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Prayer Notes



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to share Jesus in the bush

SUMMER 2026/27

The Bush Church Aid Society of Australia

At the Bush Church Aid Society of Australia our heart's desire is that *every person in the bush has every chance to know Jesus.*

We are deeply convicted that people living in rural, regional and remote Australia matter profoundly to God. No person is too far, no town too small, and no community is so remote as to be beyond God's grace.

We are going the distance to share Jesus in the bush.

We go the distance literally. Endless travel and geographic isolation are the norm for many, many people across our nation.

We go the distance metaphorically. Long term faithfulness, resilience, prayerful dependence, sacrificial generosity, and willingness to persevere are the norm for our Field Staff.

We go the distance for one, clear, unwavering purpose: to share *Jesus in the bush.*

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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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I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades. **Revelation 1:18**

December
Thank God for His faithfulness and goodness to BCA as 2026 draws to a close. Thank Him for our Field Staff, Admin teams across the nation, Board members and supporters. Pray that in the busyness, we would be refreshed by the Christmas message of Immanuel – God with us.

January
This month is generally a quieter time in the office, allowing time for planning for 2027. Pray for Greg Harris and other staff as they plan and prepare. Pray also for new Field Staff who are commencing this month.

February
Please pray for Greg Harris and the Regional Officers as they gather for their annual week of retreat and planning the year ahead. Pray for a time of good and wise decision making and fellowship.

The National Office reaches Australia for Christ by stewarding the resources God gives BCA through our many generous supporters, seeking to use these resources effectively and efficiently to sustain existing and emerging ministries.

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StartWell Coordinator



Malcolm & Leanne Reid

Praise the LORD, my soul…. and forget not all His benefits...
Psalm 103:1–2

December
Thank God for His faithfulness throughout the year and pray for Startwell participants – for some this may be their first Christmas in the field.

January
Pray for discernment about new initiatives, partnerships, and opportunities as Malcolm reflects and pulls together material for this year and reflects on 2026.

February
Pray for meaningful connections for those on the field as people return to regular rhythms of work, study, and community life.

Malcolm coordinates StartWell; a comprehensive program that supports our Field Staff to start well in their ministry, family life, and personal wellbeing. Malcolm & Leanne served with BCA as Field Staff from 1998–2001. They most recently spent 10 years with CMS in Vietnam.

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BCA 4 Kids



Rachel Dirks

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favour rests. **Luke 2:14**

December
Pray for kids' ministry around Australia. As churches engage families over the Christmas season, pray that the message of hope in Jesus, through songs and story, would be heard and received by them.

January
Pray as churches gear up for the year ahead; that there would be new leaders who are raised up to serve in children's ministry all across Australia.

February
As school goes back, pray for families as they adjust to new routines. Pray that in the new activities and friendships, people feel equipped and excited to share the Good News of Jesus in their everyday lives.

Rachel is passionate about ministry to the next generation and has served in various kids and youth 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.

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BCA ONTRACK



Tim Stevens

For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
Colossians 1:13–14

December
Pray for Tim as he attends and speaks at the AFES National Training Event in Canberra (5–9 Dec). Pray that many young people will have their eyes opened to the opportunities to live, work, and serve Jesus in the bush.

January
Pray for recent university graduates as they move and establish their lives in rural churches and towns. Pray that God would sustain them and keep their eyes on Jesus as they enter this stage of life.

February
Pray for BCA ONTRACK as another year starts, as we help young Christian workers to live, work, and serve Jesus in the bush. Pray that university Christian groups will be open to promoting BCA ONTRACK in 2027.

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

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Nomads Coordinators



Rod & Amanda Haywood

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight. **Proverbs 3:5–6**

December
Give thanks for the many opportunities that the Nomads had throughout 2026 to serve Field Staff and the wider BCA community. Pray that connections might have encouraged those who are currently serving.

January
The warmer weather usually brings a slowing of Nomad activities, give thanks for this time of refreshment. Pray that God will direct travel plans for 2027 as Nomads consider ways to 'serve those who serve'.

February
Give thanks for our new Nomads and their enthusiasm to use their gifts in His service. Pray that they might feel welcomed into our Nomad family.

Since becoming BCA Nomads we have seen God use our existing 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. Give thanks for God's enduring faithfulness as the BCA Nomads serve those who serve.

Serving with BCA since 2025

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David Mitchell

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… **Philippians 1:3–5**

December
Give thanks for our WA BCA Connect Day (last month); pray that it strengthens partnerships between Perth and the bush. Pray for the AFES National Training Event which encourages uni students to consider mission around Australia and the world.

January
Pray that deputations for the year get scheduled in with churches around Perth. Ask that these serve to encourage both partners in churches and also Field Staff on the ground.

February
Give thanks for all those who partner in the work of BCA (we can't do it without you). Pray that we would keep them informed and encouraged because their prayerful and financial support is bearing fruit in the ministry of BCA across 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.

Serving with BCA since 2023

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Scott & Eilidh* Thomson



Anna (2023)
James (2025)



Augusta/Margaret River

For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all people.
1 Timothy 2:5–6a

December
As we come into Christmas, please pray that the whole church would rejoice in the opportunity to serve our Lord Jesus. Our church hosts the Cowaramup Carols which a few hundred people attend. Pray that many might respond to the Good News.

January
This month St Margaret's (Margaret River) is 100 years old. Give thanks that God's people have met, prayed and proclaimed Christ here for so long! Pray that our centenary celebrations would show off the goodness of our Lord Jesus.

February
Please pray for zeal and encouragement as we begin Bible studies and other ministries for the year. Pray that we would delight in God's Word.

The Thomson family live in the south western coast of Western Australia where Scott leads the Parish of Augusta/ Margaret River. They previously served at St Lawrence's Dalkeith in the Diocese of Perth.

*Eilidh is pronounced Ay-lee

Serving with BCA since April 2026

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Dennis & Valda Taylor



First Nations Ministry Training (FNMT)

A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.
John 13:34–35

December
Thank the good Lord for His faithfulness; our training calendar has now extended to Halls Creek in the East Kimberley region of WA. Pray that the partnership between AEF/FNMT and BCA will continue to bear fruit.

January
Currently there are limitations to expanding the ministry further due to the shortage of paid staff. Pray for the planning to rectify this through exploring ways and means to be more sufficient and resourceful.

February
Please pray for succession planning for the Principal position at AEF/FNMT; that God's chosen successor would be willing to step up and continue this important ministry.

Dennis has been a Christian for 45 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 44 years and they have three children, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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Malachi Walker



Minister in Training
Geraldton Cathedral



They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.
Revelation 12:11

December
In addition to all our Christmas services this month, pray that we will love Christ more than even our own lives. Pray we welcome well any newcomers to Geraldton over the coming months.

January
Pray for the development of lay leaders across our Diocese. Pray we will equip our saints well for ministry and building up the body of Christ. Pray we grow in our awe, reverence, fear, and love of our Holy God.

February
Give thanks that we overcome our sins and conquer the evil one through the blood of the Lamb! Pray our Easter services will proclaim the Gospel faithfully. Pray our hearts are captivated by the beauty of God and what He has done for us at the cross.

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

Serving with BCA since March 2025

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David & Emma Thompson



Reuben (2017)
Paige (2018)



Dongara/Mingenew

We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.
1 Thessalonians 1:3

December
Praise God for our Christmas Kids Club and family Carols Service. Pray for fruitful follow-up, and that God would work in the hearts of those who attend.

January
Give thanks that our ministries have kicked off for the year. Ask God to use them to build up and grow His church in faith, hope and love.

February
Thank God for the mission team from Trinity College coming to serve alongside us. Pray that our congregation would be encouraged by their presence and that our ministry together would bear lasting gospel fruit in Dongara.

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, holding out the truth of the Gospel.

Serving with BCA since January 2024

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Mike & Emma Welham



Zachariah (2013)
Oliver (2017)
Eliza (2020)



Carnarvon &
Shark Bay/Denham

Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD, the LORD Himself, is the Rock eternal. **Isaiah 26:4**

December
Pray for the planning of events for this Christmas season, especially combined church initiatives. May many hear the Gospel and believe.

January
Pray that St George's would grow in evangelism and discipleship, by God's grace.

February
Give thanks for Emma's chaplaincy work and the impact she has on children, their families, and staff.

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

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Roger & Amanda Kyngdon



Ada (2012)
Eliza (2014)
Benjamin (2016)
Emily (2020)
Abigail (2022)



Newman

For this God is our God for ever and ever; He will be our guide even to the end. **Psalm 48:14**

December

Pray for opportunities to share the Good News of Jesus at Christmas time. Pray for Eliza as she graduates from primary school and prepares for high school. Pray for preparations for 2027 especially starting a youth group.

January

Give thanks for time over east with friends, family and visiting supporter churches. Praise God for the generosity of BCA making these trips as a family possible. Pray for a relaxing break from the heat of Newman over January and for safe travels.

February

Pray for the kids as they go back to school, especially Eliza as she starts high school. Pray that new families moving to town will join us at church and that the church will grow in Godliness and faithfulness, as well as in number.

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

Serving with BCA since January 2016

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Frank & Jo Nicol



Lydia (2011)
Eli (2013)
Silas (2017)
Tabitha (2023)

Parish of West Pilbara



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

Please give thanks for our Community Carols service on 6 December. Please pray for our Kids Nativity Service and Christmas services. Pray that we would enjoy celebrating Christmas and that we might declare the Gospel boldly.

January

Karratha is hot and quiet in January. Pray that our church might have times of refreshment as many of us take leave this month. As new people to town check us out this month, pray that we would welcome them well.

February

Pray that God would continue to raise up workers for His harvest field. Pray that our usual church programs might launch well this month. Particularly pray for Kids Church, our Bible study groups and Youth Bible Study on Sunday nights.

Summer is hot in Karratha. Minimum temperatures hover around 30 degrees for months and maximums around 40. Every January new people come to town and new people come to church. Pray that the heat would not stop us from loving people and declaring the Gospel.

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Eion & Claire Simmons



Ngaire (2007)
Josiah (2009)
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Caleb (2014)
Aurora (2016)

Port Hedland

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 that our Christmas Carols and Christmas Eve/Day services will be wonderful times of celebrating God sending Jesus into the world to save us. Pray that unbelievers will come along, hear the Gospel and be saved.

January
Pray that we will have a great time of annual leave over January; that it will be physically, emotionally and spiritually restful and refreshing. Pray for God to send new people to join our church family.

February
Pray that God will give us wisdom regarding what programs to run, especially with children and youth. Pray that God will provide new parish councillors, with our whole Parish Council from 2026 having departed.

Port Hedland is the largest bulk export port in the world, 98.5 per cent of which is iron ore. The town has a highly transient population, which is reflected in the church. Pray that God will turn people's hearts from money to Him!

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South Australian/Northern Territory Regional Office



Geetha & John, Esther



John & Geetha Warner
Esther George
Luiza Valadao (maternity leave replacement)

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.
Romans 1:16a

December

Give thanks for the BCA SA/NT committee and volunteers who are so generous with their time and service. Give thanks for BCA ONTRACK and pray that as Christian uni students gather for NTE many will consider going into rural, regional or remote Australia.

January

Pray for BCA Connect 'SUMMER EDITION' 2027 on Thursday 14 January at the Bible College of SA as we cater for around 200 people with BCA4Kids programs, youth breakout, mission stories, great Bible teaching, music and food.

February

Pray as John commences BCA Sundays and as Regional Officers gather with National Director, Greg Harris over God's Word for prayer and planning (8–13 Feb).

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.

Regional Officer serving with BCA since 2020

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Emily Quinn



Nungalinya College

May the favour of the LORD our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us. **Psalm 90:17a**

December
Pray for peaceful and joyful celebrations of the birth of Christ in community. Pray also for safety and refreshment for staff and students as they travel and spend time with family over the Christmas break.

January
Pray that God will provide the right person to take on the role of Assistant Principal, giving them wisdom, humility and a heart for Nungalinya, its students, staff and communities.

February
Pray for students beginning a new year at Nungalinya; that they will settle well, grow in confidence, faith and learning, and build strong relationships with staff and with one another.

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.

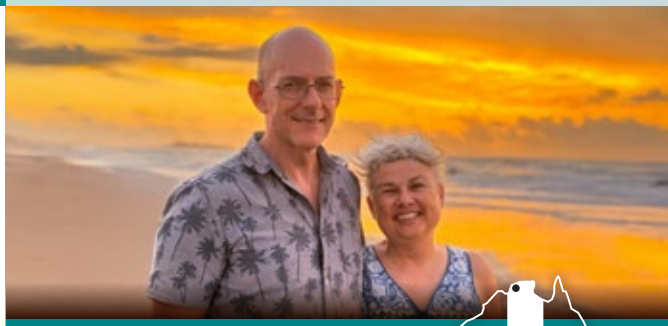
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Annette & Greg Anderson



Nungalinya College Dean

My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.
2 Corinthians 12:9a

December
Pray for Nungalinya staff as they finish off their community visits and deal with the paperwork this generates. Pray for good Christmas celebrations in remote Aboriginal communities, and that the season will bring great encouragement.

January
Pray that Nungalinya students will remain faithful to the Lord Jesus. Pray that staff will have good rest and refreshment while the College is closed.

February
Pray that the Deans are able to contact selected students for Block one, and that students will be keen to come to study. Pray the weather won't disrupt students' travel to Darwin.

Annette is the Anglican Dean at Nungalinya College. She is married to Greg, 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.

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Nungalinya College Chaplaincy Program



Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. **1 Thessalonians 5:11**

December
Thank God for the BCA-supported chaplains who have worked at Nungalinya in 2026; Mandy, Craig and Sandra. Pray that they will be able to continue to build others up in their home communities.

January
Pray that new chaplains might be able to work this year at Nungalinya, building the pool of church leaders using and developing their skills.

February
Thank God for the Nungalinya Chaplains. Pray that they will be full of kindness and patience, and be good listeners, as they minister to students.

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.

Supported by BCA since 2024

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Nungalinya College Co-Teacher Program



Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. **Psalm 51:12**

- Please pray for our Indigenous Co-teachers over the wet season months as they remain at home in their communities.
- Pray for comfort in grief as some of our teachers have had deaths of significant family members.
- Pray for good health for our teachers.
- Pray our teachers would be strong leaders in their communities; that elders would be united and there would be peace.

In partnership with Nungalinya, this program sees five or six Indigenous trainers come to the College for four to five weeks of teaching per block, with a total of 30 trainers working as co-teachers across the year.

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Pat & Issy O'Keeffe



Katherine

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Romans 15:13

December
Our Christmas theme for this year is: Hope for Katherine. Please pray for lots of opportunities to share the Good News of Jesus coming into the world, and the hope that He brings.

January
Pray for people in our church who are travelling over the Christmas/New Year period. Ask God to give them great time with family and friends, refreshing rest, and safe travel back to Katherine in the New Year.

February
Pray for parents, kids and teachers as school gets going for 2027. Also pray for the lunchtime group at Katherine High School; that it would be a safe and fun place for young people to explore faith and learn about Jesus.

Pat & Issy have served in Katherine since October 2025. Please join us in 2027 as we pray for God to deepen relationships with our church family and for open doors to share the Gospel in town.

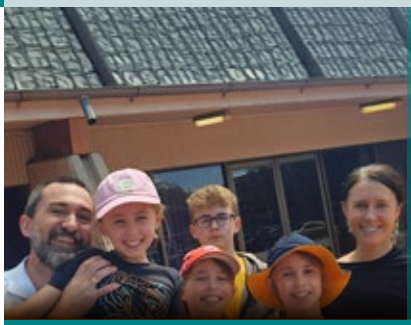
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13 Kristan & Kathryn Slack



Levi (2013)
Ezekiel (2015)
Jeremiah (2015)
Elianah (2018)

Alice Springs



From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.
Ephesians 4:16

December
Ask God for lost to be rescued: pray for the town Carols, our Christmas services and open Christmas Day lunch. Please pray for the people leaving early for holidays and also leaving town at this time.

January
Pray for refreshment – our family is holidaying interstate through January including CMS Summer School. Pray for sustaining grace for the church family in January's 40+ heat.

February
People move to town and start connecting – we don't know what is possible ministry-wise until we know who's stayed and who's come. Pray for wisdom in responding to who God is fitting together.

The Slacks return as BCA Field Staff in 2027. They previously served with us in Katherine, NT (2016–2020). Kristan is the Senior Minister of Alice Springs Anglican Church.

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Arrernte Country

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Topher & Chica Hallyburton





Community Pastor
Alice Springs

For He is the living God and He endures forever; His kingdom will not be destroyed, His dominion will never end. He rescues and He saves.
Daniel 6:26–27a

December
Thank God for our Carols by Candlelight event with churches in town. Pray for good end of year farewells. Ask that God will bring many people to church over Christmas and that they might find hope in Jesus.

January
Thank God for our partner churches. Thank Him for the BCA SA/NT Summer Connect event in Adelaide. Ask that God might widen the vision for gospel opportunities of those attending. Ask for good rest over the school holidays.

February
Thank God that He provides for all our church and family needs. Ask that He will continue to grow His church in Alice Springs. Pray for good connect groups, youth ministries and kids church. Ask that these may be places of growth in knowing Jesus.

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

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Glen & Beth McDonald



Zac (2007)
Lili (2010)
Jaxon (2013)
Jesse (2015)
Asher (2017)

Roxby Downs



Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of His Messiah.
Revelation 12:10

December
Pray for safe travel and refreshment while Glen takes Long Service Leave. Give thanks for the opportunity to enjoy God's creation and spend Christmas with family. Thank God for John & Heather Morton assisting with church.

January
Pray that those who are leaving or have left Roxby Downs would settle into a new church family. Pray that those who move here will connect with our church. Pray that our church family will warmly welcome and share our lives with new people.

February
Pray that we will settle back into ministry routines after leave. Pray for Bible Study groups to start the year well. Pray that God would raise up more people to lead Bible study groups and for wisdom in supporting and developing leaders.

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

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Dave & Margie Wood



Coober Pedy



Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are His. He changes times and seasons; He deposes kings and raises up others. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning. **Daniel 2:20–21**

December
Please pray for good follow up and continued connections after our Christmas Carols and message at the town Christmas event, and Memorial Service in late November. Pray for our combined churches Christmas Carols in the main street in mid-December.

January
We will spend time with our kids and grandkids in NSW this month. Please pray for good quality time with them. Pray for our church members over the hot summer; that God will protect and sustain them.

February
Pray for a refreshing break for us as we have holidays during February and for our preparations as we return to begin a new year of ministry. Please pray for God's guidance in all we do and that we will seek His will and timing in all things.

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, tourist ministry and by walking alongside people.

Serving with BCA since March 2024

Diocese of Willochra

Arabana & Kokatha Country

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Matt & Annika Winter



Lucy (2019)
Eleanor (2021)
Sophie (2023)
Oliver (2026)



Church planters Goolwa

For who is God besides the LORD? And who is the Rock except our God? It is God who arms me with strength and keeps my way secure.
2 Samuel 22:32–33

December
Pray that God would continue to bless our monthly gatherings in Goolwa as we build towards a new church plant early next year.

January
Pray that all the logistics would come together to enable us to begin meeting as a new church and that we would connect with many from the local community.

February
God willing, we hope we might begin to meet weekly as a new church this month. Do pray that God would provide everything we need and bring many to Jesus.

Matt & Annika serve with BCA on the Fleurieu Peninsula in South Australia. In early 2027, we will officially begin meeting as Trinity Church Goolwa, a church plant from Victor Harbor where we've been serving for the past year.

Serving with BCA since February 2026

Trinity Church Network

Ramindjeri and Ngarrindjeri Country

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Jack & Lill Harradine



Outreach Ministry
Berean Church

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. **1 Thessalonians 5:18**

December
Give thanks and praise for God's blessings during 2026. It's been a very difficult year for us. Please pray that Christmas may be a blessed time for all people and that we all remember the true meaning of Christmas.

January
Give thanks for another year and pray for us and the ministry that the Lord has called us to. Please pray for the people who we live amongst and pray for the spread of the Gospel message.

February
Give thanks for God's loving kindness and faithfulness. Praise Him for all His blessings upon us. Pray for Aboriginal peoples as we seek to spread God's message and love amongst them.

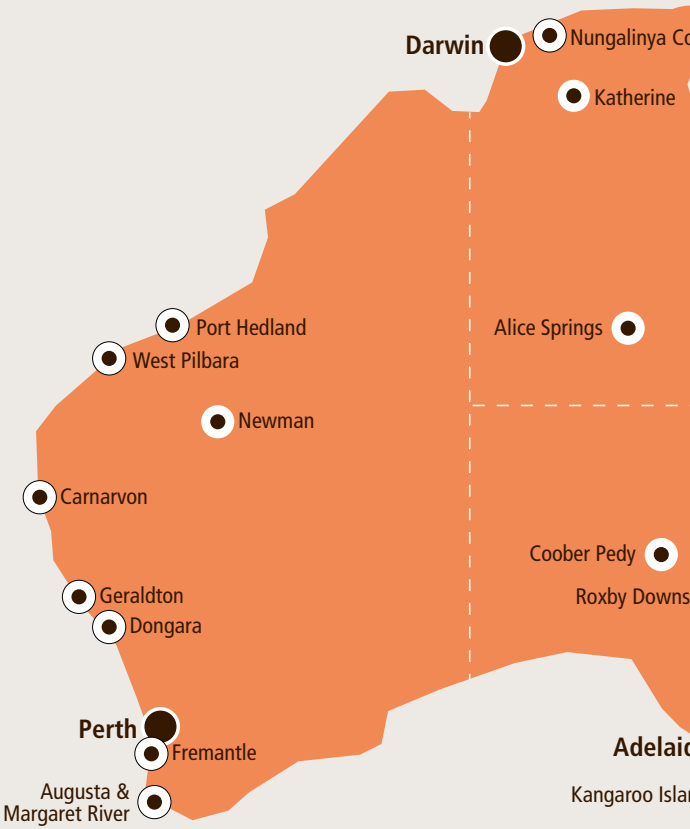
We have moved back to the Yorke Peninsula where it all started for us over forty years ago and are ministering amongst our own people. Please pray that we bear much fruit and reap a harvest.

Serving with BCA since November 2017

Aboriginal Berean Community Church

Kaurna Country

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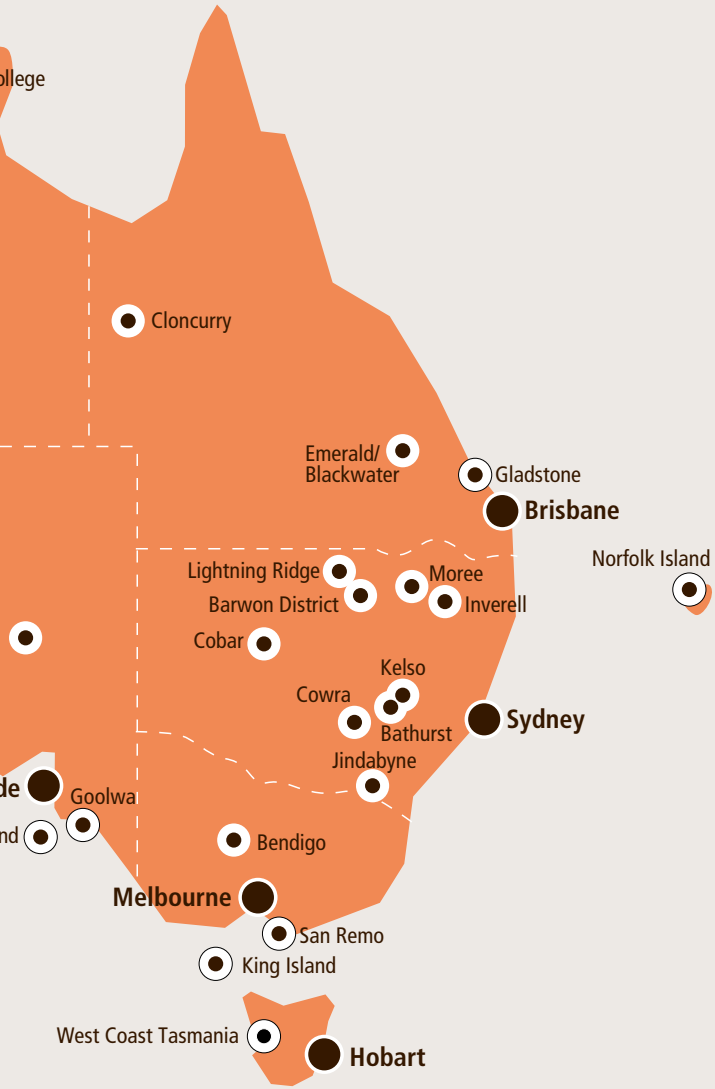


THE BCA PRAYER

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.**


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King Island
West Coast Tasmania
Hobart

Lonny Bendessi



Ministry Trainee Aboriginal Berean Community Church



See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.
Isaiah 43:19

December
All praise and glory goes to God. Please pray that as I enter a season of rest after completing my studies, it will be physically and spiritually refreshing.

January
Praise and glory goes to God the most high. As I continue serving with the Aboriginal Berean Church, please pray for open doors so that the Gospel may reach more people throughout the community.

February
Glory to be God. Please continue to pray for our Bible studies. As new people join, pray that they will remain close to the Lord and grow deeper in their relationship with Him.

Lonny is completing his associate degree at the Bible College of South Australia. As part of his training Lonny is working with the Aboriginal Berean Community Church.

Serving with BCA since July 2025

Aboriginal Berean Community Church

Kaurna Country

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Mary & Owen Lewis



Kangaroo Island



Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends! Rejoice in the Lord always. **Philippians 4.1,4**

December
It's a busy month with community outreach through community carols, a pageant, church carols and Christmas services. Please pray for Christ to be proclaimed, known and worshipped.

January
This is a refreshing month as regular programs are on hold, dreaming plans have room to grow and we welcome visitors to the Island. May God help us to be open, hospitable and sharing of the Gospel.

February
Pray us into action – the new school year, kids club, youth alpha, new arrivals and a freshness of spirit and energy from our heavenly Father: Provider, Sustainer and creative Creator through Jesus our Saviour and Lord.

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

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Victorian Regional Office



Adrian Lane
Matt Smith

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that He may send the Messiah.
Acts 3:19–20a

December
Pray that Victorians will turn to Christ as they prepare for His second coming this Christmas. Adrian is preaching and deputising at Strathfieldsaye on 20/12 and Corio-Norlane on 10/1.

January
Pray for great spiritual fruit from beach missions, camps and conferences this January. Adrian is at City on a Hill, Ballarat on 17/1, Cranbourne on 31/1 and at the Regional Officers Planning Retreat from 8–12 February.

February
Pray that God would lead kids and young adults to contexts where they learn about Jesus this year and find the refreshment that only comes from faith in Him. Adrian is at Mitcham on 21/2, Dingley on 28/2 and Strathfieldsaye on 14/3.

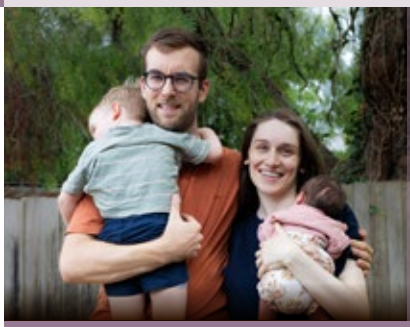
Victoria has 1.7 million people in its growing regional cities and shires, including many from other cultural and faith backgrounds. Pray that Christians in rural, regional and remote Victoria would be equipped to bear much fruit – fruit that will last.

Regional Officer serving with BCA since 2013

Wurundjeri-Balluk & Wurundjeri-Willam Country

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Marinus & Hannah van Meerten



Samuel (2023)
Elianna (2026)



Minister in Training
San Remo

But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
1 Corinthians 15:57

December

Pray for our first Christmas in San Remo. The Carols service is usually well-attended, so pray for gospel opportunities and new connections. Pray for the THEOS team doing evangelism on the Island over the holiday period. Pray for the poor in our area.

January

Pray for our family as we attend a CMS conference and take two weeks of annual leave. Pray for deep rest and recovery as we take stock after a big year. Pray for special times together and for meaningful connections with family and friends.

February

Pray that God would help us establish healthy ministry rhythms as we start the new year. Pray for wisdom and discernment in our planning and decision-making. Pray for our ongoing relationship-building to start bearing fruit for the Gospel.

The van Meertens serve the Parish of Bass-Phillip Island focused on San Remo where they lead the only local evangelical church. San Remo and the Island are full of young families, retirees, holiday-dwellers as well as poor, vulnerable and lonely people. There is so much gospel potential!

Serving with BCA since April 2026

Diocese of Gippsland

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Mark & Tara Watkins



Patrick (2011)
Hamish (2017)



Student Minister Bendigo

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight. **Proverbs 3:5–6**

December
As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, please pray that all people would know the love of Jesus and feel included in His family.

January
We pray for the empty seats in our churches, that the new year will see them filled by people seeking Christ.

February
We pray that God will open doors that will help us share His word and build trust in the community.

The Watkins family will serve in the Bendigo Diocese from early 2027 with Mark combining work as a student minister alongside theological studies. Mark has a passion for walking alongside the lonely and the struggling in the hope that they may know God's love.

Serving with BCA from January 2026

Diocese of Bendigo

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Tasmanian Regional Office



Caleb (2011)
Abigail (2020)



Josh & Naomi Skeat

"The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let the one who hears say, "Come!" Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life."
Revelation 22:17

December
Pray for our Field Staff as they proclaim Jesus during the Christmas season. Pray for public opportunities like Community Carols. Pray for many to come, to hear and to want to know Jesus as Lord.

January
Tasmania enjoys its warmer months, and people are out and about in our towns. Pray for good opportunities for community engagement, especially for connection with visitors during peak tourism season.

February
As Tasmanian schools return for a new year, pray for our teachers, for our children and especially for our Field Staff during this busy time.

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

Regional Officer serving with BCA since 2020

Tommeginne Country

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David & Margy Williams



West Coast Tasmania

Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.
Matthew 6:33

December
Christmas is a great time for people to reconnect with God's family. Pray that the Good News will be heard by many through radio, conversations, Christmas services and events. Pray for our faithful letterbox team as they invite people to church.

January
Satan is trying to destroy God's people by division, discouragement and doubt. But Christ will build His church! So pray boldly! Pray for deep love for Jesus, His Word and His people and the unity that will flow from this.

February
The shepherd readily leaves the 99 to search for the lost one. But how to leave the one and search for the 99 who are lost? Pray for wisdom and love as we reach out to the 99 lost in the Western Wilds.

David & Margy serve the Anglican Parish of West Coast Tasmania, which includes Queenstown and Strahan. We 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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Tom & Tanya Killingbeck



Calimë (2004)
Tristan (2007)
Chiara (2009)



King Island

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 1:4–5**

December
Pray that our Christmas services and celebrations would bless people drawing near to God; that they would hear the Good News of Jesus. Pray our churches come together to bless the Island and its visitors.

January
Pray for downtime for various industries; that rest would be possible. Pray for us as we journey into Mark's Gospel and hear his rushed, breathless account of Jesus. Pray for the farms; that water might abound.

February
Pray for the Festival of King Island (FOKI) and for plans to better link the church service that weekend into the joy the event brings. Pray for families sending their kids to boarding school for Years 11 and 12. Pray for deepening relationships with the local school – its staff, students and families.

The Killingbeck family commenced serving the faithful on King Island in September 2025. Previously, Tom was a Chaplain in the Royal Australian Air Force.

Serving with BCA since September 2025

Diocese of Tasmania

Palawa Country

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NSW/ACT Regional Office


Cathy & Paul, Elza



Paul & Cathy Sampson
Elza Lee

Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you – guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.
2 Timothy 1:14

December
Give thanks for the many people who have partnered with us during 2026 and for those who have prayed faithfully for the ministries of BCA Field Staff. Pray for wisdom, grace and energy for those preparing to preach Christ in churches across the land over the Christmas period.

January
Pray that people will find times of refreshment over the summer and be recharged to begin the new year in earnest, with energy and enthusiasm for gospel ministries.

February
Pray that Paul would be a great blessing to the churches he visits this month and that many hearts would be encouraged and capture BCA's vision for the Gospel to spread throughout the bush.

The NSW/ACT Region incorporates five dioceses: Sydney, 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.

Regional Officer serving with BCA since 2022

Gadigal Country

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Rachael Bell



SU Australia Field Development Manager



For you make me glad by your deeds, LORD; I sing for joy at what your hands have done. **Psalm 92:4**

December
As the school holidays start this week, give thanks for all of the opportunities children, young people, and families have had to hear the Gospel through school-based activities this term – SRE assemblies, Carols events, regular SRE classes, etc.

January
Please pray over some new exciting camp opportunities in Central West NSW within the next 18 months. Give thanks for those interested leaders who gathered recently to start planning for these camps.

February
As you drive past your local schools this week, take a moment to pray over them. Pray for the staff and students there; that they would seek out a relationship with Jesus, and that Christians there would have opportunities to be a witness to others.

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

Serving with BCA since April 2021

SU Australia

Wiradjuri Country

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Rob & Xanthe Yemm



Ministers in Training
Bathurst Cathedral



Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you! **Zechariah 9:9**

December
Praise God that He sent Jesus to live amongst us as a man! May the true joy of Christmas and the gift of Jesus ring out throughout Bathurst this December. Pray that visitors to the Cathedral may be drawn to know more about Jesus.

January
On 31 January, we launch an evening service! Please pray that our core team may be built up in Christ and unified as we launch. May the Lord use this service for His glory and many more people in Bathurst come to know Him!

February
We are expecting our first child in March. Please pray for these last weeks of pregnancy and for a safe delivery for Xanthe. Pray that our child will know Jesus all the days of their life and that they will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Rob & Xanthe are serving at the Bathurst Cathedral for two years to be trained in ministry. Rob studied theology at SMBC after completing a ministry apprenticeship in Christchurch, NZ. Xanthe completed a Master of Divinity at SMBC.

Serving with BCA since February 2026

Diocese of Bathurst

Wiradjuri Country

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James & Charly Boardman



Elijah (2017)
Joshua (2019)
Hannah (2021)



Kelso

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. **Ephesians 2:10**

December
As we transition from the year of prayer to the year of evangelism, pray that Christmas would be the start of us being bold in asking people to come to Jesus.

January
Please pray that God may raise up more workers for the harvest field.

February
As we start the sermon teaching program in this year of evangelism, please pray that it would equip us well to share our faith. Pray that we wouldn't merely listen to the Word but put it into practice.

James, Charly, Elijah, Joshua, and Hannah have served in the Parish of Kelso since January 2025. We pray 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

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Ben & Alissa Connelly



Josiah (2018)
Vivienne (2021)
Ezekiel (2024)



Cowra

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. **Ephesians 6:18**

December

Praise God for the unity amongst the churches in Cowra, and the opportunity to run Combined Christmas Carols each year. Please pray that seeds were sown at this year's event and that people visit churches in Cowra this Christmas.

January

Pray for God to bless the Cowra Summer Breakout 2027, and for soft hearts to receive the Gospel. Please pray for good rest as we take a family holiday this week.

February

Praise God with us for those who worked tirelessly to make the Cowra Summer Breakout 2027 happen. Please pray for the time and energy to follow up connections made during the program, and pray that God continues to work in people's hearts.

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 them to Christ.

Serving with BCA since January 2023

Diocese of Bathurst

Wiradjuri Country

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James & Brittany Daymond



Cobar



For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.
Colossians 3:3

December
Thank God for the great privilege it is to be a Christian – namely that we are now hidden with Christ in God. Thank God for ministry opportunities during December. Ask that people would come to faith in Jesus and share in the same privileges we have.

January
Thank God for the security that we have in Christ. Ask that we would seize every opportunity that we can to share the Good News of Jesus with people.

February
Thank God for the wonder of salvation. Thank God also for four years of ministry in Cobar and 10 years of ministry with BCA in Central West NSW. Ask God to provide everything needed for His people and for Jesus to be continually shared.

James & Brittany pray for God to soften the hearts of the people of Cobar as they seek to share the Good News of the Gospel with them.

Serving with BCA since March 2017

Diocese of Bathurst

Ngiyampaa and Wangaaypwan Country

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Trent & Alice McGrath



Henry (2014)
Maisie (2016)
Siena (2018)



Jindabyne

And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of His Spirit who lives in you.
Romans 8:11

December

Give thanks for Henry who has been enjoying the last few weeks of Year 6 with his classmates. Thank God for his kind nature and servant heartedness and pray that God would keep growing him into a godly Christ follower!

January

Give thanks for Christmas and for the Long Service Leave we had as a family. Pray for us as we return to 'business as usual'; that God would provide all we need for the next season of ministry.

February

Give thanks for the incredible leadership team at The Village Church who shepherded the flock of God while Trent was away. Thank God also for the visiting preachers who served us. Praise God for the generosity and giftedness of His people!

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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Laurie & Bec Carleton



Olivia (2013)
Claudia (2015)
Harry (2017)



Norfolk Island

For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill His good purpose. **Philippians 2:13**

December
Give thanks for the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Please ask that God would make the Good News of Jesus known right across Norfolk Island.

January
Give thanks for the time that we have had on holidays and please pray that God would energise us for the year of ministry ahead.

February
Please pray for all the saints on Norfolk Island and ask that God would give them boldness and the words to speak the truth of Jesus into the lives of those around them.

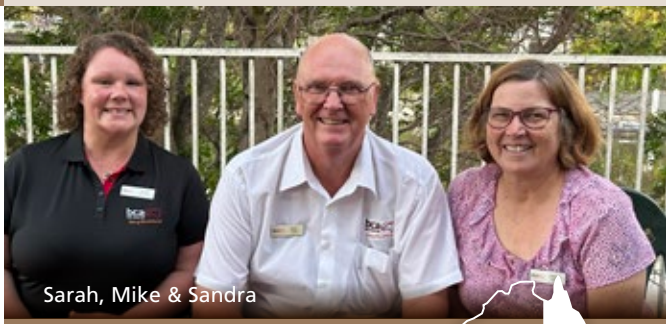
Norfolk Island is about 1400 kms off the east coast of Australia, has 2200 permanent residents and a rich Christian history. Pray the church will live out its vision, to Love Jesus, Love each other, and Love Norfolk Island.

Serving with BCA since January 2022

Diocese of Sydney

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Queensland/NNSW Regional Office



Sarah, Mike & Sandra



Mike & Sandra Uptin
Sarah McKinnon

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.
Matthew 11:28

December

Most QLD/NNSW Field Staff will attend CMS QNNSW Summer School at Mt Tamborine in early January. Pray for physical and spiritual refreshment and a time of encouragement as we gather. Pray for safe travel to and from Mt Tamborine.

January

Give thanks for The Revd Daniel Avenell who served as locum Regional Officer in November and December. Give thanks for the six years that Mike & Sandra Uptin have served with BCA. Pray for a speedy appointment of a new Regional Officer for the QLD/NNSW Region.

February

Pray for Sarah as she continues the ministry of the QLD/NNSW Regional Office and supports Field Staff. Pray that she and the new Regional Officer will work well together.

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

Regional Officer serving with BCA since 2021

Turrbal/Yuggera Country

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David & Zoë Browne



Micah (2016)
Jude (2019)

Gladstone

…being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. **Philippians 1:6**

December
Give thanks for Christmas services and outreach over the last month. Pray for opportunities to follow up with visitors and enquirers. Give thanks for some time of rest and encouragement in the coming weeks with family and at the CMS Summer School.

January
Give thanks for the beginning of the new school year. Pray for our outreach ministries as they begin for the year – Playgroup, Craft group, Girls' Brigade, This N That Shop and Bible studies.

February
Give thanks for our AGM at the end of this month. Pray for the newly elected Parish Council; that the Holy Spirit would guide and strengthen our leaders. Give thanks for our families' ministries and pray for families who attend Kids' Church.

David & 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. We 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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David & Joanne Piper



Daniel (2010)
Luke (2012)
Matthew (2016)

Emerald/Blackwater



Praise the LORD, my soul. LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendour and majesty.
Psalm 104:1

December
Give thanks for those stepping up to serve in the last few months. Pray that our services will be true places of worship in spirit and truth; that those who visit would say 'I want to be part of this!'

January
Give thanks that we have many coming to aged care services, and that we have some church members helping with visiting the elderly who can't make it on Sundays. Pray that the visiting team would grow.

February
Give thanks for our Blackwater crew. Please pray for connections with the community and other churches. Pray that God will open hearts when we go visiting; that we might find people hungry to know God.

The Pipers are thankful for their diverse church family, for friends they have made, and the great diocesan team in Central Queensland.

Serving with BCA since January 2025

Anglican Church Central Queensland

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Simon & Angela Owen



Grace (2016)
Esther (2018)
Josiah (2022)

Cloncurry



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 Gospel seeds will sink further and deeper into people's hearts after the Christmas season and produce fruit in the new year. Please pray for refreshment as we holiday during January.

January
Please pray for God's guidance and wisdom as we get back into Cloncurry life and ministry. Pray that He will be at work through us, His people and His Church in the whole North Queensland Region.

February
Please pray that God will continue to strengthen His Church and people; that we will not be ashamed of the Gospel, knowing it is the power of God that brings salvation to all who believe.

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

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Callum & Monique Dowling



Minister in Training Inverell



Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day. **Psalm 96:1–2**

December
Give thanks for the safe arrival of our second child last month. Praise God for the completion of my Master of Divinity through Ridley College.

January
Please pray for a safe arrival in Inverell, and an easy time fitting in with the congregation. Pray especially for Monique in the post-partum stage. Give thanks for our five-year anniversary this month.

February
Please give thanks for the StartWell Program which is supporting us in our ministry, family life and personal wellbeing in our first year in Inverell.

Callum & Monique Dowling and son Emmanuel move to Inverell in the new year. Callum has been a BCA Theological Bursary student and graduated from Ridley College at the end 2026. In Inverell, Callum will serve as a minister-in-training.*

** a new baby was expected after the Prayer Notes went to print.*

Serving with BCA from January 2027

Diocese of Armidale

Kamilaroi Country

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David Wright



Minister in Training Moree

He must become greater; I must become less. **John 3:30**

December
Please pray that I would have time to rest after finishing college and for the provision of somewhere to stay before I move to Moree.

January
Please pray that my move would go smoothly and that I would be able settle into a new place and role.

February
Please pray that I would be able to make connections with those at church and in town.

David finished his theological studies at Moore College at the end of 2026. He's country born and bred with a heart for rural ministry. David will serve as a minister-in-training in Moree for the next two years.

Serving with BCA from January 2027

Diocese of Armidale

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Kurt & Rebecca Langmead



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



Lightning Ridge

For from Him and through Him and for Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever! Amen. **Romans 11:36**

December
Pray for a good time of refreshing and re-focusing as a family at CMS Summer School (1–6 January, Mt Tambourine), along with a number of others from our church family who are coming for the first time.

January
Pray for our ability to meet some of the particular pastoral needs of our community while the weather is hot and many of the local service providers are still getting up and running for the new year.

February
Give thanks for our various ministries in the local schools, especially our main SRE/Scripture program at Lightning Ridge and Goodooga. Pray this year would see local kids and their families saved and connected in with solid Christian churches.

Lightning Ridge is an iconic, opal-mining town in north-western 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: lrccweb.site.

Serving with BCA since January 2020

Diocese of Armidale

Kamilaroi Country

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Samuel & Grace Ogg



Tommy (2021)
Josie (2023)
Florence (2026)



Minister in Training
Lightning Ridge

The LORD will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one LORD, and His name the only name.
Zechariah 14:9

December
Give thanks to God for the many opportunities we had to share the Gospel through the Christmas season with Community Carols, SRE presentations, Aged Care services, Christmas services and much more!

January
Please pray for members of our community as they struggle with the intense heat. Many other service providers leave the Ridge over the hotter months, so pray that our presence speaks to the love and care of God, particularly the vulnerable.

February
Please pray for our Youth Club as it restarts for another year. Pray that the Lord would continue to draw young people in the Ridge to Himself and make His salvation known in Christ.

Samuel is a Minister in Training at Lightning Ridge Community Church. The Oggs, have a heart for ministry in the bush and are excited share the Good News of Jesus with the community.

Serving with BCA since January 2026

Diocese of Armidale

Kamilaroi Country

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George & Carmel Ferguson



Barwon Special District Anglican Parish

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

December
Give thanks and praise to our God for all the things He has done through 2026. Pray that God will give us wisdom and guide us by His Holy Spirit as we plan for 2027. Pray that CMS Summer School will be a time of encouragement and refreshment.

January
Give thanks for the break over Christmas. Pray that as school holidays end, students and teachers will settle into school for the new year.

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

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Theological Bursaries



L-R: Shannon, Grace, Meg, Riley, Callum, Nich and Dale. Not pictured Cam and Daniel.

How great you are, Sovereign LORD! There is no one like you, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears. **2 Samuel 7:22**

December
Give thanks for all our 2026 Theological Bursary Students. May their heart for the bush see them serve Jesus in a rural, regional or remote location. Give great thanks for the birth of Grace's child in early October.

January
May our students have had a restful break over the Christmas holidays and be refreshed and ready to continue their ministry training.

February
Please pray for our new 2027 Theological Bursary students as well as our continuing students. May they be faithful and diligent in their studies this year.

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

Bursary program re-instituted in 2023

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

Intercontinental Church Society



Simon Cansdale – Mission Director

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

December
At this time of year when people celebrate the season of light, pray that those who are lost will find 'true light' in their lives.

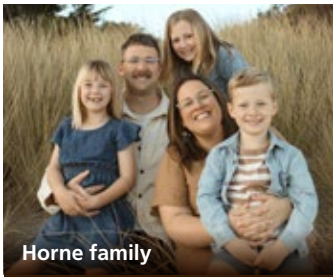
January
Pray that, by the grace of God, the new year will bring growth in ICS churches and churches all over the world, creating breakthroughs in the lives of God's people.

February
We ask the Lord of the harvest for more workers to join the harvest field and to strengthen and raise new leaders in church communities.

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

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Pray for Former Field Staff and Vacant Parishes


Horne family


Kununurra


Exmouth/Onslow


Croajingolong



Ouyen



Clermont/Moranbah

Please join us in praying for the Horne family who concluded their time with BCA in early October. Dave, Lauren, Elka, Posy & Lenny now serve God in the Parish of Devonport, where Dave is the Priest-in-Charge. Please continue to uphold the family and their ministry in your prayers.

Please also pray for the parishes of Kununurra, Exmouth/Onslow, Ouyen, Clermont/Moranbah and Croajingolong as they wait for the appointment of full-time ministers. May God raise up workers to go the distance to share Jesus in the bush.

Connect with like-minded people and meet BCA Field Staff on a wonderful Australian holiday full of fun, faith & fellowship

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TOURS

Norfolk Island – Foundation Day

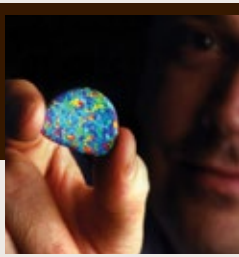
9 days – Departs 2 March 2027



Be part of Norfolk's Foundation Day and enjoy its historical re-enactments. Norfolk has a truly unique history and culture – enjoy fantastic daily tours, connect with BCA Field Staff & local Christians and explore this beautiful Island on a relaxing **all-inclusive** holiday.

Australian Faith Journey – Moogerah Passion Play

12 days – Departs 11 March 2027



Journey from Sydney through regional and Outback NSW, explore Lightning Ridge, the Tweed Valley and Queensland's Darling Downs. Enjoy unique attractions and experiences from opal mines to artesian baths, gardens, museums and art galleries. Connect with BCA Field Staff and local Christians. Palm Sunday service followed by an amazing performance of the Passion of the Christ (Moogerah).



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