

### Commissioning services



Top left – Jonny Lush with Liz – Oberon

Right – Tim Smith with Jess – Grenfell

Bottom left – Ben Connolly with Allissa – Cowra



Left – Commissioning of Steven with Caitlin Klouth – West Wyalong

Left – Commissioning of James with Brittany Daymond – Cobar



### Recent retreat for wives & women in ministry



**THE CHURCH**  
**I'd love to join**

**Diocesan conference**  
**Saturday 13 May**  
**Macquarie Grammar - Dubbo**

### General News

**Ordination**—04 March, at the Cathedral, 10am – James Boardman will be made a deacon. Clergy are welcome to robe and process (choir habit or alb and white).

**Assistant registrar role** – we are currently praying for and advertising a role to assist Warwick Baines for 1 day p/w available. Ask Louise for PD.

**Easter resources** – Mark has service outlines, power points and music to share if helpful.

**Parishes without clergy** – we have a total of 28 parishes in our diocese. 12 of those, have no resident clergy. Some have been without for some years. Please pray that God would raise up ministers for: Cudgegong Valley, Kelso, Narromine, Gilgandra, Coolah-Dunedoo, Condobolin, Trundle, Coonamble, Warren, Bourke-Brewarrina, Cumnock and Warren.

**Training for LLMs** – this Monday night 6<sup>th</sup> March with Bishop Mark and our new MDO, the Rev'd Andrew Thornhill. We will look at 'what is a licenced lay minister' – roles and expectations, plus, the service of Holy Communion. You're welcome just to turn up via zoom -

<https://tinyurl.com/LLMhelp>

**Training for parish nominators** – what is the task? What is the method of appointing a new minister? Via zoom on Apr 03.

**Diocesan conference – The Church I'd love to join** - an exciting day is planned for 13 May in Dubbo – please mark yourself as being unavailable to attend anything else BUT this conference. Keynote speaker, the Rev'd Mark Smith will inspire and excite us about God's plans for the local church. Then follows extremely practical (all-in) seminars on a range of topics!

### Bishop writes

Dear friends,

**What a joyful start to the year** it has been with the commissioning of clergy for Grenfell, Oberon, Cowra, West Wyalong and Cobar! Please use the **prayer points overleaf** to pray for those who have newly taken up ministry in these places.

**We are now well into Lent**, and I trust it is already proving to be a time of spiritual nourishment and refreshment. If you have not yet used our Lenten studies, I commend them to you. As Lent is about preparing well to celebrate Easter, there can be no better way than to use these studies on the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus to help deepen your understanding of what Jesus has done for us. At this link, you'll find all the videos – building week by week –

<https://tinyurl.com/studiesforlent>

**How do we become the church people would love to join?** I want to commend to you the diocesan conference on 13 May in Dubbo. This year, our venue will have more room, we will all stay together, our sessions will be shorter, sharper and with a greater variety of presenters and methods of presentations with interviews, videos, and practical examples. Please come along and see! Details and registration will be available shortly.

**Bishops' conference** – this year we meet in Hobart from 17-21 March. As there is a spouses program this year, Susan will be joining me. There are many issues about which bishops in Australia hold different views. 'The Gospel', 'Judgement' and 'blessing' are just three, and these will be explored this year. I've been asked to speak on 'the Gospel'. Please pray!

Every blessing,

Mark

**The Rt Rev'd Mark Calder**  
**Bishop of Bathurst**



## Upcoming sermons

### EASTER

Three five-minute reflections will be made available via YouTube and Dropbox for Good Friday and one 12 minute sermon for Easter Day.

### TERM 2 SERIES – ACTS: NEW BEGINNINGS

We pick up the Acts of the Apostles where we left off last year.

<b>APR 16</b>	The power of the Gospel	Acts 10:1-23
<b>23</b>	The Gospel and the Spirit	Acts 10:24-48
<b>30</b>	The Spirit and Baptism	Acts 11:1-18
<b>MAY 07</b>	The Church in Antioch	Acts 11:19-30
<b>Mothers' Day 14</b>	Strategy and Sovereignty	Acts 12:1-24
<b>ASC 21</b>	The Gospel for those who have no God	Acts 12:25-14:28
<b>PENT 28</b>	The Jerusalem Council	Acts 15
<b>JUNE 04</b>	The Mission to Macedonia	Acts 16-18
<b>11</b>	Paul in Ephesus	Acts 19
<b>18</b>	Farewell to Ephesian Leaders	Acts 20:1-38
<b>25</b>	Gospel and Courage	Acts 22:1-22
<b>JULY 02</b>	Hope and Trial	Acts 26:1-32
<b>09</b>	The Lord in the Storm	Acts 27:1-32
<b>16</b>	To the Ends of the Earth	Acts 28:11-31

## Please Pray

**Pray for those who have started in new parishes this year** - Tim Smith at Grenfell, Jonny Lush at Oberon, Ben Connelly at Cowra, Steven Klouth at West Wyalong and James Daymond at Cobar. Please pray that they will settle well in their churches and towns, work out quickly where their priorities need to lay; establish great relationships with their people and begin to be noticed in their towns. Pray that they will watch their lives and doctrine closely and preach the word in season and out of season.

**Easter services** – pray these will be great opportunities to share the good news of Jesus so that others may find life in him. Pray that many will come at Easter and that our services will be rich and real and the message clear and compelling.

**Pray for ministers for our vacant parishes** – Cudgegong Valley, Kelso, Narromine, Gilgandra, Coolah-Dunedoo, Condobolin, Trundle, Coonamble, Warren, Bourke-Brewarrina, Cumnock and Warren.

**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:**

**Mar 05** – Cumnock

**Mar 12** – Canowindra and Rylstone

**Apr 02 and Easter** - Mudgee

**Apr 23** – Rylstone-Kandos

**Apr 30** – Blayney parish

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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, Jonny Lush and Jono Williams. Please indicate in the reference, who you wish to support.

Account: Synod Management Fund  
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