

Bishop Matt back

Bishop Matt will return to the office on Monday 20 June. We hope he had a well deserved rest!

Synod

A reminder of Synod in person next week:

When: Saturday 25 June

Time: 9.00am

Where: Holy Trinity, Flora Hill

The papers circulated electronically to members are still relevant. We look forward to seeing all Members of Synod in person!

Bishop's Synod Charge

Bishop Matt's Synod Charge is available to read on the diocesan website and to view on YouTube.

You can access it [here](#).

ABM Diocesan Auxiliary Rally

An Anglican Board of Mission Auxiliary Rally is being held at Maryborough in the Mount Alexander Deanery

Wednesday 22 June

Eucharist at 11.00am

followed by a hearty winter two course lunch

Cost \$20 proceeds to ABM Climate Change Fund and Sustainable Communities Project

Guest Speaker Online Guest Speaker Meagan Schwartz Relationships Manager ABM and past Missionary with ABM in PNG.

RSVP by Friday 18 June for catering purposes Anglican Parish of Maryborough 5460 5964 or maryborough.anglican@outlook.com



Rental house available

A parish property in Maldon has become available. The house has four good sized bedrooms and an open lounge room and kitchen in good condition.

The rent would be \$420 per week.

If you know of someone who may be interested please contact Darcy Vaughan on maldoninglewood@gmail.com.

Bishop Matt's calendar

Week	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
20 June	In Office	In Office	DAY OFF	In Office	In Office	SYNOD	Provincial Evensong
27 June	In Office	Senior Staff (Charlton)	DAY OFF	In Office	Anglicare Victoria (Melbourne)		Kangaroo Flat
4 July	Executive	In Office	DAY OFF	Internal meetings	In Office		Parish of St Arnaud
11 July	In Office	In Office	DAY OFF	In Office	In Office		Sunraysia South



Lambeth Conference

Bishop Matt and Rachael will be heading to the UK for the Lambeth Conference in July.

Bishop Matt will be away from the diocese from 23 July - 21 August.

The official Lambeth Prayer guide circulated in the previous Diocesan Update is available online [here](#).

Please include Bishop Matt and Rachael in your prayers over the next month as they prepare to head to the UK and finalise both family and diocesan arrangements.

Closing SIDA accounts

The Registry is aware many parishes hold a number of SIDA accounts with the Bendigo Bank with the only signatories being Registry staff.

The Registry is able to close these accounts and transfer the funds to a parish account if that would be more convenient for you.

Please email reception@bendigoanglican.org.au with your request.

School chaplain position

Dream School Program are recruiting for a school chaplaincy position in Inglewood for 2 days a week, and have another position at a nearby school for 2 days a week, meaning a total 4 day a week position.

If you know someone who is interested contact Zan at mdu@bendigoanglican.org.au to find out the details.

Child Safe Policy update

Bishop in Council recently updated the child safe policies in light of new [Child Safe Standards](#) from the Commission for Children and Young People.

Please take the time to refresh yourself, your parish council and lay leaders of these policies available on the diocesan website [here](#).

The updated policies include:

- Child Safe Policy
- Safe Church Policy
- Electronic Communications Guidelines
- Communications Policy

Statement of Commitment to Child Safety

At Synod a new **Statement of Commitment to Child Safety** was unanimously endorsed:

The Anglican Diocese of Bendigo is committed to keeping children and young people safe.

As a church we:

- recognise the pain and suffering of survivors of childhood abuse;
- commit to promoting a child safe culture throughout all levels of our church;
- are especially aware of children's diverse backgrounds, circumstances and needs and commit to providing equal protection to all children and young people and actively work to address racism and discrimination
- welcome ongoing legislative change that improves child safety in organisations;
- endorse and are determined to comply with the Victorian Child Safe Standards in order to be a child safe church;
- support the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations recommended by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse,
- encourage ongoing child safe education and policy development in our diocese
- commit to creating environments that allow children and young people to reach their potential and thrive in all areas of their wellbeing, including spiritual wellbeing.
- ensure appropriate support and reporting mechanisms are in place for children and young people when they have concerns or complaints
- value the voice of all children and young people and actively seek their opinions and views

**Resolution of the Synod of the
Anglican Diocese of Bendigo
27 May 2022**



The Spirit

Please send through any contributions you have for the next issue of The Spirit - it is great to hear and share of the many great parish activities happening across the diocese.

Contributions can be sent to thespirit@bendigoanglican.org.au by Friday 24 June.

Induction service

The Rev'd Darcy Vaughan will be formally inducted into the Parishes of Maldon and Inglewood this Sunday at services at 10am in Inglewood and 5pm in Maldon.

Darcy's formal induction has been a long time coming since he began in January 2021 and we look forward to celebrating his new ministry with the parishes.

All are welcome to join in the celebrations with Darcy if you are available.

Online forms

Another big thanks for your efforts in using our new online forms. It makes a huge difference to our efficiency at the Registry and we are keen to ensure it is as efficient as possible for you also.

Trust Withdrawal & Property Project Proposal Online Forms

We have adapted the Trust Withdrawal & Property Proposal forms to only require one signature. Easy as pie! Uploading Parish Council meeting minutes is sufficient evidence of wider consultation.

The range of online forms includes:

- Online leave application
- Service Relief Request
- Designated Day Off
- Marriage of Divorced Persons
- Marriage Outside a Church Building
- Claim for Service Relief Payment
- Personal Details
- Parish Office Bearer Contact Details

Risk Reduction Rebate

A massive thank you to those parishes you have starting submitting the online forms. As we establish this new system there will be tweaks & clarifications along the way. Here are a few:

Gutter Vac

Gulliver, our diocesan Gutter Vac, will be visiting one deanery at a time and is currently on tour in Campaspe. Deanery leaders will be notified when it is their turn to host Gulliver. Thanks for your patience as we share the 'leaf love' around!

Volunteer Agreements

We are preparing example Volunteer Agreements and will get them to you as soon as possible.

Safe Church

If your parish doesn't run any children's ministry activities, then your only task here is to check that the registry list of names reflects this. If we have a name listed that is no longer accurate, we need to know. You can then apply for this rebate.

Fire Readiness

Please attach the required evidence to your application. Photos are required to demonstrate to our Insurers that we are following their codes. Tech-wise, the easiest option is to take the photo with the same device that you will fill in the online form. I.e. a tablet or laptop.



Stories from Clergy!

New episodes of the **Stories from Clergy - Bendigo Anglican Radio** have dropped!

The new episodes feature the **Rev'd Brendan McDonald** and the **Rev'd Tracey Wolsley**.

A new episode will drop each month - stay tuned for the next one!

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