



## Bishop's Conference

Bishop Matt will be away at the National Bishop's Conference in Hobart next week.

For any urgent matters, please direct them to Sarah at [bishoppa@bendigoanglican.org.au](mailto:bishopppa@bendigoanglican.org.au)

## Archdeacon George on LSL

Archdeacon George has commenced long service leave for March and April. He will be back on Monday 3 May to attend Clergy Conference.

Please direct any matters to Paula at [admin@bendigoanglican.org.au](mailto:admin@bendigoanglican.org.au) and she will be able to manage them for you in George's absence.

## Parish Office Bearers

With a new election cycle beginning, please remember that all parish office bearers will need to complete the [Parish Office Bearers Contact Details Form](#). This ensures the Registry has up to date contact people and details.

The Registry assumes all positions are vacated - even if someone is re-elected to a position, they will need to complete the online form again.

## Annual Parish Returns

Following the parish AGM, parishes need to complete the annual parish return to the Registry.

This is now all online - details are on the website under [Your Church > Annual Parish Returns](#).

## Events for 2023

### Blessing of Oils

Date: Monday 3 April  
Time: 11.00 am  
Venue: St Paul's Cathedral  
Colour: Red

### Clergy Conference

Date: Monday 1 May - Wednesday 3 May  
Venue: Mildura  
Registration: Look out for an email soon!  
Contact: Zan - [mdo@bendigoanglican.org.au](mailto:mdo@bendigoanglican.org.au)

### Synod

Date: Friday 26 May & Saturday 27 May  
Contact: Paula - [admin@bendigoanglican.org.au](mailto:admin@bendigoanglican.org.au)

Please advise the Registry of elected Synod Representatives after your AGM so papers can be circulated.

### Clergy Retreat

Date: 2 - 5 October  
Venue: Rutherford Park, Blampied  
Contact: Zan - [mdo@bendigoanglican.org.au](mailto:mdo@bendigoanglican.org.au)

## The Spirit

**New issue now available online!**

[Read here](#)

Hard copies have been posted to parishes this week

## Bishop Matt's calendar

Week	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
20 March	Bishop's Conference Hobart						
27 March	In Office	In Office	DAY OFF	Visit to Ouyen	In Office		Echuca
3 April	Blessing of Oils	Dicoesan Executive	Anglicare Victoria Board	DAY OFF	Good Friday		Easter Sunday
10 April	Easter Monday	In Office	DAY OFF	In Office	In Office		Mildura



## The Curnow Centre for Rural Ministry Training

### A Day for Listening

*In partnership with Mother's Union*

Saturday 25 March  
St Paul's Cathedral

*Come and listen to stories across four topics:  
Rochester Flood Recovery, Mental Health,  
Family Violence, Youth Challenges.*

### Day Retreat in Macedon Ranges

Friday 31 March  
St Mary's Anglican Church Woodend

*This day retreat will explore ancient paradigms and  
contemplative practices aimed at nurturing deeper  
connections between ourselves and the natural world.*

### Clinical Pastoral Education

12 July - 7 December 2023

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supervised education for provision of spiritual and pastoral care*

### Professional Supervision

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in the areas of Professional Supervision, Spiritual Direction and  
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contact [supervision@bendigoanglican.org.au](mailto:supervision@bendigoanglican.org.au) or call (03)  
5443 4711.*

*Full details of the above events  
are in the attached flyers*

**Suzannah Daniels**  
[mndo@bendigoanglican.org.au](mailto:mndo@bendigoanglican.org.au)

## New Strategic Plan!

Bishop in Council has approved a new **Diocesan Strategic Plan** for 2023-2027.

The new **Strategic Plan** is available for download and reading on our website. The Strategic Plan will be formally launched at Synod.



### Parish Planning Workshops

We want to help parishes engage with the Strategic Plan - we need everyone to contribute to help us achieve our vision of *transforming society through the gospel of Jesus Christ*.

The Registry will be facilitating **Parish Planning Workshops** to guide parishes in forming their own parish plans to support the implementation of the Diocesan Strategic Plan.

### Save the date!

<b>Bendigo</b>	Saturday 24 June
<b>Campaspe</b>	Saturday 1 July
<b>Loddon Mallee</b>	Saturday 29 July
<b>Mt Alexander</b>	Saturday 26 August

More details will be circulated as the dates get closer, but please pencil your relevant date into your calendar for now. The workshops will be open to both clergy and key lay leaders.



## Australis Certificate on Zoom

The current cohort of Australis by Zoom participants includes 9 parishioners from 7 parishes. Some are auditing, others are doing the assessments and two are candidates for Ordained Local Ministry. Half of the group are carrying on from completing Unit 1, others have jumped on board for this Unit.

On Tuesday 11th July, 1.30 – 3pm we begin Unit 3: User’s Guide to the New Testament. If you have a parishioner who you think would benefit from this group, please encourage them to get in touch with me. They may like to come along one Tuesday for

our current Old Testament Unit to be a fly on the wall and see how it all runs before committing. The cost is \$25 per Unit, which contributes towards administration costs.

This morning I received a lovely email which finished with “...the OT studies are inspirational and encouraging as we go deeper with God together, thankyou.”

If you or someone from your parish is interested in email Zan at [mdo@bendigoanglican.org.au](mailto:mdo@bendigoanglican.org.au).

The Curnow Centre for Rural Ministry Training  
together with Mother's Union invites you to:

# A Day for Listening

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2023

St Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Myers St Bendigo

*'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.'* John 1:5

With so many challenges faced by our families, neighbours and communities, let's take a day to listen carefully to community members, each other and to God. Let's pause and consider how to bring light into the lives of others by transforming who we are, what we do and how we do it.

## ARRIVAL & REGISTRATIONS: 10.30am

Please RSVP to [bjrains@bigpond.com](mailto:bjrains@bigpond.com). This is a free event, anyone is welcome for all or parts of the day. For those that can, a small cash donation towards organising the event can be given on the day.

## LISTENING TOGETHER: 11.00 – 12.30pm

Like at a conference, there will be multiple short presentations given to small groups with time for questions and discussion. The four topics are:

Rochester Flood Recovery, Mental Health, Family Violence, Youth Challenges.

A 'quiet room' will be set aside for personal reflection, a cuppa and pastoral support.

## EATING TOGETHER: 12.30 – 1.30pm

BYO lunch (tea, coffee and bikies provided)

## PRAYING TOGETHER: 1.30 – 3.00pm

A Eucharist service in the cathedral will follow the Mother's Union liturgy in celebration of the Feast of the Annunciation, also known as, Lady Day.



# Landscapes of the Earth and Soul A Day Retreat in the Macedon Ranges

Friday 31st March

10 - 3pm  
\*arrive from 9.30am

BYO lunch

St Mary's Anglican  
15 Buckland St  
Woodend

Register to:  
[mdo@bendigoanglican.org.au](mailto:mdo@bendigoanglican.org.au)

This day retreat will explore ancient paradigms and contemplative practices aimed at nurturing deeper connections between ourselves and the natural world.

Using guided periods in the forest and other creative mediums such as art and music, retreatants will be invited to explore the geography of their own interior lives in conversation with Francis of Assisi, Bonaventure of Bagnoregio, Catherine of Siena and other Christian mystics. There are just twelve funded spots for this retreat, which is a collaboration between the Curnow Centre for Rural Ministry Training and Australian Catholic University. Priority will be given to those who occupy leadership positions in their communities, and retreatants will be invited to help the retreat director reflect on the material's significance for those in leadership as she works toward a grant with the Australian Research Council.

**Retreat Director:** Rachel Davies is a research fellow at the Institute for Religion and Critical Inquiry, Australian Catholic University, and a certified forest therapy guide-in-training with the International Nature and Forest Therapy Alliance. Her work explores issues around suffering and selfhood in Christian texts, and how ancient contemplative practices can help heal the self's relationship with vulnerable ecosystems. Rachel is author of [Bonaventure, the Body, and the Aesthetics of Salvation](#) (Cambridge, 2020), and co-editor of [Suffering and the Christian Life](#) (T&T Clark, 2019).

Hosted by:



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## Part-time Unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) in Bendigo 2023

A part-time Unit of CPE will be conducted in Bendigo in second semester 2023, from **Wed. 12<sup>th</sup> July to Thurs. 7<sup>th</sup> December**. The course will be conducted by the North-east Victoria CPE Centre. It will be supervised by Anne Wieczorek, a Spiritual Care Practitioner at Bendigo Health, who is an accredited Provisional Clinical Pastoral Educator and Louise Ross, a Pastoral Carer at Wharparilla Lodge Echuca Community for the Aged, and a Provisional Clinical Pastoral Supervisor. It will be conducted in meeting rooms at Bendigo Baptist Church, 757 Mclvor Hwy, Junortoun.

CPE is one of the most highly recognised programs of supervised education for provision of spiritual and pastoral care, and is rarely available outside the metropolitan area. It carries extensive credit in tertiary religious and theological study programs. It is highly recommended for anyone contemplating working in pastoral or spiritual care especially in a professional role, or in a volunteer capacity, and also for those working in other helping professions.

The program will be conducted on Wednesdays from 9:00 am – 4.00 pm, with attendance on 3 Thursdays also required (**13<sup>th</sup> July, 5<sup>th</sup> October, and 7<sup>th</sup> December**). A further one and a half days each week is required for delivery of pastoral care in an approved placement and further time is also needed for writing reports on pastoral encounters, so participants need to be able to devote at least 3 days each week for the 22 weeks of the program.

Cost of the CPE program is approximately \$2,000.00, or for those enrolled in theological studies, the cost will be the equivalent of 2 Units of study, payable through their University. Prospective applicants should contact the Course Coordinator, Anne Wieczorek, at [annewz@westnet.com.au](mailto:annewz@westnet.com.au) or on 0401 979 417, for further information and to request an application form. You will need to request an application form before **30<sup>th</sup> April 2023**, and applications must be made by **15<sup>th</sup> May 2023**.



Anne Wieczorek:  
Provisional Clinical Pastoral Educator



Louise Ross:  
Provisional Clinical Pastoral Supervisor



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### Practitioners

#### Rev'd Canon Dale Barclay

Dale has over 30 years of parish and youth ministry experience including in Melbourne, regional cities and small rural communities. He is keen to listen carefully, providing you with the time and space to reflect on your ministry in a purposeful and meaningful way. With your permission, he will close your time together by praying for you.

As well as a personal commitment to minister in truth, love, word and deed, Dale has extensive experience in community outreach and mental health challenges.



#### Rev'd Tracey Wolsley

Tracey has been ordained in the Anglican Church for over 20 years. She has served in Parish ministry in both regional and small rural communities and has extensive experience in chaplaincy, including with schools, community, sports, CFA and aged care. Tracey takes a very person-centered approach and is passionate about supporting people so they can reach their full ministry potential and thrive.

Tracey can also be contacted for Counselling, Psychotherapy and Spiritual Direction / Companionship.



#### Rev'd Canon Ian Howarth

Since being ordained in 1995, Ian has had a rich variety of experiences in ministry from parishes to school and defence chaplaincy. Ian is also an experienced Rural Dean. As a Parish Priest Ian seeks to keep a strong focus on the ministry of both word and sacrament and the pastoral care of congregations and broader community.

Ian attends ongoing professional development to enhance skills and ensure the supervision he provides is a productive time for ministry reflection and self-care.



## Your display of support board

You will need:

A large sheet of hardboard,  
drilled with holes to secure it  
to the fence.

Coloured paper and scissors to  
make hands prints Don't  
forget to put your name on  
each print, and the group  
name on the board.

Bring it to the Gathering and  
make your hands count!



## Refugee Figures

In mid 2022 there were 103 million **forcibly displaced** persons throughout the world.

53.2 million were **internally displaced**. (at the end of 2021)

32.5 million were recognised as **refugees**.

4.9 million were **seeking asylum**

41% were children under 18 years.

**In the first six months of 2022,**

204,500 were able to return to their homes.

43,000 were **resettled** in other countries.  
This represents an annual refugee resettlement rate of a quarter of one percent.

Of every thousand recognised refugees, only 2.6 can expect to be resettled in a third country in any given year.

**It is a very long, almost non-existent queue!**

**The Bendigo community** has been enriched by refugees from a range of countries who have made their homes among us.

In the past six months RAR Bendigo has welcomed two Hazara refugee families to Bendigo, and helped them to settle under the Government's CRISP scheme. There are plans to welcome a further two families in 2023

Palm Sunday Gathering for Justice for Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Organised by Rural Australians for Refugees (RAR) and local churches.

For more information, contact

Ken Rookes

[ken@kenrookes.com.au](mailto:ken@kenrookes.com.au)



## Palm Sunday

# HANDS UP! for Justice for Refugees

**2nd April.  
Gather from  
12.00 noon.**

**Library Gardens,  
Bendigo.**







## Hands Up for Refugees!

This year, for the annual raising awareness of the plight of refugees and asylum seekers, we are focusing on hands!

**Hands are so useful and expressive,** giving us the ability to do stuff and to signal our needs and intentions wordlessly. **Refugees and asylum seekers often have little means to help themselves and their voices are drowned out by the powerful.** So this year, we want to bring these aspect to the forefront of our Palm Sunday Gathering for Justice for them.

Hands up—can signal to life-savers an urgent and life-threatening need for assistance. Unless a rescue takes place, Imminent drowning may ensue. **So we are putting up OUR hands** to signal that refugees seeking asylum and safety need **recognition** of their plight, **voices** to advocate on their behalf, and **swift action.**

## Hands up in Bendigo!

Hands up— to signal that a question is pending and an answer required. The hand will stay up until there is an adequate recognition and response. Our national government needs to hear the questions and respond with compassion, justice and immediate effect.

Hands up—to signal agreement, YES!, I'm in! The call for justice needs advocates and voices, questions and action.

**Will you put YOUR hand up for refugees this Palm Sunday?**

**Join in the Gathering at the Library Gardens, Bendigo, Sunday 2nd April for 12.30pm start.**

**Groups will walk together from various churches, and Dudley House, View St, from 12.00 noon.**

Bring a picnic and meet some new friends!

Presentations will include items from local multi-cultural groups, a display of artwork and a short address from Archbishop Shane, Catholic Archbishop of Bendigo.



## How can you join in?

**Schools, churches and community groups are invited to create their own 'Hands Up for Refugees' art work.**

Using coloured paper, draw hand shapes with the name of the person on it. Fix them to a large sheet of hardboard, with strategically placed holes drilled to secure it to the fence. Make sure your group name is painted somewhere on it.

You might like to paint over the whole thing with a clear finish to keep it watertight. Bring your board to the Palm Sunday Gathering for display. It will then be added to a display outside both the Anglican and Catholic Cathedrals, so the wider community can view them.

Happy Creating!

