

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



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.

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,*

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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 Communion

Pope Leo

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 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

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 (Jasamine)

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 (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 : Fr David Patterson

Licensed Lay Ministers: Graham Dickson, Peter Tamblyn, Julie Ewer, Catherine Biggins, Cathryn Cobbledick, 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 (Gerri) - PTO

Peter Simmons (Sally) - 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 : *vacant*

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, Julienne 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 (Jasamine)

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