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Announcement
Archdeacon of the North-West
and
Principal of the Company of the Good Shepherd

Dear brothers and sisters,

Warm greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus.

I am thankful to let you know that the Rev'd Brett Watterson, rector of Dubbo, has accepted my invitation to serve the Lord and our Diocese as Archdeacon of the North-West and Principal of the Company of the Good Shepherd. These roles work together well, as there is significant overlap both in terms of geography and spheres of responsibility. He will continue as rector of Dubbo.



Responsibilities of the Archdeacon include:

- To facilitate fellowship and pastoral support for clergy
- To foster a sense of collegiality among clergy and active licenced lay ministers
- To work with the bishop to help find suitable clergy for parishes in the region
- To support parishes without clergy and help with transition as new clergy are found
- To work with me to assess the work and where possible, rebuild the work in the region

Responsibilities of the Principal of the Company of the Good Shepherd include:

- Provide oversight of the CGS ministry area as agreed with the bishop.
- Deploy ministry resources across the CGS Ministry Area.
- Provide pastoral support to the companions and regularly gather for prayer and professional development, recognising the isolation inherent in the ministry of the CGS.
- Provide ongoing feedback to the Bishop and the Synod concerning this ministry.
- Liaise with the Brotherhood of the Good Shepherd Council regarding ongoing sponsorship and review with me the future of BGS.

Of course, Brett needs no introduction to most in the Diocese having served as Diocesan Archdeacon until June this year. In that role, he was a blessing as administrator of the Diocese when we were without a bishop and as chair of the bishop's election board.



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While Brett will take up this role almost immediately, I will officially commission him at the synod service on 5th February 2022.

Please thank the Lord for Brett's willingness to serve in this way and ask God's wisdom, strength, guidance, and protection as he adds these responsibilities to his already weighty role as rector of Dubbo.

To God's gracious mercy and protection I commend you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Calder'.

The Rt Rev'd Mark Calder
Bishop of Bathurst Diocese
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