

"Be joyful
always, pray
at all times,
be thankful
in all
circumstances."
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



PRAYER DIARY

2025

DISTRIBUTE WIDELY PLEASE

Please make a copy of the prayer diary for each Minister of Communion in your Parish and make some copies available to church members throughout your Parish.

PRAYER FOR 2025

For the church and the year ahead:

God,
good beyond all that is good,
fair beyond all that is fair,
in you is calmness, peace, and concord.
Heal the dissensions that divide us from one another
and bring us back to a unity of love
bearing some likeness to your divine nature.
Through the embrace of love
and the bonds of godly affection,
make us one in the Spirit
by your peace which makes all things peaceful.
We ask this through the grace, mercy, and tenderness
of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dionysius of Alexandria (d. 264)

UPDATES & CORRECTIONS

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DAY 31

The Anglican Church of Australia

General Synod Standing Committee and Office

The clerical and lay members of the General Synod of Australia

The Primate of Australia the Most Reverend Geoffrey Smith

The General Synod Secretary Ms Anne Hywood

THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

The Archbishop of Canterbury - vacant

The twenty-three dioceses of the Anglican Church of Australia, their bishops, clergy and people.

WIDER CHURCH

For the work of all ecumenical bodies that we may realise the peace and unity for which Jesus prayed and gave his life.

For all Christian Leaders and their Communion

Pope Francis

The Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

Leaders of Reformed Churches

Day 1

THE BISHOP

Keith our Bishop

Loving Lord,
guide Keith, our Bishop,
and keep him and the whole church
walking in your footsteps and faithful to your love,
now and always. Amen.

THE ADMINISTRATOR

Simon our Administrator

Almighty God,
you called us into the church,
and from among us chose leaders to direct us in your way.
We ask your guidance for Simon, our Administrator.
Enlarge his gifts
and help him to obey you,
so that we may enjoy good work under his guidance,
loyally serving Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

DAY 2

ALL PARISHES WITHIN THE DIOCESE

Heavenly Father, bless our land with its contrasts of landscape and climate;
Guide all its people in our diversity, that we may reflect your love in our
love for all creation.

The Diocese

Legal Officers

Chancellor - vacant

Synod Solicitor - Brett Cowell

Day 3

PARISH OF MURRAYLANDS

Cathedral Church of St John the Baptist, Murray Bridge

The Dean : Vacant

Canons of the Cathedral

The Right Reverend Canon Dr Stephen Pickard (John Chrysostom Stall)

The Reverend Canon Dr John Warner (Etona Stall)

Lay Canon Michael Bleby (Walden Stall)

Lay Canon Murray McFarlane (Porter Stall)

The Diocese

Our former Bishops John Ford (Bridget) and Ross Davies (Christine)

The Anglican Church of Australia

Armidale - Bishop Rod Chiswell

DAY 4

ALL PARISHES WITHIN THE DIOCESE

The Diocese

All those preparing for Baptism and Confirmation. For Clergy and Lay People who prepare those for these sacraments and those who follow up with visiting and encouragement.

PeaceWise Director - Richard Williamson

Diocesan Psychologist - Dr Zoey Doueal

The Anglican Church of Australia

Ballarat - Bishop Garry Weatherill

DAY 29

ALL PARISHES WITHIN THE DIOCESE

Church Wardens and Members of Parish Councils; Parish Administrators, Office Secretaries and Volunteers; Treasurers, Secretaries and Recorders

The Diocese

The ministry of the Diocesan Website (<https://murray.anglican.org>)

and the Diocesan Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/DiocesefTheMurray>

The Anglican Church of Australia

For the members of the South Australian Provincial Council and the other provincial committees

DAY 30

ALL PARISHES WITHIN THE DIOCESE

For the daily lives and witness of all faithful parishioners, their families, their homes, their workplaces, their schools

The Diocese

For the Anglican Schools in the Diocese

Woodcroft College,

Head - Shannon Warren

Investigator College, Victor Harbor

Principal - John Robinson

For the Link to Popondetta, PNG

Our link Diocese

The Diocese of Popondota, its Bishop, the clergy and people; for unity and greater cohesion, more resources for ministry, schools and hospitals.

DAY 27

ALL PARISHES WITHIN THE DIOCESE

The Diocese

For the witness of all who are involved in volunteer work in their community

Fr Alex Stone (Beverley) - PTO

Fr Ted Newing (Joyce) - PTO

The Anglican Church of Australia

Missionary societies and missionaries

Social welfare agencies

DAY 28

ANGLICAN COMMUNITY CARE

The work of ac.care in the South East, Riverland and Murraylands; the workers involved and for an increase in support for this work. Thanks for the financial support of both State and Federal Governments, and that it may continue.

Chairman of Board - Rick Fisher

CEO - Shane Maddocks

EA to CEO - Raina Hadfield

The Diocese

For Anglicans in the Mallee District

Fr Ian Young (Jan) - PTO

Fr Richard Litjens (Judy) - PTO

The Anglican Church of Australia

Educational establishments and pastoral care workers (chaplains)

Day 5

PARISH OF KINGSTON-ROBE

Holy Trinity, Kingston; St Peter, Robe

Incumbent : Fr Wayne Landford (Fiona)

Licensed Lay Ministers: (vacant)

The Diocese

Mission Action Planning

The Anglican Church of Australia

Bathurst - Bishop Mark Calder

DAY 6

PARISH OF WESTERN FLEURIEU

St Ann, Aldinga (services suspended); St James, Delamere (services suspended); St Margaret of Scotland, McLaren Vale; St Nicholas, Seaford; St Stephen, Willunga; Christ Church, Yankalilla

Incumbents : Fr Brenton Dick (Lyn)

Licensed Lay Ministers: Patricia Frith, Judith Wells, Helen Cook, Christine Gunn, John Strachan, Gail Filsell, Christine Filsell, Belinda Rosser, Steve Banner, Julia Drought, Greg John, Jenny Walker, Julianne Bates

The Diocese

For the work of AnglicareSA in the Adelaide Hills and Southern Suburbs; CEO Grant Reubenicht.

The Anglican Church of Australia

Bendigo - Bishop Matt Brain

DAY 7

PARISH OF THE LOWER LIMESTONE COAST

St Mary the Virgin, Penola; St Michael and All Angels, Millicent;
St Alban, Kalangadoo.

Incumbent : Fr Wayne Landford (Fiona)

Licensed Lay Ministers:

Dean Burrow, Howard Young, John (Fred) Luckhurst Smith, Jill Fiebiger,
Lay Canon Michael Bleby

The Diocese

The Murray Anglican - Editor: Vacant.

The Website Webmaster and Facebook Coordinator - Annette Schirmer

The Anglican Church of Australia

Brisbane - Archbishop Jeremy Greaves

DAY 8

PARISH OF THE MURRAYLANDS

St John the Baptist, Murray Bridge; St John the Evangelist, Meningie; St Luke,
Tailem Bend

Incumbent : Fr Daniel Irvine (Jasamine)

Priest Assistants : Fr Ian Jansse (Eva)

Licensed Lay Ministers: Lee Lyons, Beryl Aylen

The Anglican Church of Australia

Bunbury - Bishop Ian Coutts

DAY 25

PARISH OF STRATHALBYN

Christ Church, Strathalbyn; St George, Meadows; St Mary, Milang

Incumbent : Fr Chris Talbot (Kathy)

Licensed Lay Ministers:

Jan Payne, Brian Landseer, Lindsay Gibson, Eileen Smith, Keven Clonan

The Diocese

For all involved in the musical offering of the Church, Organists, Choirs,
music groups, Music Directors and Librarians

The Anglican Church of Australia

The Defence Forces - Bishop Grant Dibden

DAY 26

ALL PARISHES WITHIN THE DIOCESE

The Diocese

For all involved in mission and evangelism

For the work of BCA, CMS (Australia), Anglican Aid Abroad and other
agencies

Fr Steve Davis (Lyn) - PTO

Fr Peter Randle (Heather) - PTO

Rev Margaret Holt - PTO

The Anglican Church of Australia

All religious communities and societies

DAY 23

PARISH OF TATIARA

St Barnabas, Bordertown; St Catherine, Keith

Incumbent : Fr Ian Young (Jan)

Licensed Lay Ministers: Beryl Watson, Thomas Knowling

The Anglican Church of Australia

Wangaratta - Bishop Clarence Bester

DAY 24

ALL PARISHES WITHIN THE DIOCESE

The Diocese

For the Archdeacons of the Diocese

Acting Archdeacon of the Fleurieu - Ven Peter Sandeman

Archdeacon of the Limestone Coast - vacant

Archdeacon of The Murray - Ven David McDougall

Archdeacon for Social Justice - Ven Peter Sandeman

For renewal in the love of the Holy Scriptures their inspiration and authority in the Church today. For all Bible Study Groups

For all involved in intercession, prayer groups, Christian meditation and the teaching of prayer

The Anglican Church of Australia

Willochra - Bishop Jeremy James

DAY 9

PARISH OF THE MOUNT BARKER DISTRICT

Christ the King, Mount Barker; St James, Blakiston; St Mary's, Echunga; St John, Macclesfield; St John, Mylor

Incumbent : Fr Daniel Irvine (Jasamine)

Licensed Lay Ministers: Ian Newman, Lynette Stokes, Paul Stevens, Annette Schirmer, Peter Adams, Paquita Ruch, Natalie Jones, Steve Parker

The Diocese

For all Sunday Schools, crèches and other activities run by our parishes for and with children and for their leaders. For the encouragement of children in our worship and church life.

The Anglican Church of Australia

Canberra & Goulburn - Bishop Mark Short

DAY 10

ALL PARISHES WITHIN THE DIOCESE

The Diocese

All members of the Synod, the Diocesan Council, the Executive, the Finance, Audit & Investment Committee, the Legislation Review Committee and other committees and sub-committees

All Provincial Council and General Synod representatives

The Anglican Church of Australia

Gippsland - Bishop Richard Treloar

DAY 11

PARISH OF THE UPPER LIMESTONE COAST

St Paul, Naracoorte; St Andrew, Lucindale.

Incumbent : vacant

Licensed Lay Ministers: Graham Dickson, Peter Tamblyn, Julie Ewer, Paul Dolan

The Diocese

Mothers' Union - Diocesan President: Jocelyn Williamson

Mothers' Union - Diocesan Chaplain: Fr Daniel Irvine

All branches and lone members; the furthering of the MU purposes to support marriage and family life.

The Anglican Church of Australia

Grafton - Bishop Murray Harvey

DAY 12

ALL PARISHES WITHIN THE DIOCESE

The Diocese

For more vocations to the priesthood and for the resources to nurture and encourage them.

Fr Robert Haynes (Leanna) - PTO

Fr Max Bowers (Ros) - PTO

Fr Brenton Daulby (Sue) - PTO

Fr Kym Smith (Elaine) - PTO

The Anglican Church of Australia

Melbourne - Archbishop Philip Freier

DAY 21

PARISH OF SOUTHERN SUBURBS

St Hilary of Poitiers, Morphett Vale; St Francis of Assisi, Christies Beach; St Aidan, Aberfoyle Park; Christchurch, O'Halloran Hill

Incumbent : Fr Andrew Forder (Debra)

Assistant Curate: Rev Carol Cornwall (John)

Deacon Assistant : Rev Rebecca Newell

Licensed Lay Ministers:

Trevor Smith, Carole Hawkins, Trevor Brodie, Caroline Earl, Tony Earl, Chris Martin, Joel Savage

The Diocese

For the growth of our Home Mission and Ministry Training Funds

The Anglican Church of Australia

Sydney - Archbishop Kanishka Raffel

DAY 22

ALL PARISHES WITHIN THE DIOCESE

The Diocese

Alex Bainton (Cheryl) - PTO

Paula Bullock—PTO

Robert Hupfeld—PTO

Peter Simmons—PTO

Adrian Stephens (Jennie) - PTO

The Anglican Church of Australia

Tasmania - Bishop Richard Condie

DAY 19

PARISH OF THE RIVERLAND

St Augustine, Renmark; The Resurrection, Loxton; St Edmund, Barmera;
St Oswald, Monash; St Peter, Morgan; St James, Waikerie.

Incumbent : Fr David Patterson

Licensed Lay Ministers:

Bronnie Casement, Daphne Dack, Ruth Daws, Peter Hartley, Jennie Lory,
John Reed, Marg Staker, Malcolm Mann

The Diocese

For the renewal of youth ministry in the diocese; for the ministry of pastoral
care workers (chaplains) in schools; for all youth groups and their leaders.

Fr Mark Sibley (Sarah) - PTO

The Anglican Church of Australia

Riverina - Bishop Donald Kirk

DAY 20

ALL PARISHES WITHIN THE DIOCESE

The Diocese

The Diocesan Registry

Registrar - Richard Earley (Caroline)

Assistant Registrar - Christine Lubcke

The Anglican Church of Australia

Rockhampton - Bishop Peter Grice

DAY 13

PARISH OF MOUNT GAMBIER

Christ Church, Mount Gambier; St Luke, Mount Schank

Incumbent : Vacant

Licensed Lay Ministers: Susan Christopher, Trevor Christopher, Julienne
Feast, William Hudd, Rick Fisher, Robyn Ashby, Fay Hill

The Diocese

Anglican Board of Missions Australia - Diocesan ABM Auxiliary; the
Provincial ABM Committee; for the encouragement of Parish projects; for
success of the Lenten Appeal

The Anglican Church of Australia

National Aboriginal Bishop - Bishop Chris McLeod

DAY 14

PARISH OF MANNUM-MOUNT PLEASANT

St Andrew, Mannum; St John, Mount Pleasant; St George, Mount Torrens;
the Karoonda congregation.

Incumbent : Fr Bruce Hicks (Melita)

Licensed Lay Ministers: Jean McQueen, Trevor Pamment

The Diocese

All those preparing for Baptism and Confirmation. For Clergy and Lay People
who prepare those for these sacraments and those who follow up with
visiting and encouragement.

The Anglican Church of Australia

Newcastle - Bishop Peter Stuart

DAY 15

PARISH OF ONKAPARINGA VALLEY

St Thomas, Balhannah; St Mark, Woodside

Incumbent : Ven David McDougall (Andrea)

Licensed Lay Ministers:

Jan Palmer, Antonia Broderick, Margaret Wells, Jill Hervé, Cleon Nuske

The Diocese

For increased financial support for The Home Mission and Ministry Training Fund

The Anglican Church of Australia

North Queensland - Bishop Keith Joseph

DAY 16

ALL PARISHES WITHIN THE DIOCESE

The Diocese

Director of Formation - Rev Dr Rodney Fopp

Clergy in Formation

Rev Carol Cornwall (John)

Rev Margaret Holt

Rev Dr Rodney Fopp

Fr Ian Jansse (Eva)

Fr Daniel Irvine (Jasamine)

Rev Rebecca Newell

Fr Bruce Hicks (Melita)

The Anglican Church of Australia

Northern Territory - Bishop Greg Anderson

DAY 17

PARISH OF SOUTH COAST

Holy Evangelists, Goolwa; St Christopher, Mount Compass; St Jude, Port Elliot; St Augustine, Victor Harbor

Incumbents : Fr Nicholas Rundle (Anne), Rev Dr Rodney Fopp

Licensed Lay Ministers:

Vicki Plummer, Louise Townend, Richard Anderson, Mark Gerschwitz, Sue Hender, Richard Stokes, Gillian Colaruotolo, Godfrey Sherwin

The Diocese

For ministry to the elderly - for all those receiving Holy Communion at home or in hospital; For those unable to attend church services any longer; For the lonely and housebound; For the church's ministry of visiting the aged and infirm in their homes.

The Anglican Church of Australia

Perth - Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy

Day 18

ALL PARISHES WITHIN THE DIOCESE

All Licensed Lay Ministers

The Diocese

Fr Bruce Cliff (Judy) - PTO

The Anglican Church of Australia

North West Australia - Bishop Darrell Parker