



## Flood affected parishes

We are working closely with the communities who are being impacted by the current flood events across our diocese.

We have already had two churches flooded at Newbridge and Rochester, with other parishes being monitored as the flood events unfold.

**For any parishes that have property affected by flooding - you must call the Diocese before proceeding with any clean-up efforts.**

Be assured this is not to delay any clean-up work, but so Archdeacon George can provide instructions from our insurer and co-ordinate our recovery efforts.

Please continue to pray for the people and communities impacted by flooding, particularly our brothers and sisters in Rochester who have been devastated by the impact on their homes and have a long road to recovery ahead of them.

## Passing of Hermione Weragoda

Hermione Weragoda, the wife of the late Canon Edmund Sydney Weragoda, passed away last Thursday. Hermione was a much loved member of the Diocese of Bendigo and a parishioner of St Mary's Church, Kangaroo Flat. Her husband Sydney, as he was known, was sometime Rector of the parishes of Maldon and Bendigo North. Hermione and Sydney were much loved members of the clergy family and across the Diocese.

## Bishop Matt's calendar

Week	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
17 October	In Office	In Office	DAY OFF	In Office	In Office		Pyramid Hill
24 October	In Office	Visit to Kyneton	DAY OFF	In Office	In Office		Dunolly
31 October	Executive	DAY OFF	Anglicare Victoria Board	In Office	In Office	MU Conference (Melbourne)	
7 November	MU Conference	Bishop in Council	Trinity College	In Office	DAY OFF	Mildura	



## Flood Relief Donations

If you would like to donate to support the communities in our diocese recently affected by major floods, you can make a tax deductible donation through our welfare organisation *New Horizons Welfare Services*.

We will be working closely with the parishes, people and communities affected to provide practical support to aid in the recovery.

[DONATE HERE](#)



## Bencourt Care Grants up to \$5,000

Available for eligible welfare projects that provide benevolent relief to people in need.

Applications open until Friday 10 March 2023.

[APPLY HERE](#)



## Ordination

A reminder of an ordination scheduled in November:

**When:** Saturday 26 November St

**Where:** Paul's Cathedral

**Time:** 11.00am

**Colour:** Red

## Weather Risk Webinar

At the start of last week AIRS hosted a webinar on Weather Risk with one of Australia's leading meteorologists, which covered weather issues we are likely to face for the rest of this year and into next. We are already living through these issues but people may be interested in the insight it gives to the science behind the weather patterns we are experiencing and other impacts over the next six months.

The webinar is here for viewing - [AIRS Weather Risk Webinar](#).

## Baby Varghese

Joe and Mincy Varghese in the Parish of Northern Mallee have welcomed a healthy baby. We praise

God for the safe delivery of their new bundle and send them our prayers as they settle into life as a family of three.

## Upcoming Events

### Mental Health First Aid Training

9.30am - 4.30pm on 3 & 4 November

Price \$220

Instructor: Kya Moore

Enquiries: [hello@kyamoore.com.au](mailto:hello@kyamoore.com.au)

### Trinity College seminar

*"As spoken by the Prophets":*

*Studies on readings for Year A*

10.00am - 3.00pm on Saturday 5 November

[Details online here](#)

### 30th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women

3.00pm on Sunday 20 November

St Paul's Cathedral

*Invitation attached*

### Conference on Science and Christianity

*Christian Living in a Techno-Scientific World*

25 & 26 November

In Melbourne and Online

*See the flyer attached for details*

## Defence Sunday 6 November 2022

Bishop Grant Dibden, the Anglican Bishop to the Defence Force has advised that Sunday 6 November has been designated as "Defence Sunday" and is the Sunday prior to Remembrance Day. This day is an opportunity to thank the members of the Defence Force for their work, to remember those who have served in war and particularly to highlight the work of the Anglican Church among Defence personnel and their families through Defence Chaplaincy. You will have an opportunity to pray for this ministry and make a financial contribution via an offering or on [www.defenceanglicans.org.au](http://www.defenceanglicans.org.au).

Liturgical resources and prayer points are also available on that website. A video for Defence Sunday that you might use at your church is at this link <https://youtu.be/Xi7GiH0U25E>. This video includes encouragement from the Chief of the Defence Force and several Anglican Chaplains.

Please consider inviting a local Defence chaplain to speak in your parish on or on a Sunday near to 6 November. You may wish to display the enclosed Defence Sunday letter and poster in your church.

A decorative background on the right side of the page featuring a cascade of colorful streamers and confetti. The streamers are in shades of red, blue, yellow, and purple, and the confetti consists of small, multi-colored dots and shapes. The overall effect is festive and celebratory.

*You are warmly invited to*

A Celebration of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of the Ordination of Women as Priests  
in the Anglican Church of Australia,  
including in the Diocese of Bendigo.

on  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 3pm  
at St Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Myers Street, Bendigo 3550.

People from all parts of the Diocese are most welcome  
to attend this Service of Thanksgiving,  
followed by afternoon tea.

All clergy are invited to robe. Colour will be red



## The Anglican Bishop to the Australian Defence Force The Right Reverend Grant Dibden

### Defence Sunday

Our heart is to provide ministry in the Australian Defence Force, to be ambassadors for Christ, and to represent the Anglican Church in the complex secular context that is Defence. Your Anglican Chaplains are your representatives in that context.

On 6 November we will commemorate Defence Sunday across Australia. Since the creation of our nation, your Anglican chaplains, alongside other denominational chaplains, have served on point, for the country, in war, national emergencies and peace. Through and through, be it toil or harmony, the ethos of your Anglican chaplains has remained constant – to care for service members, their families, and the communities where they live in what has, and continues to be, an ever complex and continuously changing world.

This year Defence Force members have been supporting Australia through flood support, humanitarian and disaster relief to Kiribati, Covid response assistance, and on deployments around the globe. In our nation, COVID-19, economic issues, isolation and extremism are testing the resilience of all, and your chaplains are living out the gospel, showing the love of Jesus which is impacting our whole nation.

A General once quipped “the soldier’s heart, the soldier’s spirit, the soldier’s soul are everything. However, unless the soldier’s soul sustains them, they cannot be relied on.” Your Anglican chaplains are the ones at the sharp end caring for the soul of the ADF. By ensuring and delivering spiritual attention and moral leadership to our service members, their families and the communities where they live, they are contributing to, and are a vital component of, the ADF’s and our nation’s readiness.

Since Anglican chaplain Walter Ernest Dexter, the most highly decorated chaplain in the Australian Army during World War I was awarded the Distinguished Service Order and Military Cross for his actions at Gallipoli and Pozières, your Anglican chaplains have proven themselves absolutely vital to building and sustaining the ADF’s preparedness. Our ability to bolster our ADF’s spiritual readiness, and to be beacons of comfort and hope contribute to the well-being of others.

I am confident that through the leadership of our Anglican Chaplains, the continued focus of our ministry, sufficient resources and sustained prayer, we will achieve our vision in His name and continue to build spiritual readiness across the ADF for decades to come – be it on the bridge, in the foxhole or in the cockpit.



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May Defence Sunday be a celebration of our Defence Force and in particular of our Anglican leadership in service to our nation, but more importantly to God our Father and the souls he has entrusted to us.

For the glory of God

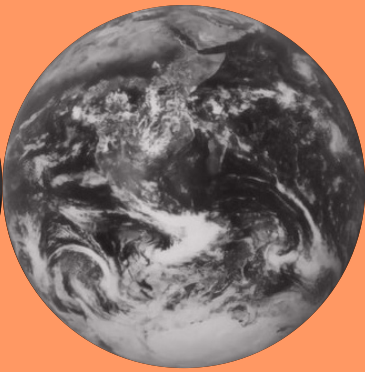
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### PS

We are very grateful to God that our government pays the wages of our Defence Chaplains. What a tremendous blessing that is! Yet there are other costs and expenses for which we need a small amount of financial support that will better enable our Anglican Chaplains to minister to the Defence Force. We fund decompression and spiritual reflection for those Chaplains in need, when, for example, they have been in a demanding operational environment for an extended period or experienced draining issues over a lengthy period. Also, as many of the denominational activities undertaken by me are not funded by the Commonwealth, your generous gift will both enhance and extend the Church's mission and ministry to service personnel both overseas and at home.

I would invite you to make a small contribution (just \$10 per person will make a significant difference) to this vital work either by taking up a special offering for Defence Sunday, or by going to our Defence Anglicans website [www.defenceanglicans.org.au](http://www.defenceanglicans.org.au) and clicking on the donate button. Alternatively click on the QR code below which will take you to the donation page:





# CHRISTIAN LIVING IN A TECHNO-SCIENTIFIC WORLD

Featuring Alister McGrath, Jennifer Wiseman, and Tony Rinaudo

## Save the Date: 25 + 26 November

The world is changing rapidly.

Scientific discoveries and technological advancements are opening up worlds of possibilities. Christians are being faced with challenges and questions they've never had to consider before.

How can we live as faithful followers of Jesus in our techno-scientific world, and respond to the complex challenges and opportunities that it presents?

Join us at ISCAST's biennial **Conference on Science and Christianity** (COSAC 2022) as we come together to dive into this topic over 2 days. This conference is designed to equip and encourage Christians from all backgrounds to grapple with issues at the intersection of science and Christianity, and to offer plenty of opportunities to connect with others interested in the science-faith conversation.

Interested in presenting a paper? Proposals are now invited for submission. View the full **Call for Papers** for more information.

If you're a student, you could win a grant for your science-faith project proposal! See our **Call for Proposals** for more details.

### DETAILS

**25 November**  
9:00am–9:30pm

**26 November**  
9:00am–4:00pm

**Melbourne (Venue  
TBC) & Online**

**Registrations open  
mid-October**

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