

Prayer *Notes*



Reaching Australia for Christ since 1919

The Bush Church Aid Society of Australia

The Bush Church Aid Society has a heart for people living in 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.



Going the distance

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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Top L-R: Greg & Karen Harris, Greg Bridge, Ted Brush, Desiree Chan, Janine van den Tillaart. Bottom L-R: Nola Starmans, Phil Lidbetter, Jessica Kim, Susie Mills, Craig Buchanan, Sonia Wensley

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 in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. **Ephesians 3:20–21**

June

Praise God for the many faithful donors and supporters who partner with BCA and support our mission. Pray for our admin staff as they finalise accounts and processing in preparation for the end of the financial year.

July

Please pray for wisdom and good discussions as the Executive meet on 24 July. Thank God for the skills and experience each member brings.

August

Pray for Greg Harris as he travels and visits several Field Staff over the coming weeks. Pray for safety as he travels long distances. Pray for good and fruitful conversations with those he meets.

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. The team does this alongside the Executive, Senior Officers and Volunteers.

Gadigal Country



Neville & Kathie Naden

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

June

Please pray that we transition well into a new season of ministry in retirement. Pray that Indigenous ministry will remain a key focus for BCA and continue to receive strong support.

July

As Neville visits the last of his partner churches during long service leave, please pray that these churches will continue to walk with BCA as it supports Indigenous ministry into the future.

August

Pray for Greg and the executive team as they consider the next steps in encouraging ministry in the Indigenous space. Pray also for the organising committee for the NSW AEF family camp; may planning go well for the October gathering in Condobolin.

Neville & Kathie reside in Dubbo, NSW. They use Dubbo as their base as they travel around the country supporting and encouraging Indigenous Ministry. Neville retires as our Indigenous Ministry Officer at the end of June after nearly 20 years with BCA.

Wiradjuri Country



Rachel Dirks



This happened so that the words he had spoken would be fulfilled: "I have not lost one of those you gave me."

John 18:9

June

As we begin the winter season, pray for kids across rural, regional and remote Australia who may be experiencing difficult times. Pray that through His church, families would understand the love and compassion of our great God.

July

Pray for kids on school holidays and the various ministries that occur over this time. Pray that the church would find ways to connect with families and share the Gospel.

August

Pray for more leaders to be raised up in our church communities to love and care for children. Pray that these leaders would have a heart for discipleship and would help children to grow in their relationship with Jesus.

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.

Gadigal Country



Tim Stevens



Praise the LORD. Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens. Praise Him for His acts of power; praise Him for His surpassing greatness. **Psalm 150:1–2**

June

Pray for ONTRACK as we complete our Term 2 program in early June. Please give thanks for our cohort of young Australians living and serving in the bush.

July

Pray that ONTRACK will continue to be a blessing for our first cohort. Pray for them as they serve Jesus where God has placed them. Pray that the winter holidays will be a chance for refreshment.

August

Pray for opportunities to promote BCA and ONTRACK at university Christian groups, especially as Tim speaks at this week's Sydney University EU annual conference. Pray that more young Christians will consider moving to the bush for the Gospel in 2026.

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.

Nganyaywana Country



Greg & Jocelyn Lay

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. **Hebrews 1:3**

June

Give thanks for the Nomads who travelled from right across the country to serve at the annual Katherine Christian Convention.

July

Please pray for travelling mercies for Nomads on the road during wintertime. Give thanks that our Nomads faithfully commit themselves to their ministries in giving their time to many parishes around Australia.

August

Give thanks for the opportunity to serve as Nomads Coordinators for more than four years. Please pray for the new Nomads Coordinators who will commence in the role shortly.

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

Woiworung Country



David Mitchell



I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me. **Romans 15:30**

June

Praise God for those who serve as Field Staff across BCA, and that through prayer and financial partnership we can join them in their work. Pray that my work encourages people at both ends of the partnership.

July

Pray that the AFES Mid-Year Conference in WA will encourage uni students to worship Jesus whole heartedly, in all kinds of ways, with all their lives, around Australia and the world.

August

Pray for visits to churches around Perth – that we are an encouragement to those who partner with us. Pray that plans to hold a BCA Connect event come together for later this year.

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.

**Diocese of Perth |
The Most Revd
Kay Goldsworthy**

Wadjuk Country



First Nations Ministry Training (FNMT)



For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—His eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. **Romans 1:20**

June

Give thanks that First Nations Ministry Training has two new team members – Richard and Mitchell.

July

Give thanks for new office space for FNMT. Albany, Kalgoorlie and Bunbury are three new potential training destinations. Please pray that this comes to fruition.

August

Please give Dennis & Valda the strength and endurance needed to continue the work of FNMT.

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 great-grandchild.

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January 2022*

**Aboriginal
Evangelical
Fellowship Inc**

Wadjuk Country



Ministry Trainee Geraldton Cathedral



Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! **Philippians 4:4**

June

Pray that God raises up two people for MTS apprenticeships at the Cathedral next year. Pray for current MTS apprentice Nathan as he enters his final six months, and prepares for college next year.

July

The Cathedral cycles its focus each year through the themes 'Reach, Build, and Live' for Jesus. This month we transition our focus to 'Build.' Pray that over the coming year, God builds us up in love and unity.

August

Pray for my role as volunteer chaplain to the local grammar school, and for fruitful pastoral relationships with students and staff. And pray that the school sees the value of chaplaincy and commits to employing one full-time.

Malachi moved from Perth to Geraldton at the end of January to serve as curate/assistant minister at the Geraldton Anglican Cathedral. Mal was a BCA Theological Bursary recipient in 2024, and this his first ministry position post college.

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West Australia | The
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**Southern Yamatji
Country**



Reuben (2017)
Paige (2018)

Dongara



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

Psalm 136:1

June

Give thanks for the privilege to introduce Jesus to primary school kids at the Every day Matters lunchtime club. Pray for more willing volunteers to serve, and for soft hearts.

July

Give thanks that while on holiday with family, Reuben and Paige can attend a kids' holiday program at their grandparents' church. Pray for their spiritual encouragement as they learn from God's Word and meet with Christians their own age.

August

Give thanks for those with whom we have made connections. Pray particularly that those who are curious about God would grow and that God would be pleased to welcome them into His Kingdom.

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.

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Amangu Country



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

Newman



It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak.

2 Corinthians 4:13

June

Give thanks for new church members and the joy they bring to the church community. Pray for church members to step up as we prepare to go on long service leave. Pray for more kids' church teachers to help on Sundays.

July

Give thanks for our long service leave starting 20 July. Pray for safety in travel and a refreshing time away as a family. Pray for Roger's dad, Geoff, as he looks after the church in Newman.

August

Give thanks for the opportunity to see more of our beautiful country especially between Darwin and Adelaide and of course stopping in on other BCA churches. Pray for Geoff as he shares the Good News of Jesus in Newman and cares for the church.

The Kyngdons have lived in the Pilbara for seven 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. Continue to pray for them as they serve the church and local community.

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January 2016*

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**Nyiyarparli and
Martu Country**

Mike & Emma Welham



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

Carnarvon



..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**

June

Pray that the two Bible Study groups meeting each week would flourish in Biblical knowledge and Christ-like living.

July

Pray that our church would be intentional and bold in reaching out to Carnarvon with the hope of the Gospel, trusting in God's power to save!

August

Pray for Emma's chaplaincy role at Carnarvon Community College; that she would display the love of Jesus to the broken, encourage the staff she works with, and for good connections with the community.

Mike serves as the rector at St George's Anglican Church and Emma works as a YouthCARE Chaplain at Carnarvon Community College. Pray that as they settle into their new roles, God would be honoured in and through them.

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**Diocese of North
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Yinggarda Country



Exmouth/Onslow



But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. **1 Corinthians 1:27**

June

Give thanks that we have an extended time of holiday in June. Please pray for rest, safety and for the time we'll get to spend with Michael & Karen Baines from Broome Anglican Church as we travel through the Kimberley.

July

Please pray for our church weekend away at Bullara Station from 1–3 August. Pray that church members would grow in their love and knowledge of the Lord Jesus.

August

Pray for growth in numbers in Exmouth and Onslow. Pray that locals sign up for *Christianity Explored* courses. Give thanks for BCA Nomad visits and the chance to connect with visitors to Exmouth.

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 helping people see beyond creation to the amazing Creator.

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May 2020*

**Diocese of North
West Australia | The
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***Thalanyji and
Nhuwala Country***



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

Parish of West Pilbara



The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. **Psalms 23:1**

June

We will hold two HOPE25 events this month. Please pray for our Fire Pit and Faith Night, and our Youth Movie night. Pray that we would have boldness as a church to invite our friends along and that the Gospel would be shared helpfully.

July

The summer of 24/25 was very long and hot. We look forward to the cooler weather that July brings. We will take some leave over the July school holidays and we ask you to pray for refreshment.

August

We are looking forward to church camp this month. Pray that camp would not only be a time to grow in our relationships as a church, but that we would be built up in Christ as we gather around His Word.

The Parish of the West Pilbara continues to share the Gospel amongst the ever-changing communities of Karratha and surrounds. Pray that the Nicols might be an encouragement to all in Christ.

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February 2014*

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West Australia | The
Rt Revd Darrell Parker**

Ngarluma Country



Rachael (2013)
Jessica (2015)
Emily (2019)

Kununurra



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

Matthew 11:28

June

We are currently on our church camp (6 – 8 June). Please pray that our time together as a church family will deepen our love for God and one another. We're thankful for Ray Arthur, who will teach us from God's word about living in the light of God's grace.

July

Thank God for the many saints serving in ministry at St James, the visitors we will minister to throughout the dry season, and for our kids and youth. Pray that God would give us thankful hearts.

August

This month, God willing, Daniel and Henry will travel to the Perth Gospel Partnership Conference. Please pray that this will be a time of refreshment and encouragement for the work of proclaiming Christ in the East Kimberley.

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. Daniel reaches out in his role of Minister in Charge of St James Anglican.

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August 2017*

**Diocese of North
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**Miriwoong and
Gajerrong Country**



Geetha & John, Esther

John & Geetha Warner Esther George



...I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. **John 10:15b-16**

June

Pray for God to fill current vacancies. BCA Sunday visits include St George's Magill, Gospel Church Minlaton, Henley-Grange Anglican, St Martin's Campbelltown and St Saviours Glenosmond.

July

Pray as John visits North Terrace and Flinders Uni Mid-Year Conferences. BCA Sunday visits include Trinity Churches Victor Harbor, Colonel Light Gardens and Parahills.

August

Pray for John & Geetha as they travel to Asia for a Rico Tice conference as well as ministry and a holiday afterwards. Pray for the BCA Connect week 25 – 28 August. BCA Sunday visits include Trinity Churches Unley & Grove.

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 regional, rural and remote areas. 251,396 people live in the NT with 111,000 people outside greater Darwin.

**Diocese of Adelaide |
The Most Revd
Geoff Smith**

Karna Country



Nungalinga College



And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.

2 Timothy 2:2

June

Pray for the students at Nungalinga College as they engage in their studies. Ask that they grow in faith, confidence, and skills to serve their communities.

July

Pray that the staff of Nungalinga would be strengthened and encouraged in their work. Ask for wisdom, energy, and joy as they teach and support students, and for refreshment over the mid-year break.

August

Pray that the teaching and training at Nungalinga will have a lasting impact in remote communities. Ask that students will be equipped to share the Gospel, lead in their churches and minister to their families, standing strong for Jesus.

Nungalinga 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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January 2023*

**Nungalinga College |
Dr Yane Damanik,
College Principal**

Larrakia Country



Nungalinga College Dean



Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit
Matthew 28:18–19

June

This month students will be completing current courses. Please pray for those graduating and travelling home to their communities.

July

New students are coming this month for courses in the Bible and Children's ministry. Please pray for them as they gather and study.

August

Please pray for travelling mercies for our students as they travel to College for their studies.

David is in the Anglican Dean at Nungalinga College. He follows in the footsteps of The Revd Ruth Walton.

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**Diocese of the
Northern Territory |
The Rt Revd
Dr Greg Anderson**

Larrakia Country



Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from Him. Truly He is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

Psalms 62:1-2

Please pray for:

- Grace and humility for the Deans as the Chaplain offers new insights into their role. May the Deans be open and willing to hear from the Chaplain as they share about what they see, hear and experience so that together we may provide a more appropriate pastoral and learning environment for our students and genuinely reflect the unity that the College holds so dear.
- Courage for Chaplains as they encounter new or unexpected situations in the course of their work.
- Opportunities for the Chaplain to find new ways of building positive relationships so that they are then able to offer support and encouragement to a broader cross section of the student body.

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 |
Dr Yane Damanik,
College Principal**

Larrakia Country



Daniel (2011)
Laura (2015)

Ministry Trainee Alice Springs



The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction. **Proverbs 1:7**

June

Thank God for the Mobile Mission Maintenance team that visited and installed the kitchen in the ministry building. Please pray that it will serve our church well and create many times of fellowship.

July

Thank God for the visits we have started to the government housing near our church. Please pray that we will continue to grow relationships, and that these will enable evangelism and discipleship. Ask that God will give us good Indigenous language development.

August

Thank God for our church this year. Give thanks for the delight of being part of this church family. Ask that all of us will grow in Jesus as we engage with the book of Revelation.

The Hallyburtons have served in Alice Springs since mid-2021. Topher is the Assistant Minister at Alice Springs Anglican Church. Alice Springs is a multicultural city with a high Indigenous population.

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February 2017*

**Diocese of the
Northern Territory |
The Rt Revd
Dr Greg Anderson**

Arrernte Country



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

Roxby Downs



You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot.

Matthew 5.13

June

Pray that our church will continue to build on the relational foundations of HOPE25. Pray for opportunities to disciple people into a deeper relationship with Jesus through God's Word.

July

Pray that our older children will have been challenged and grown in their faith through the EFAC youth camp and continue to reflect on what they have learnt. Pray for us as a family while on leave in Adelaide.

August

Pray for preparations for the Kids and Youth programs in the October Holidays as we partner with the Trinity Church Network to proclaim Christ in Roxby Downs.

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.

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January 2019*

**Diocese of Willochra |
The Rt Revd
Jeremy James**

Kokatha Country



Coober Pedy



Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God,
the LORD is one. Love the LORD your
God with all your heart and with all
your soul and with all your strength.

Deuteronomy 6:4–5

June

Please pray for us as we consider and pray on men's and women's events for this winter season. Also pray that there will be a good uptake of kids coming to our after school kids club and for a consistent core group who will be open to the Gospel.

July

Please pray for the team coming from Toongabbie Anglican this month; that God will grant them safe travel, wisdom and understanding of our church, ministries and town as they scope out a future mission trip, hopefully in 2026.

August

Pray for us in our role as unofficial Ambulance Chaplains; that we will be called on by those who need support and for God's guidance as we offer this support.

Dave & Margie commenced ministry in Coober Pedy in March 2024. They serve God in various ways including tourist ministry, at the school, Aboriginal ministry and aged care ministry. They pray for God to build His church in this outback opal mining town.

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**Diocese of Willochra |
The Rt Revd
Jeremy James**

**Arabana &
Kokatha Country**



Outreach Ministry Berean Church



And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 4:7**

June

We will be in the Flinders Ranges from this month. Please pray for our new work here particularly in Copley, Maree and Nepabunna. May God give us guidance and direction and His blessing upon our work.

July

Give thanks for the privilege to serve God in the Flinders Ranges. Please pray for the Bible studies and church services we've established. May the faithful grow in their faith, and those who are searching, find their identity in Christ.

August

Please pray that we can start a children's ministry in the Flinders Ranges. May God raise up leaders to help us in this work.

Jack & Lill serve God as itinerant outreach workers, taking the Gospel to Aboriginal communities in rural and remote areas of South Australia.

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November 2017*

**Aboriginal Berean
Community Church**

Kaurna Country

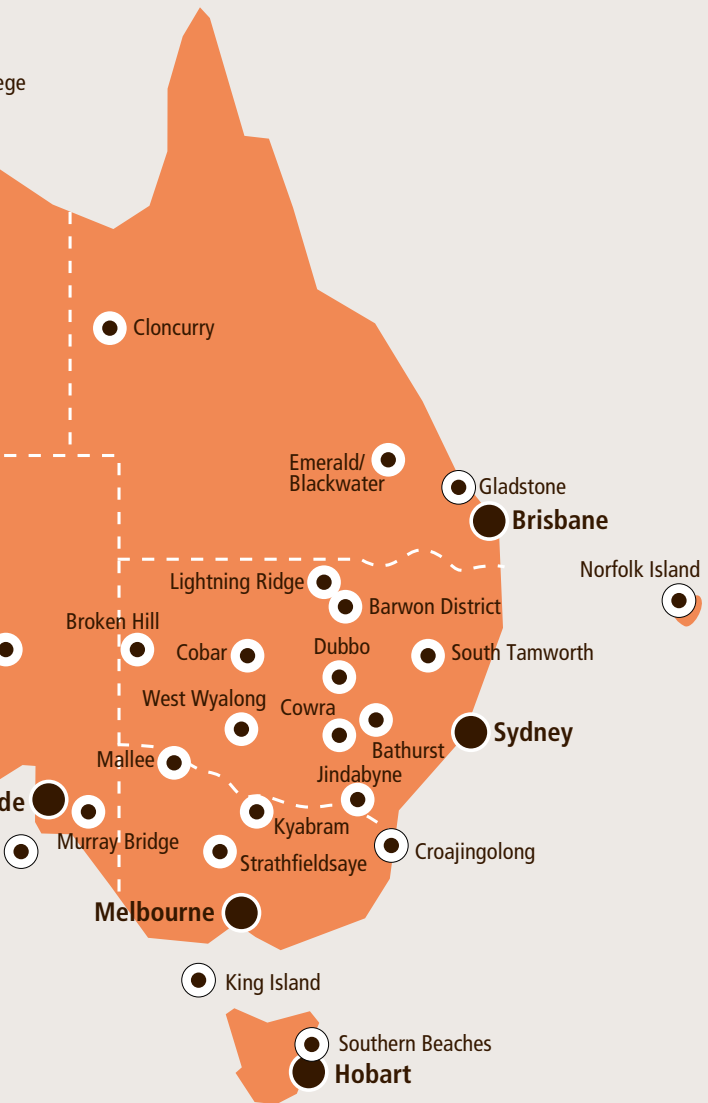


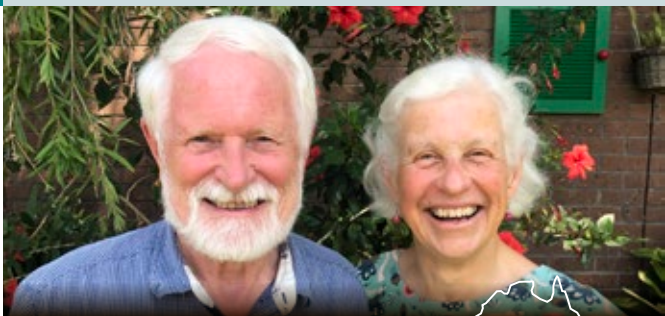
THE BCA PRAYER

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.**





Kangaroo Island



Therefore, my dear friends, ...continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill His good purpose.

Philippians 2.12–13

June

Pentecost is here and we celebrate having shared the hope we have in the Lord Jesus with our friends and community through 'Taste and See'. May they be drawn into knowing the company of Jesus.

July

Praise God with us for our faithful mid-week gatherings where we share in food, read Scripture and pray. May we keep growing in our love for God and have insight and discernment about what is best for His mission.

August

It's been nearly six months of changing weather, seasons of growth and putting down new roots. Keep praying for our community connections as we explore music, walking, camping and volunteering.

The Lewis' are new to mission and ministry on Kangaroo Island: as parish priest in partnership with the Adelaide Diocese and BCA; and GP with the local practice. Their focus is to grow in knowing God and knowing the people on the Island.

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**Diocese of Adelaide |
The Most Revd
Geoff Smith**

Ramindjeri Country



Matt & Adrian

Adrian Lane
Matt Smith



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

Mark 1:17

June

Please pray that God would greatly use Adrian to enthuse and equip God's people for mission as he preaches at Cranbourne today, Bacchus Marsh on 22/6, Berwick on 29/6, Sandringham on 6/7 and Drouin on 13/7.

July

May God use Adrian to equip God's people for mission at Clayton on 20/7 and Kyabram on 27/7 and similarly, Stephen May, as he speaks at Spotswood on 10/8. Pray too with thankfulness for Matt Smith, as Adrian is on leave in August.

August

Adrian is preaching at RAFT (Rowville and Ferntree Gully) on 7/9 and Panton Hill on 14/9. May the Holy Spirit use his exposition of the Scriptures to help listeners become 'fishers of people'.

Victoria has 1.7 million people in its growing regional shires, including many from other cultural and faith backgrounds. Pray that Christians in rural, regional and remote Victoria would be enthused and equipped to become 'fishers of people'.

Diocese of Melbourne |
The Most Revd
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Theodore (2021)

Kyabram



"Look, he is coming with the clouds," and "every eye will see him, even those who pierced him"; and all peoples on earth "will mourn because of him." So shall it be! Amen.

Revelation 1:7

June

Please pray for Sarah, Jacob and Theo as they adjust to life after the birth of our new family member.

July

Please pray for the church as it weathers the winter season. Pray that Jacob & Sarah would be encouraged during this tough season of church life. Pray especially for Jacob as he works with limited volunteers.

August

Please pray for Jacob as he preaches a series on Revelation. Pray for wisdom and stamina throughout this series.

The Kelly family serve in Kyabram, a rich agricultural district with many farms, orchards and people who do not know Jesus. Jacob, Sarah and Theodore have been in Kyabram since 2022. They enjoy good TV series, relaxing walks and time with others.

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**Diocese of Bendigo |
The Rt Revd
Dr Matt Brain**

**Yorta Yorta &
Bangerang Country**



Nathan (2005)
Josh (2007)
Pete (2009)

Strathfieldsaye



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**

June

Praise God that our 4pm service is now meeting weekly. Thank God for all who are involved and pray that as a church, we will provide a warm welcome to all newcomers.

July

Even though we have two different styles of service, pray that our members will remain united as one church in their mission of being a light in our community.

August

Pray that as a church we will all continue to grow in our love for God and His Word. Give thanks for the men's, women's, teen and children's ministries.

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.

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**Diocese of Bendigo |
The Rt Revd
Dr Matt Brain**

Djadjawurung Country



Croajingolong



but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. **Isaiah 40:31**

June

Jude has been invited to be the community representative on the Mallacoota P-12 school council. Pray this will continue to build a positive relationship between the church and school. Give thanks for this opportunity.

July

As winter sets in, many of the locals in Mallacoota & Cann River take holidays to recover from the summer period. Pray for safety on the roads, and that we would still be able to minister effectively with less people around.

August

We pray for those in the congregation and community who are struggling with ageing, and the decisions to be made in a town with no residential care facilities. We pray each may know God's peace and presence with them afresh each day.

The Cooperating Parish of Croajingolong is the only church in the far Eastern corner of Victoria. During the summer the population of Mallacoota explodes from 1000 locals to 10,000 holiday makers.

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**Diocese of Gippsland |
The Rt Revd
Dr Richard Treloar**

Bidwell Country



Caleb (2011)
Abigail (2020)

Josh & Naomi Skeat



But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

1 Peter 3:15

June

June is a busy month, both for deputations and in the Parish as we follow up after HOPE25. Pray for Josh as he balances both of his ministry roles, and for many to hear and respond to the Good News.

July

Pray for the furthering of partnerships in our Diocese – that more churches would support our Field Staff, both financially and through prayer.

August

As the season of parish annual meetings is in full swing, pray that more churches in Tasmania would consider support of BCA through their mission budget. Pray also for safety on the roads travelling for deputations in cold and wet conditions.

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.

Diocese of Tasmania |
The Rt Revd
Dr Richard Condie

Tommeginne Country



Elka (2015)
Posy (2018)
Lennox (2020)

Southern Beaches



One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you..." **Acts 18:9–10a**

June

We are finishing our season of evangelism, grateful to God for what He has done in us and through us. Please pray that gospel seeds that were scattered would take root, be protected, and become established.

July

Winter is well and truly here! The beaches are still beautiful, but very quiet. We now get to enjoy the benefits of a quiet season. Pray for good health, rest, and rejuvenation for our family and the church leaders.

August

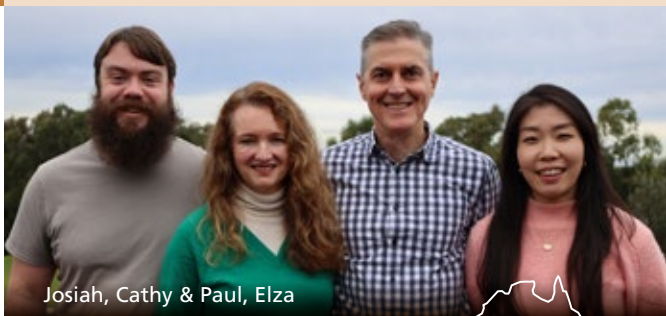
We hope to start our annual Alpha course towards the end of this month. Pray that people would be courageous to sign-up, and that they are met with the life-transforming knowledge of God and His love for them.

2025 marks the fifth year for the Hornes in the Southern Beaches. Dave continues to serve as Minister of a growing church, the only church in a community of 7000 people. Lauren and the kids enjoy getting involved in community activities.

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December 2020*

**Diocese of Tasmania |
The Rt Revd
Dr Richard Condie**

Paredarerme Country



Josiah, Cathy & Paul, Elza

Paul & Cathy Sampson
Elza Lee
Josiah Elsley



We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:20–21

June

Praise God for five Sundays in June and the many opportunities to preach missionally and remind people what the Lord is doing across rural, regional and remote Australia through BCA Field Staff.

July

Pray that the Bathurst Clergy Retreat would be a wonderful time of refreshment, learning and fellowship for all who attend, and that it would facilitate even more effective ministries in the second half of the year.

August

Pray that more people would come to know Christ in the bush and the cities, and be committed to serving Him in their diverse contexts.

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.

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SU Australia Field Development Manager



"How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." **John 1:48**

June

Please pray for SRE boards throughout NSW as they seek to grow support for SRE in their local area. Pray that local church representatives would step up to fill board positions where needed and that this would be an encouragement to existing members.

July

Please pray for school chaplains as they continue to build relationships with students, staff, and parents in their school communities. Pray they draw near to Jesus each day, so that they might reflect who He is in the way they love others.

August

Please pray for SRE teachers as they continue to faithfully prepare lessons and step into classrooms, particularly those classrooms that present challenges. May the light of Christ shine through teachers into these spaces and draw people towards God.

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 mission opportunities for children and young people in Central West NSW.

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April 2021*

**SU Australia |
Jonathon Marshall,
Regional Director
NSW Central**

Wiradjuri Country



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

Kelso



I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. **John 15:5**

June

Pray for our children in Kids' Church; that God would grow them in the fruit of the Spirit; that God would use them to invite their friends and that new families would join church.

July

Please pray that our High Tea would be a good opportunity to connect with our broader community and move them closer to God.

August

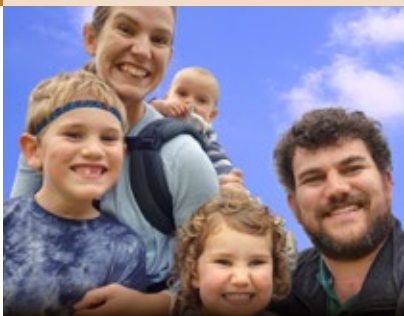
Pray for our O'Connell services; that those who attend would be bold in inviting others to these services and that we would love the people of the O'Connell Valley like Jesus.

James, Charly, Elijah, Joshua, and Hannah started at the Kelso Parish in January. They are excited to see the ways that God will move among His people in Kelso & O'Connell and grow them in their faith.

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BCA since
January 2023*

**Diocese of Bathurst |
The Rt Revd
Mark Calder**

Wiradjuri Country



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

Cowra



For in the Gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.” **Romans 1:17**

June

Pray that our new playgroup will enable good connections between church and non-church families. Pray that the congregation will find new ways to use the gifts that God has given them for His service.

July

Pray that we will find ways of connecting with families who play rugby on Sunday mornings. Thank God that that our northern Queensland Connect events went well and helped show people what God is doing through BCA.

August

Thank God for the work He is doing in the congregation and pray that they will continue to mature in their faith. Pray for wisdom as we plan for a combined churches youth program.

Ben & Alissa have now been at St John's for two years and face the challenge of convincing the young people of Cowra that they need Jesus just as much as their grandparents.

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BCA since
January 2023*

**Diocese of Bathurst |
The Rt Revd
Mark Calder**

Wiradjuri Country



Cobar



To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me. **Colossians 1:29**

June

Thank Jesus for the energy that he powerfully works in us. Ask that we would strenuously contend in God's mission. Ask that James would be able to encourage the clergy in the Armidale Diocese with outreach visiting when he visits there this month.

July

Thank God for the opportunity James had to help parishes in the Bathurst Diocese become clear in their strategic thinking. Ask God for wisdom and strength as James commences serving as Archdeacon of the North-West of the Diocese this month.

August

Ask God to be a 'crowbar in Cobar' and so enable the Gospel to enter peoples' hearts. Ask for people to repent and believe in Jesus and in so doing bring glory to God.

James & Brittany pray for God to soften the hearts of the people of Cobar as they seek to share the Good News of Jesus. The principal form of evangelism is through outreach visiting.

*Serving with
BCA since
March 2017*

**Diocese of Bathurst |
The Rt Revd
Mark Calder**

**Ngilyampaa and
Wangaaypwan
Country**



Ethan (2013)
 Jake (2017)
 Oliver (2018)
 Grace (2020)
 Geneva (2022)

Broken Hill



The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and the one who is wise saves lives. **Proverbs 11:30**

June

Please pray that we would be connected to Christ and to one another. May our love for each other be distinct.

July

Give thanks for all those who serve at, and give to, Saltbush Evangelical Church. Please pray that they would see their efforts are not in vain.

August

Please pray that the Gospel would go deeper and deeper into our hearts. May we grow in Christlikeness.

Broken Hill has approximately 18,000 people with more expected to come as new mines open. It is an eclectic place as there is a mix of mining, tourism, and art in the town. The Hurleys and Saltbush Church are hoping to see many saved and strengthened in Broken Hill and beyond.

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 BCA since
 February 2019*

**Saltbush
 Evangelical Church**

Wiljili Country



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

Jindabyne



Then we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will praise you forever; from generation to generation we will proclaim your praise. **Psalm 79:13**

June

Give thanks for the steadfast, faithful, wise and willing leadership God has given to The Village Church.

July

Pray that the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

August

Pray that our trust and dependence would remain fixed on God, who is able to do far more than we can ask or think.

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.

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**Diocese of Canberra
& Goulburn | The Rt
Rev'd Dr Mark Short**

Ngarigo Country



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

Norfolk Island



"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being." **Revelation 4:11**

June

Thank God for the celebration of Bounty Day earlier this month. As we remember the Christian heritage of our Island, please ask that God would use this to open up gospel conversations, so that He might grow His kingdom on Norfolk.

July

Please pray for all the saints on Norfolk Island. Ask that God would equip and encourage them to proclaim His kingdom with boldness and without hindrance. Please ask that as a church we would be the light of life to the world around us.

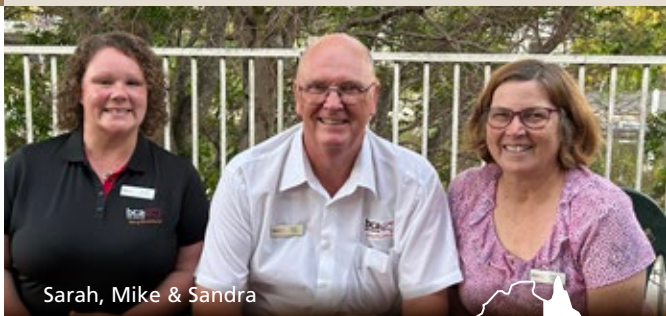
August

Give thanks to God for our fellowship in God's Word. Please ask that our upcoming seminar series might strengthen and encourage those who attend.

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

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**Diocese of Sydney |
The Most Revd
Kanishka Raffel**



Sarah, Mike & Sandra

Mike & Sandra Uptin
Sarah McKinnon



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**

June

Pray for the upcoming BCA Connect events in Cairns (5 July) and Townsville (12 July). May many come to hear and be encouraged by the Connelly family (Cowra) and our National Director.

July

Pray for Sarah as she approaches six months in her role as office Admin Assistant. Pray for continued learning in the role and for ongoing good working relationships in the QLD/NNSW Office.

August

Give thanks for the recent BCA Connect events in Armidale and Coffs Harbour and the many people who attended. Give thanks for safe travel for the Piper family who spoke at the events and pray for them in their ministry in Emerald/Blackwater.

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.

**Anglican Church
 Southern
 Queensland |
 The Most Revd
 Jeremy Greaves**

**Turrbal/Yuggera
 Country**



Micah (2016)
Jude (2019)

Gladstone



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

June

Please pray for another full term of Kids' Church; that children will grow in wisdom, favour and stature with God. Pray for the lay ministry retreat led by Bishop Peter. Give thanks for Mike Uptin's BCA visit to Gladstone.

July

Give thanks for the return of nursing home services and pray for protection of the elderly through winter. Please pray that Bishop Peter's visit to Gladstone will be a time of encouragement for our community.

August

Please pray for safety and refreshment as we take some holidays to attend a family wedding. Pray for the couple preparing for marriage, and the opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus with those attending.

David & Zoë are in their first year of serving with BCA in Gladstone, 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.

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**Anglican Church
Central Queensland |
The Rt Revd Peter Grice**

**Bailai, Gurang, Gooreng
Gooreng and Taribelang
Bunda Country**



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

Emerald/Blackwater



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

June

Pray for our Alpha-style course; that visitors would persist in coming and commit their lives to Christ. Pray for connections to grow with migrant community, through church and our shop, and that we will be wise in discipling them.

July

Pray for growth of Sunday kids' program in numbers and leaders. Pray that the EQUIP women's day we're planning to run will be a great encouragement for women of all ages.

August

Give thanks for our lay leaders and preachers. Pray for wisdom and discipline to give time to training and development in the busyness of life. Pray for blessing on BCA-related speaking engagements this month.

The Pipers arrived in Emerald/Blackwater at the start of 2025 and look forward to joining with God's people in proclaiming Christ, pastoring and praying in this cattle, coal and cotton area – plus exploring the gemfields.

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January 2025*

**Anglican Church
Central Queensland |
The Rt Revd Peter Grice**

Gangulu Country



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

Cloncurry



Teach me your way, LORD, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. **Psalm 86:11**

June

Please pray for the North Queensland Anglican Synod, 27 – 29 June. Pray for God's guidance, wisdom and truth as clergy and representatives discuss matters that concern His church and ministry in the Anglican Diocese of North Queensland.

July

Pray for ongoing fruit from our mission week with BCA Nomads and for God to be at work in all our ministry activities and events happening during Term 3. Pray for our kids', youth, men's and women's ministries and RI at the state school.

August

Pray for Julia Creek church as this month marks our two-year anniversary of reopening the church. Give God thanks that He is growing His church in Julia Creek, and pray for the new people who have joined us this past 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.

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BCA since
April 2022*

**Diocese of North
Queensland |
The Rt Revd
Dr Keith Joseph**

Mitakoodi Country



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



Lightning Ridge

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. **Romans 15:7**

June

Give thanks that Christ's church is made up of all tribes and cultures – pray for some of the local 'tribes' who will gather next month for the NAIDOC week (6–13 July) and annual Gem Festival (23–26 July).

July

As the winter tourist season is in full swing, pray that we can embody and extend a culture of gospel hospitality to those who visit, as well as a mission-mindset towards those who don't yet have faith in Christ.

August

Pray for our monthly 'Gospel Gatherings' in Goodooga (3rd Saturdays) Lightning Ridge (4th Saturdays), with a special heart for ministering with and to the Indigenous community in our towns.

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.

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**Diocese of Armidale |
The Rt Revd
Rod Chiswell**

Kamilaroi Country



Barwon Special District Anglican Parish



We have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1b–2

June

Please pray for our NAIDOC service to be held on 13 July and also for our election of parish Synod reps on 27 July. Pray for our Walgett and Collarenebri kids' clubs as we reach out to the youth in our communities.

July

Please pray for our AGM and the election of parish councillors; that the people elected will be godly and living according to God's Word. As we go on annual leave; pray that God will keep us and bring us back refreshed.

August

Pray for the Armidale Synod; that God will lead us by his Holy Spirit and give us wisdom to make learned choices with the resources He has provided.

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.

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BCA since
February 2018*

**Diocese of Armidale |
The Rt Revd
Rod Chiswell**

**Wailwan and
Kamilaroi Country**

Theological Bursaries (Indigenous & non-Indigenous)



It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God — that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. **1 Corinthians 1:30**

Please pray for our 2025 students:
Terrence, Samuel, Riley, Callum, Grace, Matt, Sharon, Nich, Cam & Dale

- Please pray that these students will grow in their knowledge and understanding of God's Word.
- Give thanks for all our students and their willingness to serve God in rural, regional and remote Australia at the completion of their studies.
- Pray that these students will become effective ministers of God's Word.

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

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

1 Corinthians 1:18

June

Pray for wisdom as the ICS Council considers the roles and successors for Short-term Mission Manager, Jim (this autumn), and Mission Director, Richard (summer 2026).

July

Clergy, their families and church members will look forward to taking some time off over summer. Give thanks for the blessings of relaxing holidays to recharge batteries and enjoy God's nature.

August

As people return to their studies and work after the refreshing holiday break, may we look to the Holy Spirit to lead us and continue to set aside a regular time each day to commune with God and hear from Him what He wants us to do.

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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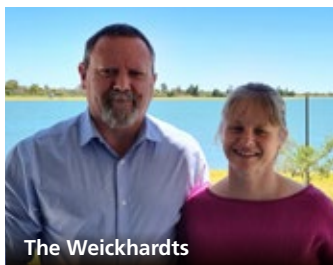
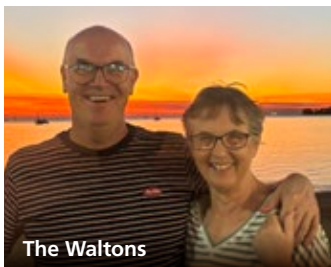
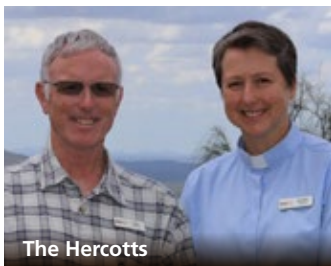
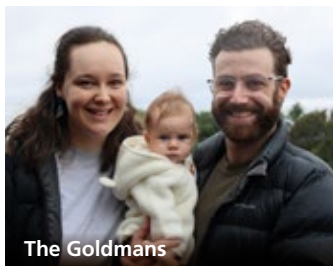
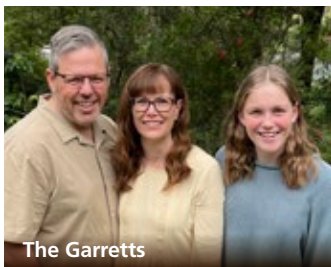
Ms Gemma Kleywegt

Ms Katarina Mostarac (not pictured)

Please give thanks to God:

- for BCA's loyal supporters and their generous provision.
- for the blessing of a range of skills so that we can fulfil our responsibilities.
- that systems and processes at BCA continue to be effective and secure.

Pray for Former Field Staff



Please pray for all the Field Staff who concluded their service with us at the end of last year/early this year. May God continue to lead and guide them in their ministries.

BETTER Together



Lessons from the Corinthian Church
Condobolin SRA Showground

3-6 October 2025

CHILDRENS AND YOUTH MINISTRY
PROGRAMS INCLUDED

- VENUE:** Condobolin SRA Pavilion and Showground
Diggers Avenue, Condobolin NSW 2877
- WHEN:** October Long Weekend
Friday 3 – Monday 6 October 2025
- SPEAKER:** AEF Federal Council Member, Jum Naden,
Tamworth NSW
- THEME:** 'Better Together'
- COST:** Weekend registration
\$20 individual, \$50 family, or donation.

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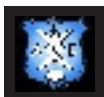
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