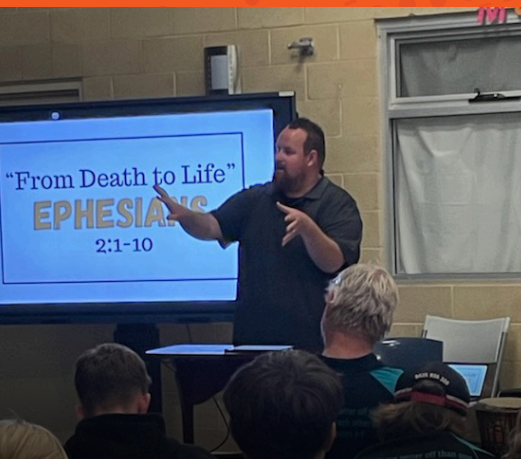


Carnarvon Together!

with Mike & Emma Welham • October 2025



One of the special aspects of ministry in Carnarvon is that we get to invest time in discipling people who are with us here for only a short time. **Matthew & Maxine (pictured left)** are from Canada and have been in Carnarvon for nearly five months as part of a one-year working holiday. During their time with us, Mike has met with them regularly to chat, train and disciple them in their walk with Jesus.

They rose to the occasion, and we discussed many topics from the Bible, family, the pressures Christians face in the world today, and more. Their feedback was that their time in Carnarvon has been enriching and encouraging, spurring them on to continue living wholehearted, intentional lives for Jesus. This coming Sunday is their last one with us, so we will send them off with a BBQ burger brunch after church.

Please pray for them as they continue their journey, and pray that God might send more wonderful people to Carnarvon – even for a short time.

It's been a very full few months since our last issue! In the first week of August, Mike travelled to Perth to take part in the annual Perth Gospel Partnership conference. Emma remained in Carnarvon to conduct her chaplaincy work, so the kids joined Mike on the trip to Perth where they were joined by his parents from Bunbury. They spent time with the kids while Mike was at the conference. It was a great time of fellowship and Bible teaching, with Glen Scrivenor speaking on the topic of evangelism – something dear to Mike's heart.

Once the conference was over, Mike's parents travelled with them

from Perth to Shark Bay, where Mike ran a service with the local church community and spent time exploring the area.

A highlight was visiting Monkey Mia, a famous beach where wild dolphins come in from the deep ocean to the shore each day (see banner image).

It was a real treat to be able to do ministry in town while also enjoying the tourist attractions! After a few days in Shark Bay, we made our way back to Carnarvon to prepare for the coming of Year Ten students and staff from Geraldton Christian College, as part of their annual *Service Week*.

Together with volunteers from church, we prepared a bulk spaghetti dish for the staff and students on their first night in Carnarvon which was well received. Mike also had the privilege of leading a special church service for the campers, as they travelled on the Sunday, when they would usually attend their own churches in Geraldton.

We were blessed with the help of two musicians from the Carnarvon Church of Christ (churches working together in unity – yes!). Mike ran the service and preached from Ephesians 2, discussing how, in Christ, we have been taken from

Banner Image: Dolphins at Monkey Mia

Circle Image: The Welhams

Middle Image: Matthew & Maxine our Canadian visitors

Bottom Image: Mike teaching during the Geraldton Christian College visit



Some of the GCC students after gardening at the church

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death to life – a truly wonderful thing indeed! Later in the week, a group of students and staff visited St George's for a Question and Answer session. The students and staff asked insightful questions about the Bible, theology and pastoral ministry. It was a joy to spend time talking with these young people at a pivotal moment in their lives.

Emma spent a good deal of time with the GCC cohort during their time in Carnarvon as well, doing daily coffee runs and supporting the staff with various tasks and having meaningful conversations. A group of students also came to St George's and helped out with weeding, mowing and edging, making the place look so much nicer. We look forward to next year when they return!

During the first week of the school holidays, we all travelled to Perth for the biennial *Fellow Workers Conference*, where all the ministry families of the Diocese of North West Australia gather for a camp filled with Bible teaching, games and fellowship. We had a great time, and farewelled Daniel & Bec Faricy (BCA in Kununurra) as they finish their time in the North West.

During the second week of the school holidays, Emma attended the Youth Care WA Conference, staying at the Crown Hotel in Perth and networking with the many other chaplains across Western Australia. While she was enjoying her time in Perth, Mike took the kids to Bunbury to see his parents, but they all got sick spending the whole week in bed and then driving home to Carnarvon once

they had recovered enough for the journey. We are happy to report that we are (mostly!) better now.

Since returning to Carnarvon, Emma has commenced the school term in her chaplaincy role, and is really enjoying the deepening relationships she has with the students and staff.

Do continue to pray for her as she does this important work!

We would like to express our gratitude for all the messages we receive from our BCA supporters. Your prayer and support mean so much to us, and helps us to keep *going the distance* for Christ here in Carnarvon – thank you!

With love from,
Mike, Emma, Zac, Ollie & Eliza

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