

# Prayer *Notes*

AUTUMN 2023

*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 remote and regional Australia.

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

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## Under God, we do this by

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**proclaiming** Christ so that people may respond to Him;

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**nurturing** Christians in their faith and ministry;

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**strengthening** local Christian communities in their mission;

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**providing** services of Christian care and advocacy;

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**developing** an understanding of Christ's mission and

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**promoting** active partnership throughout the church.

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## Our core commitments are

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

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**trusting** in the vision, authority and encouragement of Scripture;

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

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**developing** interdependent relationships with Diocesan Bishops;

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**providing** pastoral care and professional development for staff and

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**responsibly** managing our resources.

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*Going the distance*

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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.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **planting and renewing sustainable churches**

– We are committed to establishing vibrant and outward-looking gatherings of Christ's people.

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### **equipping local leaders for fruitful ministry**

– We are committed to supporting Christians 'on the ground' so they can be salt and light for Christ.

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### **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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## Going the distance indeed!

I remember well sitting around the boardroom table in the National Office as the Executive were presented with drawings of proposed changes to the BCA logo and style. There was a growing anticipation of what such changes could generate as we focused on 'Going the distance'. Jesus also gave a similar call recorded in Matthew 7: 7, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.". After I retired a whole new chapter in my BCA involvement opened before me. I had more time for prayer and what a privilege that is.

There are times, unknown to us, when Field or Administration staff are facing tough situations. A parent or child is sick, and in isolated locations that can become complicated. Maybe an accident has happened involving a parishioner or member of staff. Although transport has improved in recent decades, there are still frustrations to face in waiting for parts or repairs, especially if the washing machine, fridge, air conditioner, or car is involved. Friendships for children can become an issue in small communities as they repeatedly find themselves forced to find new friends as families leave town. If it happens too often, relationship complications can arise. There is the scorching dry heat in Alice Springs and Roxby Downs. While in Kununurra, Darwin and other places, as the Watson family reminded us in December that summer can be exhausting, "as build-up weather fatigue sets in and life is very full, please pray for extra strength for us..." These Prayer Notes are a treasure because they help us to uphold before the Lord members of the team each day.

We are also privileged because we share in the joys and celebrations. The news that a parish camp was such a blessing, that a Scripture lesson in school opened new understandings, or a comment made in Bible Study revealed the Holy Spirit at work. It declares that the words of Jesus in John 15:5 are true, "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.". What an exciting and privileged team to be part of in the service of the Lord.

**Ernest Horth**

*Former Council Member &  
Coordinator, Boronia Prayer Group*



**Top L-R: Greg & Karen Harris, Greg Bridge & Desiree Chan  
Bottom L-R: Janine van den Tillaart, Nola Starmans,  
Philip Lidbetter & Jessica Kim**

For no word from God will ever fail.  
**Luke 1:37**

### March

As we become accustomed to the regular routine of this year, we pray for the BCA Executive who meet on 16 March. May God bless these faithful servants with wisdom as they seek to bring glory to him in the decisions they make.

### April

In this Easter month, we pray for the work of the Holy Spirit in and through BCA Field Staff around the country. Through them may many new ears hear the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection, repent and believe!

### May

Please pray as preparations are made for the BCA Annual General Meeting and Annual Council meeting held at the end of this month. May God grant us time and energy as we bring all the elements together.

*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. We do this alongside our Executive, Senior Officers and Volunteers.*

**Gadigal Country**



**Neville & Kathryn Naden**

He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus...

**Galatians 3:14a**

### **March**

Please pray for those gathering at the AEF men's fishing weekend in Eden in early March. Pray also for us as we visit the Queensland School of Theology and Brisbane School of Theology this month.

### **April**

Please pray that the Bush and Bible Day held in Brisbane yesterday was an encouragement to those who attended. Neville will also speak at NTE Melbourne this month.

### **May**

Please pray for an AEF-supported ladies' gathering that will take place in Narromine this month. Also pray for Neville who will speak at St Mark's Sadler on 28 May.

*Neville has served as BCA's Indigenous Ministry Officer since 2017. He & Kathie relocated to Ashtonfield, East Maitland in late 2020. They are grateful to all their supporters who faithfully pray for BCA as it continues to grow its Indigenous ministry program.*

**Awabakal Country**





**Greg & Jocelyn Lay**

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. **Mark 11:24**

### **March**

This is the month when Nomads will commence their journeys; please pray for safe travel and Christ-centred conversations.

### **April**

Please pray that our Field Staff will welcome our Nomads and new friendships will be created during this time of migration and going the distance.

### **May**

Many of our Nomads will have visited Field Staff locations by now and we give thanks for their commitment to spreading the love of Christ to all they meet.

*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's Field Staff and their church communities are very encouraged by the presence of Nomads and their willingness to lend a hand.*

*Serving with  
BCA since  
September 2020*

**Woiworung Country**



**Tim Stevens**



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**

### **March**

Pray for the first cohort of ONTRACK participants as we complete our term one program on 13 March. We have been thinking about transitioning well from uni to work, life & ministry in the bush. Give thanks for our first round of presenters.

### **April**

Pray as we begin to finalise the program for term two, and that ONTRACK will continue to be a blessing to our first cohort. Pray for the recent graduates as they put the lessons from term one into practice in their towns and churches.

### **May**

Pray for the opportunity to promote BCA and ONTRACK at the various university mid-year conferences that are about to take place. Pray that more young Christians will seriously consider moving to the bush for the gospel in 2024.

*Tim has been the coordinator of BCA ONTRACK since mid-2022. He serves alongside his wife, Kirsty, part-time as the Vicar of Guyra Anglican Church in the Diocese of Armidale, where he also recently had a diocesan role equipping young lay people for ministry.*

**Nganyaywana Country**



Rachel Dirks



We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done. **Psalm 78:4**

### March

Please pray for the work and reach of the Homegrown podcast that was launched last month and continues this month. Pray that people will engage with BCA and gospel work in Australia. May the podcast be an encouragement in serving our young people.

### April

Please pray for the Jindabyne Easter Camp and the work of partnerships that seek to support remote, rural and regional churches; particularly in the area of kids ministry. May the model of Easter Camp expand for Kingdom purposes.

### May

Please pray for me as I share the work of BCA at the SMBC Children's Ministry Conference on 6 May. Pray that I engage with kids ministers and leaders to develop awareness of and the opportunities in BCA's gospel vision.

*Rachel is passionate about ministry to the next generation and has served in various kids and youth ministry roles for over twenty years. She hopes to see BCA connect with kids across Australia and empower churches wherever they are, to share the gospel with the young people of our nation.*

**Gadigal Country**

# Western Australian Deputationist



**David Mitchell**



So we fix our eyes not on what is seen,  
but on what is unseen since what is seen  
is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

**2 Corinthians 4:18**

Give thanks for the opportunity to be back serving with BCA. Pray that as I start in this role: I will be organised: that churches are receptive; and that deputations would strengthen our partnership in the gospel enabling more informed prayer and mutual encouragement. Pray too that my ministry with the Curtin Christian Union would be effective.

*David is a deputationist with BCA in Perth (and former Field Staff) he's married to Traci and they have three kids in primary school. David's main work is with the Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students at Curtin University where he's been serving since 2019.*

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

**Wadjuk Country**



## First Nations Ministry Training (FNMT)

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

**Isaiah 9:6**

### March

Please pray for continued support for FNMT – spiritual, physical and financial. Pray for students to have increased interest in FNMT courses and also for teaching materials, resources and extra office space.

### April

Pray for the preparation and roll out of other courses, for our teaching staff and online course development.

### May

Pray for us as well as all other FNMT staff as we look to establish funding initiatives.

*Dennis has been a Christian for 41 years and has served in ministry for 30 years. He is a Pastor and has also worked as a Bible College Administrator and College Registrar. Dennis & Valda have been married for 40 years and they have three children and six grandchildren.*

*Serving with BCA since January 2022*

**Wadjuk Country**



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

## Newman



Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

**James 1:2–3**

### March

Pray that God will grow His church in Newman in numbers and faithfulness to Him. Give thanks for the new NW Bishop Darrell Parker as he begins in the role. Pray that we will be able to connect with new families through our Monday morning Playtime ministry.

### April

Give thanks for the opportunity to share the good news of Jesus and His resurrection at Easter. Pray that Newman Anglican Church will be a great light for Jesus in our community.

### May

Give thanks for BCA Nomads as they travel around the country: God willing some may be able to come through Newman. Give thanks for a cooler time of year and the opportunity to explore the beautiful Pilbara.

*The Kyngdons have lived in the Pilbara for five 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 us as we make more connections in the church and local community.*

*Serving with BCA since January 2016 (Newman from December 2017)*

**Diocese of North West Australia | The Rt Revd Darrell Parker**

**Nyiyarparli and Martu Country**



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

## Parish of West Pilbara



The Lord is compassionate and gracious,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.

**Psalms 103:8**

### March

New people will still be finding their feet in town this month. Please pray that as a church we can engage with Christians and non-Christians alike for the sake of the gospel. Please pray for our welcome dinner and church 4WD trip.

### April

We look forward to celebrating Easter with the Christians of Karratha this month. Pray for our combined churches' sunrise service; may we be unified around the cross and resurrection of Jesus.

### May

Pray that our church members will make strong relationships in the community for the sake of the gospel. Pray that the training we do this month will help us share the gospel in the West Pilbara.

*The Parish of the West Pilbara includes towns such as Karratha, Roebourne and Wickham. Our mission is to help the people in our patch love Jesus and live for him. We are a small church but deeply desire to see the gospel preached for God's glory and the salvation of souls.*

*Serving with BCA since February 2014 (West Pilbara from August 2019)*

**Diocese of North West Australia | The Rt Revd Darrell Parker**

**Ngarluma Country**





## Exmouth/Onslow



At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" (Which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?") **Mark 15:33–34**

### March

Please pray the Lord will build his church at Exmouth and Onslow. Pray for safety during the cyclone season and while travelling within the northwest. Pray the Lord would give our new Bishop Darrell and his wife Liz wisdom and strength.

### April

Pray the gospel will be heard by many at our Easter services. Pray that Exmouth will be well prepared to manage the massive influx of visitors for the Total Solar Eclipse on 20 April and for opportunities to proclaim Christ to locals and visitors.

### May

Give thanks for God's provision during three years of ministry in Exmouth. Pray that lives will be changed in response to the gospel. Pray for a strengthening of our relationships with First Nations Peoples during Reconciliation Week and beyond.

*Exmouth is a town on the tip of the Northwest 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.*

*Serving with BCA  
since May 2020*

**Diocese of North  
West Australia | The  
Rt Revd Darrell Parker**

***Thalanyji and  
Nhuwala Country***





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

## Kununurra



The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. **John 1:14**

### March

Pray for our youth and children's ministry. Give thanks that these ministries continue to grow and pray that God will continue to raise up leaders who are willing to share the good news of Jesus and disciple the youth and kids He brings us.

### April

Please pray for our Easter outreach this year; that many will hear the gospel and that God will draw many people in Kununurra to Himself. Pray for peace in our community and that broken families will turn to Christ.

### May

Pray for Daniel as he heads to Karamoja in Uganda on a mission trip to our partner diocese. Pray for Bec and the girls in Daniel's absence. Give thanks for the new people who have joined our church this year.

*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 (approximately 50 per cent). Kununurra has many young families and people who are energised and committed to enriching the community.*

*Serving with BCA  
since August 2017*

**Diocese of North  
West Australia | The  
Rt Revd Darrell Parker**

**Miriwoong and  
Gajerrong Country**



**John & Geetha Warner  
Bronwen Cooper**



For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. **Colossians 1:19–20**

## March

Pray for the BCA SA/NT Bible n' Bush week of events 20–23 March with Neville & Kathie Naden and Ruth & Lee Walton. Pray for the Indigenous cultural awareness training event for lay and vocational Christian workers on 24 March.

## April

Pray for the faithful and courageous proclamation of Christ over Easter by our Field Staff and for many to respond to God's invitation of grace. Pray for the Katherine Christian Convention 29 April – 1 May and for God's Spirit to move powerfully to transform the hearts and minds of all who gather under God's life-giving word.

## May

Give thanks and pray for the BCA SA/NT Committee and the office admin team lead by Bron Cooper.

*The SA/NT region incorporates four Dioceses – Adelaide, Murray, Willochra, and the Northern Territory. In 2021, 1.8 million people were living in SA, with 454,555 people in regional, rural and remote SA. 251,396 people live in the NT with 111,000 people outside the greater Darwin area.*

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

**Karna Country**



Daniel (2011)  
Laura (2015)



## Ministry Trainee Alice Springs

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God'." **Matthew 4:4**

### March

Praise God for gospel partnerships. Thank God for the Moore College mission team visiting this month. Pray that students will be an encouragement to our church family and that they will reach the wider community with the message of Jesus.

### April

Praise God for the work done by Jesus on the cross. Ask that all churches in Alice Springs will proclaim Jesus' resurrection powerfully this Easter Sunday. Pray for rest during the school holidays.

### May

Thank God for our month of training in May. Ask God that as a church family we will be further equipped to share the good news and to help grow our children and youth in Jesus. Pray for safety for our youth camp.

*The Hallyburtons have served in the Territory for six years. Topher is now training as an Assistant Minister at the Alice Springs Anglican Church (with former Field Staff Kristan Slack). Alice Springs is a multicultural city with a high Indigenous population.*

*Serving with BCA since February 2017 (Alice Springs from June 2021)*

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

**Arrernte Country**



## Children's Ministry Officer Darwin



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**

### March

Pray for the NT churches such as Fred's Pass Anglican, who have started new kids ministries this year. Pray these ministries will help them connect with families as the love of Jesus is shown.

### April

Praise God for the opportunity to share the good news of Jesus right across the Territory this Easter. Pray that many will come along to church, hear about Jesus' saving death and resurrection, and put their trust in him!

### May

Pray for safe travel as the dry season begins and it becomes easier to visit our remote churches. Pray that God will sustain our remote church leaders as they faithfully proclaim the gospel of Jesus in their communities.

*Naomi works for the Anglican Diocese of the Northern Territory as the Children's Ministry Officer. Her role is to support and resource Anglican churches in the Territory (with a specific focus on Arnhem Land) as they share the good news of Jesus Christ with children.*

*Serving with BCA  
since February 2021*

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

**Larrakia Country**



Jesse (2004)  
Matthew (2005)  
Luke (2007)  
Isabel (2010)



## Women's Pastoral Ministry Worker Darwin

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

**2 Corinthians 4:7**

### March

Give thanks for God's generosity through BCA supporters for Natalie's new role with the Diocese of the Northern Territory. Pray for wisdom in planning and that God will provide opportunities to meet the women He would have her support.

### April

Praise our Lord Jesus for times of encouragement celebrating his death and resurrection over Easter. Pray for regular access to the women's prison to share the powerful news that God's mercy is for everyone and He restores us as we trust in Jesus.

### May

Thank God for meeting all our needs and his Holy Spirit enabling us to persevere. Pray Natalie's application of scripture is true and robust. Pray for Matthew as he works hard in Year 12; that he grows in Jesus, balancing life's demands and joys.

*The Watsons have served with BCA since 2004 in Kununurra and Darwin. This year Natalie has commenced a part-time role for the NT Anglican Diocese as their Women's Pastoral Ministry Worker. She visits women in prison, pastorally supports victims of domestic violence, and helps a team with trauma healing workshops.*

*Serving with BCA since 2004 (Darwin from 2017)*

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

**Larrakia Country**



## Nungalinga College Dean



The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth... those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles. **Isaiah 40:28-31**

### March

The Family & Wellbeing course kicks off again this month. Please pray that students will see the potential for change in their communities and grow in confidence, so that they are able to put their faith and learning into action.

### April

The Katherine Christian Convention takes place in early May each year and gathers Indigenous Christians from communities across the NT. Please pray that the organisers, volunteers and participants will grow in faith and knowledge of God.

### May

Nungalinga is launching a new Chaplaincy course for Certificate 4 graduates this month to equip them to work in several workplaces. Pray that students will be able to apply their faith to new contexts and be ready to serve their communities.

*Nungalinga is the premier Combined Churches Training College for Indigenous Australians based in Darwin. As Anglican Dean, Ruth seeks to develop supportive relationships with Indigenous students so they can succeed in their studies, grow in faith and return to their home church ready to serve.*

*Serving with BCA since January 2021*

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

**Larrakia Country**



## Nungalinga College



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**

### March

Give thanks for those studying at Nungalinga, in the year's first block of classes. Pray for staff as they deliver new courses, and for students, especially those at College for the first time; may they feel supported and encouraged.

### April

Many communities will have recently celebrated Easter, often with lengthy services and re-enactments of the Easter story. Pray that these deep truths will sink into people's lives.

### May

By May, the College year is in full swing. Pray for the logistics of bringing in students from all over the Top End, and as far down as the SA border. May the right people attend College at the right time and learn more of God's Word.

*Nungalinga is the premier Combined Churches Training College for Indigenous students. Emily is the coordinator of the Foundation Studies department, which offers introductory courses in literacy, numeracy and Bible studies.*

*Serving with BCA since January 2023*

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

**Larrakia Country**





Ava (2004)

## SU Northern Territory Field Development Manager



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." **Matthew 19:14**

### March

Pray for Kylie as she continues to meet and inspire supporters. Kylie will also head to Alice Springs for the first time to meet Principals of schools where SU has chaplains and to meet local pastors. Please pray for new doors to open for ministry in that area.

### April

Pray for the work of SU in schools across the NT as they bring the good news of Jesus through Religious Instruction, SUPA clubs, camps and more! May children's hearts be open toward Jesus and may schools flourish because of partnering with SU.

### May

Pray that Term 2 sees more chaplains and religious instructors being employed and deployed across the NT. May their passion for Jesus be contagious and children be receptive to the gospel message.

*BCA supports Scripture Union in funding Kylie as the Field Development Manager overseeing Religious Instruction (SRE/Scripture), Chaplaincy, SUPA Clubs (Primary) and ISCF groups (Secondary). Kylie, her husband Matt and daughter Ava relocated to Darwin to fill this role at the end of January.*

*Serving with BCA from January 2023*

**Scripture Union/  
Mark (Ox) Roberts,  
Regional Manager**

**Larrakia Country**





## Ministry Trainee Darwin Cathedral



But you, Lord, are a shield around me, my glory, the One who lifts my head high. I call out to the Lord, and he answers me from his holy mountain. I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the Lord sustains me. **Psalm 3:3–5**

### March

Give thanks to God for providing us with the opportunity to move to Darwin; for accomodation, work for Em, and helping us settle in. Pray for us as we get to know our new church family and local community.

### April

Give thanks for Easter; that we were able to reach the local community with the good news of Jesus. Pray that we might get the opportunity to connect people to the Cathedral and make them feel welcome.

### May

Pray for the kids and youth programs at the Cathedral; that our young people would live for Jesus and our team of leaders would continue to grow. And give thanks to God for the start of the dry season!

*Matt and Em have moved to Darwin to serve and be trained at Christ Church Cathedral with BCA. They are excited for the many gospel opportunities that the Darwin city holds, particularly as they reach out to the younger generations and seek to grow the recent evening service plant.*

*Serving with BCA  
since February 2023*

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

**Larrakia Country**



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

## Roxby Downs



Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

**2 Corinthians 5.17–18**

### March

Please pray that Zac's relationships in his new church in Adelaide will grow and that he will be encouraged in his faith. Pray also that Lili will be matured in her faith as her identity is shaped in Christ. Pray too that Jaxon, Jesse and Asher will delight in Jesus.

### April

Thank God that we celebrated Easter in the park. Pray that those who heard the gospel were convicted and turn to Jesus. Pray that as a church we can disciple those who were reached through the Easter services.

### May

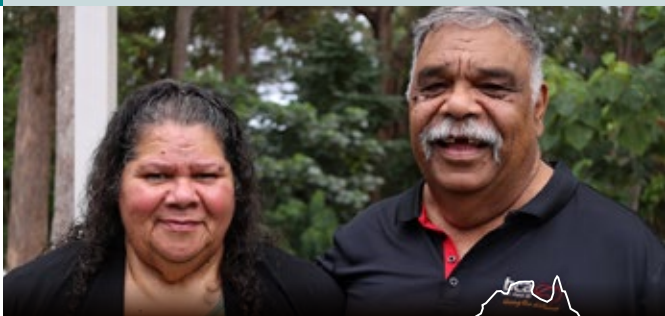
Pray for wisdom to mature people in faith and equip the saints for service.

*Roxby Downs is a mining town in the beautiful arid lands of South Australia, over 500 kms north of Adelaide. Together, the McDonald family hope to share their lives and the love of Jesus with the community. Glen is the minister of Roxby Downs Christian Community Church.*

*Serving with BCA  
since January 2019*

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

**Kokatha Country**



## Outreach Ministry Berean Church



But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side but not crushed.

**2 Corinthians 4:7-8**

### March

Give thanks and praise for the ministry of reconciliation & evangelism and that we can preach the gospel freely to our people. Give thanks for the support of BCA that enables us to spread the good news of Jesus Christ in rural, regional and remote parts of Australia.

### April

Give thanks and praise to God our Father for the many ways he has blessed us. Give thanks and praise for the people we have the honour and privilege of ministering to.

### May

Thank God for the Easter outreach rally and for the new believers, who heard and believed. Pray that they may be disciplined effectively and grow in their faith. Pray that God will continue to lead, guide and uphold us.

*Jack & Lill Harradine have commenced a new evangelistic outreach role with the Aboriginal Berean Community Church (ABCC) supported by BCA in 2023. They previously served with us at the Living Desert Indigenous Church in Broken Hill.*

*Serving with BCA since November 2017 (Outreach from January 2023)*

**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.**





**Adrian Lane & Bob Barclay**



On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him.

**Matthew 2:11a**

### March

May God delight to answer the prayers of those using the Regional Victoria Prayer Notes and raise up more to pray. Pray for Adrian as he writes these Notes and as he preaches and speaks about the work of the Society each Sunday.

### April

Pray that God will raise up many more gospel labourers for Regional Victoria and for Adrian as he visits Ridley College. Pray also for the BCA Victoria Annual Dinner on 22 April, where Bishop Greg Anderson (NT) and Jacob & Sarah Kelly are speaking.

### May

Pray for Adrian as he cares for the Victorian Field Staff. May God provide further opportunities for BCA ministry in Victoria. Pray for fruit from Adrian's visit to the multicultural parish of Dandenong North on 14 May.

*Victoria has over 1.58 million people in its growing regional shires, from a wide range of cultural backgrounds. Pray for an outpouring of God's Spirit right across the state, drawing many who are lost to repentance and faith, that they too may worship our King.*

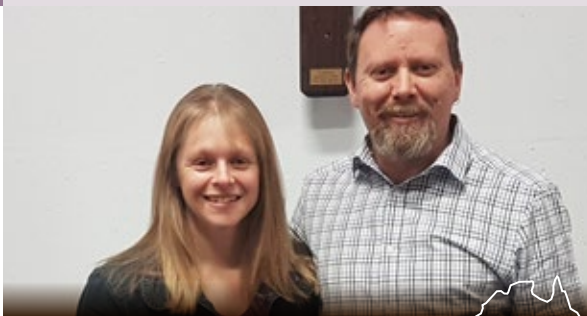
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## Mallee Missioner



I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who makes things grow. **1 Corinthians 3:6–7**

### March

We have been in place for just over a month. Pray for acclimatisation to the weather and that we are able to build robust relationships across the Mission. Give thanks for our commissioning into the role this month.

### April

Following Easter celebrations, we are taking three weeks long service leave before the Diocesan Clergy Conference. Pray for refreshment in our leave, and that the conference will sharpen our focus on the risen Jesus.

### May

As we slowly build strategic relationships with ministry partners, pray for wisdom and clarity to understand what is needed to make them fruitful for Jesus. Pray for safe travelling across the Mission and to Diocesan events.

*The Mallee Mission involves visiting ministry through the parishes of Sunraysia South (APOSS), Central Mallee Parish (with the UCA), and part of the Northern Mallee Parish. Steve & Vanessa have two adult daughters, one elderly dog, and moved from Port Lincoln SA to take up this role.*

*Serving with BCA in the Mallee since February 2023*

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

**Latje Latje Country**



Theodore (2021)

## Student Minister Bendigo Diocese



And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." **Matthew 3:17**

### March

Please pray for Jacob and the team at St Andrew's as they prepare for Easter. May our Easter services be an opportunity for people to reconnect with church and hear the gospel afresh or for the first time.

### April

Pray for the Victorian BCA AGM at which Jacob & Sarah will share. Pray that they would be an encouragement to all whom attend, and that Christ would be proclaimed on this night and all throughout rural Victoria.

### May

Pray for the Kelly family's home life. Pray that Jacob & Sarah will be godly parents to Theodore and that God would sustain them through this ministry and give them adequate time for rest and connection.

*The Kellys' are based in Kyabram, where Jacob leads the people of St Andrew's. In their spare time, Jacob & Sarah enjoy healthy food, interesting movies and puzzles, while Theodore enjoys laughing and toys.*

*Serving with BCA  
since March 2019*

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

**Baraba Baraba and  
Ngurrailam Country**





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

## Strathfieldsaye



Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. **1 John 4:7**

### March

Pray for our Annual General Meeting, for those elected to the Church council and that our new members will lead and continue the work of proclaiming the gospel in Strathfieldsaye. Pray for our boys and their friendships at school and also for Nathan in Year 12.

### April

A lot of people visit Bendigo over Easter. Pray for opportunities where we can share the hope that we have in Jesus' death and resurrection. Thank God for our monthly Men's breakfast and the relationships that are being built through it.

### May

Praise God for the connections we have with families in our community and that we can start a 4pm Family Service. Pray that we will be bold and invite others to join us in our church community.

*Approximately 7000 people live in Strathfieldsaye and 31 per cent of our population is under the age of 19, so there are a lot of families here! A lot of land is being sub-divided for new housing developments and there are planning permits for new businesses – Strathfieldsaye is growing!*

*Serving with BCA since May 2020*

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

**Djadjawurung Country**



Micah (2011)  
Joshua (2011)  
Jacob (2013)  
Isaac (2015)

## Bendigo Ministry Development Officer



"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

**Matthew 11:28-29**

### March

Pray for George as he takes long service leave through March and April. Give thanks for the opportunity of extended rest and pray that it is a time of rejuvenation. Pray for the family over the coming school holidays.

### April

Give thanks that parishes across the Diocese were able to share the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection over Easter. Give thanks that the resources developed and shared enabled engagement with children and families.

### May

Give thanks for the Bendigo Clergy Conference in early May and for George's work as Ministry Development Officer. Pray for Sarah and the boys as they commence Term 2 and for opportunities to share the gospel with students, staff & families at the school.

*The Hemmings tribe live and minister in Bendigo, Victoria. George serves as Archdeacon and Ministry Development Officer, including training and support for Children's, Youth and Families ministry. Sarah works in a local Christian school, which their four boys also attend.*

*Serving with BCA  
since September  
2020*

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

**Djadjawurung Country**



## Croajingolong



The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labour. For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building. **1 Corinthians 3:8–9**

### March

As we journey through Lent and look towards Easter celebrations, we pray that others will be inspired to discover more about their faith.

### April

After Easter the tourism season begins to slow down. We pray for refreshment and rejuvenation for the local businesses and traders who have worked so hard through the summer.

### May

As we plan how to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the opening of St Peter's later this year, we pray for all who have had seeds of faith planted in them over those 50 years. May those seeds either begin or continue to grow, and may we see the harvest.

*The Cooperating Parish of Croajingolong covers a remote area of far east Victoria. The two main towns are Cann River (pop 200) and Mallacoota (Pop 1200.) 2023 marks 50 years since St Peter's Mallacoota was built as the community church, we seek to use this anniversary year to reach new people.*

*Serving with BCA since April 2020*

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

**Bidwell Country**



Caleb (2011)  
Abigail (2020)

## Josh & Naomi Skeat



But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. **Jude 20–21**

### March

Pray for the Skeat family as they settle into life in their new Parish.

### April

Thank God for Easter, give thanks for clear opportunities for our Field Staff to communicate the good news of Jesus.

### May

Pray for Josh as he travels to share about the work of BCA and encourages others to join in praying for and supporting gospel ministry.

*Josh and his family recently moved to the Parish of Ulverstone where he serves as Rector, alongside his role as BCA Tasmanian Regional Officer.*

Diocese of Tasmania |  
The Rt Revd  
Dr Richard Condie

*Tommeginne Country*



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

## Southern Beaches



But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. **Matthew 6:33**

### March

Now that school has started and most people are beginning to feel settled, pray that those who are new to the area or have been away on holiday will make gathering with the saints a priority.

### April

Easter was a wonderful time of opportunity to share the heights and depths of Christ's love for us. Pray that those who were bold in inviting friends to our services and shared their own faith with their loved ones around Easter will see fruit.

### May

This is the birthday month for our family, with 4/5 of us celebrating in May! Please pray that we have the time and emotional capacity to celebrate well for a whole month, and that it will be a month of relational rejuvenation for our family.

*2023 marks the third year for the Hornes in the Southern Beaches, of Southeast Tasmania. Dave continues to serve as Minister of a growing church of about 60 people, the only church in a community of 7000 people. Lauren and the kids enjoy getting involved in everything our community offers.*

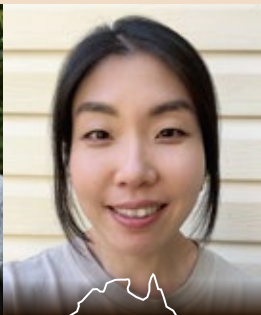
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**Diocese of Tasmania |  
The Rt Revd  
Dr Richard Condie**

**Paredarerme Country**



**Paul & Cathy Sampson**  
**Elza Lee**



I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.

**Psalms 130:5**

### March

Pray that partnerships would be strengthened between churches, Moore College and BCA as we work together in a week of mission in various places across Australia. Pray for Paul as he visits and preaches at churches in Sydney and regional NSW/ACT.

### April

Pray for effective deputations and pastoral visits and that there is mutual encouragement for churches and Field Staff. Praise God for the many Easter Services focused on the Lord Jesus.

### May

Pray for Paul as he visits and preaches at various churches in Sydney and regional NSW/ACT. Pray that our AGM was an engaging and encouraging gathering of BCA supporters.

*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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## Generate Field Development Manager



Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! **2 Corinthians 5:17**

### March

Give thanks for an encouraging weekend away at a Generate retreat held in Sydney with SRE teachers and Chaplains. Pray they are feeling refreshed and energised after spending time with others who serve in ministry.

### April

Please pray for SRE teachers and Chaplains as they get ready to head back into school. Pray they will feel refreshed and strengthened by the Holy Spirit for the term ahead.

### May

Pray for the vacancies in school ministry positions throughout NSW. Please pray particularly that those positions that have been vacant for a while will be filled with faithful people.

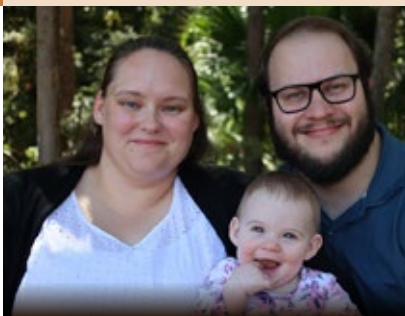
*Rachael works with Generate as a Field Development Manager, seeking to support SRE Boards, SRE Teachers and Chaplains employed in public schools throughout Central West NSW. She is passionate about the opportunities provided through school's ministry for children to hear the gospel.*

*Serving with BCA since April 2021*

Generate |  
John Menzies,  
General Manager

*Wiradjuri Country*





Hannah (2021)

## West Wyalong



But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

**2 Corinthians 12:9**

### March

Praise God for our start to ministry in West Wyalong. Pray that we, as a church, would boldly and clearly share the hope we have in Jesus in town this Easter.

### April

Praise God for all the members of the church in West Wyalong. Pray that we can continue to develop relationships and settle into the church and town.

### May

Praise God for all the clergy working in the harvest field of the Bathurst Diocese. Pray that they would have times of rest and refreshment in ministry. Pray for more to be raised up to go out into the harvest field.

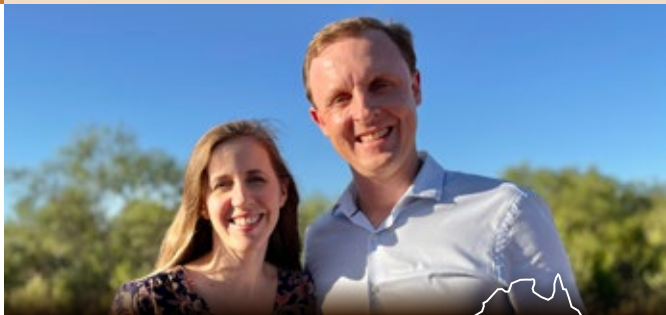
*Steven served as a ministry trainee in the Diocese of Bathurst for two years. This year Steven, Caitlin and Hannah moved to West Wyalong to take on the role of Priest in Charge. They are excited to be a part of the church and community and look forward to seeing what ministry and gospel opportunities God puts in front of them.*

*Serving with BCA  
since January 2021  
(West Wyalong  
since January 2023)*

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

**Wiradjuri Country**





Cobar



But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed, and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth.

**2 Timothy 4:17**

### March

Thank God for standing by our side as we share the gospel. Ask that our church will be bold in sharing Jesus with the people of Cobar.

### April

Thank God for the strength He gives us to proclaim the gospel. Ask God to strengthen us to serve Him as we reach out to miners in the community.

### May

Pray that the gospel message will be fully proclaimed to everyone. Ask God to show mercy to people and lead them into his kingdom through repentance and faith in Jesus.

*James & Brittany moved from Mudgee to Cobar in January this year where James became the Priest in Charge of the Anglican Church in Cobar. James seeks to continue the work of evangelism as well as pastor and equip Christians to share the good news.*

*Serving with BCA since March 2017 (Cobar since January 2023)*

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

**Wiradjuri Country**



Josiah (2018)  
Vivienne (2021)

## Cowra



His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. **2 Peter 1:3**

### March

Pray for us as we continue to settle into Cowra and adjust to new routines. Pray that we will be bold in preaching the gospel. Please pray for the preparations for Easter, and that we will have visitors to church over the Easter weekend.

### April

Praise God for the opportunity Ben had to preach the gospel over the Easter weekend. Please pray that those who heard this message understand their sinfulness and need for a Saviour. May they call upon the name of Jesus and be saved.

### May

Praise God for the saints at St John's. Pray that we can continue to grow in relationship with them. Pray that the saints can grow in their love and understanding of the Bible, and will be faithful witnesses for the Lord in Cowra.

*Cowra is a small town in Central West NSW, with roughly 10,000 people. After training in the Armidale Diocese God has brought us to serve in Cowra to help revitalise the church, and faithfully proclaim God's word to the town.*

*Serving with BCA  
since January 2023*

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

**Wiradjuri Country**



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

## Ministry Trainee Diocese of Bathurst



Watch your life and doctrine closely.  
Persevere in them, because if you do, you  
will save both yourself and your hearers.

**1 Timothy 4:16**

### March

Please pray that James would continue to settle in well to his new role and that the family would grow friendships. Pray that Elijah would settle well into school and that Joshua would secure a preschool place.

### April

Please pray that we would follow-up visitors to our Easter services well and that we would see new disciples of Christ.

### May

Pray for wisdom as we consider establishing a playgroup ministry.

*Since January, James has served as an assistant minister at the Cathedral parish in the Diocese of Bathurst. We are excited to see the way God grows us in maturity and what opportunities he will grant us to testify to his glory.*

*Serving with BCA  
since January 2023*

Diocese of Bathurst |  
The Rt Revd  
Mark Calder

*Wiradjuri Country*



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

## Broken Hill



As for other matters, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honoured, just as it was with you. **2 Thessalonians 3:1**

### March

Please pray that our Sunday Services will have an evangelistic edge to them. Pray that we will increasingly see non-Christians at church. Pray also for our family as we look for a new house to buy and live in.

### April

Give thanks for the people of Saltbush and their incredible servant heartedness. Pray that this Easter God reminded all of us here of how Jesus served us. Pray that all were filled with joy and wonder as we considered the cross.

### May

Please pray that at Saltbush we can worship Jesus in every aspect of our lives. Ask God to help us to take our holiness seriously. Pray that we will encourage each other to put sin to death and to live for Jesus.

*About 17,000 people live in Broken Hill. It is an eclectic place. Broken Hill is famous for mining, art and movies (e.g., Mad Max). Sadly, most of the people in Broken Hill are on a collision course with God's judgment. The Hurley family want to see masses of people start worshipping Jesus.*

*Serving with BCA since February 2019 (Broken Hill from February 2023)*

**Saltbush  
Evangelical Church**

**Wiljali Country**



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

## Jindabyne



For the grace of God has appeared, that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say 'No' to ungodliness and worldly passions... while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Titus 2:11–13**

### March

Thank God for new families and individuals who have made The Village Church their home over the last few months. Pray that our church will continue to depend on the Lord in all things and that our joy will increase as we experience more of his grace.

### April

Give thanks for our kids' holiday program – Easter Camp. Pray that God was at work in young hearts bringing them to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. Give thanks for all the volunteers.

### May

Pray for us as we prepare ourselves for the winter season. May we have welcoming and generous hearts to meet and integrate visitors into our church family, to build real relationships, and to promote the cause of Christ on the mountain.

*Jindabyne is a growing alpine community set in the rural Snowy Mountains. It has a year-round need for Bible teaching churches to proclaim the good news of Jesus and nurture Christian community. We have 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 | The Rt Revd Dr Mark Short**

**Ngarigo Country**



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

## Norfolk Island



He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance!  
**Acts 28:31**

### March

As we approach Easter, please pray that God will give us opportunities to proclaim the good news of Jesus, and that through these opportunities he will bear fruit and grow his kingdom on Norfolk Island.

### April

Pray for our Church as we look to launch some new ministries. May these edify the faithful brothers and sisters in our church and make the truth of Jesus more accessible to those not in God's kingdom.

### May

Please pray for the Carleton family; that God will give them wisdom and strength, as they seek to serve him and his people on Norfolk Island.

*Norfolk Island is about 1400 kms off the coast of Australia, due east of Byron Bay and has about 2200 permanent residents. Norfolk Island has a rich Christian history but please pray that God will use the Carleton family in their ministry and that of the Christians on the Island to grow his kingdom.*

*Serving with BCA  
since January 2022*

Diocese of Sydney |  
The Most Revd  
Kanishka Raffel



**Mike & Sandra Uptin**  
**Craig Buchanan**

I rejoiced with those who said to me,  
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."  
**Psalms 122:1**

### March

Pray for growth in support in our region during 2023. May many more people hear of our work and choose to support prayerfully and financially. May that growth in support be felt in the office but also as a blessing on our Field Staff.

### April

Pray that our first Bush and Bible Day for the year was a celebration of what God has done in our region in the last 12 months. Thank God for fruitful conversations at the Mount Tamborine Easter Convention.

### May

Pray for safe travel and fruitful deputations as Mike spends two weeks away from home visiting Townsville and Rockhampton and places in between. Also thank God for a successful second Bush and Bible Day in Rockhampton.

*The QLD/NNSW Region covers the same area as the Anglican Dioceses of Armidale, Grafton, Southern QLD, Central QLD and North QLD. Over 60 per cent of the population of the region live in the Southeast corner of Queensland. Less than 10 per cent of churches in the region are in rural and remote areas.*

**Bishop Cameron**  
**Venables Diocesan**  
**Administrator**

**Turrbal/Yuggera**  
**Country**





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

## Cloncurry



But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.

**Philippians 3:7**

### March

Pray that God will continue to be glorified as we gather at our Sunday services and in our weekly fellowship groups. Pray for opportunities to show Christ's love at the weekly school pancake breakfast and our *mainly music* playgroup outreach.

### April

Pray for Cloncurry and Julia Creek RI (Religious Instruction) teachers and students. Please also pray for Scripture Union School Chaplains at Cloncurry, Julia Creek and Mount Isa; that God will keep strengthening them for the work they do.

### May

Pray that Christians in Cloncurry will continue to be active in their faith and for opportunities to show God's love through words and actions. May we do everything in God's strength, power and wisdom, and lost people will be saved.

*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 |  
The Rt Revd  
Dr Keith Joseph**

*Mayi-Thakurti Country*





Bede (2010)  
Tabitha (2012)  
Silas (2014)

## Moranbah



Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" **Mark 9:7**

### March

Give thanks for those who have served on our parish council over a particularly challenging last year. Pray for those who will serve us this year.

### April

Pray that we will have opportunities for following up those we met during our Messy Church, Easter services and activities over the last month.

### May

Pray for our weekly Bible studies. Give thanks for those who can meet with us for encouragement around God's Word and pray for new members to join with us.

*Moranbah is a mining town in the Isaac region of central Queensland with a significant percentage of families with school-aged children. The population is transient and many out here feel the impact of living in an isolated community, which have been more intense over the last few years.*

*Serving with BCA since October 2017*

Anglican Church  
Central Queensland |  
The Rt Revd  
Peter Grice

*Barada Barna Country*



## Central Queensland Registrar



Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.

**Joshua 1:9**

### March

Please pray for Easter preparations across the Diocese. Pray that the gospel will be proclaimed faithfully and that hearts will be transformed. Please pray for our Clergy to be filled with encouragement and grace at this time.

### April

Please give thanks for the recent conference that Jen attended and for all she brings back to the Diocese from that event. Please pray that she will be able to share learning and encouragement with CQ clergy in a meaningful way.

### May

Please pray for God to raise up ordained clergy to join the CQ team; to lead vacant parishes, to faithfully proclaim the gospel, and to be an encouragement to our existing clergy.

*Serving with BCA since January 2022, Jen is the Registrar of the Diocese of Central Queensland. This is a strategic ministry position designed to equip and support mission and ministry throughout the region. The Central Queensland Diocese covers approximately 570,000 square kms from the reef to the outback.*

*Serving with BCA since January 2022*

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

**Darumbal Country**



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

## Lightning Ridge



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

### **Psalms 96:3**

#### **March**

Pray for the return (God-willing) of our first post-COVID, full-scale Northlight Anglican Church mission week. Pray especially for the after-school kids' club and youth group; that gospel seeds will be sown.

#### **April**

Thank God for the opportunity to proclaim the gospel this Easter, especially with increased crowds about for the annual Easter Festival in Lightning Ridge.

#### **May**

We are now in the middle of Reconciliation Week (27 May–3 June); pray that God's glory will be declared among all the nations, including the First Nations Peoples of our land.

*Lightning Ridge is an iconic, opal-mining town in north-western NSW. Kurt & Bec serve in Lightning Ridge with Heather Robinson (children's ministry) and their church family. The Community Church meets each Sunday in Lightning Ridge; monthly in Cumborah and Goodooga: 'Building Christ's Church – in the Ridge, on the Rock!'*

*Serving with BCA since January 2020*

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

**Kamilaroi Country**



## Barwon Special District Anglican Parish

And how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. **2 Timothy 3:15**

### March

Please pray the upcoming Easter services in Walgett and Collarenebri and for the River Convention as it goes around different towns in our region. Please remember our ANZAC Day service at Collarenebri; may opportunities arise for George to speak.

### April

Please pray that as we get invited to community events, opportunities will arise to share the gospel. Also continue to pray for the Walgett/Collarenebri Kids' Clubs and the Indigenous Ministry training day in May.

### May

Please pray for the annual outreach in Collarenebri on the King's Birthday long weekend in June.

*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 (Barwon District from January 2020)*

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## Richard Bromley – Mission Director

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

**1 Thessalonians 5:16–18**

### March

Preparations for the annual Chaplains and Families' Conference (24–28 April) are in full swing: Please pray that it will encourage and feed our mission partners who often work in isolated and demanding contexts.

### April

Please pray for ICS's work as a patronage society, especially the continued recruitment of gifted, wise and godly ministers for international Anglican churches. Currently there are vacancies in Cannes and Chantilly.

### May

ICS will celebrate its 200th anniversary with a Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday 27 June in London. Praise God for all that has been achieved over the centuries and pray for the mission that is to take place; for vision for the future.

*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 guidance, wisdom, responsibility and knowledge as the National Council consider matters that impact the direction of BCA ministry.

Give thanks and praise for the commitment and the faithfulness that each member brings to the Society.

Pray for the new members to have a quick understanding about the workings and responsibilities within the National Council.

# Pray for Former Field Staff and Vacant Parishes



Chris & Wendy Thiele



Dale & Rachel Barclay



Jeremy & Claire Morgan

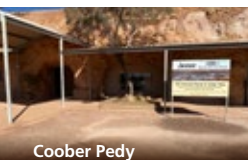


Philip & Jessica van't Spyker



Simon & Alison Reeve

Please pray for our Former Field Staff who faithfully served BCA for many years. Give thanks and pray for Chris & Wendy Thiele back on the mainland of Tasmania, Dale & Rachel Barclay now serving at Eaglehawk in the Diocese of Bendigo, Jeremy & Claire Morgan in the Parish of Colac, Philip & Jessica van't Spyker in Moree and Simon & Alison Reeve now serving in the Senior Minister role in Woolgoolga.



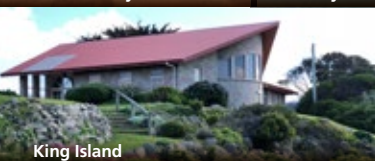
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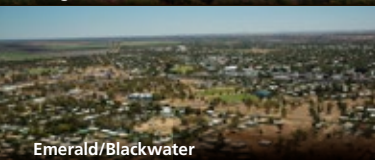
Kangaroo Island



King Island



Longreach



Emerald/Blackwater



Indigenous Ministry Trainee in South Tamworth

Please continue to pray for our vacant parishes of Coober Pedy, Murray Bridge, Kangaroo Island, King Island, Longreach, Emerald/Blackwater and for an Indigenous Ministry Trainee in South Tamworth. Pray that God would stir the hearts of the people that he is calling to these roles.



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