

28th July
2.00 pm Army Chaplain Supervision

29th July
7.00 pm House Group
Teesdale

2nd August
9.00 am Devonshire Tea
Parish Ministry Centre

4th August
Vicar on leave to 31st August

5th August
7.00 pm House Group
Teesdale

8th August
7.40 pm Geelong v Essendon
GMHBA Stadium

1st September
Vicar returns from leave

3rd September
11.00 am Communion
Estia Health

6th September
9.00 am Devonshire Tea
Parish Ministry Centre

13th September
8.30 am Men's Breakfast
Parish Ministry Centre

Parish Roster for August 3

Church Cleaning:

Inverleigh: Liz McDonald
Bannockburn: David and Jenny Bannister

Reading:

Bannockburn: Freda Duke

Communion Assistant:

Inverleigh: Bruce McDonald
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Morning Tea:

Bannockburn: Freda Duke
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A truck loaded with thousands of copies of Roget's Thesaurus crashed losing its entire load. Witnesses were stunned, startled, aghast, taken aback, stupefied, confused, shocked, rattled, paralyzed, dazed, bewildered, mixed up, surprised, awed, dumbfounded, nonplussed, flabbergasted, astounded, amazed, confounded, astonished, overwhelmed, horrified, numbed, speechless, and perplexed. Meanwhile, those waiting for the shipment were at a loss for words.

Golden Plains Anglican News

Living the Gospel in Our Community

Inverleigh†Bannockburn†Meredith
27th July 2025—SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PERNTECOST [17]

CANBERRA-GOULBURN BISHOP ELECTED PRIMATE

Bishop Mark Short will commence as Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia in November.

The current Primate The Most Reverend Geoffrey announced that will retire as Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia on October 31 and as Archbishop of Adelaide on November 8, 2025. Archbishop Geoff's 43-year ministry has included parish work in Grafton Diocese (where Revd Tim met him and sponsored him for ordination). He then served with the Anglican Board of Mission for three years in Papua New Guinea. On return he became the National Director of the Anglican Board of Mission, living in Sydney, before returning to parish ministry as Rector of Surfer's Paradise. In 2007 he was consecrated as Bishop for the Southern Region the Diocese of Brisbane before being elected Archbishop of Adelaide in 2017 and then as Primate in 2020.

The Primate Canon requires the election of the next Primate to occur three months before a current Primate actually retires from the role, in this case the election took place July 31, 2025. Bishop Mark Short accepted the office of Primate after receiving the requisite majorities in the houses of Bishops, Clergy and Laity.



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Sentence: Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.
Luke 11:9

Collect: Provident Father, with the prayer your Son taught us always on our lips, we ask, we seek, we knock at your door: help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, and so to knock that the door of mercy may be opened for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings: Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19); Luke 11:1-13

Hymns:

Inverleigh: 477 – Jesus calls us here to meet him; 745 – Seek ye first; 536 – An upper room did our Lord prepare; 530 – Now let us from this table rise

Bannockburn: *Come and see;* Only by grace can we enter; Majesty here I am; Seek ye first; Jesus calls us here to meet him; *Lord I come to you;* Now let us from this table rise; *We want to see Jesus lifted high*

Meredith: *Come and see;* The candles are lit and the table is laid; Seek ye First; Jesus calls us here to meet him; Now let us from this table rise; *We want to see Jesus lifted high*

Intercessions: *Your kingdom come, O God, your will be done.*

World: Sudan, Ukraine & Russia, Israel & Palestine, India & Pakistan; a world in conflict, war, or threat of war; South Sudan, Kenya and all developing nations; wherever there is poverty, insecurity, displacement, hunger, wherever there is lack of education, employment, medical intervention, freedom, clean water; all who are refugees, asylum seekers, orphans, widows, and the oppressed; for all national leaders and authorities to lead their nations and the global community with righteousness, justice, and grace.

Church: in the good news of Jesus we have much to celebrate and share with the world; all church leaders; nomination and election of an Archbishop of Canterbury, Bp Mark Short incoming National Primate, preparations of Archbishop elect Ric Thorpe and Louie to come among us; that our sacraments may be an outward and visible sign of what we believe and enable others to respond to his grace; that all our activities will provide an opportunity to share our faith stories.

Community: the Wadawarrung and all our first nations peoples, their elders; the Yoorook Justice Commission; all who come into our communities of any race, creed, colour, faith, or no faith will experience welcome and belonging; the lonely, forgotten, and those who experience violence in their homes; all struggling with the cost of living.

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, Peter Aluong Lieny, and all others on our own hearts and minds.

THE SACRAMENTS AND EVANGELISM

1. ☒ Everyday faith
2. ☒ Evangelism in a post-truth world
3. ☒ Evangelism for the whole church
4. ☒ Making the most of events
5. ☒ Developing the potential of ordinary services
6. ☐ The sacraments and evangelism
7. ☐ Creating lasting evangelistic culture

We continue in our thinking about how what we do at church on Sundays can be a part of our evangelistic calling. We have thought about life events such as Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals and our ordinary Sunday services of worship. Today, we think about how the sacraments, those visible things we do, especially Baptism and Communion, be evangelistic and help people to meet with Jesus and respond.

Questions for reflection:

1. What do the sacraments mean to you, and to those who do not attend church?
2. What is our church's current practice around Communion and Baptism?
3. What things might we do, or not do, that would hinder people from meeting with God in our sacramental life?
4. What changes can we make to the presentation of the sacraments that enable people to receive the good news of Jesus?

Pray

God of mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give planning to our Vision, direction to our Goals, wisdom to our actions, love to our nurture in faith, joy to our worship, and power to our witness. Help our church to grow in spiritual commitment to you, grow in service to our community, and grow in numbers; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**



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Bishop Mark has served as the 11th bishop of the Canberra and Goulburn diocese since 2019, and was a journalist before he became a priest. A former National Director of the Bush Church Aid Society, studied at Moore Theological College and the University of Durham. In 2022, Bishop Short supported Sydney Archbishop Kanishka Raffels' motion that sought to define marriage as the exclusive union between a man and a woman. He said as an egalitarian he supported the motion, and was proud to be part of the Canberra-Goulburn diocese, a forerunner in the ordination of women. Speaking in 2024 about the exodus of women clergy from the diocese due to its reported lack of support for women leaders, Bishop Short said there was a sense of grief there about what women experienced. He was saddened that pathways into leadership roles for women might not have been as clear or helpful as they could have been, and was supportive of exploring cultural and structural changes to reverse this. Bishop Short will start in his new role on 1 November 2025



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM
Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit you give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.
Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit, that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit now and for ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR HOLY COMMUNION
Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for that in this wonderful sacrament you have given us the memorial of your passion.
Grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of your body and blood that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruits of your redemption; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Bible Readings

Prayer for the week:
O God, the protector of all that trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Monday
Morning: Ps 71
2 Samuel 10
John 8:31-47
Evening: Ps 119:65-88
Proverbs 8:22-36
Romans 4:1-12

Tuesday
Mary and Marther of Bethany *Saints*
Morning: Ps 69:1-16
2 Samuel 11:1-21
John 8:48-59
Evening: Ps 69:17-23(24-30)31-28
Proverbs 9
Romans 4:13-25

Wednesday
William Wilberforce (d.1833) *Saint* Social reformer
Morning: Ps 72
2 Samuel 11:22-12:15a
John 9:1-17
Evening: Ps 73
Proverbs 10:1-16
Romans 5:1-11

Thursday
Joseph of Arimathea *Saint* & Ignatius of Loyola (d.1556) *Monastic* Founder of the Society of Jesus
Morning: Ps 59
2 Samuel 12:15b-31
John 9:18-38
Evening: Pss 58 & 79
Proverbs 10:17-32
Romans 2:25-3:8

Friday
Holy men and women of the Old Testament *Saints*
Morning: Ps 74
2 Samuel 13:1-19
Luke 9:39-10:18
Evening: Pss 75 & 76
Proverbs 11:1-15
Romans 6:1-11

Saturday
Morning: Ps 77
2 Samuel 13:20-14:3
John 10:19-39
Evening: Ps 78:1-15
Proverbs 11:16-31
Romans 6:12-23



Next Sunday 3rd August
St STEPHEN, Deacon & Martyr
Lasting Evangelistic Culture
8.30 am Holy Communion
Inverleigh
10.00 am All-Age Communion
Bannockburn
5.00 pm Holy Communion
Meredith
Readings
2 Chronicles 24:17-22
Psalm 31:1-8
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-60
Matthew 10:17-22