



# PRAYER DIARY

2026

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*Please make a copy of the prayer diary for each Licensed Lay Ministers in your Parish and make some copies available to church members throughout your Parish.*

## Personal Prayer Points

### PRAYER FOR 2026

Almighty God,  
into Your hands we place the Church today,  
this immense tapestry of hopes and fears,  
possibility and challenge.

Into Your hands we place  
our times, and talents, and money,  
and ask that You may use them, and us  
in ways that bring the brightness of faith,  
and the honesty of doubt,  
into a world where faith and doubt are real.  
Open our minds and hearts to the graciousness  
we find in the words and actions of Jesus.

In the busy-ness, may we find quietness;  
in the quietness, may we find inspiration.  
In our parishes and diocese  
show us pathways ahead,  
lead us on the ways You have already prepared.  
Give us the vision to see them,  
and the humility to walk them,  
knowing that each and every step along that way,  
You Yourself will walk with us.  
Guide and guard us,  
that we may be the ones You have called  
to be the light in our world today.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen  
(*Very Rev Dr Derek Browning, adapt.,  
Minister, Edinburgh Morningside Parish Church,*

### 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 Right Reverend Dr Mark Short

The General Synod Secretary Mrs Juliet Wenden

### THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

The Archbishop of Canterbury - Dame Sarah Mullally

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 Communions

Pope Francis

The Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

Leaders of Reformed Churches

## Day 1

### THE BISHOP

Keith our Bishop

Merciful Father,  
keep in your care Bishop Keith.  
Bestow upon him your wisdom  
and continue to guide him in his journey with you.  
This we ask through the one who is the Great Shepherd of the sheep,  
Jesus the Lord. Amen.

### THE ADMINISTRATOR

Simon our Administrator

God, eternal shepherd,  
you tend your Church in many ways and rule us with love.  
Give Simon, our Administrator,  
a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love.  
May he guide your Church to be a sign of salvation for the world at this  
time.  
This we ask through Jesus, our Redeemer. 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

### CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE DIOCESE

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/DioceseofTheMurray>

#### 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

College Pastor - Marty Fox

Investigator College, Victor Harbor

Principal - John Robinson

Chaplain - Edwina Bruce

For the Link to Popondetta, PNG

#### Our link Diocese

The Diocese of Popondetta, 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

#### **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; St Margaret of Scotland, McLaren Vale; St Nicholas, Seaford; St Stephen, Willunga; Christ Church, Yankalilla

**Incumbents :** Br Simon Waters (Susie), Rev Bec Newell (Jason)

**Licensed Lay Ministers:** Jane Cuthbert, Judith Wells, Helen Cook, John Strachan, Belinda Rosser, Steve Banner, Julia Drought, Greg John, Jenny Walker, Margaret Cale, Brian McMillan.

#### **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:** (vacant)

#### The Diocese

**The Murray Anglican** - Editor: (vacant)

Website 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 (Jasmine)

**Licensed Lay Ministers:** Lee Lyons, Beryl Aylen, Roslyn Esegeibe.

#### 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 Andrew Klynsmith (Elizabeth)

**Licensed Lay Ministers:** Stuart Carter

#### 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 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:** (vacant)

### The Anglican Church of Australia

Wangaratta - Bishop Clarence Bester

## DAY 24

### ALL PARISHES WITHIN THE DIOCESE

#### **The Diocese**

#### **For the Archdeacons of the Diocese**

Archdeacon of the Fleurieu - Ven Simon Waters

Archdeacon of the Limestone Coast - vacant

Archdeacon of The Murray - Ven David McDougall

Archdeacon for Strategy and Mission - 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 (Jasmine)

**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, Catherine Biggins, Cathryn Cobblewick, Barbara Altus, Paul Dolan.

#### **The Diocese**

Mothers' Union - Diocesan President: Caroline Earl

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 Ric Thorpe

## 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)

#### **Licensed Lay Ministers:**

Trevor Smith, Carole Hawkins, Trevor Brodie, Chris Martin, Timothy Earl.

#### **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 (Jeannie) - 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, Gordon Sharp, Janet Grosse, Jack Heinrich.

#### **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 :** Fr David Patterson

**Licensed Lay Ministers:** Susan Christopher, Trevor Christopher, Julianne Feast, William Hudd, Rick Fisher, Robyn Ashby, Fay Hill, Mark Griffiths, Sujitha Rajan.

#### **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 :** Rev Bruce Hicks (Melita)

**Licensed Lay Ministers:** Jean McQueen, Paula Pamment, 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:** Darren Day

#### **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 Dr Rodney Fopp

Fr Daniel Irvine (Jasmine)

Fr Bruce Hicks (Melita)

Rev Margaret Holt

Rev Rebecca Newell (Jason)

#### **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:**

Margaret Clark, Nigel Clark, Sylvie Cleret, Peter Edson, Darren Schunke, Mark Gerschwitz, Sue Hender, Richard Stokes, Gillian Colaruotolo, Josephine Kerestes, Louise Townsend.

#### **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

Fr Des Ackland (Raelene) - PTO

#### **The Anglican Church of Australia**

North West Australia - Bishop Darrell Parker