

Mark Your Calendars
UPCOMING EVENTS

17th Feb—2nd March

Vicar on Annual Leave

18th February

7.00 pm House Group

Teesdale

25th February

7.00 pm House Group

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1st March

9.00 am Devonshire Tea

Parish Ministry Centre

5th March

11.00 am Communion

Estia Health Bannockburn

7.00 pm Ash Wednesday Liturgy

St Paul's Inverleigh

8th March

8.30 am Men's Breakfast

Parish Ministry Centre

10th March

Labour Day

Public Holiday

18th March

7.00 pm House Group

Teesdale

Parish Roster for February 23

Church Cleaning:

Inverleigh: Carol Wilson

Bannockburn: Gill and Phil

Dickson

Reading:

Bannockburn: Ivan Marsetti

Communion Assistant:

Inverleigh: Bruce McDonald

Bannockburn: Carol Newlands

Morning Tea:

Bannockburn: Ivan Marsetti

Carol Newlands

Garbage Bins:

Bannockburn: ??????????

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Golden Plains Anglican News

Living the Gospel in Our Community

Inverleigh † Bannockburn † Meredith Anglican Parish
 16th February 2025—SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

SUE COOK ON PURSUING HOLINESS

Sue Cook, the new National Director (UK) of Leading Your Church into Growth

Revd Tim had the privilege of meeting Sue Cook when she came to lead the LyCiG training conference in Melbourne in 2023.

Name: Sue!

Always been a Vicar? No, I was previously in education, latterly as a Deputy Head of a secondary school.

Favourite Drink? Tea (and lots of it), G & T, and a good glass of wine.

Favourite Food? Anything sharing—tapas, middle eastern mezze, a big cheeseboard and accompaniments—anything that is social and you can graze your way through over good conversation and a bottle of wine.

Family? Yes, parents, siblings, nieces, a nephew, and many glorious friends and grandchildren.

Pets? One Dog, Yoyo a Romanian rescue.

Ideal Saturday? A slow start, a walk with Yoyo, a bacon sandwich and then an afternoon preparing a meal before gathering friends round the table for the evening.

Stress Relief? Baking, I love to bake. In a former parish I co-ran a weekly community café and we did all the baking and I miss that outlet.

It is so exciting and such a privilege to be writing my first article as the new National Director of LyCiG. I have been a part of the team for several years whilst leading my own parish churches. I have enjoyed teaching and leading at many conferences and I had the delight of launching LyCiG in the Diocese of Melbourne alongside another member of the team.

Every time I am at a conference I am renewed in hope that we still have clergy and laity who are committed to the local church and willing to put in the time and effort needed to lead their own churches into a new season of growth. I am looking forward to serving and encouraging you all in this new role. If you ever have any questions, thoughts or ideas about what we could be doing or what would help you, please get in touch.

We talk a lot about hope in LyCiG and we know that we will face challenges and opposition as we seek to bring change and growth in our churches. As long as

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Sentence: Blessed are you when people hate you on account of the Son of man. Rejoice and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.

Luke 6:23

Collect: Righteous God, you challenge the powers that rule this world and you show favour to the oppressed: instil in us a true sense of justice, that we may discern the signs of your kingdom and strive for the right to prevail; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Readings: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

Hymns:

Inverleigh: 650 – Brother, sister, let me serve you; 745 – Seek ye first; 448 – Blest are the pure in heart; 106 – Now thank we all our God

Bannockburn: *Lord you have my heart;* Brother, sister, let me serve you; Majesty, here I am; Seek ye first; Blest are the pure in heart; I *believe in Jesus;* Blessed be your name; *Make Way*

Meredith: *Lord you have my heart;* Brother, sister, let me serve you; Seek ye first; Blest are the pure in heart; Now thank we all our God; *Make Way*

Intercessions: *Righteous God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

World: all national leaders and those in authority that they may work together for justice and peace in the world; for Sudan, Ukraine and Russia, Israel and Palestine, Iran, Lebanon, and all nations in conflict, war or the threat of war; all who suffer displacement, poverty, hunger, loss, injury; all refugees or asylum seekers; for South Sudan, Syria, Lebanon, and all developing nations seeking revitalisation with security, housing, education, employment, medical intervention, food, freedom, and clean water; may all be willing to examine self, be open to our fears and inadequacies, and work together for just and merciful world.

Church: for all church leaders and unity of the worldwide Church, our Diocese in this transition time; Board of Nominators resourcing us for the election of a new archbishop; the establishment of the Youth and Family Community Cinema at Meredith, and all our activities intended to enable God to grow church; to be a church that by word and action we proclaim the gospel of the kingdom of God.

Community: the Wadawarrung and all our first nations peoples, their elders; those working toward reconciliation and treaty, recognition of the country on which we live, work and play; for all who come into our communities of any race, creed, colour, faith, or no faith that they will experience welcome; for those struggling with mortgage or rental stress, food insecurity, difficulty paying bills due to the high cost of living; to offer hospitality to our Jewish brothers and sisters, the first to hear the good news of God; that our communities will be inspired to love their neighbours.

Those in need: Matt Bellchambers, Shirley Musgrove, Melinda Gregory, Karen Schulze, John Thornton, Jenny Bannister, Margaret McLaren, Mary Simpson, Sue Withers, Jesse Osborne, Sylvia Trevey, Sarah Rees, Jayden Rees, Fay McFarlane, Timothy Deng, and all others on our hearts and minds.

God of Hope

you call on us to be
your witnesses in this
uncertain world;

by your Spirit
awaken in us

a true vision of
your kingdom,

a greater certainty of
our salvation, and

a deeper dedication
to your service;

that through our words
and actions the same
Spirit may

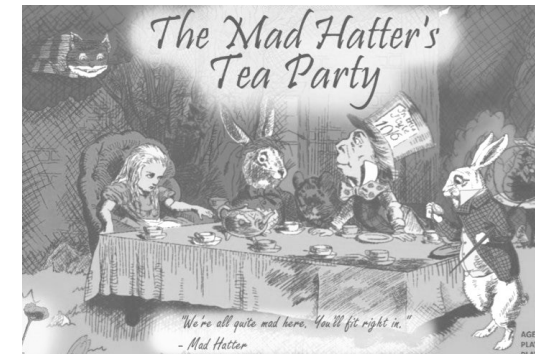
bring many who are lost
to be found,

and for them to
celebrate the hope

that we can only have
in Jesus Christ,

in whose name we pray.

Amen



The Ladies Social Group is holding its first meeting of the year:

MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY

Saturday 15th March

2.30 pm

Parish Ministry Centre

Make yourself a funny hat, invite a friend, and bring along a plate to share.

Everyone is welcome !!

**FAREWELL ARCHBP PHILIP
and THANK YOU**



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our hope is in seeing God's kingdom come and not building our own empires we need not fear:

Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord. Psalm 31:24

I am holding on to the same hope as I lead LyCiG through times of change and transition such as:

- Expanding our work and yet retaining our core DNA
- Delivering more conferences
- Adding in follow up and going deeper sessions
- Developing some specialist conferences for leading Children's and Youth Work into growth.

There is much to be done! All of it whilst building and retaining an incredible volunteer team who themselves know, love and serve the local church. Now I am not currently in parish ministry, I left my parish to take on this new role. However, to have integrity as Director I know and believe that I will need to be involved with my local church, and I will seek to do that when I move to a new house around Easter time. In the meantime, I am enjoying visiting other churches, being "in the pews" and being in church to worship knowing that the dodgy sound, the missing reader and the faulty heating are not mine to sort.

On Sunday I visited a local church, one that might have been considered a 'rival' to my former parish. I've never seen them as a rival, but I was interested to go along and worship there. It was great. There was a dedicated welcome team, tea, coffee and hot pastries, it was warm, there were children playing and there was a sense of life and vibrancy. It's not a big resource church, it is just another parish church doing its best to meet the needs of its local community. During the sermon I was struck by one particular line:

"Pursue holiness like its oxygen ... "

This was in the context of an engaging talk about the challenge to live a holy life, but these words are what stayed with me. What would life be like if we were as focused on being holy as we are on breathing? If we felt the same physical pain and need to inhale God deeply if we withhold our lives from Him as we do when we try to hold our breath to the point of needing to inhale deeply? As we seek to grow our churches it is not because we want crowds, it is not because we want the ego boost of a full church, it is because we want people to know Jesus. To be so in love with Him and so desiring of life with Him that there is physical pain when they feel disconnected from Him. I love the idea that as we numerically grow our churches, we will be growing disciples who pursue holiness like it is oxygen and who then feel empowered to go and breathe life in to the communities around us.



INVERLEIGH HALL PIANO BAR

Requests, singalongs, fun!

2 MAY 2025

7-11pm | Tickets \$27pp
Inverleigh Public Hall

Book a table with friends
BYO food & drinks

A fun and interactive piano bar style evening of requests, singalongs and dancing, with local piano man, Rohan Windle.

Get some friends and family together to make up a table of 10 or grab yourself a ticket or two to join a mixed table.

This event is a fundraiser by the Inverleigh Public Hall Committee to help with essential maintenance on the Inverleigh Hall, a valuable community asset.

For more info: Rhonda 0409 188 258

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hallpianobar.eventbrite.com.au

Bible Readings

Prayer for the week:

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Monday
Morning: Ps 106:1-24
Genesis 26:34-27:29
Luke 6:1-11

Evening: Ps 106:25-50
Proverbs 29:1-16
1 Timothy 3

Tuesday
Morning: Ps 107:1-22
Genesis 27:30-46
Luke 6:12-26

Evening: Ps 107:23-43
Proverbs 29:17-30:6
1 Timothy 4

Wednesday
Morning: Pss 110 & 111
Genesis 28
Luke 46:27-38

Evening: Pss 112 & 113
Proverbs 30:5-14
1 Timothy 5:1-16

Thursday
William Grant Broughton (d. 1853) *Bishop*
First Bishop of Australia
Morning: Pss 114 & 115
Genesis 29:1-30
Luke 6:39-49

Evening: Pss 116 & 117
Proverbs 30:15-28
1 Timothy 5:17-6:2b

Friday
Morning: Pss 121, 122 & 123
Genesis 29:31-30:24
Luke 7:1-10

Evening: Ps 119:129-152
Proverbs 30:29-31:9
1 Timothy 6:2c-10
Saturday
Morning: Ps 118:1-18
Genesis 30:25-43
Luke 7:11-23
Evening: Pss 118:19-29 & 120
Proverbs 31:10-31
1 Timothy 6:11-21



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Next Sunday 23rd February SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8.00 am Morning Prayer
Inverleigh
10.00 am Morning Prayer
Bannockburn
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
Meredith
Readings

Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Psalm 37:1-11, 40-41
1 Corinthians 15:35-50