

Prayer, Notes



The Bush Church Aid Society of Australia

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

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

Under God, we do this by

proclaiming Christ so that people may respond to Him;

nurturing Christians in their faith and ministry;

strengthening local Christian communities in their mission;

providing services of Christian care and advocacy;

developing an understanding of Christ's mission and

promoting active partnership throughout the church.

Our core commitments are

relying on prayer for God's help and the Holy Spirit's guidance;

trusting in the vision, authority and encouragement of Scripture;

working in humility, servanthood and fellowship with the church in mission;

developing interdependent relationships with Diocesan Bishops;

providing pastoral care and professional development for staff and **responsibly** managing our resources.

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We are Going the Distance by

bringing the gospel of Christ to the outermost parts of Australia – We are committed to sending messengers so that all Australians, no matter where they live and work, are able to hear the life-changing message of Christ.

developing a new generation of culturally diverse Christian leaders – We are committed to engaging young people, discipling them in the faith and encouraging them in ministry so they can lead others to Christ.

supporting ministry by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people – We are committed to working with our First Nations People 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.

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The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

Deuteronomy 31:8

December

Thank God for another year of provision and blessing. Praise Him for the lives changed by the Gospel through our Field Staff. Thank Him for our supporters – both new and continuing as they partner with us.

January

Praise God for a new year and pray that God will continue to bless and guide BCA throughout 2026. It is typically quieter in the office in January, pray for times of planning, goal setting and rest for the National Office team.

February

Pray for Greg Harris and the Regional Officers as they go on their annual retreat to plan for the upcoming year. Pray for good conversations, wise decisions and a time of refreshment and encouragement as a team.

The National Office reaches Australia for Christ by stewarding the resources God aives BCA through our many generous supporters, seeking to use these resources effectively and efficiently to sustain existing and emerging ministries. The team does this alongside the Executive, Senior Officers and Volunteers.

Gadigal Country



But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."

Luke 2:10

December

As the Christmas season is upon us, please pray for joy across the regional, rural and remote areas of our land as families encounter the great news of the Gospel.

January

As kids are on summer holidays across Australia, pray that families would connect with churches, and that it would be a wonderful time of mutual encouragement. Continue to pray that leaders in the bush would be raised up to serve in kids ministry.

February

As the new school year commences pray for kids who are starting school or changing classes. Pray for churches who may be starting new kids' programs or relaunching for 2026.

Rachel is passionate about ministry to the next generation and has served in various kids and vouth ministry roles for over twenty years. She wants to see BCA connect with kids across Australia and empower churches wherever they are, to share the Gospel with the youngest of our nation.

Gadigal Country



Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:12–13

December

Pray for me as I attend and speak at the AFES National Training Event in Canberra (5–10 December). Pray that many young people will have their eyes opened to the opportunities to serve Jesus in the bush

January

Pray for my family as we take long-service leave from December–February. Pray also for recent university graduates as they move and establish their lives in rural churches and towns.

February

Pray for BCA ONTRACK; as we help young Christian workers transition well to serving Jesus in the bush. Pray that university Christian groups will be open to promoting BCA ONTRACK in 2026.

Tim has a heart for arowina gospel ministry in the bush and has been the coordinator of BCA ONTRACK since mid-2022. He also serves alongside his wife, Kirstv. and their two children, as the Vicar of Guvra Anglican Church in the Diocese of Armidale.

Nganyaywana Country



Rod & Amanda Haywood

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. **Matthew 5:16**

December

Give thanks for the encouragement, support and work that Nomads have been able to do over the course of 2025. Pray that people will prayerfully consider where they might travel to serve in 2026.

January

Give thanks for the time of rest and time with family that January brings to many of our Nomads. Pray for the faithful members of BCA churches in the more remote places of Australia, where new members and visitors are rare.

February

Give thanks for the Field Staff and congregation members who welcome Nomads as they travel and partner with them as they serve. Pray for the Nomads serving at the Men@Glen and Kindred Women Conferences in Glen Innes on 27 and 28 February.

Since becoming BCA Nomads we have seen God use our existina skills and equip us in new and surprising ways. As BCA Nomads Coordinators please pray that we will seek God's leading and encourage others. Also, give thanks for God's endurina faithfulness as the BCA Nomads serve those who serve.

Darug Country



I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. **Philippians 1:3–5**

December

Give thanks for the National Training Event; pray that it enables students from across the country to consider how they might take the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Give thanks for the opportunity to take some time off over Christmas

January

Pray for opportunities to line up church visits for 2026 and for an increase in prayer and partnership as a result.

February

Give thanks for the many people who partner with the work of BCA. Pray that we would keep them informed and encouraged because their prayerful and financial support is bearing fruit in the ministry of BCA throughout the country.

David is a deputationist with BCA in Perth (and former Field Staff). He is married to Traci and they have three kids. David's main work is with the Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students at Curtin University.

Wadjuk Country



Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15

December

Please pray that the FNMT will have the resources and materials it requires to run Bible training programs across the bush. Please also pray that we can find the right person to work in a part time administration role.

January

Give thanks for the continued support of BCA and all those who financially support the ministry of the AEF and FNMT. Pray that the students we train will go on to become mentors and trainers in their communities.

February

Please pray for our talks with a Registered Training Organisation around the engagement of FNMT to teach Bible training subjects. Pray that new pathways like these would help grow the FNMT so that our program can extend to other states and territories. Dennis has been a Christian for 44 years and has served in ministry for over 30 years. He is a Pastor and has also worked as a Bible College Administrator and College Registrar. Dennis & Valda have been married for 43 years and they have three children, six grandchildren and one greatgrandchild.

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Wadjuk Country

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But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

2 Corinthians 4:7

December

Pray that we are content with weakness and hardship. Pray that God works through our weaknesses for our good and His glory. Pray that we faithfully proclaim the Gospel to our community this Christmas.

January

Pray for Nathan, who this month finishes his MTS apprenticeship at the Cathedral, moves to Perth, and begins studies at Trinity Theological College. Pray for our youth transitioning from Sunday school to regular church services.

February

Give thanks for my completion of one year of full-time ordained ministry. Pray for the ongoing growth and development of school chaplaincy and chapel services at the local grammar school. Pray that we are a church who prays.

Malachi moved to Geraldton in January 2025 to serve as curatel assistant minister at Geraldton Anglican Cathedral. Mal was a BCA Theological Bursary recipient in 2024, and this is his first ministry position post college.

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Diocese of North West Australia

Southern Yamatji Country

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So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him... **Colossians 2:6–7a**

December

Thank God for the kids who came along to Kids Club in November. Pray that many would come with their families to the Christmas Carols service and hear the Good News of Jesus.

January

Thank God for the opportunity to holiday as a family. Pray that we will feel refreshed and energised for the new year.

February

As ministries start back up for the year, pray that leaders and participants would be rooted and built up in Jesus.

The Thompsons serve in the coastal town of Dongara in Mid-West Western Australia. The region is known for its fishing, farming and wildflowers. David & Emma seek to love and serve the parish as well as the wider community. holdina out the truth of the Gospel.

Serving with BCA since January 2024

Diocese of North West Australia

Amangu Country



Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. **James 1:22**

December

Give thanks for the opportunity to celebrate and share the Good News of Jesus at Christmas. Pray that gospel seeds will be planted in the new people who come to church events. Pray for farewells as church members leave; may they find new churches.

January

Pray for a good break from school and regular activities and for safety in travel over January. Pray for new members to join our church and be willing to serve alongside us in our ministry. Pray for church members to grow in their knowledge of the word of God.

February

Please pray for a good start to the school year, especially for Eliza as she starts her last year of primary school and Abigail as she starts kindy. Pray for newcomers to town; may the church welcome them well. Please pray that God will grow our church.

The Kyngdons have lived in the Pilbara for eight vears where Roger is the Minister in Charge of the Parish of Newman. The minina community is great to be a part of and there are lots of young kids. Please pray for them as they serve the church and local community.

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Diocese of North West Australia

Nyiyarparli and Martu Country

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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**

December

Please pray that many would hear the Gospel in Carnarvon at Christmas. Pray also that locals and travellers would be pointed to the hope of Christ in Shark Bay/Denham.

January

Please pray for rest for us in the new year, and wisdom in planning for ministry in Carnarvon, Shark Bay/ Denham in 2026. May people be encouraged in the Gospel as we minister in this part of WA.

February

Please pray for Emma as she begins her YouthCare chaplaincy role, ministering to the students, staff and families of the schools she works in. Give thanks for the encouragement of locums who come to Denham. Mike serves as the rector at St George's Anglican Church and Emma works as a YouthCARE Chaplain at Carnarvon Community College and Carnarvon Christian School. Pray that God would be honoured in and through them.

Serving with BCA since March 2025

Diocese of North West Australia

Yinggarda Country



Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.

Revelation 22:17b

December

Please pray for opportunities to explain the Gospel at Christmas and for the Carols services at Onslow (7 December) and Exmouth (13 December). Give thanks for the chance to celebrate the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ with church and family.

January

As we finish our time here give thanks for nearly six years serving God in North West Australia. Pray the Lord would bless His church in 2026 and that much fruit might be produced in the lives of people.

February

Pray for us as we commence ministry at Bayside Anglican Church in Sydney's south. Pray the Lord would continue His work in the people at Exmouth and Onslow.

Exmouth is a town on the tip of the North West Cape in WA, around 1250 kilometres north of Perth. It is a tourist town, famous for the Ningaloo Reef and Cape Range National Park. The challenge of the parish is helpina people see bevond creation to the amazing Creator.

Serving with BCA since May 2020

Diocese of North West Australia

Thalanyji and Nhuwala Country



She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. **Matthew 1:21**

December

Sunday 7 December is our Combined Churches Christmas Carols event in Dampier and 14 December is our family nativity. Please pray that we would joyfully share the Good News of Christmas and that many visitors would come along.

January

We are taking leave this month. Pray that our time in the south of the state would refresh us for gospel ministry. Pray for safety while we drive long distances and for meaningful moments with extended family.

February

Every year is a new year in Karratha based on who God brings along to church. Pray that God would raise up new Kids Church leaders and musicians. Pray for wisdom as we consider how to reach out to our community with the team God gives us.

The Parish of the West Pilbara seeks to help the people of Wickham, Roebourne. Karratha and Dampier love Jesus and live for him. Summer is hot, but the town is well resourced with both air conditioners and pools. Please pray for our church as we proclaim the Gospel in this arid land

Serving with BCA since February 2014

Diocese of North West Australia

Ngarluma Country



But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.

1 Peter 2:9

December

This month we say goodbye to St James Kununurra. Give thanks to God for His faithfulness over many years and pray that in the absence of a fulltime minister, Jesus' name will still be proclaimed.

January

Pray that God would provide a faithful, godly minister to come and serve at St James Kununurra. Ask that God would give energy to the saints as they use the gifts God has given them to serve at church.

February

Pray for wisdom for the wardens and parish council as they serve. Pray that God would raise workers for the harvest, especially for St James, and give thanks that Jesus looks after his church.

Kununurra is an agricultural tourist town just shy of 6000 people in the wet season. It has a transient population and a large Indigenous community. The town has many young families. The Faricys served in Kununurra for over seven years.

Serving with BCA since August 2017

Diocese of North West Australia

Miriwoong and Gajerrong Country



For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord... **Colossians 1:9–10a**

December

Pray as many uni students gather for NTE, and for the mission team to Echuca. Pray many Christian uni grads who choose to move to the bush will be helped to flourish for Christ through BCA ONTRACK.

January

Pray for BCA Connect SUMMER EDITION on 16 January with: Simon Gillham speaking on the sending heart of God, two children's programs and the catering for youth and young adults.

February

Pray for new Field Staff commencing and for our new BCA STARTWELL Coordinator to onboard and help new Field Staff flourish.

The SA/NT region incorporates four Dioceses -Adelaide, Murray, Willochra and the Northern Territory. The last Census revealed that there were 1.8 million people in SA, with 454,555 people in rural, regional and remote areas. 251,396 people live in the NT with 111,000 people outside greater Darwin.

Kaurna Country

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Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and He will establish your plans. **Proverbs 16:3**

December

Pray for college staff as the year concludes and Christmas approaches. Many will travel south to be with family – pray for safety, refreshment, and meaningful time together, and for joy in celebrating Christ's birth.

January

As monsoon rains arrive and roads are cut off, pray for people in remote communities to be safe and well supported. Pray for God's presence in the quiet season, bringing rest, renewal, and opportunities for fellowship.

February

Pray for staff and students as the college year begins. Ask God to bless the preparations, professional development, and teaching ahead, so that the year starts with energy, unity, and purpose in Christ.

Nungalinya is a Combined Churches Training College for Indigenous Australians. Emily is the coordinator of the Foundation Studies department, which offers courses in literacy, numeracy and Bible studies.

Serving with BCA since January 2023

Nungalinya College

Larrakia Country



For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. **2 Timothy 1:7**

December

Please pray that I settle into the new job well. Pray that during the community visits and recruiting, God will raise up the right people to apply for Nungalinya in 2026.

January

Pray that Nungalinya students who studied in 2025 will continue to grow in their faith. Help them to stay strong in the Lord and encourage their families.

February

Pray that I will be able to contact students who are chosen to come to Darwin for the first block of study. Pray that the students coming to Nungalinya will have safe uncomplicated journeys.

Annette has commenced as the Anglican Dean at Nungalinya College. She is married to Greg who is the Bishop of the Northern Territory. Annette has been a trainer at Nungalinya since 2015, mainly teaching the Certificate II course in English as an additional language.

Serving with BCA from December 2025

Diocese of the Northern Territory

Larrakia Country

Nungalinya College Chaplaincy Program



Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." **Psalm 91:1–2**

Please pray for:

- the chaplains when they are asked to deal with difficult situations. May they have confidence in their own abilities and trust in God's wisdom to step into these spaces, confidently managing their reactions and those of others.
- opportunities for the Chaplain to provide insights from their own experience and practical feedback from conversations with students to teachers and deans about college courses and processes.
- a continued reliance on God in prayer for big things and everyday occurrences. May the enthusiasm of the Chaplain to pray, provide an encouragement and example to others.

This program in partnership with Nungalinya seeks to offer Indigenous leaders the opportunity to use skills developed during their Applied Ministry course. For each four week Foundations Block, a different Chaplain works alongside the Deans.

Nungalinya College

Larrakia Country



Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well. **1 Thessalonians 2:8**

December

Pray for the combined churches service which we will host on 14 December and for all our services over the Christmas period. Pray for the people of Katherine to know the joy of Christmas and celebrate with us.

January

As the new year begins, pray for the flourishing of new relationships formed at the end of 2025, and the forging of deeper fellowship in 2026. Pray that our ministry would be shaped by sharing the Gospel and our lives.

February

As we continue to adjust to life in Katherine, pray that God would give us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation that we would know Him better (c.f. Ephesians 1:17) and know how to use our time and energy to best serve Him and the people around us.

Pat & Issy began their ministry in Katherine in mid-October 2025. They look forward to finding out and sharing with you what God has prepared for them to do!

Serving with BCA since October 2025

Diocese of the Northern Territory

Jawoyn, Dagoman and Wardaman Country

Christopher Hallyburton & Maria Loreto Larrain (Topher & Chica)



There is no one holy like the LORD; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God. **1 Samuel 2:2**

December

Thank God for the team working on the combined churches Carols by Candlelight. Pray that many will join our church family for Christmas Carols and Christmas Day lunch. Ask that God will refresh us in the heat.

January

Thank God for some rest with family in Victoria. As the new year starts, pray that our church will be a welcoming community to all those new to town. Ask God to equip us to share the Gospel with newcomers and long-termers.

February

Thank God for all educators in Central Australia. Ask that all schools will have the staff required to function well. As we restart all programs, ask that God will provide the volunteers and resources needed.

The Hallyburtons have served in Alice Springs since mid-2021. Topher works as a Community Pastor at Alice Springs Anglican Church. Alice Springs is a multicultural city with a high Indigenous population.

Serving with BCA since February 2017

Diocese of the Northern Territory

Arrernte Country



We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ. **1 John 1:3**

December

Pray for our Church Carols service and that we would take the opportunity to invite people to our Christmas events. Pray particularly that we will have enough leaders to run our Epic Christmas Holiday Program.

January

Pray for those who remain in Roxby Downs while many people are on holidays. Pray that this might be an opportunity to build relationships with people who might be feeling lonely or newcomers to Roxby Downs

February

Pray that our church would prioritise nurturing faith and building gospel relationship as the patterns of the year are formed. Pray that discipling one another would be our priority. Roxby Downs is a mining town in the beautiful arid lands of South Australia, over 500 kms north of Adelaide. Together, the McDonald family share their lives and the love of Jesus with the community.

Serving with BCA since January 2019

Diocese of Willochra

Kokatha Country



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 pray that God will guide and direct us in our planning for next year. Please also pray as we prepare our Christmas services; that God will move people to come to church and hear about His saving work through Jesus.

January

Please pray for us as we holiday in January and February and spend time with our family. Pray for rest and refreshment and for good quality time with our children and grandchildren.

February

Please pray for our congregation and the people of Coober Pedy who stay in town through the long hot summer. Pray that God will sustain them and watch over them. Pray for us as we restart ministry in late February. Dave & Margie commenced ministry in Coober Pedy in March 2024. They serve God in various ways including Aboriginal ministry, kids, youth and aged care ministry and by walking alongside people.

Serving with BCA since March 2024

Diocese of Willochra

Arabana & Kokatha Country

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Lucy (2019) Eleanor (2021) Sophie (2023)





Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt His name together. **Psalm 34:3**

December

Please pray for Matt to finish up well in the roles he's leaving behind next year as the Associate Pastor at Trinity Church Brighton and as a Senior Staff worker with the Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students (AFES) at the University of South Australia.

January

Please pray for a good time of rest as Matt takes leave over the Summer. Pray for us as we begin to setup our new house in Goolwa.

February

Pray for our girls as they navigate the first few weeks at a new school, and for Matt as he begins working on the team at Trinity Church Victor Harbor.

Matt & Annika commence with BCA in 2026 They will serve at Trinity Church Victor Harbor with the goal to plant Trinity Church Goolwa in the following years.

Serving with BCA from February 2026

Trinity Church Network

Ramindjeri and Ngarrindjeri Country



Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground. **Psalm 143:10**

December

Please thank and praise God for guiding us and strengthening us through a very challenging year. Thank Him for bringing us to Copley and for the ministry here, at Leigh Creek, Nepabunna, Maree and the surrounding areas.

January

Please pray that we can have a good relaxing break and be refreshed for another year of service. Pray that we will work for God's glory in the ministry that He has given us.

February

Please thank and praise God for His calling and blessings upon us. Pray for strength, wisdom and power to preach the Gospel. Pray for opportunities to share Jesus.

Jack & Lill serve God as itinerant outreach workers, taking the Gospel to Aboriginal communities in rural and remote areas of South Australia. They are currently leading the Copley Christian Fellowship.

Serving with BCA since November 2017

Aboriginal Berean Community Church

Kaurna Country



You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

Galatians 5:13

December

First and foremost, all glory to God. Please pray for a good rest as I go into the holiday season. May I come back rejuvenated for the new year after my rest in the Lord.

January

All praise, honour and glory to God. As the new year starts and I continue my traineeship, please pray for endurance and faithfulness to the calling of God. Pray for more wisdom around serving the Lord and His people.

February

Please pray for my last semester at college; that my studies are fruitful and that I can apply what I've learned at Bible college to my ministry as I serve the Lord Jesus.

Lonny has moved back to Adelaide after studying at Ridley College for over three years. He's completing his associate degree at the Bible College of South Australia and as part of his training he's working with the Aboriginal Berean Community Church.

Serving with BCA since July 2025

Aboriginal Berean Community Church

Kaurna Country

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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.





Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. **Acts 4:29**

December

Pray for people to meet Jesus as Christmas is celebrated at Community Carols and Lessons. Our churches are very involved; may we witness with grace and truth.

January

We are taking a break in mid-January and no doubt many people will be taking their break on KI. Pray for Brian Jeffreys as he covers our services. May many visitors come, be welcomed and hear the Good News of Jesus.

February

School! Pray that the three Pastoral Care Workers (Chaplains) will have many opportunities for building gospel-centred loving relationships with children, staff and families as the gospel light shines in our connections.

Mary works as the priest in charge of Kangaroo Island Anglican and as Chaplain (Pastoral Care Worker) at the Kingscote Campus (R-12). Pray for her to build connections with young people and families.

Serving with BCA since March 2025

Diocese of Adelaide

Ramindjeri Country



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

December

Pray for great fruit from Christmas events and from Beach Missions and camps across Victoria. May God's people evidently express their love and joy at the incarnation. Pray for Adrian as he preaches at Corio, with its Karen congregation, on 11 January.

January

As kids return to school, may God overrule so that they will hear the Good News and trust in Him. Pray for Adrian who is preaching at City on a Hill Ballarat on 18 January and is at the Regional Officers Retreat from 2–6 February.

February

As tertiary students begin and return to study, may they too hear the Gospel, know God's love and join Christian communities. Pray for Adrian who is preaching at Hastings on 15 February and at Dingley on 1 March.

Victoria has 1.7 million people in its growing regional cities and shires, including many from other cultural and faith backgrounds. Pray that Christians in rural, regional and remote Victoria would be equipped to bear much fruit – fruit that will last

Wurundjeri-Balluk & Wurundjeri-Willam Country

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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**

December

Please pray for our community and church as we celebrate Christmas. Pray for opportunities to follow up those who attend services, and may God be glorified in all we say and do.

January

Praise God for holidays! May our family relax, be refreshed and ready for the year ahead.

February

Pray that there will be sufficient leaders and an excitement amongst the children and teens as we start the new term and that more kids in our community will hear about Jesus. Pray for Pete as he starts Year 11 at school.

Strathfieldsaye
Community
Church is a
combined church
of Anglicans
and Unitings
who love Jesus
and is located
on the outskirts
of Bendigo.
Strathfieldsaye
has two large
primary schools
and a large
sporting complex.

Serving with BCA since May 2020

Diocese of Bendigo

Djadjawurung Country



Place me like a seal over your heart, like a seal on your arm; for love is as strong as death, its jealousy unyielding as the grave. It burns like blazing fire, like a mighty flame.

Song of Songs 8:6

December

Pray for Jacob as he speaks at the Kyabram Community Carols. Pray that God would help him to shape a message which is relatable for non-believers, engaging and powerful with the Gospel.

January

Pray for us as we conclude our ministry in Kyabram, say goodbye to friends and church family and move house. Pray for the church as it looks for a new pastor.

February

Pray for us as we begin our new ministry at South Wagga Anglican Church. Pray that God would prepare a fruitful season of life and ministry for us in this new location. The Kelly family serve in Kyabram, a rich agricultural district with many farms, orchards and people who do not know Jesus. They conclude their service in Kyabram at the beginning of 2026.

Serving with BCA since March 2019

Diocese of Bendigo

Yorta Yorta & Bangerang Country



Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

December

Please pray for community & church Christmas celebrations as well as for SUFM & Theos teams as they prepare, travel to Mallacoota and present summer programs. May seeds be planted in local families as well as holiday makers.

January

As the summer busy period continues, we give thanks for the ministry of our Opshop. Pray that God blesses our volunteers with energy, safety and good conversations. We give thanks for our annual visitors who help out during this season

February

We pray for new energy, insight and initiative as we continue to minister in this region. May this be a year of growth and harvest from the ministries of the past and may we as a congregation disciple new believers well for the future.

The Cooperating Parish of Croajingolong is the only church of any denomination in the far Eastern corner of Victoria. Durina summer the population of Mallacoota explodes from 1000 locals, to 10,000 holiday makers, and Cann River is a busy stopping point where two highways meet.

Serving with BCA since April 2020

Diocese of Gippsland

Bidwell Country

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Worship the LORD in the splendour of His holiness: tremble before Him. all the earth Psalm 96:9

December

Please pray for Josh as he and the combined churches of Ulverstone lead the community carols event for the second year.

January

As we take some much needed family holiday time, pray for refreshment and reinvigoration for the year ahead.

February

As the year kicks into gear, pray that deputations can be booked in for the first half of the year and that more churches will seek to partner with BCA Field Staff

Josh Skeat serves as the Rector of Ulverstone Anglican Church. Alonaside this. Josh is the Regional Officer for Tasmania. He seeks to connect with parishes and supporters to encourage, enthuse and arow the BCA supporter base.

Tommeginne Country



But when the set time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. **Galatians 4:4–5**

December

Once again we're planning to hold a community carols service, after the great success in 2024. Please pray for a great event that not only builds goodwill amongst the community, but sees people hear the Good News.

January

This is our favourite month of the year – uni holidays, school holidays, good weather and visitors. Please pray for rest and joy for us, and for new people to find their way to our church.

February

Elka is beginning at a new school this month, Lauren is entering the last year of her undergraduate degree, Lenny is at school full-time, and church ministries are in full swing. Please pray for a great start to the year for all of us!

The Hornes are in their sixth year on the Southern Beaches. Over that time they've seen the area boom, predominately with new families and retirees, but still they run the only church in the seaside community of 8000 people.

Serving with BCA since December 2020

Diocese of Tasmania

Paredarerme Country

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So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. **John 8:36**

December

Many locals claim to have faith. Pray that many will check us out over Christmas and be forever changed by what they hear and see. Even three more regulars in our little churches can make a massive difference. So why not pray for ten more!

Januarv

A community in pain; mental scars, abuse, poverty, loneliness and anxiety. Ice holds many prisoners. Families are ripped apart. Help never comes. But our new church sign proclaims hope. Hope in the Son who sets free. Pray many will be set free by the Son.

February

On 21 February I will be ordained as a priest. Pray that this process will reap fruits in godliness and faithful ministry. Give thanks that we serve with a Bishop and colleagues dedicated to serving and proclaiming Christ. What a joy that is!

David & Margy serve the Anglican Parish of West Coast Tasmania, which includes Queenstown and Strahan. They have a passion to encourage the faithful to be more like Jesus, and to see people come to know him.

Serving with BCA since September 2025

Diocese of Tasmania

Lowreenne and Mimegin Country

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Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long. **Psalm 25:4–5**

December

We'd love prayer for the Church's opportunities to reach out at Christmas, with special services and a Christmas Carols event. Pray for our Bible studies and prayer meeting to bless the community.

January

Peak holiday season means more time with tourists and visitors to the Island. Pray that we will have chances to meet their needs whilst they are here. Pray also for some downtime and rest.

February

With kids going back to school, pray for families whose kids travel to Tassie for studies, particularly those in Year 11 and 12. Pray for Tom's opportunity to play at the Festival of King Island. The Killingbeck family commenced serving the faithful on King Island in September. For the past 10 years Tom has been a Chaplain in the Royal Australian Air Force.

Serving with BCA since September 2025

Diocese of Tasmania

Palawa Country

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In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples. **Luke 14:33**

December

Pray for the preparation and conducting of many Christmas services and Carols events across the coming days, and that many may come to understand how Jesus is the reason for Christmas and would put their trust in him.

January

Pray that Paul will be able to make the most of opportunities to study Leadership, Theology and Society courses during January, and that he and the Field Staff will have some wonderful times of refreshment too.

February

Pray that deputation visits to various churches will be a great blessing to many people; that they would be challenged by the Good News of Jesus Christ and greatly encouraged by hearing what the Lord is doing through our Field Staff.

The NSW/ ACT Region incorporates five dioceses: Svdnev, Canberra & Goulburn. Newcastle. Bathurst, and Riverina. With over 440 parishes and a population of over seven million. the region has incredible ministry opportunities, and challenges.

Gadigal Country

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Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:18

December

Praise God for a wonderful year of schools' ministry opportunities! Praise Him for the conversations and lessons that have occurred that shine the love of Christ into the lives of those listening. Pray that this Christmas many would seek Jesus.

January

Pray that all SRE Teachers and School Chaplains would be feeling refreshed and prepared as they get ready to head back to school this year. Please pray against delays in SRE classes starting back up and that there might be a rise in student numbers.

February

Please pray over vacant schools' ministry positions across NSW; that they might be filled by faithful people who have a heart for seeing students cared for and taught well in public schools. Pray also for those already working in schools.

Rachael works with SU Australia as an FDM. working closely with SRF Boards. SRE Teachers and Chaplains emploved in public schools. She also works with volunteers to run camps and mission opportunities for children and voung people in Central West NSW

Serving with BCA since April 2021

SU Australia

Wiradjuri Country



Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labour in vain. **Psalm 127:1a**

December

Please pray for our Christmas services; that people from the community and Playtime families would come along and be struck by the Gospel.

Januarv

Please pray that God would use our new contemporary service starting early next month as a platform to share the Gospel and grow the saints. Pray that our Playtime families and school contacts would come along to it.

February

Please pray for Playtime and Bible Studies as they start up again. May God continue to use these ministries to grow His people. May new people be welcomed well, and may we reach out to those who don't yet know Jesus. James, Charly, Elijah, Joshua, and Hannah started at the Kelso Parish in January 2025. They are excited to see the ways that God will move among His people in Kelso & O'Connell and grow them in their faith.

Serving with BCA since January 2023

Diocese of Bathurst

Wiradjuri Country



So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:11

December

Please pray for energy in the lead up to Christmas, and for final preparations for our Christmas services. Pray that God prompts people to respond to advertising and attend a Christmas service in Cowra.

January

Praise God for 'Breakout'— a kids' club that has been running for over 20 years. Thank God for the volunteers that came from Sydney churches to run this program, and the opportunity to partner across denominations. Pray for fruit from this.

February

Praise God for the slower month of January, and an opportunity for some future planning for the parish, as well as some time with our families over the school holidays.

The Connellys have been in Cowra since January 2023. Ben serves as the Priest-in-Charge of St John's Anglican Church. Ben & Alissa. together with their children. seek to love and care for the people of Cowra, and point people to Christ

Serving with BCA since January 2023

Diocese of Bathurst

Wiradjuri Country



For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. **Colossians 2:9–10**

December

Ask that people would be in awe of Jesus and want to hear more about him.

January

Thank God for the fullness of spiritual life that we have when we put our trust in Jesus. Ask for the people of Cobar to realise this fullness of spiritual life in Christ

February

Praise Jesus for being head over every power and authority. Ask that the people of Cobar would recognise Jesus as Lord of their lives. James & Brittany pray for God to soften the hearts of the people of Cobar as they seek to share the Good News of Jesus with them. The principal form of evangelism is through outreach visiting.

Serving with BCA since March 2017

Diocese of Bathurst

Ngiyampaa and Wangaaypwan Country



The LORD is my shepherd; I lack nothing. **Psalm 23:1**

December

For the upcoming Christmas season in the Snowy Mountains, please pray for a sense of wonder to come over the community regarding the miraculous birth of Christ; that many might explore the Good News and turn to him who brings lasting peace.

January

Pray for us and The Village Church; that we would be renewed by God's grace in the newness of this year, so that we will press on in faith and grow as disciples of our Lord, sharing his Good News.

February

With students back to school this month, please pray for the leaders of our kids and youth ministries; that God would grow them in their love of Christ, and in faith and maturity. Pray that God may bless these ministries to bear fruit in new and maturing young followers of Jesus.

Jindabyne has a year-round need for Bible teaching churches to proclaim the Good News of Jesus and nurture Christian community. The McGraths planted The Village Church as a missional expression of the Anglican Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn.

Serving with BCA since January 2020

Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn

Ngarigo Country

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For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost. **Luke 19:10**

December

Please pray that the true message of Christmas will change the lives of people on Norfolk Island, as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

January

Give thanks to God for the time off we are enjoying this month. Please ask that we would return to Norfolk Island refreshed and that God would use us to boldly proclaim the Good News of Jesus.

February

Please pray that God would work in the lives of His people on Norfolk Island to speak the words of truth into the lives of those who are lost. Norfolk Island is about 1400 kms off the east coast of Australia, with 2200 permanent residents with a a rich Christian history. Pray the church will live out its vision, to Love Jesus, Love each other, and Love Norfolk Island.

Serving with BCA since January 2022

Diocese of Sydney



For the LORD is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations. **Psalm 100:5**

December

Give thanks that quite a few of the QLD/NNSW Field Staff, Office staff and bursary students are attending CMS Summer School at Mt Tamborine. Pray for spiritual refreshment and mutual encouragement.

January

Pray for a smooth transition from holidays to school for the children of our Field Staff and also for Sarah's sons – Hugo and Reggie. Pray for us as we get back into our regular routines after time off over summer.

February

Give thanks with Mike for the joy in leading the Bible Studies at the recent Tenterfield Anglican Church Camp. Pray for safe travel and fruitful conversations at the upcoming Men@ Glen Conference in Glen Innes.

The OLD/NNSW Region covers the geographical areas of the Anglican Dioceses of North QLD, Central OLD. Southern OLD. Grafton and Armidale, Nearly 40 per cent of the population (2.5 million people) live in rural, regional and remote areas.

Turrbal/Yuggera Country



For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

December
Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Give thanks for the gift of the newborn Christ. Pray for the opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus with those who come to church at Christmas.

January

Give thanks for one year of serving in Gladstone and for the support, encouragement and prayers of so many faithful witnesses in the Gospel. Pray for families, children and staff as the school year commences.

February

Pray for outreach opportunities in the community, particularly those moving to Gladstone for work. Pray for plans to offer a course, like *Alpha* or *Christianity Explored*, in the lead up to Easter.

David and Zoë have served with BCA since January 2025. Gladstone is an industrial and port city within a wider region of over 60,000 people. There is both great potential and need for the Gospel. The Brownes have a heart for knowing Jesus and making Jesus known.

Serving with BCA since January 2025

Anglican Church Central Queensland

Bailai, Gurang, Gooreng Gooreng and Taribelang Bunda Country

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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, to Him be glory... **Ephesians 3:20–21a**

December

Pray that the restarted evening congregation in Emerald will develop a strong culture of caring for new and unchurched people. Pray for doors to open in Blackwater for connection with a local school and families.

January

Pray for wisdom in planning who to visit (sick, elderly, absent, farmers, inquirers), what to say, and people to join with the visiting. Pray also that the nursing home service will encourage and equip the elderly.

February

Pray that we will always be conscious of our purpose in church services, pointing people to Christ in an accessible way. Pray that the church family will go out of their way to welcome and include others.

The Pipers are thankful for their first year in Emerald! Blackwater; for friends they have made, for their diverse church family, and the great diocesan team in Central Queensland.

Serving with BCA since January 2025

Anglican Church Central Queensland

Western Kangoulu Country



All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. **John 6:37**

December

Pray that people's hearts will be opened to the Gospel over the Christmas period; for safety and refreshment for us as we holiday and visit family in Sydney; and for God's blessing on the Cloncurry and Julia Creek churches while we are away.

January

Please pray for our kids as they return to school and for Josiah who will start Kindy. Pray for wisdom and diligence as we get back into routine and seek the Lord for the year ahead.

February

Please pray for our various ministries recommencing in 2026 (including RI classes, *mainly music*, Bible studies, men's and women's ministry); that more people will come to know the Lord and that people will keep growing in the Lord this year.

Cloncurry has a population of 2900 and is located 780 kms south-west of Townsville. It is a regional service centre and local industries include cattle-grazing and mining. Cloncurry, Julia Creek, and the Gulf area have tiny groups of Christians and many who are yet to hear the Gospel.

Serving with BCA since April 2022

> Diocese of North Queensland

Mitakoodi Country



June (2012) Arthur (2014) Lydia (2016) Jeremiah (2019) Timothy (2021)





The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. **Colossians 1:15**

December

Give thanks that the Good News of Jesus took centre stage at our various Christmas events, including Community Carols, Carpark Carols and the Orphans Christmas Day Lunch.

January

Pray for a season of safe and settled departures and arrivals as we farewell the Dowling family (Callum has been our part-time BCA bursary student) and welcome the Ogg family (Samuel is our new full-time BCA-supported ministry trainee.

February

Pray for our various schools ministries (especially SRE/Scripture and SUPA Club) as they kick off again now that term one is underway; pray for local kids and whole families to be saved!

Lightning Ridge is an iconic, opal-mining town in northwestern NSW. The Langmeads love sharing their life & the Gospel: 'Building Christ's Church in the Ridge, on the Rock!' Their main Sunday service is at 9:30am (Brekky Club from 9am). For other groups/ gatherings: Irccweb.site.

Serving with BCA since January 2020

Diocese of Armidale

Kamilaroi Country



I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. **John 16:33**

December

Please pray for us as we finish up in Sydney and say goodbye to family, friends and our church community in Sans Souci. Give thanks to God for the time we've had to be trained up for gospel ministry.

January

Please pray for our move to Lightning Ridge and for us as we settle into a new community. Pray for our children as they adjust to a new house and new routines. Pray as we adjust to the heat.

February

Give thanks for our church and new community. Pray that we would be full of joy as we humbly serve this church and settle into full-time ministry. Give thanks for the Langmeads as we train under their godly leadership.

The Ogg family are moving to Lightning Ridge as Samuel begins as a Ministry Trainee at Lightning Ridge Community Church. They have been training at Moore Theological College, have a heart for ministry in the bush and are excited to become a part of the community to share the Good News of Jesus.

Serving with BCA from January 2026

Diocese of Armidale

Kamilaroi Country



Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity.

Ephesians 5:15-16a

December

Give thanks and praise to our faithful God who has sustained us through another year. Pray that He will give us wisdom and guide us by His Holy Spirit through 2026.

January

Please pray for our school community as holidays draw to an end; that teachers and students will settle into school for the new year. Pray that God will send Christians into our community for work and that they will become part of our church family.

February

Please pray for opportunities for our church to be involved and participate in community events throughout the year such as the Walgett Show, Harmony Day, NAIDOC Week and RUOK Day.

George & Carmel serve God in Walgett and Collarenebri. George serves as the Vicar of the Barwon Special District Anglican Parish. George & Carmel are committed to preaching the Gospel and spreading the Good News of salvation.

Serving with BCA since February 2018

Diocese of Armidale

Wailwan and Kamilaroi Country

Theological Bursaries (Indigenous & non-Indigenous)



Top L-R: Terrence, Samuel, Riley, Callum & Grace. Bottom L-R: Matt, Sharon, Nich, Cam & Dale.

I will extol the LORD at all times; His praise will always be on my lips. **Psalm 34:1**

- Please give thanks for our 2025 Bursary students and their faithfulness and diligence in their studies.
- Pray that Terrence, Samuel, Riley, Callum, Grace, Matt, Sharon, Nich, Cam & Dale have a restful break over Christmas and start the year ready and refreshed to continue their ministry training.
- Please pray for our 2026 Bursary students who are commencing their studies in the new year.

The BCA
Theological
Bursary initiatives
seek to identify
and support
students to be
suitably trained
gospel workers
committed to
serving in a
rural, regional or
remote location.



Richard Bromley - Mission Director

Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. **Isaiah 54:2**

December

Thousands of people will visit churches this season, some for the first time; may they have ears to hear the Good News of Jesus and hearts to respond.

January

Mission Director Richard Bromley will retire from his role with ICS this summer. The process of recruiting his successor starts in earnest at the start of the year, we pray 'Lord of the harvest, send the workers'.

February

For the Lenten season, as we rededicate ourselves to Christ afresh and focus upon prayer and discipleship, please continue to pray for the recruitment process of a new ICS Mission Director.

ICS partners with around 55 Chaplains and assistant Chaplains working in 65 new and longestablished congregations in Europe, North Africa, South America and the South Atlantic. We also provide resort ministry in holiday destinations in Europe and the Mediterranean.

Ministry Priority Panel



Mr Fred Chilton

Chair

The Revd Canon Greg Harris

National Director (ex-officio)

The Revd Stephen May

The Revd Tom Melbourne

Pray for clear direction and guidance for the members of the MPP when they meet to discuss the needs of the Society, many which are confidential. We give thanks and praise for the care and pastoral issues that are prayed for and addressed

Pray for Former Field Staff









Please pray for:

- Neville & Kathie Naden who are enjoying a period of retirement as well as preaching in various Indigenous churches in the Dubbo region.
- Brendan & Laura Hurley and their kids who have moved to Cairns and will commence serving at Northern Hope Anglican Church in January 2026.
- Greg & Jocelyn Lay who have retired as Nomads Coordinators but continue serving as BCA Nomads.
- David & Margaret Pohlmann who continue living in Darwin, with David serving at Nungalinya College as a teacher.

Touring with CFT

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Salt & Light in the Outback (Sydney – Alice Springs / Darwin) 14 / 21 days – departs 25 July 2026

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