

- 28th October**  
7.00 pm House Group  
Teesdale
- 1st November**  
9.00 am Devonshire Tea  
Parish Ministry Centre
- 4th November**  
7.00 pm House Group  
Teesdale
- 5th November**  
11.00 am Communion  
Estia Health
- 8th November**  
8.30 am Men's Breakfast  
Parish Ministry Centre
- 11th November**  
7.00 pm House Group  
Teesdale
- 12th November**  
Fire Safety Training  
9.30 am Epiphany Meredith  
11.30 am St Johns Bannockburn  
1.30 am St Pauls Inverleigh
- 18th November**  
7.00 pm House Group  
Teesdale
- 19th November**  
12 noon Deanery Meeting

### Parish Roster for November 2

#### Church Cleaning:

Inverleigh: Debbie Shelley  
Bannockburn: Carol Newlands  
Lynette Oates

#### Reading:

Bannockburn: Freda Duke

#### Communion Assistant:

Inverleigh: Geoff Morgan  
Bannockburn: Freda Duke

#### Morning Tea:

Bannockburn: Freda Duke  
Carol Newlands

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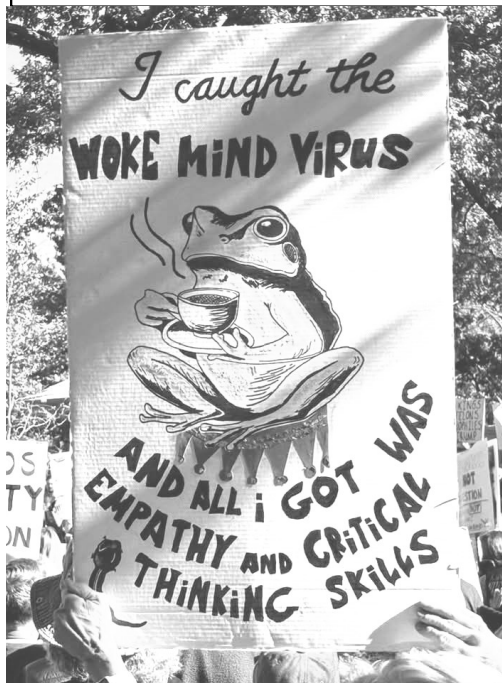
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# Golden Plains Anglican News

*Living the Gospel in Our Community*

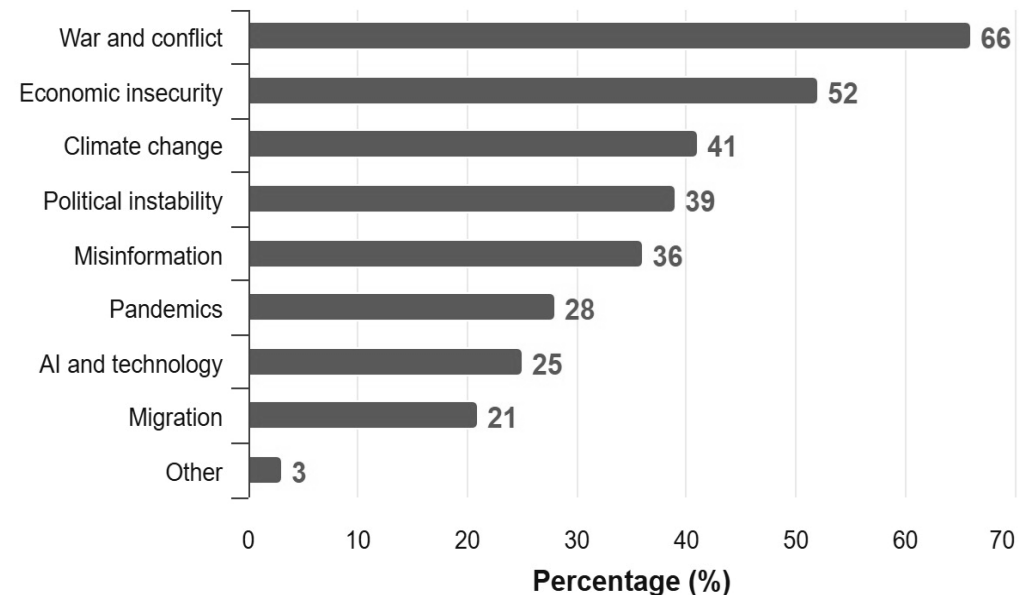
Inverleigh†Bannockburn†Meredith  
26th October 2025— TWENTIETH SUNDAY after PENTECOST [30]

## ROBBERS OF HOPE AND FINDING HOPE

Australians are feeling overwhelmed by multiple crises, which make the individual crisis worse, and finding hope closer to home.

The term “polycrisis” describes what many of us are experiencing. First coined in the 1970s, it describes multiple crises, and they interact with one another so that the whole is worse than the sum of the parts. “Permacrisis” was the Collins Dictionary’s 2022 Word of the Year – referring to an extended period of instability and insecurity. Not only are there many crises, but they seem to be the ‘new normal’.

The NCLS, Australian Community Survey, invited Australians to pick their top three most important global challenges facing the world today. In 2025, the results were as follows:



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**Worship Today: TWENTIETH SUNDAY after PENTECOST [30]**

**Sentence:** Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it. Luke 18:17

**Collect:** O God, who alone can probe the depths of the heart, you hear the prayer of the humble and justify the repentant sinner: grant us the gift of humility, that, seeing our own faults clearly, we may refrain from judging our neighbour but rely solely upon your saving grace. We make our prayer through your Son, our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Readings:** Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:15-30

**Hymns:**

**Inverleigh:** 275 – Hail to the Lord's anointed; 594 – Fight the good fight; 491 – Father welcomes all his children; 234 – How good Lord to be here

**Bannockburn:** *Only by grace*; 10,000 reasons; The heart of worship; Father welcomes all his children; Fight the good fight; I believe in Jesus; Thank you for saving me; *Jesus will take the highest honour*

**Meredith:** *Only by grace*; 10,000 reasons; Fight the good fight; Father welcomes all his children; Thank you for saving me; *When the music fades*

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

**World:** fulfilment of peace for Israel & Palestine; for Sudan, Ukraine & Russia, India & Pakistan, Thailand & Cambodia and all places of conflict, war, or threat of war; for South Sudan and all nations yearning for development and prosperity; all places where there is suffering due to natural disaster; all places experiencing injustice and loss of freedom, fulfilment, education, racism, misogyny and death from curable diseases and trauma; for all national leaders and authorities to lead their nations being transformed in righteousness, justice, and grace in new and changing world.

**Church:** to share the good news of God's kingdom with a broken world; all church leaders local and national; Bp Sarah to be installed as Archbishop of Canterbury, Bp Mark Short incoming National Primate, Bp Ric Thorpe to be installed as Archbishop of Melbourne (and Louie), our Bp Brad and the Oodthenong Episcopal Area; our Annual Meeting of Parishioners, those who God wants to continue the work of parish financial and organisational viability, implementing our vision to live the gospel in our community, our goals of worship, engagement, discipleship, and stewardship through Parish Council.

**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; all experiencing times of uncertainty and transition, those without work, those facing redundancy and those facing financial insecurity.

**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, Naomi Peel, Alison King, Josie Harvey, Mawut Gotbaili, and Wek Deng .

## ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

Sunday 30th November

11.30 am

Following Combined  
Parish Eucharist

10.00 am

St Paul's Inverleigh

9th November

Public Notice Meeting  
Nominations for Parish

Council, Wardens, Nomination  
Committee

16th November

Organisational Reports  
Audited Finances

23rd November

Distribution of Meeting  
Booklets

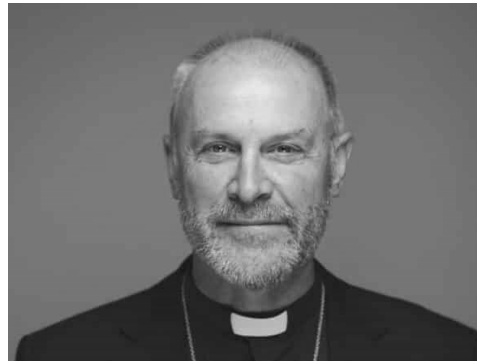
## INSTALLATION OF ARCHBISHOP RIC THORPE

Sunday 30th November

4.00 pm

St Paul's Cathedral  
Melbourne

Invitation to Synod Representatives  
or substitutes if not available.



## ARE YOU ON THE PARISH ELECTORAL ROLL?

Not to be confused with the Parish Contact List, to participate fully in the Annual Meeting of Parishioners, nominate, vote, and hold office, you must be on the Parish Electoral Roll:

ADAMSON Isla

BANNISTER David

BANNISTER Jenny

BAYLIS Will

BLACKMAN Darrell

BOLITHO John

DICKSON Gill

DICKSON Phil

DUKE Freda

DUKE Paul

EVANS John

GREGORY Melinda

HARVEY Josie

KING Alison

MARSETTI Ivan

McDONALD Bruce

McDONALD Liz

McFARLANE Fay

MORGAN Dianne

MORGAN Geoff

MUSGROVE Shirley

NEWLANDS Carol

OATES Lynette

OSBORNE David

PALMER-HOWLETT George

SHELLEY Debra

SIMPSON Mary

SLADE Julia

SZABO Christina

THORNTON Luanne

UPTON Graham

WILSON Carol

WOOD Wendy

If you are not, please ask for an application form from Revd Tim.

**Attendance at Worship Services  
does not assume enrolment.**

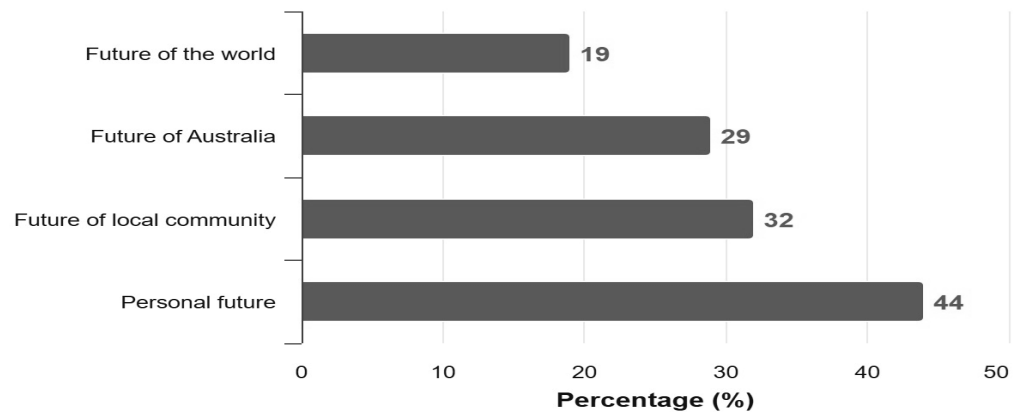
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Compared to 2024, more Australians are now concerned about political instability - which jumped 12 percentage points - as well as war, and economic insecurity. One respondent said, "I feel pretty bleak about the future of the planet and humanity. It's hard not to be looking at the daunting climate research and rising global political instability."

This isn't just about fear—it's about fatigue. The constant barrage of bad news makes us feel powerless. But hope isn't passive. It's defiant. It's the refusal to give in.

Psychologists remind us that a growing body of research suggests that if you want to cultivate positive change—in yourself, others, or society—restoring hope is a vital first step. Maybe this starts by naming the crisis—then deciding to respond.

There is also a fascinating insight: the closer to home we get, the more hopeful Australians feel. In 2025, only 19% felt hopeful about the future of the world. But that rose to 29% when considering the future of Australia, 32% for their local community, and 44% for their personal future.



Why does hope increase as we zoom in? Because local and personal spheres offer more control, more connection, and more visibility. You can see the impact of your actions. You know your neighbours. You can make a difference.

This insight is powerful. It tells us that maybe that's where we need to start. By investing in our communities, inviting those feeling hopeless to the church community, providing supporting for one another, and nurturing personal wellbeing, we can build the foundations for broader hope that only Jesus can give. So if the world feels overwhelming, zoom in.

<https://www.ncls.org.au/articles/robbers-of-hope> (edited)  
<https://www.ncls.org.au/articles/hope-is-stronger-close-to-home> (edited)

**Bible Readings**

**Prayer for the week:**  
Almighty and everlasting God, give to us the increase of faith, hope and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us to love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Monday**  
**Morning:** Ps 140  
2 Kings 9:1-16  
Matthew 18:1-14  
**Evening:** Pss 141 & 142  
Job 42  
2 Peter 1:1-11

**Tuesday**  
SS SIMON and JUDE Proper  
Apostles and Martyrs  
**Morning:** Pss 125 & 126  
Revelation 21:9-14  
Ephesians 2:11-22  
**Evening:** Ps 116  
1 Maccabees 2:42-66  
John 14:15-26

**Wednesday**  
**Morning:** Ps 145  
2 Kings 10:1-17  
Matthew 19:1-15  
**Evening:** Ps 147  
Esther 1:13-2:4  
2 Peter 2:1-11

**Thursday**  
**Morning:** Pss 148 & 149  
2 Kings 10:18-36  
Matthew 19:16-30  
**Evening:** Pss 144 & 150  
Esther 2:5-23  
2 Peter 2:12-3:2

**Friday**  
Martin Luther (d.1546) Teachers  
and other Continental Reformers  
**Morning:** Ps 83:1-8(9-18)  
2 Kings 11:1-16  
Matthew 20:1-16  
**Evening:** Ps 1-9:1-5(6-14)15-19  
Esther 3  
2 Peter 3:3-10

**Saturday**  
**Morning:** Pss 1 & 2  
2 Kings 11:17-12:8  
Matthew 20:17-34  
  
A Evening Prayer  
**ALL SAINTS**  
**Evening:** Ps 150  
Isaiah 40:21-26  
Hebrews 11:32-12:2

**I was walking past a farm  
and saw a sign that said,  
"Duck, eggs."**  
  
@GoodwillLibrarian

**I thought: "That's an  
unnecessary comma -  
and then it hit me."**

**Next Sunday 26th October**  
**ALL SAINTS and ALL SOULS**  
**8.00 am Holy Communion**  
Inverleigh  
**10.00 am All-Age Communion**  
Bannockburn  
**5.00 pm Holy Communion**  
Meredith  
**Readings**  
Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18  
Psalm 149  
Ephesians 1:11-23  
Luke 6:20-31