



Bishop Matt heading to Lambeth

Bishop Matt and Rachael will be heading to the UK for the Lambeth Conference on Saturday 23 July.

A [Lambeth Conference Prayer guide](#) is available online for you to download and pray for the conference and all those attending.

Archdeacons George and Peter along with Registrar Sarah will be overseeing the diocese in Bishop Matt's absence. Please contact them for assistance with any matters that arise during this time. For urgent matters out of office hours call 0429 263 888.

Bishop Matt will be back in the office on 22 August.

We wish Bishop Matt and Rachael safe travels and pray the conference is a fruitful time for the life of the Anglican Communion.

COVID Update

The government has not made the wearing of masks indoors mandatory but the strong health advice is to encourage wearing masks in indoor settings.

We pass on that encouragement to do so for church services and other indoor activities. Parish councils are welcome to decide whether or not to make masks mandatory in their churches or simply reiterate the strong encouragement from the health department.



Bendigo Anglican Diocese

New Lego Challenge!

Retell one of Jesus' Parables in Lego

A [flyer](#) is available from the website.

The Award categories are:

- Most Creative
- Most Technical
- Most Faithful to the Story
- The BAD Bishop's Prize and a prize for the first entry!



Stories from Clergy!

A new episode of the **Stories from Clergy - Bendigo Anglican Radio** features Bishop Matt!

[Listen online now!](#)

Bishop Matt's calendar

Week	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
18 July	In Office	In Office	DAY OFF	In Office	LAMBETH CONFERENCE		
25 July	LAMBETH CONFERENCE						
1 August	LAMBETH CONFERENCE						
8 August	LAMBETH CONFERENCE						



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.

Photos from around the Diocese

Please send us photos from your patch! We are looking for images of your churches, landscapes, services and of course ministry in action.



The photos will be used for a variety of purposes including online and print. By sending them to us you are giving permission for us to use them in diocesan publications.

If they have people's faces in them (especially children), please ensure you have permission to share the photos before sending them to us at reception@bendigoanglican.org.au

The Spirit

The July issue of The Spirit is now [online](#).

It features news of the new Curnow Centre, Synod and big milestone celebrations for some of our churches!

Hard copies will be printed and posted to parishes next week.



Sunday visits from Bishop Matt

Bishop Matt still has a number of Sundays available in the second half of the year throughout September, October, November and December.

If you haven't yet had a Sunday visit, please contact Sarah to organise a date.

Thanks Katy!

This week the Registry farewelled Katy Lambert from her role in the Registry. The team will miss her but are excited to see her new ministry with the CALD communities grow. Good luck Katy!

Calendar

Finance Committee 21 July Registry

Senior Staff 30 August Charlton

Executive 5 September Registry

Bishop in Council 13 September Golden Square

Clergy Retreat 3-6 October Rutherford Park

Aboriginal Communities Officer

Update from Rev'd Shannon Smith

2022 proved to be a great year in the Diocese to kick off our new Ministry. Christ Church, St Arnaud and Cramner Anglican, Cohuna welcomed us with open arms and warm hearts.

Being given the opportunity to share a little more about myself and meeting the wonderful folks around the Diocese. Reverend Judi Bird and Reverend Sue Allen were so well prepared for our visit so much thanks goes to them for having me as their guest speaker. A fabulous meal was shared following the official duties which proved to be most beneficial to my visit where the deep conversations took place and relationships forged. I was both surprised and excited with the energy in both centres.

A family from Wedderburn brought their granddaughter in St. Arnaud to meet me as she is Aboriginal and currently living with Nan and Pop. They wanted to make the connection and develop relationships for their granddaughter who is 11 years old. I was so touched by the generosity of a gentleman as he rose to leave the church he made his way to me and put his hand in mine to place a \$10 note to go toward our ministry. The gentleman appeared to have cerebral palsy. Following the service we all adjourned to the parish hall and enjoyed a lamb and barley soup made by Allan and

Kangaroo stew which I brought along with for lunch. The folks were either really hungry or the Kangaroo was good as just 1 serving was left by the time we left.

A lively and energetic bunch met us in Cohuna so we felt already warmed up before the informal Q&A session started. The enthusiasm was so exhilarating and I could have went all night with them. Some personal stories among the members came to surface and I want to give thanks to those for sharing. The sadness and frustration of their struggles was so apparent. By the Grace of God members of Cramner Anglican have expressed an interest in joining our Aboriginal Ministry based out of St Mark's Golden Square and will be joining us next week.

On Sunday 10 July I had the pleasure of joining Bishop Ron at St Mark's Kangaroo Flat. What a beautiful congregation and my Sunday message was warmly welcomed and appreciated by many of the members. Another pot of Kangaroo stew made it's way to the Kangaroo Flat. Again during chats with the members of the parish I came into contact with other Aboriginal members who had discovered their Aboriginality late in life. Relationships have been given the opportunity to grow.

