



Ordinations

I'm delighted to announce the ministry placements for **Lauren Porter** and **Richard Bath** soon to be ordained deacon.

Lauren will be continuing her work alongside Rev Canon Dale Barclay in the Parish of Eaglehawk, especially focusing on providing services to children and their families in Maiden Gully. Part of Lauren's position has been made possible by the Maiden Gully Ministry Fund which the Common Ground congregation bequeathed for further work in that new suburb.

Richard will be working across the parishes of Heathcote and Strathfieldsaye. Richard will succeed Archdeacon George in caring for the parish of Heathcote and work with Rev Rob Edwards to assist with his work in Strathfieldsaye. Richard will begin his ministry as a licensed lay minister and of course continue once he has been ordained.

Please join with me to pray for both Richard and Lauren as they continue to prepare for ordination.

+Matt

Ordination

When: Saturday 25 November

Where: St Paul's Cathedral

Time: 11.00am

Colour: Red

Induction

You will remember that the Reverend Dr Peter Downes is to be inducted as the Rector of the Parish of St Arnaud. You are invited to come!

When: Thursday 19 October

Time: 6.00pm

Place: Christ Church Old Cathedral

Colour: White

Light refreshments will be served after the service.

Events

Attached are details of two upcoming events:

- Trinity College
- Defence Sunday



Advent and Christmas Resource Sharing

Friday 20 October
9.30 – 11.30am

REGISTER HERE:

<https://www.bendigoanglican.org.au/workshops-registration/>

Bishop Matt's calendar

Week	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
9 October	Executive	In Office	DAY OFF	SLT	In Office		South East Bendigo
16 October	In Office	In Office	DAY OFF	Peter Downes Induction	In Office		Woodend & Trentham
23 October	PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMISSION & NATSIAC Canberra & Newcastle						TBC
30 October	BISHOP'S MEETING Ballarat				DAY OFF		Woodend & Trentham

Continuing Education 2023

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NEAR: STUDIES ON THE READINGS FOR YEAR B

This online event is an opportunity for clergy and lay people to be enriched by the readings from Mark and the Old Testament for the forthcoming Church Year B. This study day will provide resources for preaching, worship and ministry, commencing on Advent Sunday. It will also be a wonderful opportunity to explore the Bible, discover its riches and deepen your spirituality.

Led by: The Revd Canon Dr Robert (Bob) Derrenbacker, Dean & Frank Woods Associate Professor in Old Testament, & Dr Rachelle Gilmour, Bromby Associate Professor in Old Testament at Trinity College Theological School.

4 NOVEMBER 10AM – 1PM

VENUE: Online (Zoom link provided after registration)

COST: \$25 | \$20 concession (pensioners and theological students)

An option to view a recording of the session will also be available for a fee of \$20.

BOOKINGS: trybooking.com/CGLCZ

ENQUIRIES: Trinity College Theological School

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

4th October 2023

Archbishops and Bishops

Defence Sunday 5 November 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am writing to advise that this year the designated date for 'Defence Sunday' is 5 November – (established by the 2014 General Synod as the Sunday prior to Remembrance Day.) It would be much appreciated if you could encourage parishes to remember the work of the Australian Defence Force and particularly the ministry of our Chaplains on that day.

The Defence Anglican Mission Plan places a high priority in making connections, particularly encouraging a shared ministry of parishes with chaplains. Defence Sunday is an important occasion to affirm this. In the past, where Defence chaplains have visited parishes, there has been renewed mutual understanding. I have encouraged all Military Chaplains to make themselves available to their local churches. Should you have a parish that would like a visitor for Defence Sunday, and they do not have an established contact with the military, this Office would be pleased to identify a visiting speaker/celebrant, where available.

The following is a suggested Ad Clerum outline which of course may be modified as you see fit.

Defence Sunday 5 November 2022

Bishop Grant Dibden, the Anglican Bishop to the Defence Force has advised that Sunday 5 November has been designated as "Defence Sunday" as it 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, QR code or on www.defenceanglicans.org.au.

Liturgical resources and prayer points are also available on that website. Bishop Grant has made a short for Defence Sunday that you play at your church. You can find it on Youtube at <https://youtu.be/47bUwT3bSg4?si=re4kLDNo66RyrXb> or on Vimeo at <https://vimeo.com/870166365/c788f22441?share=copy>

You may wish to display the attached poster/s in your church.

Please consider inviting a local Defence chaplain to speak in your parish on or on a Sunday near to 5 November.

For more information please contact the office of the Bishop to the Defence Force jacqueline.baxter@defence.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



DEFENCE SUNDAY



PRAY WITH US | SUNDAY, 6 NOVEMBER



Partner with Defence Anglican Chaplaincy

When you pray or give you are helping chaplains support Defence members and their families.

for more information and to give visit:
defenceanglicans.org.au



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