

**13th July**  
2.30 pm Chaplaincy Supervision  
Vicar's Study  
7.00 pm House Group Teesdale

**14th July**  
9.00 am Diocesan Ministry  
Conference Cathedral Melbourne

**15th July**  
9.00 am Diocesan Ministry  
Conference Cathedral Melbourne

**16th July**  
9.00 am Diocesan Ministry  
Conference Cathedral Melbourne  
7.30 pm Geelong v St Kilda  
GMHBA Stadium

**20th July**  
7.00 pm House Group Teesdale

**22nd July**  
7.00 pm Parish Council  
Parish Ministry Centre

**27th July**  
7.00 pm House Group Teesdale

**3rd August**  
7.00 pm House Group Teesdale

**5th August**  
11.00 am Communion Estia Health

**8th August**  
4.35 pm Geelong v Essendon  
GMHBA Stadium

**10th August**  
7.00 pm House Group Teesdale

### Parish Roster for 19th July

#### Church Cleaning:

**Inverleigh:** Dianne Morgan  
**Bannockburn:** Wendy Wood  
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### JUDITH'S JOKES

What Starts with 'P' and ends with 'E' and has a million letters in it?

He asked what  
would make me  
smile, and I  
replied, "S, I, L."

Confused at  
first...he then  
smiled and said,  
"Good one".



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# Golden Plains Anglican News

*Living the Gospel in Our Community*

†Inverleigh†Bannockburn†Meredith

12th July 2026—SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## ROCKET SCIENCE?

*Fr Felix Smith, Associate Director, Leading Your Church Into Growth*

I was in the Diocese of Chelmsford recently leading a *LyCiG Introductory Session*. I had travelled via train from the south coast only to arrive in London to a tube strike. Train stations were packed full of people. It became so busy that some began to panic and shout; it started getting dangerous and so we were sent out of the station to walk around and come through another entrance.

By the time I'd done this, my train had left already...and the one after it. Then when I arrived at the platform, it was so full that no one was getting on. I had to wait until another few had gone before I could get on the train at all.

As I finally made my way to the session, arriving just in time, I thought to myself "travelling can sometimes be very complicated!" In fact, we all know life in general can be complicated.

Thankfully I arrived to a very welcome hot meal and some enthusiastic people looking forward to learning about LyCiG. Suddenly, everything seemed a lot ore simple!

As part of the talk, I shared some characteristics of a LyCiG conference. One of which can be summed up by the photo below.



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**Worship Today: SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [15]**

**Sentence:** The words you have spoken are spirit and life, O Lord; you have the words of eternal life. *John 6:63, 68*

**Collect:** Bountiful God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word: by your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, and live according to it, that we may grow in faith and hope and love; through 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:** Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112; Romans 8:1-11  
Matthew 13:1-9 (10-17) 18-23

**Hymns:**

**Inverleigh:** 190 – Colourful Creator God of mystery; 427 – Lord your word abiding; 130 – We plough the field and scatter; 560 – All my hope on God is founded

**Bannockburn:** *God of the city*; All my hope on God is founded; Faithful One; We plough the field and scatter; All praise to you Christ Jesus; *Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise*; Build your kingdom here; *Hosanna (Praise is rising)*

**Meredith:** *God of the city*; All my hope on God is founded; Lord your word abiding; We plough the field and scatter; Build your kingdom here; *Hosanna (Praise is rising)*

**Intercessions:** *Spirit of God, hear our prayer.*

**World:** all nations in war or conflict, those who perpetrate war and those who defend their nations; South Sudan and all developing nations: wherever there is terror, violence, injustice, oppression, racism, hunger, displacement, and homelessness; all national leaders and law makers to have a spirit for the building up of their own citizens and unity in the global community.

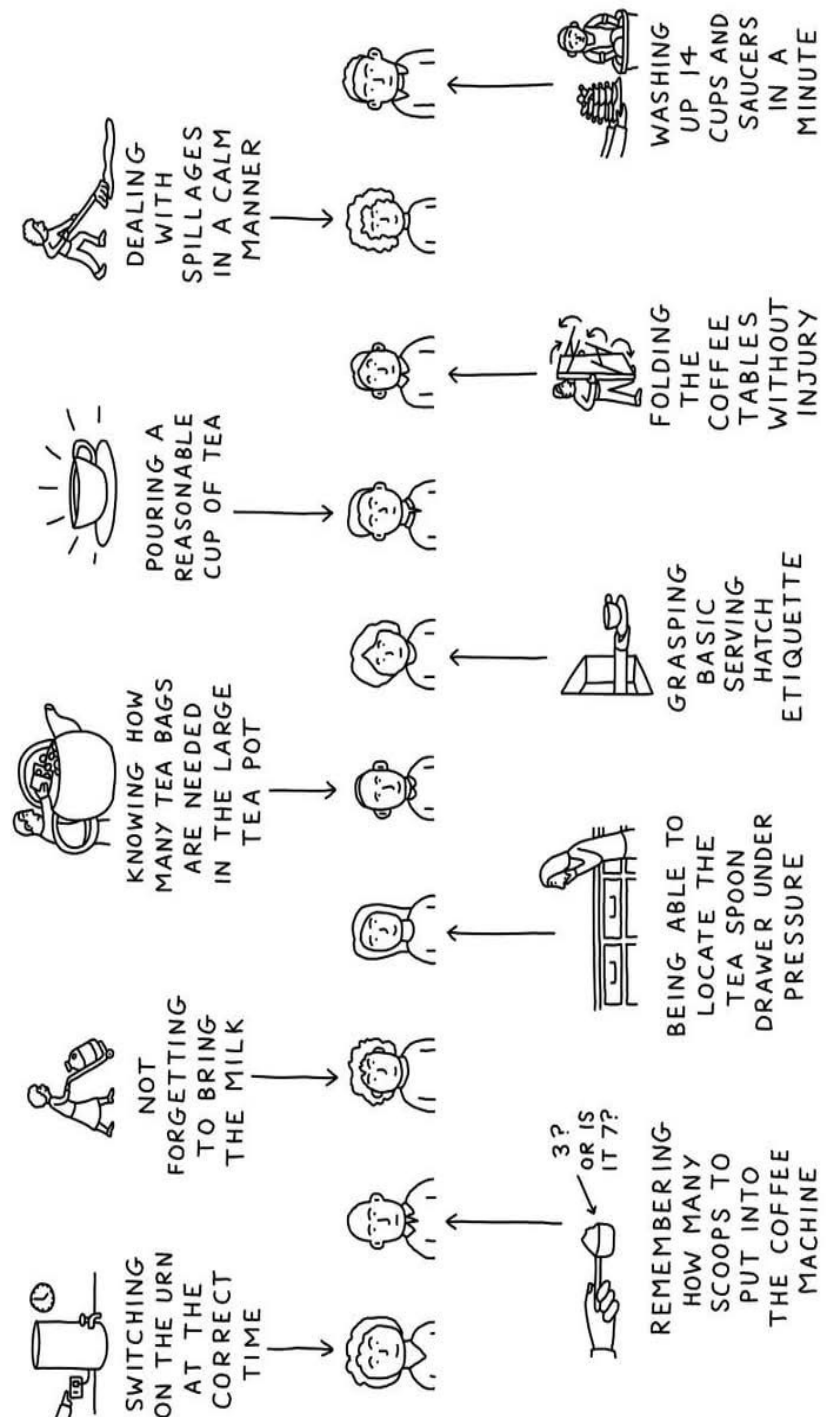
**Church:** unity of the Anglican Communion, Abp Sarah Mullaley; our Diocese and Abp Ric Thorpe, Bp Genieve's retirement and our region in transition, Ven Liz Rankin Archdeacon of Geelong; our Parish outreach ministries: Youth and Family Community Cinema, Thursday Lunch, Men's Breakfast, both Op Shops, and all the community groups our members participate in to be opportunities to share the good news of God's kingdom; selling of excess land and financial viability.

**Community:** the Wadawarrung people and all our First Nations Peoples, the work of reconciliation and treaty; all the communities in our Parish especially Inverleigh, Bannockburn, and Meredith; all living with mortgage and rental stress, cost of living, and food insecurity; all who are marginalised, anxious and depressed; that we foster community that is welcoming, gives belonging, affirms diversity of culture and heritage, and communicates truth.

**Those in need:** Matt Bellchambers, Shirley Musgrove, Melinda Gregory, Karen Schulze, Jenny Bannister, Margaret McLaren, Sarah Rees, Jayden Rees, Fay McFarlane, Jesse Osborne, Phil Dickson, Paul Duke, Josie Andrews, Josie Harvey, Steve and Stacey Copland, Timothy Deng and Weng, Judith Palmer-Howlett, Julie Doyle, and all others on our heart and mind.

# SKILLS

GAINED OVER A LIFETIME OF CHURCHGOING



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There's a great sketch by Mitchell & Webb, where a man called Lionel is at a drinks party. He's a brain surgeon and loves showing off the complexity of his job. When he meets a new person, he asks them their job and when they reply with "accountant" or "charity worker" he snorts his derision and replies, "It's not exactly brain surgery is it. And I should know...I'm a brain surgeon."

One day he meets his match, when he asks a man named Jeff his job.

"I'm a scientist," replies Jeff, "I work with rockets. And what do you do?"

"Well, I'm a brain surgeon actually," says Lionel.

"Hmmm..." says Jeff. "Brain surgery, it's not exactly rocket science is it?"

Sometimes mission and evangelism can seem a bit like this. As if there are experts who know what they're doing, but for the rest of us it seems impossible, like brain surgery or rocket science. Yet, one of the first things that someone said to me about LyCiG is, "It's not rocket science," and this has stuck with me ever since. LyCiG offers a step by step guide towards building an attainable and realistic plan for mission. It's not exactly brain surgery and it's not exactly rocket science!



When life can often be so complicated, and running a church can seem even more complicated...faculty application, churchyard regulations, Parish Council Meetings...LyCiG offers something which is far simpler. However, just because it is simple, it doesn't mean that it is easy,

What I love at a LyCiG conference is when someone from a Parish says something along the lines of, "We were doing some of this already, it's perhaps just not been as joined up as it could be." In other words, a LyCiG conference can take things that seemed complicated, disparate, and disconnected, and join the dots to form a workable and intentional plan for growth. It's not always easy...but it's not exactly rocket science!

## Bible Readings

### Prayer for the week:

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Monday

Sydney James Kirby, Bishop (d.1935) *Saint*  
Pioneer of Bush Church Aid Society

**Morning:** Ps 35:1-17

Amos 1:1-10

Galatians 5:1-15

**Evening:** Pss 35:18-29 & 36

Ezekiel 20:1-17

John 5:1-18

### Tuesday

**Morning:** Ps 34

Amos 1:11-2:5

Galatians 5:16-26

**Evening:** Ps 119:17-40

Ezekiel 20:18-38

John 5:19-30

### Wednesday

**Morning:** Ps 37:1-17

Amos 2:6-16

Galatians 6:1-10

**Evening:** Ps 37:18-41

Ezekiel 20:39-21:7

John 5:30-47

### Thursday

**Morning:** Ps 38

Amos 3

Galatians 6:11-18

**Evening:** Ps 39

Ezekiel 21:8-27(28-32)

John 6:1-15

## Friday

**Morning:** Ps 40

Amos 4

Romans 1:1-15

**Evening:** Pss 42 & 43

Ezekiel 22:1-22(23-31)

John 6:16-34

## Saturday

**Morning:** Pss 41 & 44:1-9

Amos 5:1-17

Romans 1:16-25

**Evening:** Ps 44:10-27

Ezekiel 24:1-2, 15-27

John 6:35-51



## Next Sunday 12th July

### PENTECOST 8 [16]

**8.30 am Holy Communion**

Inverleigh

**10.00 am All-Age Communion**

Bannockburn

**5.00 pm Holy Communion**

Meredith

### Readings

Genesis 28:10-19a

Psalms 139:1-11, 23-24

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30 (31-33) 36-43