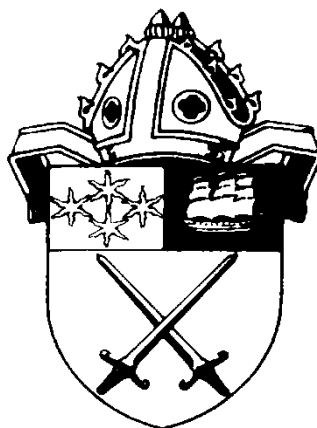


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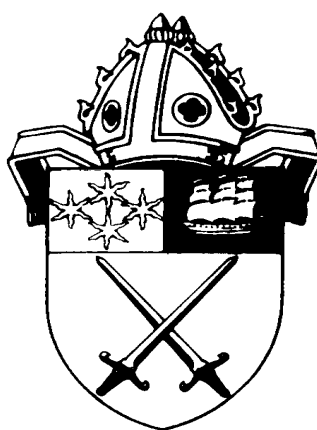
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# **Boniface Care**

***Meeting Human Need Through Loving Service***

## **Boniface Care**

### **Mission**

For very many years Boniface Care has distributed Emergency Relief funding through 11 different parish centres across our diocese. Previously the funding came from the Federal government but for the past 10 years it has been provided by Lotterywest through Anglicare WA and is currently in the order of \$400,000 per financial year. Many of these parish centres have dedicated teams of volunteers who minister to people in all kinds of need, whilst some parishes only have one or two volunteers or a parish admin person who assists. In three parishes – Denmark/Walpole and Kojonup and Katanning, the monies are distributed via the local Community Resource Centre or to support the Primary schools' breakfast clubs.

### **People**

In this past year we have recorded 8739 different times when people were helped and some 5322 people. We are obliged to keep deidentified records of the kinds of people and practical needs we assist for Lotterywest. Maintaining these data records and accounting carefully for the monies spent on a quarterly basis adds to the responsibilities for the parishes and volunteers but provides transparency and accountability and fulfills our contract with Anglicare WA. The significance of this work cannot be underestimated. As one Seventh Day Adventist pastor in Manjimup noted of the Emergency Relief work David Swain has done for many years, there are people alive who might not have been, were it not for this service. In addition, a number of parishes also operate meals and 2<sup>nd</sup> Bite and other helpful services, sometimes including referral to financial counselling and/or reduced or free access to clothing in our Op shops. At Coodanup, a shower is also available. With cost of living pressures mounting, as they did last year, more people have been seeking assistance, some who have never had to do so before. Assistance varies from place to place but includes utility bills, rent, food vouchers, medicine costs, school supplies, personal hygiene and Rego. Rego can be particularly important where people are also living in their cars.

Over the past year Wanese Maloney, our Finance officer, has been coordinating all this information and providing it to Anglicare WA and Lotterywest. In previous years it has often been several months between accounting for the previous financial year and receiving a new tranche of funding. Due to everyone's diligence this year the gap has been just one month, which is of enormous help in the continuity of this service.

### **Partnership**

Even prior to Lotterywest funding we partnered, as we still do, with Anglicare WA. This relationship has grown in trust and we are very grateful to Sonia Jurion who is the current lead officer for Anglicare WA locally. Boniface Care is deeply dependent upon the key people in each parish and all the volunteers who assist. In some places, as mentioned above, we have formed relationships with a local Community Resource Centre and with Primary schools and informally with the Foodbank in Donnybrook and Manjimup.

***Bishop Ian***

## **Bunbury Diocesan Campsite**

### ***Mission***

Our mission is to offer a clean, safe, and well-maintained campsite where people can take a break from everyday life, enjoy time in God's creation, and be part of a friendly, welcoming community. Each year, families and groups return—rekindling friendships, soaking up the peace, and letting the kids run wild outdoors, screen-free, riding bikes, hitting the beach, or joining a game of cricket or footy on the oval. We're also a quiet retreat for those navigating tough times—like treatment or recovery—and it's a real privilege to be part of their healing journey.

### ***People***

Over the past 17 years, we've had the privilege of building friendships with people from all walks of life—something that brings us real joy and keeps us grounded. As happens each year, a few more of our older campers have passed away, always sad to say goodbye. We are beginning to see a 'changing of the guard' as more of the younger generation are starting to come with their children. So whilst we have said goodbye to some, we're also welcoming new people regularly.

### ***Partnership***

Our relationship with the Mothers Union remains strong, and it's been great to install the new van – it is an real asset and loved by the many people using it since it was installed in November.

### ***Foundations***

It's been another year of steady maintenance—repairing, replacing, and fine-tuning the essentials. We may need some major work soon on leech drains and septic, but mostly it's just the usual effort to keep things running smoothly and safely for everyone.

### ***Vision and Strategy Plan***

#### ***Strategy1; Strategy 2; Strategy 3***

We love the work we do here at the campsite and remain committed to offering a clean, welcoming, and well-kept space for all who visit. While our context is quite different from a parish, we'd value your continued prayers as we live and serve in this unique setting:

- For us as a family—to find a healthy balance between living where we work and working where we live. It's a gift but also challenging to be on call so much of the time.
- That we continue to grow in our personal relationships with Jesus and reflect His light and love to everyone who comes here.
- For our health as we manage chronic health challenges.
- And for our daughters, Tash & Chelsea — that they would keep growing in faith and find wisdom and strength as they navigate young adulthood in today's world.

***Eric and Samantha van der Wacht  
Campsite Caretakers***

## **Catalyst for Mission**

### ***Mission***

Mission isn't about checking boxes or meeting quotas - it's about responding to Christ's call with authentic love and service. Together, we can make mission more than just a program or something we do - we can make it the heartbeat of our diocese.

### ***People***

The Catalyst for Mission (C4M) group has continued to meet regularly mainly via zoom over the past 12 months. We connect and discuss mission, various initiatives and outreach ideas. Our missionally-minded team are Rev'd Genevieve Milnes, Rev'd Paul Watson, Rev'd Cathie Broome, Ms Rachel-Anne Sambell, David Baker and Mrs Lorraine Kennedy. In the year ahead we hope to add other people to the group, as we together reinvigorate our diocese's mission activities.

### ***Partnership***

Hope 25 and the Diocese vision and strategies have been a great example of working together for mission in our diocese over the past 12 months. Other partnerships include the knitting outreach to the Kapsabet Diocese, ABM and Parish Mission Partnerships; where large parishes enable ministry in smaller parishes through local mission giving and prayer support.

### ***Foundations***

The diocese vision and strategy plan and Hope25 have been a great foundation for discussions and ideas and as a team we will continue to build on ministry partnerships and explore mission initiatives and ideas.

As a group we have emerge from the last 12 months of leadership transitions and structural changes with a positive attitude and a renewed sense of purpose.

C4M aims to put out a Mission Newsletter quarterly to encourage and share what is happening in the diocese. While this year we have struggled at times to be consistent with publication, we are encouraged by how well they have been received by parishes when they have been sent out and the feedback received.

### ***Vision and Strategy Plan***

Being the people God is calling us to be through fulfilling the two great Commandments: to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and our neighbour (anyone we encounter who is in need) as ourselves, has actually been a wonderful platform for us as a team and the diocese mission outreach to build on.

Throughout the year congregations across the diocese have shown inspirational passion, commitment and creativity to undertake grassroots mission outreach projects that make a real difference in their local parishes /communities.

In the year ahead our aim is to encourage every parish to engage in real, compassionate mission that makes a tangible difference both in our local communities and parishes.

### ***Strategy1 - Deepening and Growing our Prayerfulness***

Mission and prayer are intrinsically linked, with prayer often seen as the foundational element that empowers and sustains mission work. Prayer is not just a supplement to mission, but a vital part of it, guiding, shaping, and providing the spiritual fuel for those involved.

A number of parishes including Harvey and Donnybrook have done prayer walks, Australind, Collie and Albany have done Alpha and many other parishes have prayerfully reached out to their communities. Such as Gelorup through a pilgrimage and Dunsborough with a Hope Wall, just to name a few. The good news is that each one of us as individuals or as a parish can prayerfully make a difference in our community.

A prayer for mission - Gracious and loving God, you work everywhere reconciling, loving, and healing your people and your creation. In your Son and through the power of your Holy Spirit, you invite each of us to join you in your work. Together as a diocese may we reach out to all

those in need and encourage and love one another as we seek to serve you in our parishes and communities. Amen.

### ***Strategy 2 - Learning more about Jesus Christ***

Over the past year the group has met and discussed, and shared what mission has been happening in our parishes and community. We have also reflected upon the church's mission, and consequently our mission, since we form part of the church.

We realised that we need to meet people where they are at. Go out to the people and also have opportunities to invite them in. Be a welcoming, pastoral and friendly place where the love of Jesus is shown through our actions, not just our words.

Great news many parishes are running bible studies, in person or via zoom, others are sending out a weekly reflections and still others are meeting electronically or in person for Morning Prayer. All of these options continue to be a wonderful source of outreach and education through exploring Christianity & faith.

In addition, it has been a joy to hear about a number of parishes who have hosted mission dinners and lunches as well as guest speakers such as ABM at Donnybrook and Mandurah or run faith based courses & gatherings, such as Cursillos and Alpha.

As a group we have been encouraging networking, sharing ideas and resources with parishes. However over the past year we have been blessed by Hope25 resources and the diocese vision and strategy newsletter which has been a rich source of news and ideas.

### ***Strategy 3 - Growing in love for, and encouragement of, one another.***

It has been exciting and encouraging seeing just how many mission ideas and varying outreach opportunities there has been in our diocese and parishes. The importance of networking and sharing resources with each other, particularly in small rural parishes and communities is essential. This is an area that we tried to grow over the past year without much success. However we aim to build on what we have achieved so far, and continue to encourage and promote local, national and overseas mission.

There have been so many fabulous examples of individuals, parishes and communities loving, caring for, and encouraging one another, that sadly we can't include them, all. However we would like to share some of the wonderful ministry outreach initiatives with you; Youthcare in our schools, NADOC celebrations, Anglicare, BCA, ABM, Oyster Harbour community garden, Mission to Seafarers, Emergency relief programs, Kojonup community pantry, as well as the Op shops throughout the diocese who care regularly for our communities and those in need.

When we think of growing in love for and encouraging one another, we can't help but recognise the importance of the Dunsborough / Donnybrook Parish Mission Partnership and the Kapsabet knitted ministry. Both ministries have a significant impact on all involved and have resulted in a flow on effect of other ministry opportunities. It demonstrates the Love of God, the love of neighbour and is a shining example of how to live out the two great commandments.

In conclusion I leave you with the question posed by Rev'd Genevieve Milnes to ponder. - The question isn't whether mission work is important - it's whether you'll answer the call to make it real in your community and parish.

***Reverend Cathie Broome  
Catalyst for Mission Chair***



## **Diocesan Prison Chaplaincy**

### ***Mission***

The mission of the prison chaplains is to meet the spiritual and religious needs of both the prisoner population and staff of Bunbury Regional Prison. This is through pastoral care and support, education, and liturgical services.

### ***People***

There are currently two Anglican Chaplains, Fr. Brian Newing and Rev'd Sue Kemp, at Bunbury Regional Prison, covering 6 days ministry between them.

### ***Partnership***

The Combined Churches of Western Australia hold the Department of Corrections contract for Chaplaincy services across all Western Australia's prison estate, and the Diocese of Bunbury is a subcontractor under this arrangement.

As Authorised Visitors in the prison we rely on the good will and support of the custodial staff to enable us to access all areas of the facility and all of the prisoners. We are key-holders and have 'free-range' of the facility dependant on the day to day conditions.

### ***Foundations***

In Matthew 25:36, Jesus emphasizes the importance of visiting those who are imprisoned. He teaches that when we care for those who are suffering, we are directly serving Him.

### ***Vision and Strategy Plan***

As Prison Chaplains our ministry is licenced by Bishop Ian, Bishop of Bunbury, therefore we are under the authority of the Diocese. We do however have to recognise the nature of the facility in which we minister and abide by the policies and guidelines set by the organisation. Our ministry aligns well with the Diocesan Vision and Strategy 2021-2025.

### ***Strategy 1 Deepening Prayerfulness***

There is much need for prayer in the prison and it occurs in a variety of ways. We are often asked for individual prayers as the men prepare for court, parole hearings, and release. They often want prayers for their families and friends and for their own journey in the prison.

An active bible study group prompts prayers during the session, as well as before and after each meeting. Prisoners are encouraged to pray for each other and there is evidence that this is a strong ministry amongst the men.

In our Sunday services prisoners are encouraged to join in with the intercessions as well as the formal prayers throughout the service.

### ***Strategy 2 Learning more about Christ***

The weekly bible study group is well attended, and we have used various materials for this including Alpha and The Prisoners Journey. Current bible study is framed by the material found in the prison edition of the bible ERV, as supplied by the Bible League- this consists of 52 'lessons' which vary from getting to know Jesus to managing relationships whilst incarcerated. Rev. Sue manages a prison account with Koorong which enables prisoners to purchase books and DVDs etc. to further understand and support their faith.

The Chaplains are clearly identifiable by our clergy attire and there is research that shows that having free-range chaplains in a prison improves the general atmosphere. It is noticeable that when we are in a Unit the language and behaviour of both prisoners and officers improves!!

### ***Strategy 3 Growing in love and encouragement***

Much of the ministry of prison chaplaincy is affirming that all people are God's creation and loved by God regardless of who they are and what they may have done. Forgiveness is a constant topic as is how to follow Christ. This happens on an individual and group level and we encourage this love and support to continue when we are not around.

**Reverend Susanna Kemp  
Chaplain, Bunbury Regional Prison**

## **Diocesan Reconciliation Working Party (Working Group)**

### ***Mission***

The Diocesan Reconciliation Working Group (DRWG) was established in early 2021 as a result of the two motions passed at Diocesan Synod 2020:

1. adopting The Uluru Statement from the Heart, and
2. offering an Apology to our Indigenous brothers and sisters for past pain and suffering, and to work on reconciliation within the Diocese.

Since then a formal apology was offered at the Cathedral Hall on 31 August 2023 by Bishop Ian Coutts to the Wardandi Noongar of the Bunbury region which was received and accepted by Pastor Dennis Jetta OAM.

Similar events were being discussed and planned for in other spaces within the diocese but were affected by the NO result for the Federal Voice Referendum which was in October 2023.

In the past year since the last report, our members have been working to build relationships with local Noongar elders and community groups to revisit opportunities for further apologies to be offered in appropriate and significant spaces within the diocese where harm and hurt occurred.

### ***People***

The current members of the Working Group are:

Member/Chair – Revd Jacqui Chesley-Ingle (North region covering the parishes within some of the Northern Harvest Deanery)

Member – Dr Don Reid (West region covering the parishes within the Goldsmith Deanery)

Member – Ms Elisabeth Pellicaan (North East region covering the parishes within the Blackwood Deanery and some within the Northern Harvest Deanery)

Member – Ms Rachel-Anne Sambell (Southern region covering the parishes within the Stirling Deanery)

Member – Mr Keith Truscott (Aboriginal Consultant)

Member/Minute-taker – Revd (retired) Marion Prowse

Noongar Consultant – Revd Dennis Jetta OAM

### ***Strategy***

1. Covering our monthly meetings and our members in prayer along with holding our Aboriginal and Torres Strait brothers and sisters here in our diocese in prayer. Providing also a Noongar translation of The Lord's Prayer on our diocesan website for the Reconciliation section.
2. Share the love of God through social justice activities.
3. Seek stronger connections with parishes within the diocese with a view to further apology offerings to Noongar communities.
4. Continue collaborating with Aboriginal Corporations within the diocese to connect and support efforts of recovery from severe cultural and economic effects.

**Reverend Jacqui Chesley-Ingle**  
**Chair**

## Diocesan Safe Ministry Authority (DSMA)

Under the *Safe Ministry to Children Canon 2017* every Diocese is to establish a DSMA which is

*a church body with the responsibility for safe ministry to children in a diocese.  
(Part 1-Preliminary Interpretation S.3 (p.3))*

### Members

The Venerable Geoff Chadwick (Chair), The Rev Karen Cave, Mrs Suzanne Saunders.

During the year the DSMA delt with the following items:

#### Safe Church Audit.

In 2017 Bunbury Diocese adopted the *Safe Ministry to Children Canon 2017* which contains national minimum standards for safe ministry to children in the Anglican Church of Australia. The Canon requires that the Diocese undergo a compliance audit every three years.

Consequently, the Diocese underwent its second audit late in 2024, with the report issued in 2025. After considerable work by the office team, (in particular, Tiffany Della-Vedova) we were pleased to receive a “clean” audit apart from a few minor matters where we had the data but had not recorded it in a place accessible to the auditors. In effect, the audit confirms that the Diocese has:

- an adequate *Code of Conduct*, setting out the behavioural expectations for ministry with children.
- adequate screening and training standards for clergy and church workers engaged in ministry to children.
- adequate standards for safe ministry with persons of concern.
- good record keeping procedures.

In the meantime, work has been done to clarify the recording processes used by Safe Church Contact People to reduce errors and misunderstandings. (ie Revision of the *Parochial Statute 2017-2024 Schedule 4A Categories of Church Workers and Licenced Lay*).

### Licensed Lay Ministers

After some correspondence with the Director of Professional Standards, it has been deemed that all Licensed Lay Ministers must have a Working with Children Check. Furthermore, *Factsheet ORG09* of the Department of Communities makes it clear that those who give communion during “mass at my church” must have a Working With Children Check. This is essential to Category 11: *Special Ministers/Extraordinary Ministers who administer communion to children as part of the congregation*.

### Safe Church Contact Person Training

An on-line training module for Safe Church Contact Persons has been made available.

#### DSMA Lap Top

The Lap-top used by the previous DSMA chair (Lucy Morris) has now been decommissioned and the data kept secure.

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I thank Karen and Suzanne for their considerable input and wise counsel on the Authority.

**The Venerable Geoff Chadwick**  
**Chair**

## **Sustainable Living Working Group**

### ***Mission***

To address the 5<sup>th</sup> of the Anglican Five Marks of Mission; “to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and to sustain and renew the life on the earth”

### ***People***

After six years as chair of the Sustainable Living Working Group, Adrian Price has stepped back from the position. We are grateful for his passion, experience, dedication and knowledge and thank him for his service in this role. We are delighted that Adrian remains the diocesan representative on the Blackwood Basin Group, and as such, remains an interested member of the Sustainable Living Working Group.

Ideally, we would like every parish to have a representative in this group and invite parishes to send nominations through to the diocesan office.

### ***Partnership***

Many parishes have partnerships with community organisations for their sustainability initiatives. Terracycle has been identified as a partner parishes and agencies can use to link to free recycling programs. Local governments are another partnership we are developing. Adrian Price remains our representative with the Blackwood Basin Group, which covers 17 shires, most of which are in our diocese.

### ***Foundations***

In 2015 Bishop Tom Wilmott invited Adrian Price to talk to the Anglican Eco Care Commission regarding environmental issues, particularly in rural areas, Adrian having been a Natural Resource Management Officer in four WA Wheatbelt Shires. Bishop Tom then suggested a Bunbury Diocese branch of the Anglican Eco Care Commission. This was formed in 2019 as the Sustainable Living Working Group.

### ***Vision and Strategy Plan***

The Vision and Strategy Plan can be a framework for us in developing how we are to address the fifth mark of mission.

### ***Strategy 1***

The first step is to prayerfully consider where the Holy Spirit is leading us in this space.

### ***Strategy 2***

Strategy 2 encouraged us to ‘learn Christ’. We were encouraged to do this by putting off the old way of thinking and behaving and putting on Christ’s righteousness and a renewed mind. We are called to become more Christlike, living a life of love.

We know Jesus taught that “where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Luke 12:34). There are many other examples of how Jesus taught about the value of a simple life, trusting that God will provide all our needs. This teaching has informed many of our discussions.

### ***Strategy 3***

Our main activity, apart from initiatives in our own parishes, has been to encourage and share ideas with the wider diocese. This has mainly been through articles in the Bishop’s newsletter “To The People”. We are grateful to Bishop Ian for his support of our group. We have also been encouraged by the conversations that have emerged from these articles.

### ***Strategy 4***

Being Salt and Light in our communities is at the core of many parish and agency sustainability initiatives as we seek to treasure God’s creation. We believe it is important for the church to be seen to ‘walk the walk’ and not just ‘talk the talk’ when it comes to sustainable living.

***Reverend Justine Richmond***  
***Anglican Diocese of Bunbury Sustainable Living Working Group***

## **Cursillo**

I write this report with a heavy heart because as some of you know, the Bunbury Cursillo Secretariat is in recess, something so hard to accept when we came through COVID with hardly a hiccup, unlike so many of our Eastern State Cursillista groups.

My fear now is that we may follow the Eastern States and never rejuvenate, fail to re-convene. To my mind that would be a tragedy because Cursillo has been the means to bring real enthusiasm into our faith lives.

However it is not all doom and gloom because every Parish has the ability to continue/commence Group Reunions, and to conduct Ultreyas even while the Secretariat is in recess.

As evidenced by the recent Ultreya held in Boyup Brook with the theme of 'Peace'. Although the number attending was smaller than in past years - winter flus did not help! – the enthusiasm, the pleasure of being together again, the joy in singing was so palpable.

Please don't be reluctant to seek assistance if you wish to organise something for your Parish – there are plenty of people only too willing to help; it's called Apostolic Action!!

Perth Cursillistas are conducting a Weekend at Advent Park, Maida Vale on the weekend 26 – 29 September; application forms are now available. If you are aware of folk wishing to do Cursillo, this is the opportunity while Bunbury is in recess.

Like all organisations, Cursillo is still evolving. Our Australian distances and time frames have necessitated changes to the original time tables of a Cursillo Weekend; variations are still being trialled. Your suggestions are welcome. It is at the National Cursillo Convention that we learn of the success or failure of proposed changes without depleting the overall concept of Cursillo. National Convention will be held in Tasmania 24-26<sup>th</sup> October – I am going to be there!

Finally, I would like to thank all the Secretariat members for their loyal support and endeavours, especially our New Day editors.

I am signing off with my Co-Lay Director Barbara McDowell.  
De Colores!

**Anne Ritson**  
**Cursillo Lay Director**

## **Blackwood Deanery**

### ***Mission***

Blackwood Deanery includes the parishes of Busselton, Dunsborough, Augusta/Margaret River, Southern Forests, Bridgetown, Boyup Brook and the Anglican Communities of Balingup and Metricup. Georgiana Molloy Anglican School is also within the Blackwood Deanery.

### ***People***

With many clergy vacancies in parishes in our Deanery, parishes are very reliant on their lay leaders. We are blessed to have some very capable and energetic people who are assisting to cover vacancies. Our deepest thanks must go to all our lay ministers, wardens and church volunteers who are the 'engine room' of the deanery for all their work and dedication to the church. They are the ones that work tirelessly to 'keep the rumour of God alive' in these towns. Of course, almost all of them have asked me to thank the clergy who have helped cover services. There are too many to name (and I would risk omitting some) but a sincere and heartfelt thank you to everyone who has helped us out over the past year.

Most of the clergy in the Blackwood Deanery are serving in split roles, and we are mindful of the need to keep their workloads manageable.

Volunteers make a vitally important contribution to our parishes, especially those with outreach ministries such as Op Shops, Emergency Relief and Community Kitchens.

### ***Partnerships***

It is pleasing to note that many ecumenical events are being organised across the deanery, as our parishes partner with other churches in creative ways.

There is a growing sense of unity among the Churches in Bridgetown who come together several times a year - The Way of the Cross at Easter, Spring Celebration (Songs of Praise) in October, Sing Christmas in December. Rev'd Dave Bardsley leads services at the Uniting Church each month and helps with the music at St Brigid's Catholic Church when required. The parish is exploring common prayer strategies once again with other churches.

Dunsborough parish participates in the organising and running of the annual Easter Dawn Service with the combined churches of Dunsborough. It is wonderful to see up to 300 people of all ages gather to celebrate the resurrection and watch the sun come up over the bay.

World Day of Prayer is another way our parishes are connecting with other churches – this year in Dunsborough this was held at the Church of Christ for the first time. Southern Forests parish partner with local churches to hold World Day of Prayer services in Pemberton and Manjimup and Northcliffe also host their own world day of prayer service. Pemberton has a combined church committee to organise an annual Carols By Candlelight event which is well attended.

Christmas offers many opportunities for partnership with other churches. Boyup Brook hosts a Carol Service every year with other local churches and the local choir assisting. In Dunsborough, the church assists with the community Carols in the Park each year. Augusta Margaret River also host Christmas carol services and have good relationships with other churches. St Mary's in Cowaramup carol service raises funds for two local primary schools and St Elizabeth's in Augusta hosts a Combined Carol Service each year. Augusta also hosts the annual Blessing of the Fleet and Nurses Memorial Service for the community. School and church partnerships are fostered through the Youth Care Support Network. St Margaret's are building relationships with other Margaret River Churches for combined low-key outreach and evangelism in non-traditional settings.

Parishes and agencies continue to partner with Anglicare, whose services often support Emergency Relief programs. This includes financial counselling and advice about assistance that is available. Dunsborough parish recently hosted a community forum which included an Anglicare presentation on Family and Domestic Violence called Standing Together.

Two parishes report working with community mental health organisations: Boyup Brook has a representative attend the local Community Mental Health Action Team meeting and Rev'd Sue Kemp at Bridgetown is involved with Henri's (formerly Henri Nouwen House) which provides support to people struggling with mental health. Rev'd Sue is also a committee member of a local Prevention of Suicide group.

Southern Forest Anglicans have been supported by the Stirling Deanery, and we sincerely thank the Reverend Canon Karen Cave of Albany for her support and generous assistance in arranging clergy for them.

The City of Busselton opens each City Council meeting with prayer, and the Rev'd Nick Freeland and the Rev'd Justine Richmond are both on that roster through the combined churches network. The City are very supportive of both parishes within the city's boundaries.

The links with the parish of Busselton and Georgiana Molloy Anglican School continue to go from strength to strength. A very exciting recent development is that year 8 and 9 students are now being bussed to St. Mary's once a term to take part in a teaching Eucharist.

Dunsborough parish have a partnership with St George's College Music at UWA, who fundraised to buy a Kawai baby grand piano for their family centre. The parish now hosts music concerts, with a focus being on the youth of the area who do not have access to a quality venue or cannot easily attend world class music events in Perth.

### ***Foundations***

Several parishes report the need to upgrade buildings. In Margaret River, the parish is working with Byte Construction, which is building units next door to the church. Byte has offered to assist with the leaking parish house roof and support plans for the company to assist with the redevelopment of the gardens. St Margaret's has also cleaned out the parish house and developed the rooms as a function centre, chapel, church office and storage room. Bridgetown is planning a new toilet block and the church at Pemberton is awaiting a building inspection to assess white ant damage.

### ***Vision and Strategy Plan***

#### ***Strategy 1 – Deepening and Growing our Prayerfulness***

Prayer is at the heart of all of our parishes. Bridgetown reports that their vision is to reach out into the community at every opportunity and all their activities embrace this commitment. Underpinning all this is the strategy to pray into Mission and Kingdom growth. I believe this is evident in many of our parishes.

Pemberton host a bible study every Monday evening including members from other local churches. This group has a strong prayer component included. The Northcliffe parish also has a weekly prayer group.

Boyup Brook's email prayer chain operates with a prayer sent daily to those who wish to have it. They also have a prayer group who have been meeting every Friday morning for a short service and intercessory prayers for about forty years! There is an olive tree in the church grounds near the footpath to which they attach laminated prayers for passersby to read.

St George's Dunsborough has a prayer group who has been meeting weekly for many years. They have recently introduced a prayer bulletin to enable the wider parish to join in, particularly those who are house bound. St Paul's Bridgetown has a prayer chain for matters of attention as they arise, mobilising the church to pray regularly. They are in the process of reinstating a monthly informal prayer/worship mid-week service.

St Mary's Busselton hold Morning Prayer Services four mornings a week, while at St Elizabeth's Augusta a weekly Morning Prayer Service followed by bible study has a regular

attendance of 12-16 people. Study of Pete Greig's prayer course in 2022 and 2024 at St Elizabeth's in Augusta has deepened prayer life of the congregation leading to a dedicated prayer chapel being set up and 24-hour prayer vigil worship/dinner events held regularly. Margaret River have held weekly contemplation evenings that have explored "How do we live?" These have been backed up by weekly on-line written reflections which are being appreciated by non-church people.

### ***Strategy 2 – Learning More about Jesus***

All parishes in the deanery host bible studies in many different formats as they encourage each other to learn more about Jesus. Busselton parish held a Confirmation Service on the Feast of Christ the King and six people were also baptised on Easter Day. They are offering Youth Alpha to their older children and have introduced non-eucharistic Family Services at which students from GMAS lead the music. These have proved to be very popular. Bridgetown has also offered Alpha to their parish and have plans to include other churches in their next one.

### ***Strategy 3 – Growing in Love for and Encouragement of One Another***

Ministry to aged care is one way parishes are living in love for one another. In Busselton, ministry to aged care has now been firmly re-established through regular monthly services in each home as well as regular 1:1 pastoral visits to those who want them. Bridgetown holds at least 2 services a month at Geegelup Village (Aged Care facility), one of which is a monthly Eucharist service. The Anglican and Catholic churches both hold monthly Eucharists at Cape Care in Dunsborough and they work together to minister to residents of all denominations and none. In Boyup Brook, LLM Anne visits the hospital weekly, offering communion particularly for the permanent aged care people. An All Souls service is conducted annually at the Senior Citizens Lodge by an LLM.

The National Bishop's Meeting was held in Busselton and it was good to welcome several of the Bishops to St. Mary's on the Sunday before the conference started. Rev'd Nick Freeland and Rev'd Justine Richmond assisted at the conference by preaching and presiding at two of the morning Eucharists, and Rev'd Justine also acted as one of the chaplains to the meeting.

Whole of parish services are a highlight for the Augusta Margaret River parish with shared fellowship and meals enjoyed by all. With a diverse congregation, St Elizabeth's in Augusta focuses on caring for each other in practical ways – chopping wood, assistance with transport to medical appointments, celebrating family events and providing prayer support.

### ***Strategy 4 – Being Salt and Light in Our Communities***

Many parishes are involved with outreach ministries to the local community through Op Shops, Emergency Relief and Food Ministries. Busselton parish continues to have strong ministries to the local community through the Op shop, Emergency Relief and Cliff's Kitchen. Bridgetown have their Op Shop which is run very successfully and appreciated within the community.

Dunsborough parish host a community meal: "Manna and Mercy" which has just celebrated their 500<sup>th</sup> Tuesday night meal. They also outreach to the community through their Op Shop, Emergency Relief and 'Share and Care' ministry, which not only distributes food but also oversees a recycling program, monthly repair coop and community sustainability education. Moving the annual church fete from the town centre to the parish precinct has had a great impact on community engagement with the parish. Dunsborough's Prayer Quilt ministry continues to bless the parish and the wider community, producing 587 quilts over 17 years.

Southern Forests do a bread run to families on low income which includes vegies and eggs in season. They have just finished delivering Emergency Relief Funds and are in the process of handing this to another church. David Swain has been the primary person delivering these much needed funds, but he is now retired and reducing his commitments in order to travel. We are very grateful to David for his energy and commitment to the parish.



Hope 25 has been a focus for parishes in 2025. Busselton parish engaged with Hope 25 in multiple ways. Most notable was the exhibition of religious artworks by the late Bob Booth. Other initiatives include prayer quilts made by Mothers Union, expansion off morning tea after a midweek Eucharist so that people can drop in and chat, and bookmarks made by the Ladies Guild. They also gave out a copy of Luke's gospel to everybody who attended on Easter Day which is now being studied by their Bible Study group.

St Mary's Cowaramup have a strong relationship with the local community and, taking advantage of their main road frontage, attract many people into their church when the church is open on Fridays. Outreach into the non-church community is becoming increasingly important in Margaret River and Cowaramup. St Margaret's has begun organising pastoral visits to people on the parish roll who no longer attend church and the parish's on-line presence is being developed with evidence of building interest in what they are doing.

Environmental issues and recycling are another way of being Salt and Light, particularly for Boyup Brook and Dunsborough parishes who have strong representation on the diocesan Sustainable Living Working Group.

Boyup Brook host a Gospel Singalong as part of the Country Music Muster, an annual event that attracts many people. In Bridgetown, Rev'd's Sue and Dave have an increasing involvement in community activities with a singing group and the Blues at Bridgetown event. The 'Blues Gospel Service' saw the church overflowing, reaching people who would not normally attend church.

***Reverend Justine Richmond  
Area Dean Blackwood Deanery***

***From reports submitted by Rev'd Nick Freeland, Rev'd Dave Bardsley,  
Rev'd Justine Richmond, Sally Francis, Jan Ritson and Michele Schmidt.***

## **Goldsmith Deanery**

Goldsmith Deanery stretches from the Indian Ocean to the Darling Ranges and includes the Parishes of Australind, Boyanup (Boyanup and Capel), Carey Park (Carey Park and Picton), Cathedral Parish (Cathedral, Brunswick, Burekup), Collie, Gelorup and Harvey.

Other organisations in our Deanery are Bunbury Missions to Seafarers, Bunbury Prison Chaplains, Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School, Hospital and Aged Care Chaplains.

Please find below a report from the parishes.

### **Australind**

Ten years ago, Verity and I moved to Australind to lead the newly formed St Nicholas Minster parish. The vision for this largely came from discussions with +Allan, who sought a ministry beyond parochial bounds. For the first four years, it involved oversight of All Saints' Donnybrook and subsequently establishing Rev. Cathie Broome in her ministry there. In 2019, we completed our direct financial and ministerial support with Rev. Cathie becoming Priest in Charge for All Saints along with her other ministries.

What is encouraging is that the vision for the minister continues to be fulfilled through St Nicholas. We began the regional combined churches in prayer and worship gatherings in 2018, and these run four times a year, now hosted by several of the region's churches. These gatherings combine worship and promote prayer for the kingdom to come and the King's will to be done in the churches and region. We also became a hub for 'Local Houses of Prayer' in Western Australia and a regional training hub for Elijah House ministries.

Jamie and Verity Murray were invited to serve the Bunbury Christian Churches Together as co-chairs this year. Verity has worked hard to develop a new website for this network, which you can find by searching for Bunbury Christian Churches Together. We envision a sharing of good news, possible collaborations and ministry for the region.

So, we find our church is serving and blessing beyond parochial boundaries just as +Allan envisioned, however, in an ecumenical space rather than simply Anglican.

A key development over the past year is now bearing fruit in a new ministry we are calling 'The Well of Living Waters.' This is a ministry of inner healing and restoration, underpinned through the biblically faithful teaching of Elijah House and our own Living Free teaching. It is a ministry to the heart guided by the Word of God and the Holy Spirit. To lead a team requires 16 days of training (Completion of the Keys to Transformation course) and mentorship and assessment. It will soon be running fortnightly on Tuesday mornings with up to three teams available for prayer ministry appointments. We are raising more team leaders and praying for this to be a great blessing to our region. Team members currently come from St Nicholas and two other churches.

We have enjoyed numerical growth this year, both on Sundays and on our mid-week Wednesday services. However, the greater growth is in a collective desire to deepen our walk with Jesus. We continue to run courses such as Alpha and rejoice in people coming to faith. We had a most successful fundraiser in April involving community choirs and our own church family for Ukraine, focusing on the charity Mobile Crisis Construction, which essentially converts rubble into bricks for building. We were able to raise just over 5K AUD, praise God. We continue to support Pregnancy Assist Bunbury with all our Christmas offerings given to them.

Our Op-shop continues to bless both our local community and several other charities. We continue to seek to bless abundantly, belong wholeheartedly, believe increasingly, behave with integrity and become Good News. (Our Framework for our community life together)

***Rev'd Jamie Murray***

## **Boyanup**

The Parish of Boyanup is getting smaller! The Diocese has recently made an agreement with the Orthodox Church to sell them St. Mary's Church in Dardanup. The Orthodox Church have been renting the church off the Parish of Boyanup for the past eighteen months for their regular services and it is a relief to all concerned to know that this beautiful building will once again be loved and cared for. The items in St. Mary's which had been dedicated to local families have now been returned to known family members. All dedication plaques have been removed and placed over the doorway of ST. Mary's. Over the last few years St. Mary's congregation had sadly fallen away and the future upkeep of the church had become a major worry for the Parish. Boyanup St. George's church services are held once a month with worship being led by Revd. Carol Reid. Congregation varies between 10 – 15.

The Op Shop in Boyanup is the main source of income for our Parish. It is a continuing success story. After ten (10) years it is still very much needed and loved by all customers and especially those who have been fortunate enough to find a bargain from amongst the treasure-trove stored in the shop. The shop is supported by a group of long-term volunteers and staff who freely give of their time. We are grateful for each and every one of our volunteers. At the recent 10-year celebration luncheon all 28 volunteers were given a Certificate of Appreciation by Thelma. Six of our volunteers have been working with Thelma at the op shop for the entire ten years.

The Parish Council have agreed to the installation of security cameras in the op shop and this will be undertaken as soon as possible. This action was motivated by the increase in theft.

We recently installed drop down blinds in the patio area of the op shop to provide a dry and comfortable space where staff could display racks of clothing.

St John's Chapel parishioners have been coping with huge problems caused by the damaged fleche (spire) on the top of the church roof. This has been ongoing for some months now. Temporary measures were undertaken in 2024 to alleviate some of the problem but unfortunately these measures have ceased to be effective now that the problem has worsened. Whenever it rains, water drips into the church and runs down between the pews, soaking the carpet runner and floor boards. Parishioners are forced to sop up the water with towels. Parish Council has applied to the Heritage Council for a Heritage Grant. We are hopeful of some assistance to pay for the necessary repairs. New guttering and down pipes have been sourced and will be installed to St. John's roof sometime in September.

The Yamaha organ which has been in use at St. John's for a number of years ceased to work in July. A quick fix was needed and I was fortunate to find a new replacement Keyboard at Cash Converters.

***Thelma Richards***

***Parish Warden/Op shop Manager/Coordinator/Safe Church***

## **Cathedral Parish**

St. Boniface Cathedral aims to be a welcoming, inclusive, and affirming place for all people, and we actively work towards making this reality. The Cathedral offers a variety of opportunities to worship and in a variety of styles. Every weekday morning at 8:30am the office of Morning Prayer is said in the Chapel. The Bishop, the Dean, the Archdeacon and the Registrar each take a turn in leading morning prayers. We also have several people join us via zoom every morning for a hybrid online / in person time of prayer.

As part of the Hope 25 initiative, we combined our two Sunday services into one which is now at 9am. We have started a Saturday evening service at 5pm which has grown into a regular and faithful congregation. We intend to commence a further service aimed at those who have never been to church and will be evangelistic in nature.

The cathedral has been under financial strain carrying the loan for the hall. We did not replace our parish secretary when she moved on to other employment, and we do not have any paid clergy assisting the Dean. In 2025, we sold St. Elizabeth of Hungary Chapel in Clarke Street, as it had not been used for three years. The proceeds paid off the loan and the balance was retained by the Diocese to assist with Redress Claims. This has greatly assisted the Cathedral finances. Repairs were undertaken to the Cathedral roof at a cost of \$49000. Of this amount \$23,000 was received in donations, with the Parish of Dunsborough making a donation of

\$10,000 toward the repair bill. The gutters are in need of attention and quotes for this will be received during 2025.

In a secular world, it is our vision that St. Boniface Cathedral is seen to be relevant to the wider community being a place where one can find not only spiritual nourishment but where one's physical needs are met as well. To this end we run an Emergency Relief ministry two mornings a week under the auspices of Boniface Care. In our Op shop, we cater for special needs volunteers who work in the Op Shop supported by their carers. Our hall is offered for free to a men's prostate cancer support group who meet monthly. In these and other ways we try to make our faith a reality to those who encounter us.

***Very Rev'd Darryl Cotton  
Dean, Bunbury Cathedral***

### **Collie**

In January 2025 Rev Dr Gail Smit became the deacon at All Saints. All Saints has had an eventful 7 months in which we have seen growth in our parish as well as in individual lives. The parish works together well with joyful attitudes as they serve God together. All Saints parishioners all contribute in some way to make life easier.

We have several parishioners learning to play the bells that ring out the Sunday welcome.

Our quilt ministry is very active will 11 quilts givens out at last count. Our busy organist leads the ministry. We have received several reports of healing and comfort from those who have received quilts.

All Saints continues to have weekly services.

We have instituted the Praise, Prayer and Proclamation outreach service once a month. Canon Mavis continues to guide using her wisdom. Canon Mavis celebrates communion with is once a month. We are thankful for her leadership. All Saints parish appreciated the full quota of Easter services this year, followed by a weekly Pentecost Bible study.

The younger families are enjoying the 'Kids Moment' as part of the service as well as their 'musical contribution' at the end of the service. an area in the church has been set aside for our gorgeous and happy youngsters.

We have a weekly Bible Study that is very well attended. We also present the Alpha course after Sunday Service in our parish kitchen, and it is proving to be popular and effective.

All Saints celebrated World Day of Prayer with other congregations in Collie and will be hosting next year's WDP.

At last the work on the parish kitchen is completed as well as the concreting work around the Op Shop building in order to make it safer for us all. Our Op Shop volunteers continue to work loyally and tirelessly. We are so grateful for them.

We are blessed to contribute in various ways to mission and relief.

All Saints are blessed to be a blessing for others.

**Rev'd Gail Smit**

### **Gelorup**

We are very fortunate at Gelorup to be able to have the use of the Bunbury Cathedral Grammar school Church, which means we have very little upkeep and responsibility in relation to the church.

It has been an exciting and eventful year once again in many ways where we have had to be resourceful and flexible. Especially that we have had Marion continue to perform one Eucharist per month to enable us to continue to receive communion and the fact that Doug can now perform extended communion as part of his service. We are very fortunate that we are such a giving and flexible congregation.

We on the parish council had to decide the best course of action so that our church and community can continue to move forward.

We have had some wonderful occasions and services this year that have been beneficial to us as a community and parishioners.

During the course of this year, we decided to incorporate what I would call extracurricular activities into our daily worship.

We have had the spokesperson for the Prisoners of Bunbury regional Prison come along and tell us about their mission statement and their objectives in helping the prisoners. This was very enlightening in relation to the work they complete behind the scenes.

As a congregation we had our prayer walk service around the grounds of the school stopping and saying prayers at certain points in the school grounds – in relation to the students – teachers – School committee and volunteers.

The morning tea Café service held in conjunction with the Lutherans who attend our church every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday is very well attended and is an enjoyable and social event which also incorporates the sermon throughout the service and event

Hope 25 was a great success – we hired a bus and did a magical mystery tour of the Churches history in and around Bunbury. As a congregation we visited various Churches that dated back to the start of the founding Church in Bunbury area, this was a wonderful trip that the parishioners of Gelorup really enjoyed and participated in. Part way through the tour one of our stops was the old church at Australind and we stopped for Lunch before visiting many other churches within the Diocese.

This was a very informative tour and greatly appreciated by the people who participated in it, and the organisers and bus driver were given our heartfelt thanks

These are just a few of the things that we try to do differently here at Gelorup

Upcoming is the workshop for standing together

31 Aug Standing Together Workshop – presented by Anglicare. 9:30-10:30 at church. Open to the community to attend. (Over 18's)

Well done to Barbara and Doug for taking the sermon as part of their ongoing dedication to Gelorup Community Church, and to Lynn who is also now an LLM giving us more flexibility for when people are away and unable to offer their services. Completing their LLM's takes a lot of time and commitment – so thank you again.

I would like to thank Doug and Barbara for their innovative ideas for the services that they undertake – with Doug being able to do extended communion we are able to at least have two communions per month which I am sure the congregation appreciate.

I am most appreciative of the work that is quietly undertaken behind the scenes, to everyone who gives up their time and talents to support the various arms of our parish community and support ministries through out the year which is essential to our strength and growth as a vibrant and caring community. Thank you.

***Jill Seymour-Farley***  
***Church Warden***

### **Harvey and Donnybrook**

The congregations at St Pauls Harvey and All Saints Donnybrook have seen throughout the year steady Sunday attendance and a few new parishioners. Both parishes have maintained a faithful presence in the community.

Each parish has its own personality and mission values, yet both have been committed to the Diocese vision strategies of growing in love for and encouraging one another and being salt and light in our community. With the additional commitment to Hope 25 and sharing the hope we have in Jesus with each other through bible studies and weekly reflections and our community through fellowship and outreach.

**St Pauls Harvey** – Has seen a number of changes throughout the past 12 months with the passing of much loved parishioners, the moving of Rev'd Marjorie to Perth and the retirement of a lay minister. However as a parish we have been encouraging and supporting one another and exploring and starting new ministries such as; the Wednesday fellowship group, community choir, various bible studies, Sunday evening dinners and mission talks and youth projects. As well as continuing to provide chaplaincy to Amana, the local residential aged care facility and hospital, as well as contributing as members of the local community HUB.

The Op Shop, through its wonderful team of volunteers has been a life line for many, but continues to struggle to get volunteers. Partly thanks to referrals from the Op Shop, but not entirely, we have been able to assist many families in need of Emergency Relief. Assistance from Boniface Care and Food Bank has been much appreciated. As a parish we installed a Red Bench out the front of the church / Op shop. It is an on-going, very visible statement of our commitment to stamp out domestic violence and to let our community know that St Paul's is not only a safe place, but that we care.

**All Saints Donnybrook** – continues to be a welcoming, loving and spirit filled parish that is well supported by the faithful volunteer efforts of laity and LLM's. We proclaim the gospel of Jesus in word and deed through our weekly worship services and reflections, as well as

Morning Prayer and bible studies. We have had several weddings, baptisms, and a confirmation over the past 12 months.

We have an enthusiastic congregation and an active prayer chain ministry. We provide much needed emergency relief for our community and in partnership with Foodbank we provide food in the hall fortnightly, which is a blessing to everyone. The parish remains pro-active in supporting sustainable living projects and exploring new models of ministry.

We support the local Youthcare Chaplains and the parish continues to engage with the community in a number of ways, including weekly outreach in the aged-care facility and through pastoral visitation, hospital visits, and home communions. As well as market days, mission stands at local IGA, prayer walks, mission talks and fellowship / outreach ministries.

***Rev'd Cathie Broome***

***Rev'd Canon Mavis Tyler***  
***Area Dean - Goldsmith***

## **Northern Harvest Deanery**

### ***Mission***

Our mission is to make our Lord Jesus known to the people of the coastal and regional populations of the north of the Diocese.

### ***People***

Our Deanery is first and foremost a lay body and meets under the auspices of our Lay Chair, Mr Mike Burgess. We have regular meetings in Williams and enjoy some business and lots of fellowship with many Parishes represented. We share news of the Parishes, and discuss matters of common interest. We have around 15 attendees for each meeting, which includes many of our Deanery Clergy.

### ***Partnership***

The essence of the Deanery is partnership, and Mandurah Parish has established a partnership with the Hyden Anglican Community. We are focussed on building resilience and support for Parishes in the wheatbelt with services at Narrogin covered by Canon Bill Byleveld.

### ***Foundations***

Our Parishes continue to deliver regular worship in the Parish centres in which we operate. We have been fortunate that retired and part time clergy have been prepared to step up and lead worship, and we are particularly indebted to Revvs Byleveld, Oakey, Harrison and Russell in providing support and worship, as well as Canon Mabey who has driven thousands of kilometres to deliver worship in Hyden.

### ***Vision and Strategy Plan***

Our vision remains to have thriving rural Parishes with active Churches led by priests who reside in the towns of the Deanery. Whilst we are some way short of that goal, we are finding ways to empower ourselves. We have developed online resources to train and empower the laity to lead worship. We have focussed in the past year on training (some online) for lay people to lead worship in their own context.

### ***Strategy1 – Deepening and Growing our Prayerfulness***

We are looking at a series of instructional videos on leading prayer, elements of leading worship, intercessions and posture during prayer. These online resources are available to all.

### ***Strategy 2 – Learning more about Jesus Christ***

We will develop some instructional material including Bible Study to explore the person of Jesus and His role in our life and Deanery.

### ***Strategy 3 – Growing in love for, and encouragement of, one another***

We continue to meet regularly and to support each other, and the Bishop, Archdeacon and Deanery clergy have participated fully in the life of the Deanery.

Our Deanery has long held the view that it is fellowship and listening that underpins our Christian journey.

***Rev'd Canon James Tabor***  
***Area Dean***

## Stirling Deanery

### Parishes

**Kojonup/Katanning** – Revd Neale Sommersby

**Denmark/Walpole** – Revd Sue Lodge-Calvert (locum), Revd. Sally Buckley (Retired)

**Albany** – Revd Canon Karen Cave, Retired Clergy Revd Helen Barnard

**Oyster Harbour** – Revd Shane Marques, **Ordinands** - Revd Allyson Charles, Revd Brent Findlay, Revd Dr. Richard Goetz

Retired Clergy (PTOs): Revds. Audrey Payne, Dorothy Bailey, Allan Taylor

**Southern Ranges** - Revd Genevieve Milnes

### Anglican Communities

Gnowangerup, Borden, Jerramungup, Bremer Bay, Ravensthorpe, Lake Grace - Revd Harold Lee, Revd Vicki Webb

**Mission to Seafarers** – Albany Chaplain Revd Canon Karen Cave

**Palliative Care Chaplaincy, Great Southern Region** - Revd Esther Leach

**PTO** Revd John Abraham, Revd Robert Holland, Revd Heather Turner, Revd Bill Leadbetter

**Stirling Deanery** supplies the following parishes and Anglican Communities with Clergy Cover and other forms of support: Jerramungup (Bremer Bay), Lake Grace and Southern Forests.

A moving service was held outdoors at the parish of **Borden** on 16th November for its deconsecration.

### Mission

Community interest in the church continues with Albany parish continuing on line ministry. The opportunities for responding to need and outreach have also continued to present well as emergency relief and pastoral care nets have been strengthened, and the church continues to support often the most vulnerable in our communities. The Deanery has embraced the diocesan Vision and Strategic Plan and Hope 25 with ministry groups able to plan their activities and studies accordingly.

We have a strong healing ministry in The Order of St Luke. Revd Dot Bailey writes, “The Albany Chapter of OSL ( the last remaining chapter in WA) meets once per month on the second Thursday at 9:30am at St John’s with a prayerful inclusive service of healing, anointing and individual prayers followed by a homily and communion. We have an enthusiastic congregation and have seen God answer many prayers. We have 14 financial members, 2 non financial and welcomed 3 new members this year. Cherry O’Donnell remains convenor and Joyce Caramia as secretary / treasurer. We supply prayer shawls and scarves. We regularly bless these and hand held wooden crosses supplied by St. John’s. My thanks to Revd. Karen for her encouragement and hospitality at St John’s and the way she prepares the chapel for the services. Thanks also to Cherry and Joyce for their support to me and to the chapter. I am so grateful.

Thank you also to all the members who attend and pray so faithfully.

God’s blessings to you all”

St John’s Albany Emergency Relief serves our Community well as do our soup kitchen. On line services are available twice per day, six days a week. We place a strong emphasis on outreach and with other churches in Albany have been running Alpha Courses. We look forward to a combined church service later this year. It is such a joy to minister alongside community groups such as Albany Community Volunteers and share gardening chores with students from Great Southern Grammar School. We also provide Chaplaincy to Mission to Seafarers, Police, RSL, Amana and the prison and support our Youthcare Chaplains. We are now providing joint support with Kalamunda Parish to minister to Bibbulmen Track walkers.



Living Water continues to proclaim the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed through our weekly **worship services**, the ministry of the **community store** and **community garden**, as well as special events such as the **Invitation Sundays** which took place in February, the **Alpha course** (May-June) and a **Christian Ethics** Course taught by Revd. Richard Goetz (Aug-Oct). A new **youth and young adults** ministry began in 2025 under the leadership of Cam Fildes and has already started bearing good fruit. A new **Playgroup** for little ones and their parents has also begun under Revd. Allyson's leadership. The **Girl's Brigade** serves 30 + girls in years 3-6 and meets each Wednesday afternoon at Living Water. An exciting development in 2025 has been the start of a pilot year for **Albany Ministry Training** based at Living Water, where in partnership with Eastern College Melbourne (RTO) we are delivering the **Diploma in Christian Ministry & Theology (11238NAT)**, a nationally recognised qualification. Revds Richard and Shane deliver lectures on Thursdays to an ecumenical cohort of students, young and old, in person and via zoom, who are seeking to be better equipped for lay ministry in their local churches, and for some a first step into preparation for vocational Christian ministry. We are grateful to the Lord for opening the door to theological training in our region.

Southern Ranges continues to show God to others through fellowship with God's Son, Jesus, and to extend the love of God to all by seeking the infilling of the Holy Spirit for this empowerment. Services are held regularly in Mt Barker (approx. 20-30 people) and Cranbrook (approximately 10-15 people), with the fifth Sunday being held in one of the two small churches in the parish, St Mildred's (Cranbrook) and St Werburgh's.

A regular sacramental ministry has been set up in collaboration with the Mt Barker hospital with the Rev'd Genevieve Milnes leading a small group of residents for extended communion and hymn singing on a monthly basis. We started with about 4 residents but the service is becoming quite popular and we now have around 11 or 12 on a good day. There is a regular ladies morning tea organised by Fran Wallace at a local garden centre as an outreach to the community to 'Meet the Minister'. This is a fun group as the ladies share their lives and opinions together and meet Genevieve in an informal setting. Several of these women now attend the congregation.

The Parish Op Shop continues to trade successfully with an abundance of stock being contributed by the wider community. With the retirement of Shirley Thomas, Robin Waters has stepped in with a small committee for the running of the Op shop. We said farewell to Shirley Thomas who has offered so many years volunteering in the OP Shop, and we will miss her greatly.

A highlight of our year has been the service at the home of Rev'd Genevieve and Dr Peter for HOPE25 when we emerged from the church walls and wandered in God's creation to find sacred spaces.

On Maundy Thursday after the foot washing service our group went for a lamb dinner at the bottom pub which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Rev'd Genevieve performed the wedding ceremony for one couple at St Werburgh's and another renewal of vows also at St Werburgh's in late 2024.

In August 2024 the Swan Harp players joined us with 4 harpists and was a real hit with 40 parishioners attending rather than our normal 20-30.

Denmark and Walpole report that, "during this year of Hope 25 we have sought to interpret all our usual activities as declarations of hope. Specifically, we held two special events in which we gave musical voice to our hope. On Palm Sunday we hosted a service/concert of Tenebrae to which about 60 people who do not regularly attend church came and heard the Passion of our Lord in spoken and sung word. We also hosted a Sunday morning service called Hymns of Hope during the Festival of Voice which attracted a cheerful group and locals and visitors enjoyed the emphasis on joy and hope".

In Katanning one central focus of mission has been their Op Shop which in July 2025, celebrated its first year of operation. Open and for the most part one day a week, and armed with a small team of volunteers, the Op Shop has become an inviting place for everyone and includes a Coffee 'n' Chat space and designated space for children to play while parents '

shop. In the Op shop we can offer Boniface Care Hampers for those in need and provide a quiet place for people to come and chat about their needs privately.

In Kojonup ,Hope25 “Images of Hope” Exhibition created great opportunities on its opening night for conversation about the Hope we can have in Jesus and has resulted in 4 new people regularly starting to come along to Sunday services.

Worshipping Christians in Lake Grace are ecumenical and informally attend services in local Anglican and Catholic Churches. Many joint activities occur such as the World Day of Prayer and an ecumenical prayer group that meets regularly. An Anglican Supply Clergy (deacon) is rostered monthly with parishioners running services in between. Parishioners of St Anne’s lovingly serve as Christ in their rural community and are a respected and supported part of the fabric of Lake Grace. As such rural ministry becomes missional in the community when members of the St Anne’s congregation support local business, undertake voluntary work in service clubs and community organisations and are active in their own small business. Funeral support is another mission for parish family members and past parishioners being buried in Lake Grace. It is wonderful to arrive to a full church that parishioners have lovingly cleaned and set up with flowers and all the candles burning. Since the 2024 Synod there have been four funeral services held at St Anne’s with up to 100 people and an Anglican Service at the Town Hall for 250 people. Hospital visiting is another important outreach. The sacristan is a resident who receives communion each month when Supply Clergy visit, together with two to three others in hospital. Pastoral support is given to the sick and dying and their families when invited.

There has been one baptism of a very keen new resident who is 84. Two children are scheduled to be baptised toward the end of the year.

Jerramungup decided to help another parish out by giving our Mission giving to the Parish of Lake Grace.

### **People**

The Deanery Chapter met in person at Retreat and Conference and Living Water, Kendenup and at Christmas lunch . Our focus is fellowship, encouragement, mutual support and prayer.

We experienced delight in ordination services for Revds Brent, Allyson and Richard. We celebrated Revd Sally Buckley’s retirement. We have known sadness following Revd Helen Barnard’s strokes and subsequent withdrawal from ministry.

Rev’d Esther Leach’s contract as Chaplain for Palliative Care with Great Southern, WA Country Health Service (WACHS) concluded at the end of 2024, with the expectation that the permanent position would be created and advertised not long afterwards. At time of writing (July) this has not yet occurred. In the meantime, Revd Leach continues her spiritual direction training program until the final residency in Scotland in September.

At St. Johns, Revd Karen Cave continues as Chaplain to the Mission to Seafarers, RSL, Police and Amana. We continue to seek a new prison chaplain. The congregation are, as ever, enthusiastic and ministering in many ways to show the face of God and the light of Christ to our community. We are blessed by our position in the heart of the City.

### **People at Living Waters:**

#### **Clergy:**

Priest in Charge: Revd. Shane Marques.

Deacon Assisting: Revd. Dr Richard Goetz

Deacon Assisting: Revd. Allyson Charles

Deacon: Revd. Brent Findlay

Clergy (PTO): Revds. Audrey Payne, Dorothy Bailey & Allan Taylor

**Staff:**

Lay Minister (Youth & Young Adults): Cameron Fildes

Lay Minister (Children): Heidi Marques

Office Admin: Anne Pinchen

Communications & Creative: Chelsea Crosby

Community Store Supervisor: Fiona Cameron

Intern: Peter Findlay

At Southern Ranges, The Rev'd Genevieve is the celebrant for the parish on Sundays. She is employed part time and, as a Clinical Psychologist also runs a psychology company on the other days. It is an impossibility to run a parish on 2 days a week and Genevieve does a lot of overtime. Sometimes there are urgent night calls to the hospital which she always attends to, such as for Gwen Wright. The hospital staff also called her recently to pray for a dying man. Kathleen Ellison has been faithfully taking Morning Prayer at St Oswald's in Cranbrook on the alternate weekend. Genevieve is ably assisted by her husband Dr Peter Milnes who often helps out by playing the guitar. Ian and Joan Walsh do a sterling job of providing the music for our Overton sessions at the hospital and Joan and Trish provide the music for St Oswald's. Sarah Milnes, Ross Mackenzie and Dr Toby Leach play piano and organ at All Saints, and we have also had a special program of music including Miss Evelyn Jennings (10) on violin. The Parish Council is full of enthusiastic people who have freely given of their time, and also, the wardens, Tim Mitchell, Ann Webster, and Robin Waters, who ably run administrative duties. We are grateful to our Welcomers, our Sound people, to Fran (our Sacristan), to our morning tea people, and our LLM's of whom we have six: Dr Toby Leach, Dr Peter Milnes, Pastor Phil Stuart, Robin Waters, Kathleen Ellison, and Rachel Sambell. The LLM's are rostered on to assist in the services and do a wonderful job. We are grateful to have Helen editing the Pew Sheet each week and Jan Pope editing the quarterly newsletter. Now, we also have people in charge of the screen and the power point presentations. Chris, Ann, and Ross help out with the garden at All Saints, and Robert Lilford in Cranbrook at St Oswald's. Eric O'Hallaran has spent many hours tuck-pointing the stones at St Oswald's. Rev'd Dr Richard Geitz came to us for a short stay as an ordinand at the end of 2024 and shared his bible knowledge with us. Coral Cavanagh went into Overton Hospice this year and Bob Olsen last year. Maureen Greenslade went to be with the Lord and had a funeral service in November last year. Our dear Gwen Wright also departed this life in April 2025 at the age of 92. Her funeral, although for a sad occasion, was a celebration of Gwen's life. Such a sweet atmosphere with over 250 people attending from the community. We are missing both these wonderful servants of God in our church. We were devastated to hear of Cathy Stuart's terrible accident when she fell through a roof and ended up with some very bad injuries. It was a major miracle to see her back on her feet within weeks although sporting a neck brace. It was also quite a shock to see the photos of Peter Milnes' new smart car that seemed to lure him off the road. It was a total write-off and he was soon sporting a new car, same model within weeks to carry him all over the Great Southern as a Southern AgCare counsellor. Peter was taken to hospital by ambulance but released soon after with not a scratch. Another major miracle. As a parish we conduct monthly warden's meetings and a monthly Parish council.

At Denmark/Walpole, The Reverend Sally Buckley retired at the very end of 2024 and she was sent off with gratitude and well wishes. However, Sally has not gone far as she and her husband Chris have built their new home in the area. After six months of respectful absence Sally is now worshiping with us and we hope will soon be in a position to occasionally lead worship.

During this time the Reverend Sue Lodge – Calvert, previously parish priest and then during Sally's time assisting clergy, stepped forward and works 6 days a month leading worship three Sundays a month. The team of LLM's share in the leading of worship and care of the people. Dr Alison Kershaw and Mr Harold Luxton both hold preaching licenses and frequently lead the congregations at Denmark and Walpole. They are joined by Dr Jane James, Mrs Sally Prickett, and Mr Thomas Sheard. During the year Mrs Jan Pattinson has retired from her role of LLM

after many years of faithful service. Of course, much energy has gone towards seeking a new parish priest.

The parish is blessed with many talented and willing workers in the running of the church and in serving our community.

From Kojonup and Katanning, Revd Neale writes, "For Tracey and I, it has certainly felt like a year of feeling settled and much more attuned to how each parish works and functions this year. This has enabled us to implement small changes to the running of services, functionality, and procedures. In Kojonup we were saddened by several deaths in the community at the end of 24, beginning of 2025 losing 3 significant parishioners, Judy Mathwin and shortly after her son David and Valerest Yencken's. In Katanning we have been mindful of peoples age and care with Kath Ogden stepping down from being an LLM and Neil Presser moving into Spring haven. We have had several who haven't been well over a long period of time but who we continue to support through visitation and prayer. We are thankful to God for the energy he does supply to the older ones in both parishes, enabling them to continue to fulfil roles and serve the Lord gladly. Both parishes continue to supply Holy Communion and Hymn singing services in their local aged care facilities and to individuals at home."

Jerramungup are few in number but faithful in worship. Holy Communion services are conducted monthly on the second Sunday at either Bremer Bay or Jerramungup Community Church. We are thankful for the ministry of Revd Robert Holland.

St Anne's at Lake Grace is an aging cohort mostly in their 70's or 80's with one young family with 4 children who are relocating after harvest. Many are very frail and spend time in hospital. However, the congregation is becoming more committed and on average 10 attend services regularly with increased attendances on special occasions. A proportion of parishioners are permanent residents in the hospital or in aged care. There is a mix of new residents and established families. Denominations attending Anglican services include Catholic, Uniting, Lutheran and an occasional visit from an independent home church in Newdegate. Regular attendees are welcoming, friendly, grateful and supportive. A text message is sent to 10 families as a reminder before each communion service. It is year C and the Gospel of Luke in the lectionary and Gospel stories and messages are presented through a short homily applicable to the lives of those present. They enjoy the traditional style of worship and seem open to informality and including the children as much as possible. The congregation is learning by osmosis about many items in the church, the liturgical seasons and the meaning behind traditions in the church during Lent, Easter, Eastertide and Advent. A monthly pew sheet includes prayer and scripture for the weeks ahead as together we grow in love for God, each other and our neighbours. Musical expertise is limited, so we use traditional AHB hymns and recordings.

### ***Partnership***

Parishes have many and varied partnerships.

At St Johns, we enjoy loving relationships with our community, visitors and local churches. It is wonderful to be so close to Anglicare and enjoy collaborative and supportive relationship with them and other members of Albany / Great Southern Crisis Relief Association. We partner with Amana, Youthcare, Outlying Parishes, Mission to Seafarers, Chaplaincy to the Prison and Police Service and The RSL. Many missions are supported with great response to Operation Christmas Child. Hope 25 gave us great opportunity for studies and education with wonderful events including A Festival of Hymns, Afternoon Tea and a celebratory Choral Evensong. St John's is a member church of the Albany Church Leaders Fellowship.

Living Water is a member church of the Albany Church Leaders Fellowship. It has been a joy to see the Lord draw the churches together to make Jesus known through the use of the Alpha Course. This year again the Bible Society provided a financial grant in order to support this initiative with a number churches in Albany running the Alpha course after Easter. We look forward to the Albany Churches Together event on 21 September, 6pm at Oceans Church

where we will have opportunity to hear testimonies and a talk about our Jesus and our anxious age by Simon Smart, the Director of the Centre for Public Christianity. Living Water is in partnership with a number of other organisations and missionaries who advance the cause of Jesus locally and overseas and we are looking forward to hosting synod in October.

The Southern Ranges parish continued partnership with Youth Care and continue to support the chaplain. We have enjoyed our partnership with the Uniting Church and welcomed them to our services over Easter. We are grateful to Pardelup Prison Farm for the garden assistance by the men. They are always polite and helpful. The Cursillo Pilgrimage 30th Sept to 5th October was attended by quite a few from our area. Rachel Sambell has introduced us to BRAD, a recycling program for all those pesky little things that are really hard to recycle like bread tags and blister packs. The deanery meetings have been valuable as a time of togetherness and prayer and 4 people from our parish attended the one in August 2024 at Living Water. The St Werburgh's Trust is a committee that conducts the business for St Werburgh's chapel of which Rev'd Genevieve is the chair. This committee meets regularly to organise events at St Werburgh's and deal with arising events, heritage matters, burial policies, vandalism and so on. Rev'd Genevieve was invited to minister to the over 50's at the Flourish Conference in Perth. Genevieve celebrated the Eucharist with over 300 ladies and anointed the over 75's with Holy Oil. What a privilege!

The Parish at Denmark/Walpole primary partnership continues to be with our volunteers in the running of the Op shop and the work we can do in the local community and wider afield because of our financial success.

The parish continues to work with local chaplains and schools supporting their work through prayer, financial contributions, and membership of Youthcare meetings.

The parish also continues to support community groups such as CRC, Denmark Homelessness Group, and Food bank to meet people in their need.

Both Kojonup and Katanning enjoy good ecumenical relationships. This year both parishes hosted the World Day of Prayer services, while the Kojonup parish hosted the Combined churches prayer breakfast, and the community choir Christmas events. On Good Friday we hosted the combined churches walk with the cross. The church also continues to supply volunteers and committee members for the Combined Churches Renew Op Shop in Kojonup. The Katanning parish contributed extensively to the combined Churches Community Christmas carols, the organising and participation of the Combined Churches international lunch and the Palm Sunday walk throughout the town. The Katanning parish also continues to be very mindful and active in the Mothers Union, Mission to seafarers and warmly welcomed the Cursillo Utreya as it moved throughout the parish centres in late 2024.

Jerramungup, has a close link to St Johns in Albany, and are grateful for their support.

At Lake Grace, the Church is wonderfully well supported by the community. It is a blessing that people in the community are happy to help with maintaining the Church and grounds as it becomes a burden for the aging cohort. Maintenance is mostly done voluntarily by the community or at cost to support the aging parish. This year parishioners have overseen improvements of buildings and grounds at St Anne's with a new ramp and pathway from the Church into the parish centre to enable smoother access by the elderly. The bell and pascal candle have been refurbished, lighting replaced, and a buildup of op shop items collected. The lawn, garden and memorial roses are tended by community members when they see the need as they pass by. All the linen, silver, brass etc. used in the church as well as tea towels, tablecloths and curtains etc. in the parish centre are washed and polished by worshippers. The hospital staff will drive residents to services and enthusiastically support visits from supply clergy and allow them to use their activities room for home communion when there are 3 or more gathered. The local CRC prints a community newspaper (Lakes Links) every two weeks and advertises regular services. A photo and article is submitted each month. The CRC is happy to promote special services and often include eulogies that families have submitted with a thankyou.

Revd. Neale Sommersby and the Kojonup and Katanning Parishes are very supportive. Neale advises on ministry issues if needed and includes Lake Grace in prayers. The parish willingly

supply wine and wafers each month and allowed us to borrow silver and linen and anything else asked for until the Lake Grace supplies were ready. Wine is blessed by a priest the week before, mainly by Neale in Kojonup, but at times this year in Albany, St Werburgh's, Lake Bidy and by Bishop Ian. The St Andrews Op Shop in Katanning is gratefully receiving the bags from the pile of secondhand items building up in the Parish Centre. The Lake Grace parish received considerable financial support this year from a neighbouring parish to maintain supply clergy and cover ongoing expenses from Easter until the end of the year. Parishioners are now actively seeking financial support within the community and promoting electronic giving. Bishop Ian takes special interest in Lake Grace and keeps in contact with the Bishop's Warden Mr Walter Perry who is unwell. The Diocesan office provides administrative support in a very compassionate and loving way.

### ***Foundations***

At St Johns, Ground improvements have taken place and fellowship and fundraising are in full swing as are "open days". Our improvements enhance worship and enable our ministry and outreach to each other and community.

Living Water buildings are in good condition, but the need for more space for staff offices and children/youth ministry is acute. We have submitted plans to the City of Albany for the installation of two 110m<sup>2</sup> demountable buildings, one will be for offices and the other a multi purpose room for Youth ministry. Community House is to be renovated into a Creche and the existing creche and offices will become the new Kids Church space with toilets and storage.

At Southern Ranges, are all very excited about the new signages in both churches advising motorists of the location of our churches. Our tenants in both rectories are proactive in tending the gardens and contributing to upkeep of the grounds. There have been renovations, painting, fences built, and upkeep approved over the year. A recent faculty approved a fence on the West side of the rectory at All Saints, and a building of a Remembrance Wall in the rose garden for holding ashes is processing through the diocese. The move of the piano and organ back to their original places in the sanctuary have made an incredible difference to our worship sessions and a new organ was donated by Peter and Genevieve. The sound is focused now towards the sanctuary and the front of the church and the Sound people at the back of the church feel a great sense of freedom! This year the inside of our church and the vestry was painted! The new hymn books arrived, and we are enjoying them. We now have enough to go around. The pews have been slightly altered or removed to make way for wheelchairs and walkers. Now the church looks half full instead of half empty when previously everyone was trying to find a position out of the way up the back. We are enjoying our new urn and heater in the church hall. There has been some vandalism to the toilet doors and a tap left on which wasted a lot of water. A gate has been installed to stop people entering the rectory area from the street and a fence has been approved to prevent them passing by the bedroom windows.

Denmark/Walpole have after years of saving, consulting, and design the parish has initiated the building of new seating for the church in Denmark. Walpole has also made improvements to the church building. Next year will be the 60th anniversary of St George's.

Revd Neale writes from Kojonup and Katanning "In our first year here, I was very grateful for the ministry support of Revd. Vicki Webb. This year it has been a joy to return that support to Vicki as she together with her husband Bill, supply regular positive and growing monthly ministry to the parish of Lake Grace and more recently, Dumbleyung. Revd. Vicki continues to assist regularly at St Mary's, and I am continually grateful for her ministerial support during periods of leave. I value her deep spirituality, listening ear and wisdom. In Katanning through Hope25, we have embraced running the Alpha programme every Thursday with a free lunch, video and then discussion. Members of the church family at least both young and old, have loved it. Our program will run until early August, but it is hoped this format will continue and replace Thursday evening bible studies. Katanning also has opened itself up to change and how best to use our traditional space for worship, experimenting with a moving of the pews into a U shape arrangement for a trial period of 3 months. It is great to continue to have the assistance in the sanctuary of both Tracey and Tom. In Kojonup small changes have been

introduced through the draping of fabric in the church calendar colours of the liturgical season over our large sanctuary cross creating focus and awareness of both time and space. Fellowship group has moved to Wednesday evening with Helen Bignell running the bible studies for the remainder of 2024. Our worship continues to be traditional, but St Mary's remains a welcoming, hardworking, and encouraging church."

At Lake Grace, The Gospel message, the two great commandments and the Great Commission are the foundation of our Christian journey as Anglicans within and amongst this rural community. The historic foundation of rural church congregations is respected for their love and sensitivity and appreciated as caring for a sacred space within community. In 1928 Lake Grace was declared a Mission District covering 20 centres. In 1954 Lake Grace was declared a parochial district. St Annes Church was consecrated in 1958. There was at one time three Anglican churches operating in the Lake Grace Shire. Today St Annes in Lake Grace is the only church holding regular services.

**Vision and Strategic Plan** has been embraced enthusiastically by Stirling Deanery.

At St John's, each Strategy has been embraced by ministry groups and studies.

Revd Genevieve writes "At Southern Ranges, The ladies 'morning teas have been part of our vision and plan as has the service at Overton for the residents. For Hope25 we already have had a wonderful day outdoors together at Rev'd Genevieve and Dr Peter's place in Kendenup, and two others are coming up at John and Susan Gillams home in Cranbrook, and Annette McCready's home in the Porongorup. These combined outings help to establish good relationships between congregations in both places. We have a vision to reach the 19.2% of Anglicans in our district. We are still at 1% (30/3000) but are praying for the Holy Spirit to fill us so we can reach the whole population.

### **Strategy 1**

We were delighted to have Rev'd Vicki Webb host our parishioners at St Mildred's and Tenterden Community Hall in a day of contemplative prayer and activities.

### **Strategy 2**

Revd Dr Richard Goetz, as a Bible scholar, brought us insights into the scriptures while he was with us, apart from our normal weekly insights gained through the reading of the Word and the preaching. Our ladies join the community bible study and thoroughly enjoy the contact and the teaching.

### **Strategy 3**

There is a lovely feel to our worship services, and we enjoy hanging out together after church at our morning teas. A highlight was our recent HOPE25 service on the farm overlooking the Stirling Ranges and the warm fellowship we had around the old Metters stove while drinking our hot soup and eating our club sandwiches. Some bravely walked the distance to 'Grandad's Ute' across the paddocks and spent time contemplating Gods creation.

### **Strategy 4**

Our plan for this year and flowing into next year has been to move out of the church for 3 services into Kendenup, Cranbrook and Porongorup, to visit the homes of our parishioners and hold services there with a different special flavour to each visit. Our street stall has been a winner raising funds for different mission appeals. The whole community supported us, and we raised over and above for the project. Our Op Shop is well known in the district as many people just pop in to browse and take away a bargain. We have instituted vouchers for those who may not have what they need. Our yearly Carols and Readings at St Werburgh's has always been a favourite and it was good to see so many attend. A highlight in February was our Harvest Festival followed by a mini auction and a wonderful spread put on by the team at St Oswald's. Our socks and beanies have been most welcome by the Mission to seafarers, and we hear they are in high demand."

From Denmark/Walpole Revd Sue writes,

“The parish remains aligned with the Diocesan Vision and strategy Plan. This year we have adopted a focus on seeing all that we do as an expression of hope.

### **Strategy 1**

You can imagine that with a vacancy for the position of parish priest and with very reduced hours our focus has been to maintain hopeful, inviting, encouraging worship on all Sundays and major feast days.

### **Strategy 2**

The parochial nominators together with the Archdeacon have been working towards finding a new priest who brings their own unique ministry while continuing in the direction that the parish has worked hard to build.

### **Strategy 3**

To continue to build the people and the plant so that we are ready for a new chapter.”

From Kojonup and Katanning, Revd Neale writes

### **Strategy 3**

In Katanning the implementation of this strategy was intended to be through our Boniface Care outreach through local schools and businesses, and this has continued with 8 regional schools through their breakfast and lunch programmes & uniforms being regularly supplied.

In both parishes, we have continued to implement the use of our Diocesan prayer Cycle in both morning and evening prayer. Numbers for morning and evening prayer are larger in Katanning. In Kojonup it is still often just Tracey and I, with the occasional visitor.

In Katanning we aimed to establish coffee and chat fellowship mornings which is now regularly provided, and a space created for this outreach in our Op Shop. Back in Nov 23 Katanning also aimed to revitalise ministry in its aged care facilities and this has continued.

### **Strategy 4**

As mentioned above the Op shop has been a central focus of our mission endeavours in Katanning and was a specific focus for being salt and light in our community. Through the Op Shop the once deserted parish hall has now been brought to life, but it has also breathed life into the church community providing regular opportunity for community engagement and it's been wonderful to watch this grow. St Andrews is now no longer just a church building shut up during the week, but now a living beacon of light for our neighbours, our community and each other.

In Kojonup it's been increasingly visible that poverty can be a dark place, and that darkness is growing in our current economic and housing crisis. Parish council agreed that shedding light into that darkness could be best achieved through the creation of a Boniface Care Pantry. This we did in late 2024. Since then it has become a well-used, discreet, resource for those in need, alleviating stress for families, and bringing nourishment for both body and soul.”

### **And from Lake Grace, Strategy 4 and Hope 25**

Being salt and light was the strategy together with HOPE25. St Anne's is a small parish with many frail parishioners serviced by Supply Clergy, so rather than adding another activity they chose to weave HOPE25 into what was already happening. Bishop Ian blessed the refurbished bell and new ramp when he visited in May and the parish welcomed visitors for morning prayer and fellowship during the Cursillo Pilgrimage.

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## **Bunbury and Kapsabet Partnership**

### ***Mission***

The Kapsabet Diocese mission - “aims to transform lives through the grace of God by serving and transforming people's hearts” and the Bunbury Diocese mission “to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom, nurture new believers, respond to human need with loving service, and transform unjust structures”.

So it is with joy that our joint mission is “to connect people to God and one another”. The Bunbury and Kapsabet Dioceses support one another, in prayer and sharing our experiences and insights in mission.

### ***People***

The ongoing partnership with Kapsabet continues to grow, evolve and develop. Bishop Ian Coutts and Bishop Paul Korir lead the Dioceses in growing this relationship.

Early in 2025 Bishop Ian visited the Kapsabet Diocese and the various parishes and ministries throughout Nandi County. As per previous teams to visit, he had the opportunity to further develop relationships and ministry connections between the dioceses and was treated to much music, joy and friendship, as well as a spiritual richness that comes from a people of faith.

Retired Cn Bill Byleveld and family, together with Rev'd Cathie Broome continue to be a link through pastoral friendships with Mothers Union President Mama Selline, Diocesan Administrative Secretary Ven. Bethuel Cheruiyot, Rev'd Sarah, Vicar of the Good Shepherd Koitabut, St. Paul's Theological College Principal Ven. Elizabeth Cheruiyot and various clergy colleagues.

### ***Partnership***

The Bunbury Diocese consists of 30 parishes and 5 Anglican communities and 3 schools. The Diocese of Kapsabet, consists of 6 Archdeaconries and 47 parishes, 50 secondary schools and 150 primary schools, in addition to St Pauls Theological College and the Bishop Muge College.

The diocese actively supports local schools and is involved in the education sector through various means; including establishing schools, providing financial assistance to needy students, producing educational materials, and sending chaplains to schools.

The local rural hospitals, maternity centre and women's refuge shelter are community run with mothers union and local parishioners helping out to provide the basics of care, specifically through the provision of healthcare services and chaplaincy within those facilities.

### ***Foundations***

The relationship is not based on funding but rather on the building of relationships and through prayerfully supporting each other's ministry outreach programs and initiatives. Since 2017 this relationship has grown through face to face visits, prayerful support and twice yearly donations from various parishes within the diocese.

In addition over the past year the mission outreach program via C4M has allowed parishioners throughout the Bunbury diocese to knit and make clothing and blankets for babies and children. This has then been lovingly sent to Kapsabet via donations to cover postage from a number of parishes within the diocese.

### ***Vision and Strategy Plan***

Being the people God is calling us to be through fulfilling the two great commandments has actually been a wonderful platform to build on the relationship between the Bunbury and Kapsabet Diocese.

Both Bishop Ian and Bishop Paul are fully committed in their leadership to living out these two great commandments and that flows on to the prayerful supporting of one another as brothers and sisters in Christ.

### ***Strategy1 - Deepening and Growing our Prayerfulness***

A joint prayer diary has been utilised for several years now and encourages parishes within the two dioceses to pray for each other on a daily basis. In addition throughout the year through the Bishops "Letter to the People" and the "Ad Clerum", we have been blessed with updated prayer points and the opportunity to pray for one another.

Among the ministries we have been praying for are several initiatives and ministry groups and gatherings. These include; Young Men's Senior Conference, Diocesan Youth leaders retreat, Diocesan clergy wives rally & a retreat, KAYO conference, KAMA Conference and Mothers Union.

### ***Strategy 2 - Learning more about Jesus Christ***

The New Testament books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are the primary sources for learning about Jesus' life and teachings. In the first strategy we were encouraged to engage in prayer, seeking guidance and understanding, and now we are encouraged to participate in worship and service, reflecting his example of love and compassion.

Our partnership with the Kapsabet diocese allows us as Christians to connect in a unique way with our brothers and sisters in Christ, in rural Kenya. We are blessed to be able to have access to the gospels, and many people have multiple bibles, but in Kapsabet often there is one bible for a family or several families to share.

Learning, sharing and getting to know people from a different culture and theological perspective can only enrich us in our walk with Christ. By connecting with Bethuel, Sarah and Elizabeth we are hoping to start sending bibles, and theological books and resources to Kapsabet in a similar mission outreach to the knitted items ministry.

Again the main problem we have found so far is not the obtaining of resources, but the funds to cover the postage costs. C4M will continue to work with the diocese to find a way to share Gods word with our Nandi county family and friends.

They have very little but they have a heart for worship, a love of God and a commitment to community and that is inspiring. So my prayer for the coming year is that I return next year to Synod with joyous news that the word of God through resources has found their way from our dusty, overcrowded bookshelves to grateful hands in the Kapsabet diocese.

### ***Strategy 3 - Growing in love for, and encouragement of, one another.***

In sharing about this strategy I wanted to share more about the unique ministry initiatives of our Kenyan brothers and sisters.

KAYO - which stands for Kenya Anglican Youth Organisation, is the youth ministry of the ACK. The aim is to nurture young people's faith, provide spiritual guidance, and encourage their active participation in the church and community.

The KAMA ministry focuses on nurturing men as heads of families, enabling them to lead their families in Christian living. The diocese hosted a KAMA conference at Kapkoimur Secondary School with the powerful theme: "Understand Your Purpose, Passion, and Potential." It was a call for men to realign their lives with God's divine purpose, ignite their inner passion, and fully realise their God-given potential in service, family, and community.

Mothers Union led by mama Selline is a ministry that is in all aspects of each and every parish and community. It's hard to go anywhere within the dioceses without seeing the blue uniforms proudly worn by women who are working and caring for those in need and encouraging one another in love.

Our relationships are important and this relationship between the two dioceses is very important. Growing in love for, and encouragement of, one another is a key aspect of Christian fellowship and spiritual growth, emphasising the importance of mutual support, kindness, and positive influence within a community. This involves actively fostering love and providing encouragement to others, while also being receptive to receiving the same.

Thus it is an essential part of our partnership and relationship with the Kapsabet diocese. Over the years we have been prayerfully supporting one another and that has continued this year. As part of the initial team to visit the Kapsabet diocese early on in the relationship, I was struck by their incredible faith, their willingness to work together and their love for one another and God. I am sure that Bishop Ian had a similar experience earlier in the year.

Our brothers and sisters in the Nandi County have very little, but they are not seeking money, or a handout, our diocese relationship is built on prayer and companionship. That doesn't mean that we can't explore ways to assist them in their everyday journeys and their desire to learn about God and share the Good News of salvation with others.

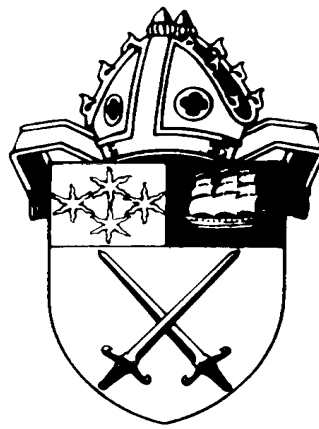
Perhaps part of our caring for one another is to put a bible in someone's hand or clothe them, something to reflect upon and pray about in the year ahead.

**Reverend Cathie Broome**

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## **Mission to Seafarers, Albany**

### ***People:***

Our Volunteers care for the Spiritual, Physical and Psychological welfare of all Seafarers coming into the Port of Albany by offering a Bus Service to the Mission and free transport to the local shops and tourism to the local wonders of the area, as well as taking one of the three WiFis' provided by the Southern Ports Authority, Albany to each Ship berthing at the Port. This past Christmas the Mission provided 66 Christmas Packs of gifts to the Seafarers on three Ships... they were overjoyed to receive them! Beanies continue to arrive from all areas of the Great Southern and beyond, which the Seafarers truly appreciate. The Mission is very grateful to the St John's Op Shop and Living Water Community Store for their Donations of free second hand men's clothing to the Seafarers: they go very quickly!

The Mission was overwhelmed by the installation of a new Basketball back and Ring provided by a local Company free of charge!! The old one was precarious and the current model is certainly professional.

### ***Partnership:***

The Mission works cohesively alongside the Port Authority by attending Port Welfare Committee meetings.

The Mission to Seafarers Albany has the Bus Runs every second evening with "Stella Maris" Mission doing the opposite evening.

### ***Foundations:***

The Committee has remained the same as last year, along with the Volunteers. Unfortunately, neither Media talks nor two talks at the Church Services at Living Water Church have provided any more Volunteers: The Mission would dearly love to have more Anglican Volunteers come forward to enhance the Mission of "Love thy Neighbour as thyself"

### ***Vision and Strategy Plan:***

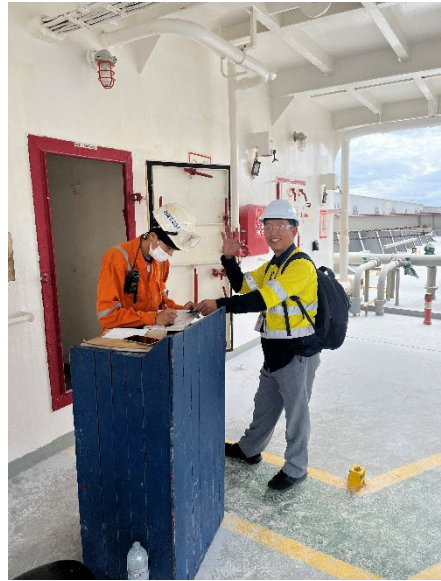
First and foremost, the completion of the works required in order to get our beloved Mission up to the standard it was prior to the two floodings of February and March. It has been a long, slow venture but coming together. It would be a great positive if discussions could be held during the Synod of a way forward to encourage Volunteers and have a paid Manager at the Centre (as this is certainly warranted!!) as the work involved here has not even reached its pinnacle with all that is involved on a Voluntary basis. A Chairperson usually delegates, however, this has always been impractical on the current Chairperson's part so it is time to raise the bar and find a way forward. The work involved is not only physically exhausting but also can be mentally and emotionally exhausting.

***Colleen Donovan  
Chairperson***

## Mission to Seafarers, Bunbury

After five long years without a stipendiary chaplain, we were very pleased when The Revd Gaerlan Baguil accepted the invitation to be the Chaplain at the Bunbury Seafarers Centre, commencing ministry on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025. We are also now back to our previous volunteer numbers pre-COVID which has enabled to open five afternoons and one evening a week. Our goal though is to be open seven days a week for ten hours each day.

We have noticed a decline in seafarers taking shore leave, not by choice, but due to the pressure of quicker turn-around times while in port. The crew simply cannot take time off for shore leave while in port due to work loads and yet shore leave is so needed for mental health and well-being. This is where our new chaplain has been such a blessing in that Fr. Gaerlan is regularly onboard vessels ministering to the crew. He is assisted by two fantastic volunteer Ship Visitors, Janine and Wanda.



*The Revd Gaerlan Baguil on his very first visit to a ship.*

In a recent news article Southern Ports Authority said, *“Western Australia is leading the way in seafarer welfare through its commitment all-year round to Port Welfare Committees (PWC). Only 26 per cent of ports across the country have registered Port Welfare Committees through the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA), with more than half of those located in WA. .... Southern Ports Chief Executive Officer Keith Wilks said the 17,000+ seafarers who visit its ports, just like any workers, deserved to work in an environment where they feel safe, which is why seafarer welfare is a key focus across WA’s south.”*

As a ministry without a congregation to financially support it through freewill offering, we are very grateful for the mission donations we receive from parishes. We thank you for financial support and want you to know that it makes a difference to seafarers’ lives. By way of example, we received a call from a seafarer reaching out as he was contemplating self-harm. Within two minutes we had trained counsellors from our seafarer mental health partners Hunterlink on the phone with him and within ten minutes Fr. Gaerlan was onboard the vessel praying with him. This ministry literally saves lives, and your support makes it possible.

**The Very Revd Darryl Cotton**  
**Chair: Mission to Seafarers Bunbury**



*Forward into the future:  
with hope and love*

## Diocese of Bunbury

### **Mission**

Mothers' Union is an entity within the Anglican Communion.

Anglican Mothers Union Australia (AMUA) Mission Statement:

Sharing Christ's love by encouraging, strengthening and supporting marriage and family life.



Members are encouraged to be God centred, being committed to prayer and worship, both in their gatherings and in their personal life, while living out the aims and objectives of Mothers Union. This is expressed by activities and actions that inwardly nurture, giving members the strength to be outwardly focussed in their endeavours.

AMUA needs to be seen, be heard, and be relevant. It has a commitment to developing parenting skills and to

engage in the community response to the issue of family and domestic violence.

Within our diocese Mothers Union provides a caravan at the Anglican Campsite in Busselton as a mission outreach. Through its Family Holiday Fund the diocesan executive is able to gift families who might not otherwise be able to afford it, a holiday in the caravan and to provide travel and food assistance where needed. Several branches also sponsor families from their community to holiday in the caravan. When not used for Mothers Union, the caravan is available to others for a low cost holiday.

As a mission agency AMUA has a commitment to annually supporting projects in the three northern dioceses of Australia through its Northern Outreach Grants Program and its Training Fund for Indigenous Women. Internationally AMUA supports the global work of Mothers' Union, and has its own Overseas Target Project to support programs in our region. During 2025 -27, AMUA is supporting Mothers' Union in Melanesia to offer literacy training to women in three dioceses in the Solomon Islands. Changes this program will bring are

- members of the society are equally literate.
- Women engaging in business or income generating activities and are more independent or self-reliant.
- More women at the grassroots level can read or write and are confident to take on leadership responsibilities.
- More stable families with drop in the level of abuse and violence.



## ***People***

Membership of Mothers' Union is open to all who have been baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity and who are willing to support the Aim and Objectives of Mothers' Union.

Branches exist in the Parishes of Albany, Boyanup, Boyup Brook, Bunbury Cathedral, Busselton, Carey Park, Katanning, Mandurah, and Pinjarra. Additionally, we have Lone Members in Bridgetown, Manjimup, Collie, Denmark and Walpole.

The terms of office of the current diocesan executive end as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025.

Prayerful thanks for the service of outgoing executive members will be given at the Diocesan Annual Meeting which will be held in Mandurah on 16<sup>th</sup> October. New executive members of the 2026 – 28 triennium will be commissioned at the meeting and will take office as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026.

The current executive is:

Wendy Mabey – President

Diane Hill – Vice President and acting treasurer

Jan Ritson – Secretary

Anne Busch – Prayer and Spirituality Coordinator

Sylvia Spicer – Social Issues and Action Coordinator

Tom Spicer – Publications Coordinator

Bishop Ian Coutts is Patron and Rev Cathie Broome is appointed as Chaplain.

Priscilla Broadbent is editor of the diocesan magazine, the Mustard Tree.

Life Members are Margaret Rennick and Beth Wootton.

## ***Partnership***

Mothers Union continues to engage with the diocese, with parishes, and with the wider community in it carrying out its aims and objectives and is thankful for the ongoing support of the Bishop and the clergy and leadership of the parishes in which there are branches and lone members.

Partnership across Australia is maintained through quarterly Zoom meetings of Diocesan Presidents which is chaired by the Australian President of Mothers Union, Dr Robin Ray, and internationally through occasional Zoom meeting with Mary Sumner House in London and representatives of other countries in our region: Aotearoa New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and Melanesia.

Mothers Union maintains a relationship of prayer support and information sharing with Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Kapsabet.

Mothers' Union has a presence on the diocesan website, with copies of our quarterly newsletter and monthly President's message being provided for upload. There is also a diocesan page on the AMUA national website.

## ***Foundations***

In 2026 Mothers' Union internationally will celebrate its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Worldwide celebrations being planned include a Thanksgiving Service in London in June and a worldwide gathering in Durban, South Africa in early October. Several members from our dioceses have indicated that they hope to attend the gathering.

Mothers' Union came to Australia in 1892 and the first branches in the Diocese of Bunbury were opened in 1915.

## ***Vision and Strategy Plan***

Mothers Union has sought to reflect the current Diocesan Strategic Plan in its actions and activities over the past four years, adopting annual themes in line with successive strategies and seeking to have focus on each strategy as the diocese has progressed from strategy one through four. Members have been encouraged to engage with their parishes and the diocesan initiatives as they have developed, and the strategies were highlighted in the monthly president's newsletters to members and also in our quarterly magazine.

***Wendy Mabey***  
***Diocesan President***

## **Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School**

### ***Mission***

Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School is honoured to serve as a School of the Anglican Diocese of Bunbury, grounded in the Christian faith and shaped by our connection to St Boniface Cathedral and the wider Diocesan community.

We value the breadth and diversity of our regional setting and are proud to share the sacred space of the Chapel of St Francis and St Clare with the Gelorup Anglican Parish.

Established in 1972 by Bishop Ralph Hawkins and the South West community, our School was the first independent, Anglican, co-educational day and boarding school in rural Australia. Today, we continue this legacy by offering a holistic and future-focused education for students from Early Learning through to Year 12, on a 33-hectare bushland campus in Gelorup.

Our mission is to provide a nurturing, all-round learning environment that supports each student's intellectual, physical, emotional, and spiritual development. We achieve this through a rigorous and diverse academic program, underpinned by a strong culture of wellbeing and guided by Christian values.

Through inquiry, service, and faith, our students are equipped not only for academic success, but for lives of purpose, leadership, and meaningful contribution.

### ***People***

Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School continues to grow from its local roots into a thriving, regionally and globally connected community.

The School has approximately 694 students, including 256 in Primary and 438 in Secondary. Boarding remains a valued part of School life, with 43 students currently living on campus.

The School is supported by a committed team of over 200 staff, including 99 teaching staff, 17 boarding staff, 82 support staff and a team of casual and relief staff. Our workforce reflects a diverse and inclusive culture, grounded in professional excellence and a shared commitment to student growth.

Strong enrolment demand continues across all year levels. Forecasts suggest the School will reach approximately 740 students by 2026, with particular growth in the Primary years. In response, plans are underway to develop additional classrooms and facilities to support a fully double-streamed Primary School.

The School's People and Culture initiatives remain focused on fostering a respectful, collaborative and balanced workplace. Staff wellbeing continues to be a priority, supported by initiatives that encourage work life balance, promote reflection, and value professional dedication.

Staff development is central to the School's ongoing success. In 2024, staff engaged in more than 155 professional learning sessions across areas including inclusive education, student wellbeing, curriculum design, and educational technologies. These opportunities support both staff retention and high-quality teaching practice.

The School is also sustained by its wider community and dedicated volunteers. The 2024 Parents and Friends' Association AGM successfully filled all roles and welcomed new members. The Old Grammarians' Association continues to support alumni engagement and connection. The Board of Governors offer dedicated governance, ensuring the School remains future-focused, compliant and sustainable.

## **Partnership**

We continue to strengthen the relationships that support our students' growth — spiritually, culturally, academically, and globally.

Our foundational Anglican connection remains vital. Although the School does not currently have a permanent Chaplain, we have been honoured to share in Eucharist and Chapel services led by Bishop Ian Coutts, Archdeacon Geoff Chadwick, and Canon Daryl Cotton. We remain grateful to the Bishop's Office and Diocesan clergy for their continued spiritual guidance and pastoral presence within our School community.

We have commenced community consultation with local Aboriginal Elders and community members to inform the development of a new Reconciliation Action Plan. We also formalised a new partnership with the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation (AIEF) and continued our scholarship program with MADALAH, further strengthening the School's ability to support Aboriginal students through access, mentorship, and leadership opportunities.

Our global partnerships also continue to flourish. As an active member of the Round Square network, the School offers opportunities for student exchange, international collaboration, and leadership development. In 2025, we have welcomed nine international students, enriching our cultural diversity and global perspective.

Our partnerships with the University of Western Australia, Edith Cowan University, and the Bunbury Regional Trade Training Centre continue to provide meaningful academic and vocational pathways, reinforcing our role as a leader in holistic student preparation.

The School is a member of the Western Australian Anglican Schools Association (WAASA) and the Australian Anglican Schools Network, with the Principal and CEO, Mr Matthew O'Brien, serving on the WAASA Education Standing Committee and as a Board Member for AISWA.

The Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School Board of Governors plays a crucial role in shaping the School's future. Under the leadership of Chair Ms Maria Cavallo, the Board has continued to make progress in strategic planning and governance, ensuring the School remains future-focused and well guided.

## **Foundations**

At Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School, we continue to prioritise student autonomy, wellbeing, and holistic development. A wide range of opportunities in music, sport, drama, debating, robotics, service and leadership allows students to explore their interests, develop their strengths, and set ambitious goals.

Student wellbeing remains a central focus, underpinned by the principles of the PERMAH model — Positive Emotions, Engagement, Relationships, Meaning, Accomplishment, and Health. In 2024, the School introduced a Positive Behaviour Framework across Primary and Secondary, supporting the explicit teaching of behaviours that enhance learning, relationships and personal development.

Operational improvements such as a revised timetable and the introduction of a digital study diary in Secondary have supported greater balance and engagement. These initiatives, along with an evolving wellbeing program, reflect our commitment to ensuring every student thrives in a safe and supportive environment.

Our students continue to achieve personal and academic excellence. The graduating Class of 2024 delivered some of the strongest results in the School's history. Of the 54 students, 100% graduated with a WACE or VET qualification.

Among ATAR students 75.4% pursued an ATAR pathway one of the highest participation rates in the region. 34.7% graduate students achieved an ATAR above 90 with 22.4% above 95 who were recognised as Distinguished Scholars. The Dux of the School achieved an ATAR of 99.45.

These outcomes reflect not only the determination of our students, but also the professionalism of our staff and the strength of the learning environment.

Whether through academic challenge, creative expression, service, or sport, our students are empowered to lead lives of purpose, confidence and contribution — the foundation of a Grammar education.

### ***Vision and Strategy Plan***

#### ***Strategy 1: Reimagining the School's Profile and Identity – Honouring the Past and Shaping the Next 50 Years***

In 2024, Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School continued to progress strategic initiatives aligned with its long-term vision. The successful opening of Koolangka Learning, our Early Education and Care Centre, marked a key milestone — extending the School's philosophy into the earliest stages of childhood and responding to strong community demand.

In 2025, continued campus development is underway, including refurbishments to the Performing Arts and Sport Precincts.

The School's 2025 theme, based on Strategy 1, is "Educating the Individual – Reimagining Education through Data-Informed Teaching." A research-based white paper on cognitive science and lesson design is guiding the next stage of teaching and learning. Staff are engaging deeply with evidence-informed practices to deliver focused, purposeful instruction.

The School will continue to shape a dynamic and future-focused educational experience for every student, grounded in excellence, clarity, and care.

#### ***Strategy 2: A Community Based on Positive Relationships – Building, Defining, and Strengthening School Culture***

The School's 2024 strategic priority focused on strengthening culture through connection. This included initiatives in wellbeing, community consultation, communications, and new partnerships.

Insights from the Biennial School Survey and a targeted Communication Survey have informed improvements.

A new Consultative Committee has enhanced staff voice and collaboration.

Community consultation for the next Reconciliation Action Plan has also strengthened relationships with local Aboriginal Elders and community members.

#### ***Strategy 3: Excellence in All That We Do – A Growth Mindset Underpinned by Effort***

The School is committed to a culture of excellence, continuous improvement, and high expectations. This strategy reinforces the belief that "the standard you walk past is the standard you accept."

In Line with the School Master Plan significant progress was made to support our growing student population including two new classrooms in Primary.

Professional development and staff wellbeing remained a strong focus for the School's People and Culture strategy, supporting a high-quality and sustainable working environment.

***Mr Matthew O'Brien  
Principal and CE***

## **Frederick Irwin Anglican School**

### ***Mission***

The mission of the School is to provide low fee access to quality education in the Anglican tradition. To this end, regular worship is mandatory, and each child in the School receives one lesson of Christian education each week, from the appropriate AngliSchools curriculum.

In addition, the School is actively developing extra-curricular Service Learning opportunities to encourage students to broaden their perspective on matters of social engagement and social justice. This includes opportunities to travel overseas and intrastate to experience firsthand the perspective of those who have less, and where students are able to do more.

Our intention is to deliver a faith based introduction to spirituality with principal focus on Christianity, and Anglicanism in particular. This will provide the basic “toolbox for life” that will enable resilience, self-reliance and faith in the divine which is central to human experience. It is also intended that this education will provide a high degree of mental resilience.

### ***People***

The School is led by the Principal, Mrs Tracey Gray. Mrs Gray is a member of the congregation of Christs Church, Mandurah and a passionate advocate of faith education.

The School is also served by Canon James Tabor as Chaplain, and Assistant Chaplain, Mrs Alicia Tearle. James is principally focussed on pastoral care, worship and liturgy. He leads a small team of Secondary teachers charged with delivering the Faith Belief and Life (formerly Christian Studies) curriculum. In the Primary Schools each teacher is charged with teaching Faith Belief and Life with support from the Chaplaincy Team, and CRU (Crusader Union of Australia).

Alicia supports the Chaplain, and focusses on our Halls Head campus and running Primary services. The entire staff is tasked with modelling Christian values and witness. This is reflected in the regular weekly collective worship of staff and a termly Eucharist.

### ***Partnership***

The School maintains active and valuable links with a number of local charities and also supports Anglicare with a focus on youth homelessness. In 2025, 20 Year 10 – 12 students (and 3 staff) will attend the Anglicare Sleepout for Homelessness at Optus Stadium. The School is also developing strong links with the Parish of Christ’s Church Mandurah and students assist at fetes and worship. The Parish supports the school with a music Scholarship.

### ***Foundations***

The School is part of AngliSchools, which is the largest network of Anglican Schools across Australia. The role of Anglicare seeks to make God known everywhere, and is dedicated to providing good quality worship and faith experiences for students. This is intended to provide the basis for a Christian life in the Anglican tradition post School along with a high standard of education and broad based achievement.

In 2025, we have 1840 enrolled students across two campuses. The school continues to grow from strength-to-strength.

**Mrs Tracey Gray**  
**Principal**

## Georgiana Molloy Anglican School

### **Mission**

As a proud member of AngliSchools, we are committed to delivering exceptional education that inspires fulfilment and empowers our students to thrive. In 2025, we celebrate 22 years of providing a learning environment where academic excellence, personal growth, and community connection go hand in hand.

Our values:

**Respect** – We act with integrity towards ourselves, others, and the environment, showing compassion in all we do.

**Accomplishment** – We encourage every individual to strive for and celebrate success in their own unique way.

**Inclusion** – We embrace diversity by creating safe, welcoming spaces and genuine opportunities for connection and belonging.

**Spirituality** – We foster spiritual growth and holistic wellbeing, living out kindness, compassion, and purpose through service to others.

**Empathy** – We actively listen, seek to understand different perspectives, and work together to build a caring and supportive school community.

People

### **People**

At GMAS, our greatest strength lies in our people. The connections between staff, students, and parents form the foundation of our vibrant and supportive community, with each group contributing in unique and meaningful ways.

In 2025, our school is home to 1,322 students and employs almost 175 staff. Investing in people remains central to our success:

For students – Offering engaging daily learning alongside opportunities to extend themselves through co-curricular programs, guest speakers, and service activities.

For parents – Creating regular occasions to connect with our staff, benefit from external expertise, and contribute to shared community events.

For staff – Providing access to high-quality professional learning that supports both their teaching practice and personal growth.

Key initiatives this year include:

Students:

- Expansion Guest Speaker Program
- A reimagined House system connecting students from K–12, with broadened competitions to be more inclusive and service-focused. Each House has now partnered with a dedicated charity:
  - Meelup House – Jeans for Genes Day
  - Bunker House – Red Cross
  - Flinders House – Beyond Blue
  - Geographe House – Daffodil Day/Cancer Council
  - Hamelin House – Footy Colours to Fight Cancer
  - Eagle House – GeoCatch

Parents:

- Parent seminars with guest experts including Marion Walsh Gay (Real Schools), Glen Gerreyn (Positive Parenting), and Jade Taylor
- Expanded opportunities for community engagement and parent education

Staff:

- Growth of the Liminal Space professional development program led by Shane Glasson, now open to all staff, with 50 completing the 2-day Investing in Self workshop in 2025
- Principal and Chaplain attendance at the Anglican Schools Australia Conference, themed Immersion
- Professional learning focused on Child Protection and Developing a Culture of Teaching Observation & Feedback

### **Partnership**

Strong partnerships enrich our school community, offering students experiences that extend well beyond the classroom. Through local, national, and international connections, we provide opportunities for cultural exchange, service, and shared learning that help shape well-rounded, globally aware young people.

Parish partnerships:

- St Mary's Busselton – Monthly student music performances at Sunday Eucharist, Cliff's Kitchen, St Mary's Opportunity Shop, tree planting, Winter Appeal donations
- St George's Dunsborough – Winter Appeal donations

Community partnerships:

- Paint the Cape REaD initiatives including the Blue Tree Project and Make-A-Wish Foundation
- City of Busselton / GeoCatch – Dune restoration and tree planting
- Disabled Surfing WA
- Busselton Ironman – Volunteer repair station
- Cape Care – Inter-generational learning program
- F.A.W.N.A Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation
- Busselton Hospice

Educational partnerships:

- Real Schools
- Anglican Schools WA and Anglican Schools Australia (four conference delegates)
- Australian Council of Educational Leaders – multiple presenters at Hot Topic Events
- AHISA
- Horse Sense Equine Assisted Therapy

Cultural partnerships:

- As One Nyitting – Ongoing cultural advice, interaction, and guidance

Global partnerships:

- Hosted 14 visiting students from Sanda Gakuen (Japan) in July for the third consecutive year
- 25 GMAS students visited Sanda, Japan, in December for the school's first overseas trip since the pandemic
- Hosted multiple Rotary exchange students

### **Foundations**

Our school's foundations are built on the values of Respect, Accomplishment, Inclusion, Spirituality, and Empathy, as well as our three strategic pillars:

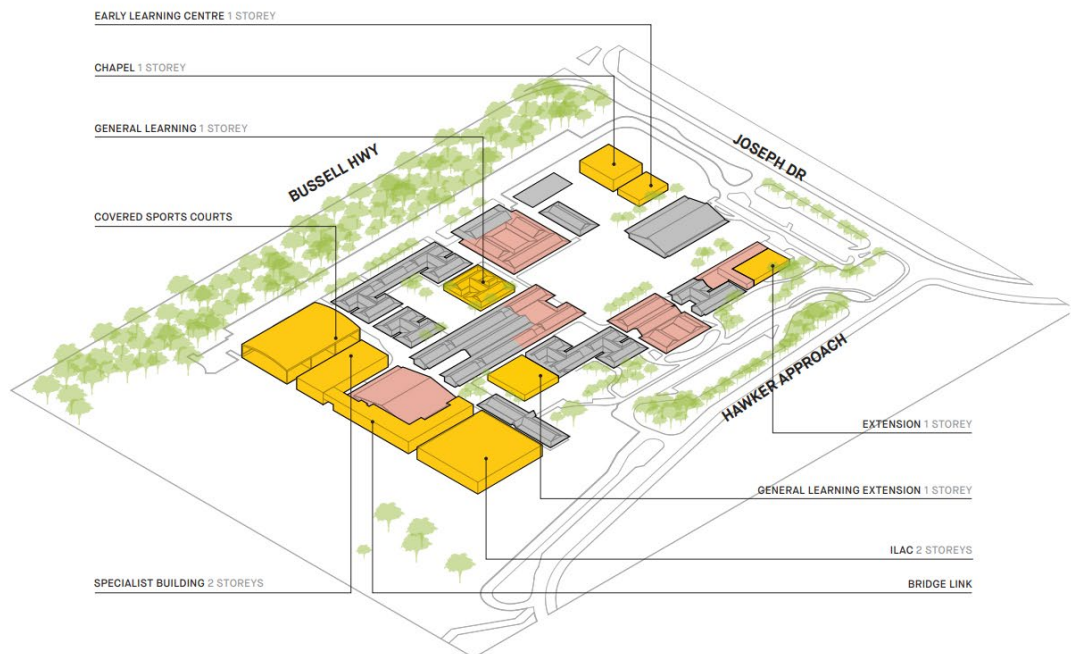
- Connection through Community
- Tailoring through opportunity
- Nurturing through environment

These values underpin a broad range of co-curricular opportunities and academic pathways designed to support the growth of every student. Volunteers, staff, and community members all play a role in ensuring these programs remain rich, diverse, and accessible.

Our environment consists of both our natural and physical environment, and in 2025 the school is excited to launch its Building Master Plan, detailing our projected development for the next 20+ years. This is an exciting phase of the school's journey, a summary image of the plan highlighting key new builds and refurbishment is included below for the reference of Synod, of note the construction of a School Chapel in 2029.

#### LEGEND

- EXISTING
- REFURBISH / REPURPOSE
- NEW BUILDS



#### Co-curricular opportunities:

- Sports, performing arts, clubs, activities, and before/after-school tutoring
- Annual concerts, arts spectacular, sporting events, Eisteddfods, ASC music event at St George's Cathedral, and ASC Schools Week
- Strong volunteer involvement providing essential support for staff and students

#### Student wellbeing and inclusion:

- Continued integration of the Real Schools program, embedding restorative language and practices across the GMAS community
- Guided by our value of Inclusion, fostering positive interactions among all community members

#### Academic pathways:

- Expanded senior secondary curriculum to offer a wider range of pathways for diverse student goals
- Maintaining high-quality teaching alongside vocational qualifications and industry partnerships
- Promotion of varied course options in Years 11 and 12, with targeted communication to both students and parents about the breadth of opportunities available

#### ***Vision and Strategy Plan***

Our vision continues to be guided by a commitment to nurturing the whole person — spiritually, academically, and socially — while building a culture of connection, service, and growth. In 2025, our strategic priorities have been expressed through three key focus areas.

#### **Strategy 1 – Deepening and growing our prayerfulness**

Prayer remains central to our school life, shaping the rhythm of our days and connecting us as a community. We are intentional about creating opportunities for prayer and reflection in a variety of contexts.



- Daily prayer included in school notices
- RAISE classes engaging in “wellness walks” to outdoor meeting spaces for activities focused on spirituality, philosophy, and prayer in nature
- Student-led prayers at assemblies
- Opening prayer at all meetings
- Liturgical themes embedded in key assemblies (e.g., ANZAC Day)
- Morning Prayer for Senior School students three times per week
- House groups attending Eucharist at St Mary’s, Busselton
- Weekly Primary Chapel
- Staff Eucharist at the beginning of each term

### **Strategy 2 – Learning more about Jesus Christ**

Through engaging programs and curriculum, we provide students with opportunities to explore the Christian faith and consider life’s big questions in a safe and thoughtful environment.

- Continued delivery of Youth Alpha in partnership with St Mary’s Parish, offering video content and discussions to inspire curiosity and reflection among students, with growing staff involvement in program delivery
- RAISE curriculum fully embedded from Year 7–12, using the Community of Inquiry approach to:
  - Deepen understanding of Anglican values
  - Explore Christianity alongside other major world religions
  - Develop critical, creative, and collaborative thinking skills
  - Build empathy through understanding different perspectives
  - Strengthen communication, listening, and public speaking skills
  - Consider what it means to live a good life and make ethical decisions

### **Strategy 3 – Growing in love for, and encouragement of, one another**

Fostering a culture of recognition and encouragement has been a priority, ensuring staff, students, and families feel valued and connected.

- Weekly staff briefings now feature two public encouragement awards: one peer-nominated and one from student/parent nominations
- Introduction of a GMAS postcard recognition system for personalised acknowledgements of outstanding work, acts of kindness, and service, recorded by HR for summary
- Re-launch of the Fathering Project, strengthening positive engagement between fathers/father figures and their children through school-based activities and events
- Collaboration with As One Nyitting Cultural Services to develop a ‘Care for Country’ focus within our Early Learning Centre, embedding Indigenous perspectives and respect for land into early childhood education
- Ongoing commitment to creating an environment where students can explore their interests, develop their talents, and build a lifelong love of learning
- A welcoming, inclusive school community serving families across Busselton and the wider South-West region

Georgiana Molloy Anglican School proudly stands by its motto: "Opportunities now... benefits for life." Every aspect of our work is dedicated to creating an enriching, transformative educational journey that equips our students with the skills, values, and confidence they need for the future.

In 2025, we remain committed to fostering a community where respect, accomplishment, inclusion, spirituality, and empathy are lived every day. By investing in our people, strengthening our partnerships, and delivering on our strategic vision, we continue to prepare our students not just for academic success, but for lives of purpose, service, and fulfilment.

**Brad Evans**  
**Principal**

**Georgiana Molloy Anglican School**

## **Amana Living Inc**

### **Organisation**

Amana Living is one of the largest providers of aged care and retirement living services in Western Australia supporting more than 9000 older people in the last year alone.

We operate 12 residential aged care homes, three transition care facilities, one dedicated respite facility, 17 retirement villages, five day-clubs, and we offer an extensive range of home care services throughout the Perth and Peel regions.

In the Diocese of Bunbury, Amana Living operates one residential aged care home and two retirement villages in Mandurah and one retirement village each in Australind and Albany. We currently provide home care services to more than 200 people in the Peel region.

The Amana Living Training Institute registered training organisation ensures aged care workers are equipped to provide exceptional care; and our catering division, Total Catering Solutions produces appetizing, nutritious meals for residential care residents and home care clients.

Amana Living is governed by an experienced Board of directors with a comprehensive range of expertise including strategy, governance, clinical, spiritual and pastoral care, human resources, property, finance and legal.

### **Mission**

Amana Living's reason for being is aligned with the Anglican Church's third Mark of Mission – to respond to human need by loving service.

With a vision for a community where every older person is honoured and valued, we advocate for a fair and equitable aged care system which treats older people with respect and dignity and provides timely and affordable access to appropriate services.

Our mission is to enable older people to maintain their individuality, providing what is needed to support a fulfilling life. In so doing, we recognize the unique individuality of God's creation.

### **People**

Amana Living strives to support older people throughout the ageing process with people joining us at all stages of their journey – from those who are living fully independently to those requiring extensive support with daily living and high levels of clinical care. Consistent with our charitable aims, we offer a range of low-cost housing options in our retirement villages, and more than half of our residential care residents are government-supported.

Amana Living's employs more than 1,950 skilled and passionate employees supported by 200 dedicated volunteers. The team is inspired by our vision, united by our mission and works to a core set of values aligned to those of the Church: compassion, curiosity, collaboration, trust and inclusion.

We have various strategies to ensure that our workplace is safe, the work is fulfilling and people are empowered to give their best. Employment terms and conditions significantly exceed modern awards. Training and professional development, including leadership development, is a priority. Employee satisfaction and engagement surpass industry benchmarks, and turnover is low which promotes deep connection between our staff and the people for whom they care.

### **Partnership**

Amana Living works in partnership with older people, their families, medical professionals, community organisations, parishes and other Anglican agencies towards our mission.

We have had a longstanding partnership with the Diocese of Bunbury whose clergy provide spiritual and pastoral care to Amana Living residents and staff in Mandurah (Reverend Alex Scutt and Father Ian Mabey), Albany (Reverend Karen Cave) and Australind (Reverend Cathie Broome).

We collaborate with other aged care providers, sharing best practice and advocating for system improvements. We work closely with the WA Department of Health and health service providers to support timely transition from hospital into aged care services.

Amana Living is actively involved in industry body Ageing Australia participating in various committees and consultations. We are also members of Anglicare Australia, advocating for government policies to support older people including affordable housing, access to aged care and equity for First Nations people.

We are supported in our endeavours by generous charitable contributions, most notably from the McCusker Charitable Foundation and the Anglican Community Fund.

### ***Foundations***

Originally known as Anglican Homes, Amana Living was established by the Anglican Diocese of Perth in 1962 under the stewardship of Archbishop Robert Moline. The organisation's first hostel, Moline House, was established in Karrinyup shortly thereafter. Wearne House, located in Mandurah, was also opened in Anglican Homes' early years.

### ***Vision and Strategy Plan***

Amana Living's strategy is to support older people through every stage of the ageing journey by delivering high quality, integrated and individualised services. Looking forward, we aim to build integrated care communities that enable older people to age in place by providing accommodation, care services and social and recreational options that cater for differing needs as people journey through the ageing process. All people are welcomed and supported to live their best lives.

Implementation of the strategy is supported by a comprehensive 4-year strategic plan centred around four pillars: quality care and services; an engaged workforce; a sustainable organisation and aligned infrastructure. The following provides a summary of some of the key strategic initiatives being undertaken by the organisation.

#### ***Strategy 1: Expanding Home Care Services***

Expanding to meet the growing need for home care services is a primary objective of Amana Living's strategic plan. This is achieved by developing and implementing a "relationship-based" model of care and delivering increased service offerings to older people in their homes and the community.

The Government set to introduce the new Support at Home program in November 2025 alongside a planned release of 80,000 new home care packages. Amana Living is poised to meet the growth in demand with a range of services including clinical and allied health, personal care and domestic assistance.

In August 2025, Amana Living's home care services will expand in the Diocese of Bunbury with the transition of 50 home care clients and 19 staff from Waroona-based provider Quambie Park.

The expansion of home care services will be supported with a significant investment in a new technology platform called eCase. This system, set to be introduced on 1 November 2025, will house all client data, and ensure we have the right staff in the right place at the right time.

#### ***Strategy 2: Improving Palliative Care Services***

Amana Living's palliative care services represent a comprehensive approach to end of life care including clinical, pastoral and spiritual care for older people and their loved ones. We strive to continuously improve the quality of our palliative care.

Staff in both residential and home care receive extensive training in palliative care services through our partnerships with Palliative Care WA and the Metropolitan Palliative Care Service. This equips staff to recognise signs which indicate a person may be transitioning to end-of-life and assists them

to provide appropriate end-of-life care. Staff also receive grief and loss training and support through our chaplains and employee assistance program.

The No One Dies Alone Companion (NODAC) program, established in 2021, compliments the spiritual care provided by Amana Living's Anglican chaplains (or clergy from the person's faith tradition). NODAC partners specially selected and trained volunteers with residents approaching death. Round-the-clock vigils provide residents and their families the comfort of knowing there is a person by their side when they pass away. This valued program has supported hundreds of Amana Living residents and is a tangible expression of our Christianity

### ***Strategy 3: Refreshing Our Living Environments and Establishing Future Integrated Care Communities***

Amana Living has an extensive property portfolio from which we provide retirement living and residential care services. Our strategic plan includes Vision 2040 which is a property improvement and development roadmap. This will ensure our properties meet the needs of current and future generations of residents.

As part of Vision 2040, this financial year will see the completion of a \$10 million refurbishment of Peter Arney Home in Salter Point. This 100-bed home, built 25 years ago on the site of the former Mt Henry Hospital, has been completely refurbished with all bedrooms and common areas redesigned to a contemporary standard, and a new commercial kitchen to support residents' nutritional needs and dining preferences. Staff areas have also been refurbished.

Plans are underway to similarly refurbish Moline House in Karrinyup this financial year; and a master plan has been developed to expand Meadow Springs retirement village in Mandurah adding a modern residential care home which will replace Wearne House. It is intended that both Moline and Meadow Springs will be the home to future integrated care communities which will enable retirement village residents to receive a wide range of care services in their independent living units.

In June, we purchased a 5,000 sqm property in Wangara which will be the future home of Total Catering Solutions. This new facility is the cornerstone of Amana Living's meals and dining strategy ensuring that our food service meets ever-increasing community expectations.

The quality of Amana Living's services is monitored through a range of care indicators which are benchmarked nationally. We measure customer satisfaction through a comprehensive annual survey conducted by Curtin University. In 2024/25, researchers spoke to 1,324 customers whose feedback about Amana Living was overwhelmingly positive. Satisfaction with Amana Living's services exceeded 97%, and the net promoter score, which is a measure of people's propensity to recommend Amana Living was 54. (Note - a net promoter score of 50 or more is considered excellent.) Improvement opportunities identified through the survey and customer feedback throughout the year inform our plan for continuous improvement.

We welcome the opportunity to present this report and look forward to ongoing partnership with the Diocese of Bunbury.

***Stephanie Buckland  
Chief Executive Officer***

## The Church Missionary Society – Western Australia Inc

### **Mission**

CMS' Vision is to see a world that knows Jesus.

### **People**

The Church Missionary Society (CMS) is a fellowship of Christian people and churches committed to global mission. We work with churches to set apart godly people as long-term cross-cultural gospel workers.

Over the last year CMS-WA has supported 11 Gospel Workers of the approximately 190 strong missionary cohort of CMS Australia-wide. These WA missionaries are serving in the following places:

- Middle East: Church planting
- Middle East: Women's ministry
- Nepal: Leadership Training
- Pakistan: Academic Teaching
- Italy: University Ministry
- Democratic Republic of Congo: Leadership training

Since the last report, the cohort has changes as follows: Joan, who has served in 5 countries over 34 years has retired, and is has settled in Geraldton. She is well known in the Bunbury Diocese. In addition, Rev Dr Martin Foord, and his wife, Dr Jennifer Foord, who have been serving at a small theological College in Singapore, have also retired as CMS missionaries. Please thank God for his gracious work through them.

### **Partnership**

Three of our missionary units have visited parishes in the Bunbury Diocese on their scheduled Home Assignments this year:

1. Derk and Susan, who serve in academic ministry at a University in Pakistan.
2. Jason and Hannah Fairclough, who serve in campus ministry in Italy.
3. David and Jennifer Juniper, who serve in leadership development in the Diocese of Goma, in the DR Congo.

CMS-WA expresses its praise to God for the partnership of parishes and individuals in the Bunbury Diocese who make the ministry of our missionaries possible through prayer and giving.

### **Foundations:**

Jesus commanded to his followers in the Bible (Matthew 28:18,19)

*"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...."*

### **CMS' Values**

#### **Gospel priority**

*Grounded in God's word, the Bible, we strive to be faithful gospel witnesses in all that we do*

#### **Cross-shaped**

*The cross is both the message we proclaim and the life we live.*

#### **Long-term**

*We go long-term because we are committed to developing cultural understanding, learning language, and investing in long-term relationships for the sake of effective cross-cultural mission.*

#### **In partnership**

*We partner with churches in Australia to set apart and support missionaries.*

***Vision and Strategy Plan***

***Reach gospel-poor peoples for Christ***

*Where witness to Christ is limited, we proclaim the gospel and disciple believers, serving in a range of roles, partnering with the local church.*

***Equip Christians as leaders in the Church and the world***

*We partner with churches and Christian organisations to train and mentor godly leaders who will serve Christ with their whole lives and equip others.*

***Engage churches in cross-cultural mission***

*We share our experience and expertise so that churches in Australia and around the world will engage in and support cross-cultural mission.*

***Rev David Greeff  
CMS-WA Executive Director***