



**Traditional service at the Cathedral on Easter Day**



**Full house at Mutton Falls on Palm Sunday**



**Moore College students on mission with Bp Mark**



**Nigel stayed on to preach at Dubbo after conference**

## In brief

**Nominations for bishop:** synod reps are reminded that the window for submission of nominations closes Monday 27 April. (Parishioners should discuss with their synod reps, any names they believe ought to be considered.)

### Upcoming commissioning dates:

- **Orange East** – 9 May, 10am
- **Gilgandra** – 23 May, 10am

**Ordination panel** – will next meet on 9 May. Praise God for those keen to serve and pray for wise discernment.

### Safe Ministry Training (all levels)

**HT Orange:** Friday 15 May 2026  
**HT Dubbo:** Saturday 16 May 2026

**Some 14 students from Moore College** were involved in mission in Bathurst and Kelso just prior to Easter, with 4-5 expressing interest in returning to serve here after their studies! Praise God. And pray for Bishop Mark's visit to preach and recruit at Moore College on 15 May.

**Bishop Mark has one or two free Sundays before finishing.** Be in touch soon if you'd like a visit.

**North-west trip** - Bishop is planning the following trip in May:

**23 May** Gil – 10am commissioning  
**23 May** meet Nyngan church 2.30pm  
**24 May** 9am Pentecost – Nyngan  
**24 May** 12noon Baptism Marra Ck  
**25 May** 5.30pm Pentecost – Bourke

### DATES TO NOTE 2026:

**11 May** LLM training 7.15-830pm  
**14 June** **St Barnabas Orange East** - Centenary service — 930am  
**27-30 Jul** **Clergy retreat** – Galong – with Canon Greg Harris (BCA)  
**07-09 Aug** **Diocesan camp** with the Rev'd Paul Dale (Bridgechurch)  
**10 Aug** LLM training 7.15-830pm  
**29 Aug** **Believe connect day** formerly known as Ultreya. Details to come, but save the date.  
**18 Sept** **Stipendiary clergy gathering prior to synod** – 2pm – with the Rev'd Kevin Simington  
**18-19 Sept** Synod  
**19 Sept** Service at All Saints Cathedral to mark the end of Bishop Mark's episcopacy - 1.30pm  
**24 Oct** Women's conference  
**09 Nov** LLM training 7.15-830pm

## From our bishop

**Born anew to a living hope**  
*1 Peter 1:3-4*

When was the last time you were so excited you wondered if it could possibly be true? Perhaps it was hearing the end of WWII, expecting a child after loss, or receiving long-awaited medical news. That mix of joy, disbelief, and hope captures the essence of Easter.

After the grief of Good Friday and the silence of Saturday, the women proclaimed: Jesus is alive! Peter and John ran to the tomb and found it empty—no body! Could it be true? And then, “Peace be with you”—his voice, his words—He is risen!

This isn't a distant story; it is the defining event of history. Peter tells us that because Jesus was raised:

### 1. We have new life

God has caused us to be born again—once dead in sin, we are now alive in Christ. This is entirely His work, entirely His mercy. It's a living hope that pervades every aspect of life. It's not wishful thinking; it is real hope that carries us through war, illness, family conflict, financial stress, and drought. In Christ, hope is the air we breathe.

### 2. Which can never be taken away

Peter calls it an inheritance that cannot perish, spoil, or fade. Unlike everything else in this world, our hope is permanent, guarded, and guaranteed.

Do you love Jesus? Have you trusted Him? Then today, celebrate that you have been born anew into a living hope. It is God's mercy, secured through the resurrection of Christ. Hope is yours—alive now, unshakeable, and awaiting its complete fulfillment when Jesus returns.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

*Mark*

**Bishop Mark Calder**

## Bishop's video sermon series

### TERM 2 GOD'S GOSPEL: THE BIG PICTURE IN ROMANS

- APR 12** – Not Ashamed of the Gospel (Romans 1:1–17)  
**APR 19** – The World Put on Trial (Romans 1:18–3:20)  
**APR 26** – A Righteousness from God (Romans 3:21–31)  
**MAY 03** – Faith Before Works (Romans 4)  
**MAY 10** – Peace with God (Romans 5:1–11)  
**MAY 17** – From Adam to Christ (Romans 5:12–21)  
**MAY 24** – Dead to Sin, Alive to God (Romans 6)  
**MAY 31** – The Limits of the Law (Romans 7)  
**JUN 07** – No Condemnation, No Separation (Romans 8)  
**JUN 14** – The Faithfulness of God (Romans 9–11)  
**JUN 21** – Living Worship (Romans 12:1–13:14)  
**JUN 28** – Welcome One Another (Romans 14:1–15:13)  
**JUL 05** – To the Only Wise God Be Glory (Romans 15:14–16:27)

### TERM 3

#### 8 SURPRISES FROM MATTHEW'S GOSPEL

- 12 July — Matt 13:1–23 — Parables Hide the Truth  
19 July — Matt 13:24–43 — The End of Weeds  
26 July — Matt 13:44–58 — Nothing More Valuable  
02 Aug — Matt 14:13–21 — It's Not About the Food  
09 Aug — Matt 14:22–36 — Walking on Water — No Magic Trick  
16 Aug — Matt 15:10–28 — Jesus and Feeding Dogs  
23 Aug — Matt 16:13–20 — World's Most Significant Problem  
30 Aug — Matt 16:21–28 — Living for Jesus = Dying to Self  
06 Sept — Luke 15:11–32 — Father's Day — Prodigal Son

#### A STING IN THE TALE

- 13 Sept — Matt 18:21–25 — Forgiveness  
20 Sept — Matt 20:1–16 — Grace  
27 Sept — Matt 21:23–32 — Obedience  
04 Oct — Matt 21:33–46 — Relationship  
11 Oct — Matt 22:1–14 — Clothes  
18 Oct — Matt 22:15–33 — Traps  
25 Oct — Matt 22:34–46 — Response

## Please Pray

**For Archdeacons Andrew Thornhill (Diocesan), James Daymond (North-west), and Tim St Quintin (East).** Ask for wisdom as they love, serve, lead and guide us. And ask the Lord to raise up someone to serve as Archdeacon of the South-West parishes.

**For Warwick and Louise** Give thanks to God for our registrar and business manager Warwick Baines and our Ministry Support, Louise Hickey. Pray for patience in their tasks, wisdom for decisions and strength to persevere through challenges.

**Pray for Bishop Mark's second cataract surgery, 13 May.**

**Please pray for great wisdom and the Lord's guidance for the Bishop's Election Board.**

**Clergy:** Andrew Thornhill (Chair), Tim St Quintin, Phil Howes, Andy Martin, James Boardman, Bob Cameron. **Lay people:** Jane Francis, Mark Galbraith, Ray Haigh, Lisa Milton, Sandy White, Eliot Harper.

**A prayer for this Easter time** Loving Father, we praise you for your great power in raising Jesus from the dead and opening for us the gates of everlasting life. As we reflect on all we learnt (or saw afresh) over Easter, may we live in humble thanks for your grace to us in Jesus and the forgiveness of sin and reconciliation to you which flows from that. Amen.

**Susan Calder** – Please remember Susan and her family in prayer following the death of her father, the Rev'd Frank Copland on Palm Sunday. May they revel in the hope we have in Jesus, even as they grieve.

**Give thanks for our conference on 21 March** – for the over 200 people who came, for Nigel's wonderful keynote addresses, Kevin's talks to top and tail the day and presentations from Jo Watts and Mick and Mischa George. Pray that all our churches and leaders, will make growing our Bible study ministries a priority so that we all might grow as disciples of Jesus.

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## Cathedral Services

### Saturday Vigil

5pm (6pm during daylight saving)

### Sunday

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

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