

**PRAYER  
TIME** Sunday  
01 June  
4.30pm

 **HOPE25**  
HOPE IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD

via [zoom](#)

**SATURDAY 7 JUNE 10AM-2PM**

*Diocesan*



**YOUTH Day**

 **AT LAKE CANOBOLAS, ORANGE**  
LUNCH - ACTIVITIES - TALK - FELLOWSHIP

**Diocesan Youth Day – 07 June**



**After the 200th anniversary at Holy Trinity Kelso**



**The Rev'd Bec Choi, commissioned at HT Orange**

**News in brief**

**HOPE25 prayer meeting** - Sunday 01 June at 4.30pm. [Please join us!](#)

**Diocesan Youth Day** – Saturday 07 June – 10am-2pm – Lake Canobolas, Orange. Contact Amanda for details: 0493 605 487

**The HOPE25 special sermons have been greatly appreciated.** If you're reading online, catch them [HERE](#).

**Safe ministry face to face training:** register now:

**Fri 23 May 2025** [Safe Ministry Training - Dubbo](#)

**Sat 24 May 2025** [Safe Ministry Training - Orange](#)

**Second LLM training 2025** – Monday 26 May, 7.15pm-8.30pm [via zoom](#).

**Bishop Mark** will commission Andrew Thornhill as Diocesan Archdeacon and the Rev'd James Daymond as new Archdeacon of the North-West at a **brief service at 9.30am, Sat 14 June at Dubbo.**

**Bishop-in-Council will meet in person** on Sat 14 June in Dubbo. Please pray for wisdom in all their deliberations and decisions.

**The Primate** (Archbishop Geoffrey Smith) **has resigned** effective October, and an election will be held on Sat 19 July in Sydney.

**Bishop Mark has been asked to lead one of the Newcastle Diocese's clergy retreats.** Please pray for him – 26-29 May.

**Bishop Mark will take annual leave** on Fri 30 May and Fri 06 June.

**Note these dates:**

**23 May** Safe ministry - Dubbo

**24 May** Safe ministry - Orange

**08 June** Pentecost

**21-24 Jul** clergy retreat – Galong – with Bishop Chris Edwards

**8-10 Aug** Diocesan camp – with Dr Mark Eargey

**19 Sept** Stipendiary clergy gathering prior to synod – 2pm – with the Rev'd Jason Smart.

**19-20 Sept** Synod – Bathurst – with Archbishop Kanishka Raffel

**25 Oct** Women's conference

**26 Oct** ABM Thanksgiving 175 yrs

**31 Oct and 01 Nov** Safe ministry training – locations TBA.

**From our bishop**

Dear friends,

Archbishop Geoffrey Smith recently announced his resignation as Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia, and a new Primate is to be elected on 19 July.

The Primate (or Presiding Bishop) is the elected leader of the national church—but not in the way a CEO or pope might be! The role is more about coordination and representation than command. The Primate chairs meetings of the General Synod (our national church parliament) and the Standing Committee that oversees national matters between synods. He also represents the Anglican Church of Australia in national and international settings.

But it's important to know that the Primate has no legal or spiritual authority over the dioceses. That's because each of our 23 dioceses (including our own) is self-governing. Each has its own bishop, synod, and structures for ministry, mission, and decision-making.

Holding us together is our shared faith in Christ, our common Anglican heritage, and our Constitution. The 1962 Constitution sets out how we relate as dioceses and how we work together nationally. It provides the framework for things like national canons (laws), theological training, liturgy, and standards for ministry.

So, the Primate's role is a crucial one—but it's more about service, unity, and leadership by persuasion than power or control.

Please join me in praying for wisdom and grace as our bishops + elected members of the election board, prepare to elect our next Primate in July.

*Mark*

**Bishop Mark Calder**

## Bishop's video sermon series

### HOPE25 SERIES Special sermons with special guest speakers

APR 27 HOPE 1 **Hope for the hopeless** – Bishop Richard Condie  
MAY 04 HOPE 2 **Hope for the oppressed** – Bishop Chris Edwards  
MAY 11 HOPE 3 **Hope for the anxious** – Mrs Alison Whalley  
MAY 18 HOPE 4 **Hope for the weary** – the Rev'd Paul Dale  
MAY 25 HOPE 5 **Hope for the sick** – the Rev'd Pete Stedman  
JUNE 01 HOPE 6 **Hope for the dying** – Bishop Mark Calder  
JUNE 08 HOPE 7 **Hope for YOU?** – Bishop Mark Calder

### COLOSSIANS – the incomparable Jesus!

**JUNE 15** A worthy and pleasing life Col 1:1–14  
**JUNE 22** The Incomparable Jesus Col 1:15–23  
**JUNE 29** Riches of understanding Col 1:24–2:5  
**JULY 06** The triumph of the cross Col 2:6–15  
**JULY 13** Reality found in Christ Col 2:16–23  
**JULY 20** Minds on things above Col 3:1–11  
**JULY 27** God's chosen people Col 3:12–17  
**AUG 03** The difference Jesus makes Col 3:18–4:1  
**AUG 10** Devoted to prayer Col 4:2–6  
**AUG 17** The prayer of Ephaphras Col 4:7–18

## Please Pray

**Pray for Warwick and Louise in the Diocesan office** that they would know the Lord's strength and wisdom for all they do to support clergy, parishes and Bishop Mark.

**Pray for Archdeacon Andrew Thornhill and the Rev'd James Daymond as they take on new roles.** Pray for grace, wisdom and insight in all they do along with a passion to inspire and equip us to share Jesus for life.

**Pray for Bishop Mark leading a retreat for clergy of Newcastle Diocese 26-29 May,** that he may bring great insight from 2 Timothy. Pray that clergy will return home refreshed and nourished.

**Give thanks to God for those who generously contribute to gospel work across the diocese:** including Sydney Diocese, BCA, Sydney parishes and individual donors. Praise God for his provision!

Please pray for the **Rev'd Garry Neville** and family following the death last month of his wife, the Rev'd Anne Neville. Pray that he might be aware of God's presence and peace in the midst of grief.

Pray also for the **Rev'd Howard Smith**, following the death of the Rev'd Joan Smith.

Pray for the **Rev'd Shirley and Mr Ted Lewis** who have been battling health challenges. Pray they'll be given grace to keep trusting the Lord, even though the way is hard.

**Give thanks for our locums** –

David and Romaine Hayman at West Wyalong, Daniel and Karen Willis at Canowindra, and Stuart and Janie Robinson at Condobolin. Pray for strength and wisdom.

**Pray also for our faithful lay couples** – Glenn and Wendy Murray helping at Coolah–Dunedoo, and Philip and Deanne Gerber at Nyngan. Pray for energy, encouragement and the joy of seeing fruit from their ministry.

Thank the Lord for our many **licenced lay ministers** right across the diocese, that the Lord will strengthen them for their work and make them a blessing to others.

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## Cathedral Services

### Saturday Vigil

5pm (6pm in daylight saving time)

### Sunday

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

## Supporting our clergy

Click [HERE](#) for information on how to support our work. You can support Levi, Jonny, Bec or Justin. (Or visit our website and navigate to 'support'.)

Account: Synod Management Fund  
BSB: 082-441

Account Number: 392 655 240