



**2025 Conference – Save the date – 22 March**



**Bishop Condie, Bishop Calder and Dean Hodson following the synod service.**



**Bishop Calder launches Anglicare Central West**



**Bishop Condie launches HOPE25 at synod**

**In brief**

**HOPE25** – is an Australia-wide initiative across the Anglican Church of Australia, to inspire and equip us all to share our hope in Jesus with a world in pain! It runs from Easter to Pentecost next year and more information will follow.

**Anglicare Central West** was also launched at synod and will grow and develop Anglicare’s ministry and impact across the diocese. A regional manager will be appointed to develop the ministry in partnership with our parishes! An exciting initiative to help us care for people and share Jesus for life.

**Safe ministry training:** Safe Ministry training expires every 3 years. Register now for these in-person sessions. Click for details: [SM Training - Dubbo: Saturday 26th October 2024](#)

[SM Training - Temora: Saturday 2nd November 2024](#)

**Safe Families Sunday** – 24 November. There’ll be resources for services on the day e.g. prayers, as well as other material.

**God willing, our next ordination** will be held in our Cathedral on Sat 30 Nov at 11am – for the Rev’d Josh Taylor and Mr Luke Merriman. All welcome. Please be in prayer.

**Our day conference 2025** – earlier next year - Saturday 22 March, at MAGS Dubbo. Save the date!

**Next LLM training** – Monday 25 November, 7.15pm-8.30pm via zoom. Please claim the date. Details will be emailed to all LLMs.

**CLAIM THESE 2025 DATES NOW:**

- 05 Mar** Ash Wednesday; Lenten studies will be available.
- 11-14 Mar** Retired clergy retreat – St Clement’s Galong
- 22 Mar** Diocesan conference
- 08 Apr** Renewal of ministry vows – (\*NB held a week earlier in 2025)
- 18 Apr** Good Friday
- 20 Apr** Easter Day
- 8-10 Aug** Diocesan camp
- 19 Sept** Stipendiary clergy gathering prior to synod – 2pm
- 19-20 Sept** Synod - Bathurst
- 3-6 Nov** (TBC) Clergy retreat

**From our Bishop**

Dear friends,

Synod gathered a month ago with a great sense of joy in being together and a sense that God is at work.

In my address to synod, I shared that I only have one agenda: Jesus. I want everyone in our churches to know, love, trust, serve, and share Jesus, and for those outside the church to hear of him, turn to him, and serve him and join us in sharing him.

I shared that in the past five years, I’ve learned these five lessons:

1. **God’s Amazing Grace:** He has provided resources, workers, leadership, and his Spirit in ways beyond imagination.
2. **Ministry is Hard:** Especially in our country towns, where some struggle with fewer people, and some are hardened to the Gospel.
3. **The Diocese is Vast:** Remote congregations feel isolated, and there’s potential to better support each other.
4. **Clergy Aren’t Rushing:** Leaving city life and moving west is a challenge, but we need pioneers willing to make sacrifices.
5. **People Are Hungry for God’s Word:** There is a growing desire for clear Bible teaching that transforms lives.

I have three years under our ordinance before I must retire. So I shared with synod, three prayers for three years:

1. **Supply our needs:** workers for the harvest and finances to support them.
2. **Transform us:** renew our hearts, deepen our love for Jesus, and equip us for your service.
3. **Save the lost:** soften hearts, open eyes, and lead many to trust in Jesus. Amen.

Mark

**Bishop Mark Calder**

## Sermon series

### QUESTIONING JESUS

OCT 13	What must I do to be saved?	Mark 10.17-31
OCT 20	Who is the greatest?	Mark 10.35-45
OCT 27	Will you open my eyes?	Mark 10.46-52
NOV 03	Should we pay taxes?	Mark 12.13-17, 28-34
NOV 10	Flashy or humble?	Mark 12.38-44
NOV 17	When will the temple fall?	Mark 13.1-11
NOV 24	When will the King return?	Mark 13.12-37

### ADVENT SERIES: YOU CAN BE CERTAIN

DEC 01	Advent 1	Why?	Luke 1:1-4
DEC 08	Advent 2	John the Baptist prepared the way	Luke 1:5-25
DEC 15	Advent 3	Jesus was miraculously conceived	Luke 1:26-38
DEC 22	Advent 4	God's promises were fulfilled	Luke 1:39-56
DEC 25	CHRISTMAS	Joy to the World!	Luke 2:1-21

## Bishop's calendar

### SUNDAY MINISTRY

20 October - Oberon  
03 November – Grenfell  
17 November – Warren  
24 November – Gulgong and O'Connell  
01 December – Narromine  
08 December – Coomamble  
15 December – Carols at O'Connell – 5pm  
24-25 Dec – Cathedral for Christmas

### OTHER

25-27 October - speaking at a Church camp in Jindabyne for St Matthew's Wanniasa  
28-31 October – national bishops' meeting – Newcastle  
04-07 November – clergy and lay workers' retreat – St Clement's Galong  
09 November – council farewell to the Rev'd Chris Ivey, St Andrew's College, Peregian Springs  
22 November – commissioning of new Principal at Macquarie Anglican Grammar School

## Please Pray

**For our current ordination candidates** – Luke Merriman and Josh Taylor – as they prepare for their ordination on 30 November.

Pray for our **Diocesan staff** – our bishop, Mark Calder, registrar, Warwick Baines, admin assistant, Louise Hickey, along with our casual staff – Alison Burge, assisting treasurers and Kath Thornhill improving our comms. Pray that each one would be sustained by God for their work, knowing that their labour is not in vain!

### Join with Bishop Mark's 3 prayers

- **Supply our needs:** workers for the harvest and the finances to support them.
- **Transform us:** renew our hearts, deepen our love for Jesus, and equip us for God's service.
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Pray for the **Australia wide HOPE25 campaign**, which will run from Easter to Pentecost next year. Pray that the Lord will use this to bring the hope, which is Jesus, to many people.

**Parishes without clergy** - that God will provide people to serve in Bourke-Brewarrina, Canowindra, Condobolin, Coolah-Dunedoo, Coonabarabran, Coonamble, Cumnock, Gilgandra, Nyngan, Trundle, Warren and West Wyalong; plus the funds to support them.

**For Dubbo and the Cathedral parish** – seeking assistant ministers for next year. Pray that the Lord will raise up the right people up for these roles.

**Give thanks to God for the Rev'd Ross Craven's ministry as locum in Coolah-Dunedoo** which has come to an end as Ross faces surgery in the coming months.

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## Cathedral Services

### Saturday Vigil

6pm (5pm when not daylight saving)

### Sunday

8.30am Traditional  
10am Contemporary  
Also 8.30am Mon, Wed, Thu (BCP);  
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.

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