

Featured News

**SHARING  
JESUS  
for LIFE**



OUR SUMMER SERMON SERIES  
**EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING**  
EPHESIANS 1:3-14  
CHOSEN // ADOPTED // REDEEMED // INFORMED // SEALED



THREE WEEK SERIES      YEAR LAUNCH  
SEEK | SHINE | GO

1. Seek first the kingdom of God – Matt 6:25-34
2. Let your light shine before others - Matt 5:1-16
3. Go and make disciples of all nations – Matt 28:16-20



For your calendar

SAVE THESE DATES      2023

- Retreat for retired clergy – Feb 8-11 – Perthville
- Conference - clergy wives – Feb 24-26 - Galong
- Training for LLMs – Mon 6 March – 7pm – via zoom
- Training for nominators - Mon 3 April – 7pm – via zoom
- Diocesan conference – 13 May – Dubbo
- Retreat for clergy – 22-25 May – Galong
- Diocesan camp – 11-13 Aug - Ridgecrest
- Diocesan synod – 15-16 Sept - Bathurst



General News

**COMMISSIONING SERVICES**  
**Grenfell – Tim Smith**  
11am Sat Jan 21  
**Oberon – Jonny Lush**  
1.30pm Sun Jan 22  
**Cowra – Ben Connelly**  
1.30pm Sat Jan 28  
**West Wyalong – Steven Klouth**  
11am Sat Feb 11  
**Cobar – James Daymond**  
11am Sat Feb 18  
 Clergy are invited to robe and process (choir habit or alb and white) for Grenfell, Cowra and West Wyalong. For Oberon and Cobar – welcome to collar and sit together.  
**Ordination**—04 Mar, at the Cathedral, 10am – James Boardman to be made deacon. Clergy are invited to robe and process (choir habit or alb and white).  
**Assistant registrar role** – 1 day p/w available. Ask Louise for the job description.  
**BiC – Bishop-in-Council** – this body meets between synod gatherings to carry on the work of synod. We now produce a report following each meeting to keep you informed. Recently the Rev'd James Daymond was elected to BiC to fill the vacancy left by Canon Fogo. The result of other elections recently conducted to fill casual vacancies will be made available in the next report. A full list of BiC members may be found in the prayer points on p2.  
**Gambling** – Contact your state MP re reducing harm caused by gambling prior to the state election. Email Mark for more information.  
**Retreat for retired clergy** – contact [Margaret Finlay](#)  
**Conference for clergy wives** – contact is [Susan Calder](#)  
**Training for LLMs and nominators** – contact is [Mark Calder](#)  
**Diocesan conference** – contact is [Andrew Thornhill](#)

Bishop writes

Dear friends,  
 I trust you've had opportunity for a brief respite from responsibility and routine in the Christmas/New year period! Susan and I revelled in family time on the Sunshine Coast and were grateful for a break. We've also been enjoying the Bible studies from the CMS summer school which we've been watching online. Wonderful to work through the letter to the Hebrews over a week and to hear testimony from many missionaries about the work of the gospel right across the globe!  
 You'll see from this newsletter that I'll hit the ground running with the commissioning of five clergy in new roles between 21 Jan and 18 Feb. Praise God for these appointments as they are all clear answers to the prayers of many. Please continue to pray for the 12 out of 28 parishes which remain without clergy: Bourke, Nyngan, Warren, Coonamble, Gilgandra, Narromine, Coolah-Dunedoo, Cumnock, Mudgee, Condobolin, Trundle and Kelso. Pray that the Lord will raise up workers for his harvest field.  
 I trust you've revelled in the riches of God's grace as I've been recalling them for us in our summer sermon series from Ephesians 1:3-14. How great is God's goodness to us! My prayer is that these messages bring increased clarity and comfort!  
 Between the end of this series and the start of Lent, I'll present a 'year launch' – SEEK, SHINE, GO.  
 In line with our diocesan catch phrase *SHARING JESUS FOR LIFE*, I will challenge us to seek first the kingdom of God, to let our light shine before others and to go and make disciples of all nations. I trust that the Word of God will do that great work of transforming us into the likeness of Jesus.  
 Mark  
**The Rt Rev'd Mark Calder**  
**Bathurst Diocese**

## Upcoming sermons

### SUMMER SERIES – EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING

|        |             |                  |
|--------|-------------|------------------|
| JAN 01 | Chosen      | Ephesians 1:3-10 |
| JAN 08 | Predestined | Ephesians 1:3-10 |
| JAN 15 | Adopted     | Ephesians 1:3-10 |
| JAN 22 | Redeemed    | Ephesians 1:3-10 |
| JAN 29 | Informed    | Ephesians 1:3-10 |

### YEAR LAUNCH - SEEK, SHINE, GO!

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|--------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| FEB 05 | Seek first the kingdom of God        | Matthew 6:25-34  |
| FEB 12 | Let your light shine before others   | Matthew 5:1-16   |
| FEB 19 | Go and make disciples of all nations | Matthew 28:16-20 |

### LENTEN STUDIES/LENTEN SERMONS – START SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY

...on the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus so we may prepare well for Easter.

Our speakers this year are from St Barnabas Broadway in Sydney – the Rev'd Mike Paget, (Rector) and one of their associate ministers, Erica Hamence. More details to come soon.

### AFTER EASTER

...we will return to the book of Acts, picking up where we left at the end of Term 2 last year – beginning at Ch 10.

## Please Pray

**Pray for the commissioning services** to take place over the coming weeks – that these clergy will be a great blessing in their new parishes as they seek to share Jesus for life.

**Lenten studies/sermons** – Thank the Lord for our speakers this year – Mike Paget and Erica Hamence – and pray that their teaching will bring great clarity on the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus as we prepare for Easter.

**Locum – Kelso** – Give thanks and pray for the Rev'd Linda Boss who will serve in this role for February - March.

**Bishop-in-Council** – Please pray for wisdom for those who serve the diocese in this important way – Bishop Mark Calder, Archdeacons Jono Williams and Brett Watterson, the Very Rev'd James Hodson, the Rev'ds Phil Howes, James Daymond, Bob Cameron, and Andrew Thornhill, and Karen Trafford, Lisa Milton, Ray Haigh, John Power, Sue West and Mark Galbraith. Dr Warwick Baines serves BiC as secretary. Please also pray for the lay vacancy to be filled.

**Give thanks for the generous partnership of BCA** in Cobar, Cowra, West Wyalong, the Cathedral. Ask God's blessing on all who minister as BCA Field staff members around Australia, that they will help reach Australia for Christ.

**Pray for the Bishop's Sunday ministry** coming up:  
**Jan 14/15** – Cathedral  
**Jan 21/22** – Cathedral  
**Jan 22** – O'Connell – 5pm  
**Jan 28/29** – Cathedral  
**Feb 19** – Nyngan  
**Mar 05** - Cumnock

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## Cathedral Services

### Saturday vigil

6pm (5pm when no daylight saving)

### Sunday

8.30am Traditional  
10am Contemporary  
*Also 8.30am Mon, Wed, Thu; 10am Fri*

## Supporting our clergy

We would love your support for Phil Howes, Bec Choi, Tim Smith and/or Jonny Lush. Please indicate in the reference, who you wish to support.

Account: Synod Management Fund  
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