



THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

THE DIOCESE OF BUNBURY

CONFIRMATION OF THE ELECTION OF THE 11TH BISHOP OF BUNBURY

The Diocese is grateful for the prayerful and generous way Bishop Matt and Rachael Brain have engaged with us throughout this discernment process, and we look forward with great joy to welcoming them to the Diocese of Bunbury. We give thanks to God for Bishop Matt's deep faith, considerable experience and commitment to nurturing healthy, mission-shaped communities, and look forward with hope and expectation to this new season of ministry together.

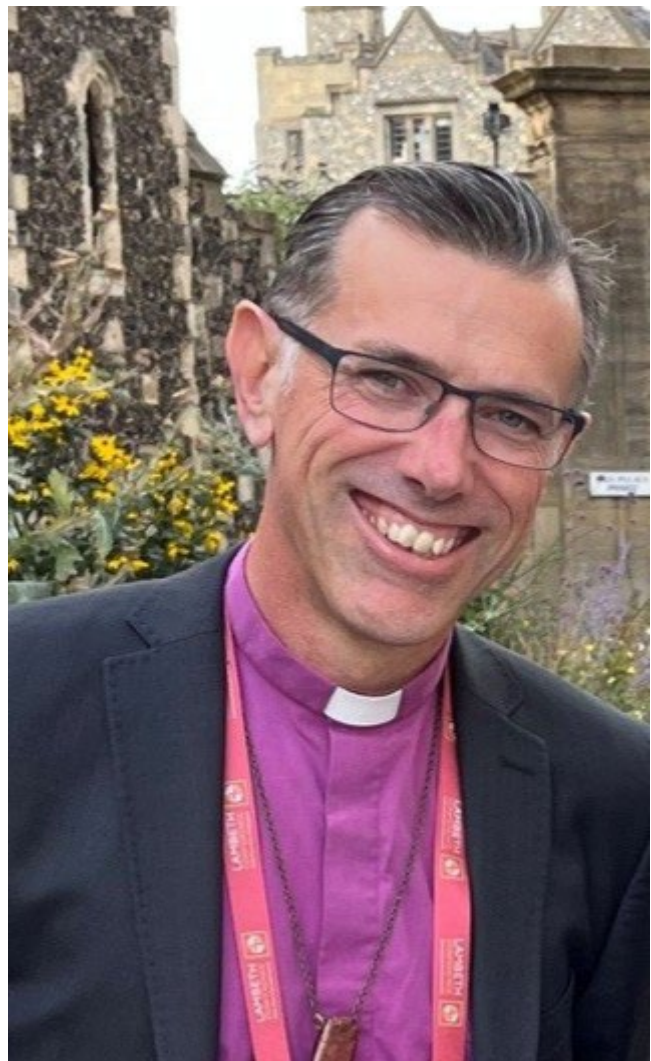
Biography – Bishop Matt Brain

Bishop Matt Brain was ordained in the Anglican Diocese of North-West Australia in 2003 where he gained valuable experience in rural and remote ministry. He moved to the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn in 2010 and was consecrated a bishop in 2015, serving as an assistant bishop.

In Canberra and Goulburn, Bishop Matt was responsible for Ministry Training and Development and oversaw Parish Support, Chaplaincy and Mission and served as Acting Registrar and General Manager of Anglican Diocesan Services.

Bishop Matt has completed a doctorate and published numerous books, articles and conference papers. He has also lectured in Theology at St Mark's Theological College and Charles Stuart University.

He is married to Rachael and they have five children, a daughter in law and a grandson. He originally trained and worked as a physiotherapist before being called to ministry and his hobbies include cycling, playing the guitar, and reading.



Bishop Matt moved to Victoria in 2018 to be the Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Bendigo, where he is committed to building healthy, mission-shaped communities of faith. He believes that it is as people see, hear, understand and grasp hold of Jesus that their lives and the communities they live in will be transformed.



Message from Bishop Matt Brain to the Bunbury Diocese

Rachael and I are excited to be joining you! To be elected bishop is to be called into a privileged responsibility. As children of the west, we are familiar with the land and towns of the southwest. We are looking forward to getting to know the people, communities and places of the diocese; this time as locals.

We serve a great God who is more than enough for all our needs. We see this in the way that Jesus shared our common life and opened the way to have life and life to the full. We look forward to encouraging you with the news of God's great love in Jesus and the wonderful call we share as coworkers in God's mission.