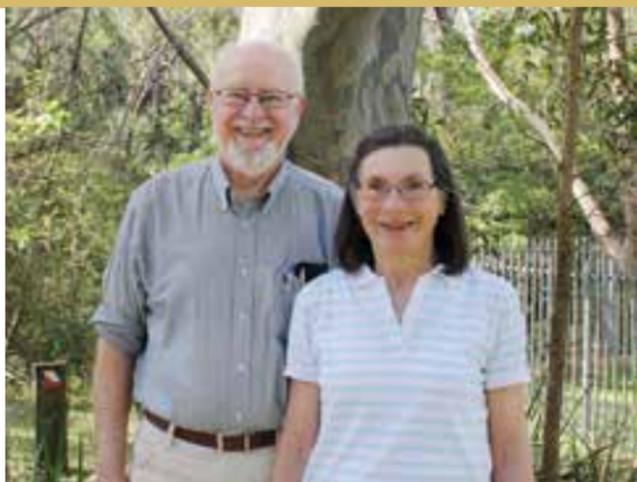
As our church delves into Nehemiah, pray that God would increasingly cause us to rely on Him through prayer; that our own relationships with Yahweh would flourish, and that God would use this revival to draw non-believers to Himself.

**Profile**

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

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But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.

*1 John 1:7*

**June**

We give thanks for the Diocesan Synod held early this month and for the acceptance of the BCA report. We pray for vacant parishes, particularly King and Furneaux Islands.

**July**

We pray for the continuing support of the Diocese, parishes and individuals. We give thanks for the wider support that the region receives from the BCA Council and Executive.

**August**

We seek God's blessing on BCA supporting parishes as they hold their annual meetings and prepare budgets for the coming year. Our thanks go out to Bob and Adrian in the Victorian Office for their support during the year.

**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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Oh, that I might have my request, that God would grant what I hope for.

*Job 6:8*

**June**

We pray that the winter will be a pleasant one for farmers and that grass growth will be adequate. Please pray that all our church family will continue to brave the cold on Sundays to meet and encourage one another.

**July**

We thank our Lord for all provisions and for placing us in such a safe, pristine country. We pray that we don't forget that there are still people out there that need our love, care and help. Pray that we can be generous and serve others willingly.

**August**

We pray that we may soon have a full-time minister on our Island. Pray that we can all be encouraged to reach out to others around us, to bring them to the Lord, and that with this prayer God might grant what we hope for, in Jesus name. Amen

**Profile**

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

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If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. *Romans 10:9*

**June**

As the days get shorter and the weather cooler, pray for community members who can become isolated in the winter months, and for local Christians to be pro-active in caring for them.

**July**

This is a significant month for celebrating the contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Give thanks for the Islands' Aboriginal heritage and pray for Christian ministers and leaders among them.

**August**

Pray for young people who are away from the Islands for secondary and further education. Ask God to reveal His love and grace to them.

**Profile**

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

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I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

*John 10:10b*

**June**

Pray for Andy as he travels to the UK and meets with other missional leaders from around the world in Edinburgh (20–22 June). Pray for safe travel and inspiring conversations and encouragements. Pray also for Liz and the girls as they remain in Tassie.

**July**

Pray for good rest as we are on holiday in Queensland for two weeks. Pray for restoration and fun as a family. Pray also for the team of leaders at Barney's who will carry the load while we are away.

**August**

Pray for the many international students connected with Barney's as they endure the Tassie winter! Pray for the Imaginations Network which meets at the university campus to discuss the Bible, and for our English Café which serves non-native speakers of English.

**Profile**

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

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

*Psalm 46:10*

### **June**

Thank God for the NSW/ACT Field Staff and pray for Peter and Gwen's trip round the state to encourage them. Pray for refreshment for Heather on leave. Pray also that the BCA supported Engage Conference in Dubbo helped to encourage and equip those who are discipling teenagers.

### **July**

Thank God for the NSW Committee. Pray for final preparations and advertising for NSW's Real Australian Mission Conference; for the speaker's preparation and for God to be glorified on the day.

### **August**

Pray that God used the first Real Australian Mission Conference on 19 August to inform, challenge and raise up supporters and workers for the harvest field across Australia.

### **Profile**

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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When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. *Acts 2:1-2*

**June**

Pray that the school gets more funding for the last six months of the year so that our Aboriginal tutors have work up until Christmas. Pray for jobs for our young people and that they will come to know God.

**July**

Pray that the leaders of our nation will make the right decisions for us all. Pray that the schools in our nation will give students the chance to attend Scripture (SRE) and learn about our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ. Pray that they will have an encounter with the Holy Spirit.

**August**

Pray that the Holy Spirit will move mightily upon people and that they will get saved by the presence of God. Pray for all our BCA Field Staff; that God will strengthen and empower them in their ministry and all that they do.

**Profile**

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

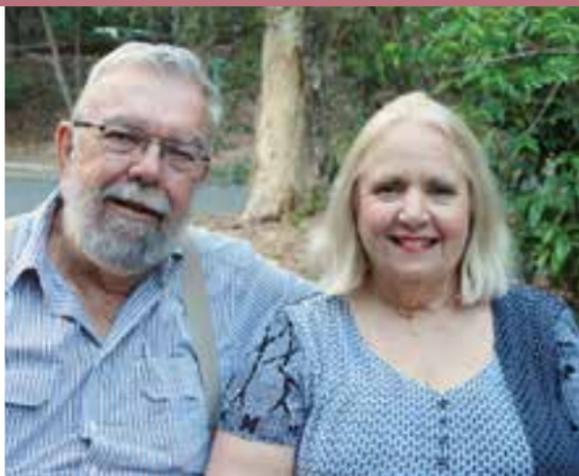
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In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

*John 1:4–5*

**June**

Give thanks for SRE Boards and sub-committees and their supporting churches across NSW. Pray for growth of SRE in Gunnedah, Condobolin and Bega as we pray for and investigate the possible employment of teachers for 2018.

**July**

Pray for safe travel for teachers, board members and advisers attending the mid-year Hope Conference in Wollongong. Give thanks for the chance to gather, learn and share in the joy of teaching the Bible to the next generation.

**August**

Pray for our small Bush Scripture Team as we complete Unit 4 video lessons on Genesis 1–12. Pray for wisdom and creativity as we integrate interviews with rural Christians in examining the Christian world view.

**Profile**

Cheryl, our Bush Scripture Adviser, works towards seeing quality SRE (Scripture) lessons in every state high and central school in rural NSW by 2020. She travels with her husband Michael across the Riverina, mid-west, south coast and Armidale/Tamworth region in their motorhome.

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

*Psalm 118:1*

**June**

Give thanks for the ongoing years of open doors and relationship building in our local schools both with Scripture (SRE) and other programs like Shine.

**July**

Give thanks that non-churched young people are coming to youth group. Pray that we can present the gospel well to them. Please pray for more youth group leaders.

**August**

Pray that the leaders of the Bookham Community Church may seek His will and be empowered by the Holy Spirit to do the work set before them. Pray for a spiritual growing of the congregation.

**Profile**

Helena has pulled back to 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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Because a great door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many who oppose me.

*1 Corinthians 16:9*

**June**

Please pray as we enjoy some time of rest. Brian is travelling to the UK to attend the graduation for his Masters in Mentoring and Ali will spend some time with her mum. Please pray that Rocky Hill Church goes well in our absence.

**July**

Scripture (SRE) in schools begins again. We teach eight classes and lead one assembly each week. Praise God for open doors in NSW schools and for this wonderful opportunity to share God's love and His word with the children.

**August**

August is a time when we are busy preparing for the New Wine Spring Gathering at Greenhills in Canberra (3–6 October). We are praying for families to come and spend quality time together around faith, friends and fun!

**Profile**

Goulburn has a population of about 29,000 and there is great unity amongst the Christian churches which is a great blessing for the town. There is steady population growth with many new houses being built. There are eight public schools in Goulburn and all receive Scripture classes each week.

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I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

*John 10:11*

**June**

Give thanks for the warmth and friendliness of the teachers at many of the schools. Now that Peter has been there for a while, trust is growing. We ask for your prayers for completion of the latest Bush Scripture videos.

**July**

Give thanks for protection on the roads. Pray for a deepening curiosity in the students for the Bible and stories in it. We will be focusing on the book of Acts over the next few months. Ask for rich times together for Peter and Penny.

**August**

Pray for the hearts of parents to be open to the Kingdom and for Peter to be connecting well with them at some of the parent and teacher meetings. Pray for the opponents of Scripture in schools to be made useful to the Kingdom and for redemption for them.

**Profile**

Peter has been promoted to the role of Regional Advisor for Bush Scripture, which means he now has more of a supervisory role. He still teaches classes at Baradine, Coonamble, Coonabarabran and sometimes Lightning Ridge.

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

*Matthew 4:19*

### **June**

Praise God for the salvation He has brought to us in Jesus. Thank God for the privilege of being sent by Jesus. Ask for patience and perseverance in fishing for people.

### **July**

Praise God for the opportunity to follow Jesus. Thank God for the opportunities we have had to speak about Jesus. Ask God to continue to open doors and hearts.

### **August**

Praise God for enabling us to enter into His presence through Jesus. Thank God that we have good news to share! Ask that people would come to love and follow Jesus.

### **Profile**

This evangelistic ministry involves reaching out in the Parish of Narromine and Trangie seeking to connect with people, 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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I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples.

*Psalm 108:3*

**June**

Pray that those who attend church will persevere in their attendance and their love for Jesus while they await a new leader of God's calling.

**July**

Pray that the process of finding someone to replace Neville and Kathie will go smoothly and that people won't get disillusioned while they wait.

**August**

Pray that the Kids' Church leaders might regroup and recommence children's ministry.

**Profile**

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

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So, whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

*1 Corinthians 10:31*

**June**

Peter and Lee are taking a break in North West Australia. They are grateful for the lay folk from South Wagga Anglican Church who are spending various amounts of time in Hay, to cover Scripture (SRE), church services and the Saturday night Bible study.

**July**

Pray for good recovery and positive results from Peter's sinus surgery that took place in Sydney on 17 July.

**August**

Pray for Hay as we prepare for Kids' Club in the first week of the school holidays. Thank God for the faithful team who have come to run Kids' Club every year for the past six years. Pray for fruit from this faithful ministry.

**Profile**

Hay is a town of about 3000 people half way between Sydney and Adelaide. St Paul's Church congregation is very small and has no ordained minister. Peter and Lee have been in Hay for six years. SRE at the public school is well received and we are involved in a range of community activities.

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But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.

*1 Corinthians 15:20–21*

**June**

Please pray that I will complete the assignments I have due this month and that my half-yearly exams went smoothly.

**July**

Pray that I will rest well during my break and that Pip and myself will be able to catch up with family and friends during this time. Continue to pray for our marriage and our relationship with God.

**August**

Please pray that I will be diligent in completing the ethics essay I have due. Also pray that I can adjust back into college life for the start of second semester after three weeks off.

**Profile**

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

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The one who looks at me is seeing the one who sent me. I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.  
*John 12:45-46*

**June**

The Archbishop of Sydney, The Most Revd Glenn Davies visited us earlier this month. Please pray for the opportunities he had to commend the gospel to Norfolk Islanders, particularly when the Island celebrated Bounty Day on 8 June.

**July**

Please pray for plans we have to run a marriage/relationship enrichment night (or nights) this month. Ask God to give us a caring heart and teaching ability. Pray that each husband will love his wife as Christ loves the church (Ephesians 5:25).

**August**

Pray for our youth minister Jono Thomas and his wife Anna. Pray that they will speak the gospel boldly and give them such grounding in the gospel they will always think about Christian faithfulness when confronted with the world's options.

**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 August 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**

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

*Colossians 3:1*

### **June**

Next month I will represent BCA on part of the Queensland leg of the BCA/Christian Fellowship Tour. Please pray that I will encourage those on the tour to set their hearts on the enthroned Christ and on His mission through BCA.

### **July**

Next month I plan to take some ministry workshops at the Anglican Diocese of Grafton's Licenced Lay Ministers' Training Days – Lennox Head (19 August) and Macksville (26 August). Please pray that my workshops will be truly helpful.

### **August**

Next month I will represent BCA at the North Queensland Christian Convention (30 September – 2 October). This is a first for BCA and an opportunity to give our mission some profile among the many non-Anglican Christians present.

### **Profile**

Many in our region set their hearts on temporal troubles and treasures, and not on Christ. Thank you for standing with us in prayer. It is obvious to us that you do. God is giving many open doors for ministry and promotion of His mission. We are continually sustained and encouraged.

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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*

**June**

Give thanks that several people took up the opportunity to come and be taught by David Rogers-Smith on his recent visit to us. Pray for the upcoming BCA/Christian Fellowship tour that will hit Cloncurry on 15 and 16 July.

**July**

Give thanks for our time in Townsville. Rod was encouraged at the Clergy conference, both of us participated in Synod and we caught up with our granddaughters. Pray for our first parish weekend away in early August.

**August**

Pray for our Mainly Music team as our leader Jill is away in Ireland during August and September. Give thanks for a wonderful time together on the parish weekend.

**Profile**

Rod and Christene are based in the north-west Queensland town of Cloncurry. We no longer have responsibility for the Gulf churches. We are now 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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This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. *1 Timothy 2:3-4*

**June**

Give thanks for a refreshing clergy retreat in late May. Pray for Susan as she completes another semester of study for her Bachelor of Theology. The tourist season has begun. Pray for safety and that tourists will respect the workers who provide services to them.

**July**

This month we are receiving many visitors, including a BCA/Christian Fellowship tour. Pray that it will be a refreshing encouraging time for all involved and that locals in Barcaldine and Longreach will respond to the call of God on their lives.

**August**

When it comes to rain, summer wasn't good for us. Pray that we will receive late winter rain to set the region up for a good wet summer. We are also hosting a visit from the Surfers Paradise Parish: pray for them as they witness for Christ.

**Profile**

Graeme and Susan serve as mission facilitators and trainers to the Central West of Queensland with responsibility of overseeing ministry in the Parishes of Longreach and Barcaldine. They are currently in their second year and seek prayer support as they establish new ways of doing ministry in remote areas.

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For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength.

*1 Corinthians 1:25*

**June**

Please pray for our Christianity Explored group; that it will result in people seeing Christ's love and committing themselves to Christ.

**July**

At the time of printing there were some women at church interested in attending the Diocesan Women's Convention coming up in August. Pray that this comes to fruition, and is encouraging for those who go.

**August**

As we approach Father's Day, we pray for good fathers in our community, and for the many fatherless kids we see, including some of our sons' friends.

**Profile**

Winter is a busy season in the Ridge, with visitors almost every week at church. Many come for the warmer weather or the hot spring baths. We welcome back many of the same visitors each year.

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Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

*Romans 8:1*

**June**

Pray for new outreach initiatives begun during Anne Nixon's time in Winton and for wisdom and faith on the part of local leaders as they discern which will continue.

**July**

BCA and the Diocese are supporting locum ministry in Winton while we consider how best to support and encourage God's work in the Western half of the Diocese, especially amongst those who do not yet know Christ or identify with His people. Pray for God's grace in this.

**August**

At this time of year many 'grey nomads' will visit Winton and other parts of Western Queensland. Pray that God will speak to them through the beauty of creation and the witness of Christian travellers and locals.

**Profile**

Winton is a small town of around 1000 people in central Queensland, 866 kilometres west of Rockhampton. The area has low annual rainfall and edges the desert. Winton is famous for dinosaur fossil finds in nearby Lark Quarry, and being one of Queensland's oldest opal fields. It was the birth place of Qantas in 1920 and the place where Banjo Paterson wrote *Waltzing Matilda* in 1895.

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He himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed.

*1 Peter 2:24*

**June**

Thank God for the faithful people who kept regular services going until April when Locum David Pettett arrived. Continue to pray for God to appoint the person of His choice to this ministry.

**July**

Thank God for the wonderful outreach of the local op-shop. It provides a great social need in the town. Pray that people who come will be open to hear the gospel.

**August**

Thank God for the ministry of Mainly Music and the faithful women of God who run it week by week. Pray that children will hear the gospel message and learn to trust Jesus. Pray for their parents; that they too will hear the gospel and respond.

**Profile**

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

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He replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it."

*Luke 11:28*

**June**

Provence Praise starts in the south of France tomorrow until 8 July. A Christian holiday experience organised by ICS chaplains Bob Hurley (Grenoble) and Ben Harding (Lyon). Pray that those attending may experience God and recharge their batteries.

**July**

Pray for the ICS chaplaincies during the summer break. May they be welcoming to visitors on holiday and may people be touched afresh by God's grace and renewed in His love.

**August**

Pray for the organisation and planning of the ICS AGM taking place on 7 September. Give thanks for our supporters and pray for the Council as it serves and for new members to be elected.

**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.

**Pray for the BCA Personnel Committee**

The Revd John Nicholls – Chairperson

Mrs Aila Alderson

Dr Bill Anscombe

The Revd Dr Mark Short – Ex officio

**Pray for the Ministry Priority Panel**

Mr Fred Chilton

The Revd David O'Mara

Mrs Mellita Bate

The Revd Dr Mark Short – Ex officio

Uphold the Personnel Committee; give them guidance, sensitivity and clear direction in their responsibilities in relational matters.

For the Ministry Priority Panel, we pray for clear directives in consideration and implementation of new ministry initiatives.

## Position Vacant - Roxby Downs

**Roxby Downs**

The Bush Church Aid Society and the Anglican Diocese of Willochra are seeking a mission-hearted ordained leader for this exciting outback ministry.

Roxby Downs is a thriving community of 3500 people situated in the north of South Australia, 560 kilometres from Adelaide. It is a modern mining town where families, particularly young families, are the most common social unit.

The ministry encompasses the Roxby Downs Christian Community Church (a joint Anglican and Uniting congregation), Andamooka, Woomera and surrounds. The congregation is very conscious of its missional purpose in this area, being intentionally involved in community groups and programs and creating outreach opportunities. There are a number of Bible studies in operation and a strong commitment to children's ministry.

The Rectory has four bedrooms (or three and a study) – one with ensuite – as well as extensive indoor and outdoor hospitality areas. This is a fully-stipended position and BCA is committed to providing regular pastoral care and support to the minister and their family.

For further information about the position, please contact the BCA National Director Mark Short at:

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## Pray for BCA Staff in Transition

### **Derek & Amanda McArtney**

Praise God for Derek and Amanda McArtney and their six wonderful years in Newman. After spending time on long service leave with their children and grandchildren, they start at the Port Hedland Seafarers Centre in July.



### **Stuart & Katherine Haynes**

Katherine is enjoying her work as Chaplain at the Sapphire Coast Anglican College where Christina is in Year 7. Stuart was recently commissioned as the Families Minister at St John's Bega. We pray for fruitful ministry in churches across Australia understanding the words of Jesus: "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you" (John 15:16).



### **Rob & Jenny Stubbs/Beth Hazell**

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



### **Joel & Hannah Hill**

Ask God to continue to grow His people in Roxby in maturity until Jesus' return. Pray for a godly leader who loves Jesus and His word. Thank God for new opportunities for gospel partnership in Taree. Pray that our kids will continue



growing in their trust of Jesus and in boldness to make Him public. Pray that many in Taree will respond to the good news of Jesus and grow as His disciples.

### **Irfon & Barbara Griffiths**

Please pray that our faith and trust in Jesus will be unwavering, as we patiently wait for our retirement home, due to be ready last January, now promised for September. Pray that in this interim, we might be able to serve our Lord somewhere there is a need. Retirement and re-settlement has been a difficult phase in our life and we seek to understand our Lord's purpose and plan in all that has and still is taking place. We are thankful for all of your past and present prayer support, we know our Lord will hear and answer.



### **Joy Sandefur**

Give thanks for the Aboriginal church throughout Australia. Ask God to raise up a new generation of godly strong leaders. Pray for Nungalinya and Wontulp-Bi-Buyu as they continue to teach courses in Bible and ministry and prepare their graduates to be leaders in their churches. Give thanks for Neville and Kathie Naden in their new strategic role with BCA and ask God to give them strength, wisdom and discernment.



### **Anne Nixon**

Please pray for Anne and Noel Nixon who moved to Clermont in Queensland after concluding their time as BCA Field Staff in Winton after Easter. Please pray for them as they settle into their new home and for Anne who has taken on the role of senior minister in the parish of Clermont. Please also pray for the church in Winton, that new leaders will be raised up and the parishioners will work together to build the church in the community.



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