



News From Diocesan Council

November 2025 to April 2026

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Appointment - The Administrator has appointed Mr Chris Prance to Diocesan Council. Chris has many years of experience as in educational leadership and spent time as the Anglican Schools Liaison Officer.

Administrator's Report - We are now in a post Christendom world, and the mission field is completely different. This will require adjustments for us as a diocese.

It is important to consider how we can support and work with our Anglican Schools. This is one of the reasons Br Simon has appointed Chris Prance to join the Council.

Archdeacon's report - Fr David McDougall reported on encouraging mission developments in Blanchtown, Morgan and Christies Beach.

Parish of Onkaparinga Valley Mission Action Plan - The parish's Mission Action Plan was tabled and discussed. Council was encouraged to see the mission focus of the parish.

Memorial Gardens - Council noted that there is a wide variety of practices in the diocese regarding operation of Memorial Gardens and that it would be helpful to document this.

Property Report

St Francis of Assisi, Christies Beach - Five builders have expressed interest. Work is progressing to select a builder.

St Jude's Port Elliot - The contract was signed for the toilet block construction and work has commenced.

St Peter's Morgan, Christ Church Strathalbyn and St George's Meadows - Requests to sell received from the Riverland and Strathalbyn parishes. Council anticipates approving the requests, pending resolution of a few minor issues.

Diocesan Digital Mission Action: - Diocesan Council is working with a website developer on a concept for a redeveloped digital presence with a mission focus. Council requested the Administrator to appoint a small working group to progress this and report back to Council.

Finance Audit and Investment (FAI) Committee Report - Financial reports to 31 Oct 2025 were tabled and reviewed.

Diocesan Council approved the recommendation from FAI Committee that Religious Practitioner Expense (RPE) accounts be administered using the Christian Finance Visa Prepaid PayCard facility commencing in 2026.

Diocesan Council approved the recommendation from FAI Committee for 2026 stipends and allowances.

Risk Management - AED Update: All parishes have installed their AED. Required online registration is in progress.

Project applications above \$5,000

St Jude's Port Elliot masonry repairs

Christ the King Mount Barker - installation of heating

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Appointment - Diocesan Council appointed Rev Rebecca Newell as a clergy representative to Provincial Council.

Property Report

St Francis of Assisi, Christies Beach - Project is currently out to tender. Responses due 20 March.

St Jude's Port Elliot - Toilet block construction is progressing well. Expect completion in March.

Finance Audit and Investment (FAI) Committee Report - Financial reports to 31 Dec 2025 were tabled and reviewed. Preparation of reports for audit is underway.

Diocesan Council resolved to suspend the collection from parishes of the Fidelity and Aggregate Deductible Levies.

RPE Account management - Payment of clergy RPE to Visa Prepaid PayCard will commence with March payroll.

Legislation Review Committee (LRC) - Diocesan Council approved recommended amendments to the Parochial Trust Funds Regulation 2023 and the Appointments and Committees Regulation 2023.

ac.care update - New office suite in Mount Gambier has been opened. Commencing this year, ac.care will completely overhaul the Mount Gambier Community Centre.

Anglican Schools update - 12 Anglican schools in the Province, including 2 in The Murray, with 14,500 students. There are many opportunities to engage with and support our Anglican Schools.

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St Augustine's Victor Harbor Hall refurbishment

Holy Evangelists Goolwa masonry work and installation of air conditioners.

2026 meeting dates - 9-10 April, 22 May, 10 July, 10-11 September, 26-27 November.

Synod - 19-21 June, Christ the King, Mount Barker.

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