

WINTER 2011

# prayer notes



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### **I love the Old Testament story from Exodus 17:1-7 as it is so typical of human beings!**

Here is the whole Israelite community, led by Moses, being freed from the grip of Pharaoh and being led out of slavery in Egypt – a 40 year journey under God's guidance. What thanks does Moses or God get?

Very little. Here they are grumbling and grizzling. When they are hungry and thirsty, they wish they were back in slavery in Egypt where at least their lives were viable even if they were oppressed. They are constantly fearful of their newly acquired freedom. The wilderness is an unknown, full of dangers and with the distinct possibility of dying from thirst. So Moses complains to God about how the people are treating him and God tells him to 'go on ahead' with some of the elders to a place where God will provide water – and He does.

It is a question of trust in a God who will provide. The Israelites remember the food and water they had in Egypt, but forget the hardships. They forget that they had cried out to God to rescue them from slavery and the extraordinary means God has gone to do just that.

Does this story resonate with you? Have you ever asked for something, and then complained about that very thing? There are times when we prefer the safety of the 'known' – even when we don't particularly like that 'known' – rather than move on to a different place – to be drawn into the wilderness in order to be led to the Promised Land. In 1984, the call for us to move to Coober Pedy with BCA was clear. I did not find it easy as the mother of four young children to see that taking them to this 'rough outback town', as it was described, was going to be anything but fraught with difficulty. And yet the call was clear. Not surprisingly Coober Pedy was one of the richest times for us as a family, and a place that continues to influence our children's lives to this day.

This trust is not based on our abilities, or the financial markets, or owning the perfect home as the way to peace and contentment, but trust in a God who has delivered. Jesus is that rock that was struck for all us grumblers. Just as water gushed out of the rock at Massah and Meribah, so the Holy Spirit is poured out on all of us who believe in Christ – this Christ who could bring us out of slavery into freedom and who through the cross brought us home – to God. Please pray for all the Field staff as they bring this message to people across Australia.

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“Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Look to the LORD and His strength; seek His face always.”

**1 Chronicles 16:10-11**

## June

Pray for our Chairman, Fred Chilton, and the Selection Committee as they seek out a new National Director for the Society. Pray for wisdom and God's guidance to the person of His choice. Praise God for our Field Staff and His infilling of them as they serve God in rural and remote areas of our nation.

## July

Pray for the Executive Committee and Personnel Committee as they meet this month and for safety as Committee Members travel to Sydney. Pray for Canon John Butler, Interim National Director, in the Interregnum. Praise God for our supporters; their donations and prayers.

## August

Remember Brian and Denyse Roberts as they officially leave the Society and move into a new phase of life. Pray that they will settle into their new environment and for the Society as they prepare for a new National Director to come on board.

## Profile

The National Office provides the overall administrative and operational structures of BCA and in conjunction with the Regional Offices seeks to ensure the best outcomes in response to Gospel opportunities. Brian as National Director is supported by his PA, Jenny; Robyn is Administration Manager, Desiree our Accountant and Philippa, part-time accounts clerk. Mark Henderson joined us in April as Media and Communications Officer.

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“Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.”

Psalm 103:2

**June**

Pray for the students studying theology at Nungalinga College in Darwin, that their time of learning will increase their understanding of the Bible and strengthen their relationship with God. Ask God to send more people to work at the college.

**July**

I am thankful for six months rest, refreshment and settling back into Melbourne. Pray that God will give me wisdom as I take on the role in BCA as the National Consultant for Indigenous Matters.

**August**

Ask God that the hard work done by Aboriginal clergy and church leaders will bear much fruit for the Kingdom of God. Pray that God will give them all the strength and wisdom they need to lead their churches so the people they minister to will grow to maturity in their relationship with God.

**Profile New**

The honorary role of National Consultant on Indigenous Matters, is a position that allows BCA to make use of Joy's experience over many years of working alongside with the Aboriginal Churches and Christians. Joy has worked as a Bible translator and literacy worker - at Nungalinga College and for the Diocese of the Northern Territory. Previous to that Joy was the Worker on Aboriginal Matters for the Melbourne Anglican Diocese.

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“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, this is your spiritual act of worship. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach.”

**Romans 12:1, 7**

- Pray for The Lakes (Penrith) Christian College's service trip to Broken Hill in early July, the Penrith Anglican College's preparations for Broken Hill and Menindee in July - for their travel and support of Neville and Kathy Naden's ministry.
- for schools showing interest in Dusty Boots trips and for the commitment of staff and students to undertake community service in rural areas. Give thanks for the young people who learn about BCA and about serving others in rural Australia.

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“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, if anything is excellent or praiseworthy, think about such things.”

**Philippians 4:8**

- Rejoice that four congregations have entered the Intentional Missioners Programme and pray for the Spirit's guidance.
- Pray that the Lord will call mission focussed clergy to become Intentional Missioners.
- Rejoice that we have already delivered two Mental Health First Aid programmes and pray that others will seek to be trained.
- Pray that those trained as mental health first aiders will be empowered by the Holy Spirit to have great effect and ministry in their church and communities.

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“Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, He gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then He gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.”

**Matthew 14:19-20**

**June**

Pray for the effective co-ordination of flood recovery efforts. Pray for the many thousands of people who have been affected. May they be sustained and given support and hope. Pray for all who work in recovery that they will have wisdom and discernment.

**July**

Pray for those who were traumatized by the floods and especially the children who have developed fear of the water and are having nightmares. Give strength to the farmers who have fought drought for so long and now flood-water on their property. Restore their crops, herds, stock and fences and heal the land.

**August**

Pray for the rebuilding and restoration of community resources such as hospitals, schools, infrastructure and businesses.

**Profile**

After Black Saturday I was appointed Community Chaplain in the fire affected region of Bendigo and founded Our Place Ministries. Following the floods this year I was appointed by Bishop Andrew Curnow as flood recovery co-ordinator for the Bendigo Diocese. I am mother to Brooke 28, Cade 23, Hayden 20 and Josh 18. My passion is to embrace the community into the life of the church and to engage the church into the life of the community. I love watching people grow and be all they can be and champion them along.

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“Jesus answered, ‘Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life’.”

**John 4:13-14**

**June**

Pray for safety as we visit parishes in the Northwest before beginning Long Service Leave. Praise God for a growing number of opportunities to speak about BCA in and around Perth. Pray for opportunities to assist rural parishes ministering to those struggling with the drought with the Safe Talk programme.

**July**

Pray for a blessed time together and safety in travel as we enjoy some Long Service Leave driving across the top end of Australia. Pray for the boys that this trip will be a learning opportunity for both of them while not at school.

**August**

Pray for preparations for the upcoming WA Dinner and a visit to students at Trinity College. Continue to pray for younger faces to express an interest in supporting BCA and rural ministry in prayer, money and time as we thank God for those who have been so faithful.

**Profile**

The state of WA comprises three Dioceses with some parishes the size of Victoria. Travelling around the state is a time consuming and expensive exercise. Pray for safety for Michael and clergy across the state as they travel. This year the WA branch continues to raise its profile especially in Perth and amongst young families and singles. We are blessed with so many older and faithful supporters and pray that we might see such support across the generations more and more.

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“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

John 1:1

**June**

Give thanks to God for Nikki being pregnant, due 31st July. Pray that God will keep Nikki and the baby safe. We have our first “church in the park” evangelistic church service this month and we welcome Brian Ellis from Character 1st to give talks on Christian Parenting, particularly in regards to character.

**July**

Pray for Gary and Nikki as they visit BCA supporting churches in Sydney and Canberra this month. Also pray for Revd Bill France (wife Jackie) who is now in full swing as the Locum in Kununurra while Gary is away for 7 weeks on deputation and in Canberra for the birth of their first child this month (Due 31st July).

**August**

Please pray for Gary and Nikki as they adjust to being parents and as they arrive back in Kununurra to take over the reigns of the parish again. Please pray for wisdom and discernment as we start to consider our church budget and programmes for 2012.

**Profile**

The Parish of Kununurra (which includes Wyndham and Oombulgurri) is a farming, mining and tourist hub. The population (currently 6,500) is on the increase with governments spending vast amounts of money here to increase farming areas (Ord Stage 2) and mining. This parish has a huge area to cover for ministry in a remote location, but there are many opportunities for the Gospel to be proclaimed and for people to be discipled.

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“You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you.”

Isaiah 26:3

- Praise God that we now have a bigger house available to rent. Praise God as He goes in front of us and has taught us to trust in Him through all circumstances.
- Pray for the BCA Nomad programme. Pray for our Co-ordinator Rob Boone that he places the team well for ministry. Pray the Nomads arrive safely and are a blessing to Kununurra.
- Pray for Nat as she continues home school for the 3 boys and takes care of baby Isabel. Give her strength and encouragement. Pray for Jim as he mentors young aboriginal men at work and at Bible study.

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“He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.”

Psalms 91:1

- Praise God for the time we had back home visiting family and friends and for safety during travel.
- Thanks for the good wet season we had this year and the fun we have had watching the amazing rains.
- Pray that we will bring up Joe to love and serve the Lord and as a family glorify God.
- Pray for Bethel youth group as leaders are in short supply.
- Pray that we will continue to be motivated to get involved in the church and encourage those around us.
- Thank God for the support we have received over the past 2 years and pray that we will know what God would have us do in the future.

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“Yet when I preach the Gospel, I cannot boast, for I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!” 1 Corinthians 9:16

**June**

Pray for an amazing time at our church camp, that we will have great fellowship with each other and we will come to know our Lord Jesus. Pray for a great blessing to be bestowed on the indigenous folk as we start our soup kitchen (we hope to warm the belly and ignite the soul)!

**July**

Pray and give thanks for the many new Christians we have amongst us as we disciple and help them grow into maturity in Christ. Pray for safety and refreshment for us as we take part of our annual leave.

**August**

As a church we are taking part in the Fortescue Festival which is a big draw card in Newman. We are planning a big evangelistic outreach with follow-up events. Pray for enthusiasm and excitement as we proclaim the Gospel.

**Profile**

Newman is a friendly mining town in the heart of the magnificent Western Australian Pilbara. There are many different nationalities represented here and the congregation reflects it. We love being here and being part of the treasure trove that God is revealing to us. We rejoice at the great opportunities being given to us to form relationships with the fly-in fly-out workers. Our prayer is that the least, the last and the lost will come into the saving arms of Jesus.

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“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

**Galatians 2:20**

**June**

Give thanks for Robert and Dawn Allen as they manage the building project in Port Hedland. Pray for wisdom and patience as they deal with many different people and challenging situations. Pray for a godly man or woman to replace the outgoing high school Chaplain in South Hedland.

**July**

Give thanks for the cooler weather which enables people to get out and socialise more. Pray for opportunities to build friendships and share the Gospel with people in our community. Also pray for safety as people travel great distances during school holidays.

**August**

Give thanks for the various groups that meet for Bible study through the week. Pray that the word of God will enable us to grow and mature as we seek to understand and be obedient to it. Also pray that we will be able to love and support each other in this endeavour.

**Profile**

Port Hedland supports the export industries of iron ore, salt, manganese and cattle. The port is booming with trade expansion projects. A weekly service is conducted at St Matthew's, Port Hedland and midweek Bible study groups meet in Port and South Hedland. Very high wages promote in some a preoccupation with money and work to the detriment of their spiritual well-being. Praise God that the Gospel truly sets people free to live for His glory and honour.

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“You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.”

**Romans 5:6**

### **June**

Praise God for our safe return from Uganda. Pray that we will be able to clearly share our experience in Uganda with the church in NWA. Pray for the Christian Church in the Diocese of Karamoja Uganda and their Bishop Joseph Abura.

### **July**

Praise God for all His winter blessings and for the new faces we see in church and the community. Pray that we will faithfully proclaim the Gospel in word and action at this years FeNaCING Festival on the 30th and 31st July.

### **August**

Praise God for His faithfulness in sustaining us and making everything run smoothly for FeNaCING.

Pray that the words spoken, and witness given, will bear fruit in the lives of people in Karratha/Dampier and that they will respond in repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Profile**

Karratha is the residential, educational and service centre for the West Pilbara region. Dampier is a major port for the export of iron ore, salt, and natural gas. The Dampier Seafarers' Centre services thousands of visiting seafarers every year. Pray for the Chaplain, Ian McGilvray and his wife Susan as they undertake this vital and very demanding ministry; they are also valuable members of our congregation. Long work hours, high pay, 'extreme' materialism and secularism are constant barriers that only the Gospel of Jesus can overcome.

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“Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”

**Ephesians 3:20-21**

### June

Give thanks for those coming from our link church at Pymble to do some work and a spot of fishing. Give thanks that the 'Block' for the church building has been included by Rio in the redevelopment plans for the Town. Pray that we will have a centre for ministry in Wickham.

### July

Pray for ministry among the TSI (Torres Strait Islander) community here as Rich conducts their 'Coming of the Light' ceremony. With the lack of a building, give thanks for the way this has sent us out into the community, conducting outdoor meetings in Town. Give thanks for the provision of a full PA system.

### August

Pray for ministry amongst the Indigenous: Give thanks for the many that are attending BBQ at the Church; that distributions of food and other household goods have not become 'greed-fests'; Pray for the efforts to get the community involved in serving each other and pray that Christ will be known.

### Profile

Give thanks that one of our prayers is being answered by the Lord, that Rich has been able to minister across all segments of the Town, without being marginalised by divisions that exist between black and white, company and non-company, management and workers, FIFO (fly-in-fly-out) and permanent residents. May the Lord maintain these 'open doors' for ministry, and use this to create a church here that reflects the diversity in the Town; free from division; and reflect the miracle that the Church is called to be and do this side of Heaven.



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“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

**Matthew 6:33**

### **June**

Numbers at Paraburdoo are small following a lot of transfers out last year. Pray for encouragement for those left and for growth in numbers and in Christian grace. The church operates the drive-in cinema each month with family movies and catering. Pray for smooth running and good community connections.

### **July**

The men of Tom Price church meet monthly with men from the Baptist church. Pray for an effective programme of both “inreach” and “outreach” and for keen support from members.

### **August**

Keep praying and asking the Lord to call someone suitable for long term ministry in these towns. Pray that they will be responsive and available soon.

### **Profile**

Revd Bob and Mrs Denise Rothwell (ex BCA Coober Pedy and Kununurra) will be the locum tenens in Paraburdoo until an appointment is made. Tom Price and Paraburdoo are 80 km apart set in the beautiful Pilbara. With time split between them there is a lot of travel involved. Each church has a Sunday Service and Sunday school, Bible study and other support activities that are part of living in community. Pray for the Diocese and BCA as they seek God’s guidance for an appointment following Bob’s locum.

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“In His hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to Him. The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land.”

Psalm 95:4-5

**June**

Pray for the Regional Committee, giving thanks for the new members elected at the Regional AGM in April, as we look for innovative ways to make the work of BCA known. Pray for wisdom as Martin speaks and teaches at the Roxby Downs “Grow Weekend’ on June 30th - July 2nd.

**July**

Please continue to pray for the faithful people of both Kangaroo Island and Coober Pedy as each looks for the speedy appointment of a Minister. Give thanks and pray for the Diocese of the Northern Territory as it ministers to diverse people in diverse places.

**August**

With an aging profile of BCA supporters, pray that the ministry in the Field done by faithful men and women across Australia may inspire younger people to support the work of BCA. Give thanks for the many opportunities for deputations across South Australia – and that these will continue.

**Profile**

The SA/NT region includes the Dioceses of the Northern Territory, Willochra, Adelaide and The Murray – about one third of Australia! From very rapid growth in the areas around Darwin to the effects of mining on many towns and areas in Central Australia and the northern parts of South Australia, the lives of those who live and work in this vast and diverse area face many changes and challenges. The ministry to those in isolated places, whether mainland or island dwellers reflects these changes and challenges.

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“A voice of one calling in the desert, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for Him’.”

**Matthew 3:3b**

### **June**

Pray for the Bible Study group who have been using the study book “The Old Testament on the way to the Cross” written by the late Bishop John Wilson. Pray for the Inter-Church Council on the Island and for a continued spirit of co-operation among the local churches. Pray for the new school ‘Chaplain’ recently appointed for ministry at Penneshaw.

### **July**

Pray for the Revd Clem Watts and his wife Valerie as they complete their three months Locum this month. Pray for the faithful band of worshippers in the parish (a number of whom are over 70 years of age) who continue to keep the church centres open for worship. Pray for a permanent replacement to come to the parish that has been vacant since April, 2009.

### **August**

Pray for younger members and families to join the church here with the ‘New Life’ that young people can bring. Pray for effective ministry to visitors who come to the Island. Give thanks to God for the leadership of Archbishop Jeffrey Driver in the Diocese of Adelaide and Archdeacon Sally Boothey who has the general oversight for ministry on the Island.

### **Profile**

The Parish of Kangaroo Island has three centres. These are at Kingscote, Penneshaw and Parndana. When there is a fifth Sunday in any month all three centres join together in a united service at one of the centres. Gathering in this way is an important element in keeping a sense of unity in these more isolated rural parishes. The church at Penneshaw is 60 km east of Kingscote and the Parndana church is 40 km west of Kingscote.

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When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!" **Matthew 27:54**

**June**

Give thanks for the visit of Bruce's parents to Darwin. Pray that Matthew, Laura, Felicity and Oliver will continue to grow in their faith and have opportunities to speak about Jesus to their friends (there is no Scripture or Religious Education in their school). Pray for wisdom in working out which remote communities to visit when and for how long.

**July**

Give thanks for family time together during the long mid-year holiday. Pray that holiday time is restful and fun. Pray for the Yangbala Kemps Teenage Kriol speaking camps and for Bruce's role as a support resource. Pray that Bishop Greg Thompson is refreshed from his time away on long service leave.

**August**

Pray for Jodi's weekly involvement as the Co-ordinator of St Peter's Nightcliff Playgroup. Pray for the indigenous leaders preparing for ordination (Andrew, Carol, Lois). Give thanks for the opportunity to encourage the small group of Christian youth at Darwin High School each Tuesday lunch time.

**Profile**

The aim of the NT Diocesan Youth Minister is to encourage, support and build youth and leaders so that they are: a) growing in their relationship with Jesus (DISCIPLESHIP); and b) reaching out to those not yet in a relationship with Jesus (MISSION). The Diocesan Youth Minister works part-time at St Peter's Nightcliff modelling youth ministry.

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“My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I shall never be shaken.”

Psalm 62:1-2

**June**

Give thanks for Peter and Joy's ministry in Coober Pedy over the past 3½ years. Pray as they say farewell to friends and move to Adelaide. Peter's last service in Coober Pedy is TODAY. Give thanks for the locum ministry of Don and Helen Wilson (ex BCA) who arrive in Coober Pedy next week.

**July**

Pray for Don and Helen as they re-establish relationships in Coober Pedy. Pray for their relationship with the church and the community. It is remote and at times it seems very small with nowhere to go. Pray also for the Diocese and BCA as they seek a gospel-focused ministry candidate for Coober Pedy.

**August**

Pray for the Sunday School teachers in the Catacomb Church, that the children there will be encouraged and will learn of Jesus' love for them. Pray for continued safety for the miners living in Coober Pedy. Pray also for the congregation as they await a new minister.

**Profile**

We are seeing more mines now opening. Within 200km of Coober Pedy there is now a copper mine, two iron ore mines, a gold mine and a coal mine and ongoing exploration for others. Coober Pedy is a very busy hub for mining. The population is increasing along with social issues. The role of the church is also changing again. It is a big field to harvest. Opportunities abound for the Gospel.

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"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

**June**

Saying farewell to all our friends in Coober Pedy and moving to Adelaide and setting up house; starting to make contacts and networking in Adelaide; spending time to take stock and look at what God wants us to do first. Pray for Joy as she turns our new house into a home.

**July**

Pray for access to new mine companies and advise them about the mine Chaplain's programme and getting them to come on board. Pray we can forge links with different churches in Adelaide and surrounding areas where we can invite miners to experience a welcoming church.

**August**

Pray for the work to settle into a routine and to manage our time well and for our first outing/group get together for miners and their families. Pray for continued follow up of mine companies and for a good time with our children who will be with us to celebrate 30 years of marriage (29th August).

**Profile**

We have now moved to Adelaide for the beginning of a whole new project. Peter will be working for a mine company as a Chaplain 2 - 3 days a week and then picking up families from that site for the rest of the week. We plan to work with up to 4 mine companies and turn this into a full-time programme as the companies see the value. This will be slow work and your support will be greatly valued. Joy will assist with catering and entertainment and look for part-time work.

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“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.” **Isaiah 9:2**

**June**

We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and are blessed by serving this community in His joy and strength. Pray for us as we come closer to appointing a Christian Pastoral Support Worker in the Area School – one who will also minister to children and families in our congregation and community. Pray for those doing pastoral care training and Jessie and me as we train and support the team.

**July**

We are starting this month with a GROW weekend away for the church family. Pray for Martin and Vivien Bleby leading our GROW times, the children's ministry leaders, Youth team, crèche and catering. We seek to be better equipped as Jesus' disciples.

**August**

The Red Earth Festival is happening from 29 July to 21 August – an arts festival in which church people are seeking to be salt and light. Pray for Rachel the co-ordinator, The Covenant Players, Owen, the folk club and string students involved in workshops and performances. We also start Evangelism training in the parish from 22nd.

**Profile**

The Roxby Downs Christian Community Church is a joint co-operation between the Uniting Church and the Anglican Church and brings people together from different nations, languages and Christian backgrounds. We are developing new partnerships with the community, different worship times and worship styles, training, expanding the ministry team and new ministries to young adults, youth and men.

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“Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God.”

Ephesians 4:13a

**June**

Continue to pray for the community of Point Pearce as we start to see breakthrough in the community in that some of the people are starting to evaluate their life styles. Also pray that Kim’s volunteer position with Barni Yungudja Aboriginal Corporation becomes a paid position.

**July**

Continue to pray that the people coming to Point Pearce Community Church will come to know God in a more intimate and personal way. Pray they realise that He isn’t a God who is far away, but is a God who wants to be in a close relationship with them on a daily basis.

**August**

Please continue to pray for our upcoming outreach this October, as well as for the prisoners that I visit, and the Diocese of Willochra and BCA as we all reach out to the communities in Australia. Let’s believe that this land will once again be called “The Great Southland of the Holy Spirit.”

**Profile**

This will be our fourth year ministering to the Point Pearce Community on Yorke Peninsula and also to the prisoners in South Australia. We have also begun to reach out to the Davenport Community at Port Augusta. We run fortnightly Church services at Point Pearce starting at 2pm as well as pastoral care visits during the week. We believe in reconciliation between all people (indigenous and non-indigenous) back to God as well as between Church denominations.

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“You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you. Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever.”

**Psalm 118:28-29**

### **June**

Thanks to God for deputation opportunities in suburban Melbourne and in the Diocese of Bendigo. Please pray for BCA's outreach work to those in Victoria affected by flood damage and the work of Our Place in Eaglehawk and Revd Tracey Wolsley. Pray for our newly elected Regional committee.

### **July**

Greg will be visiting the Mallee in the Bendigo Diocese, catching up with the Barclays and Helen Chick. Pray for wisdom as Greg ministers through pastoral care, song and workshops.

### **August**

Please pray for Bob Barclay as he continues his great work in the Victorian Office. For our Chair, Ernest Horth, as he brings positive input into our committee and as he continues a monthly visit to the King Lake Ranges' fire affected community. Greg would appreciate prayers for protection while travelling on cold winter roads.

### **Profile**

It has been great working with BCA. Rhi and I always had a sense of being under-girded with your prayers. We have also appreciated the pastoral care of our Mission leadership and the prayerful, thoughtful ways decisions are made in our Executive meetings. Greg hopes to continue declaring God's mission heart in word, song and by example.

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“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship.”

**Romans 12:1**

### **June**

We give thanks for the visit earlier this month of the UCA Moderator to CMCP; Helen and CRE class of Walpeup Primary School taking Services at Nursing Home and Hostel, Ouyen – give thanks for growing cross-generational connecting and ministry.

### **July**

Diocesan Synod 22nd-23rd – pray for deepening collegiality and mutual encouragement among Christian leaders. Pray for the ongoing development and enabling of local Christian leaders in each of our Congregations; also for PAT (Pastoral and Administrative Team) to lead boldly and faithfully.

### **August**

Pray for our vision regarding missional strategy for intentional connecting and nurturing of Mallee youth scattered across our local communities, including raising up, training and resourcing leaders, team ministry and discipling of our youth.

### **Profile**

Central Mallee Co-operative Parish was created in 1994 with a covenantal partnership between the Anglican and Uniting Churches. In December 2009, the BCA partnership began with Helen’s placement, reflecting an enabling, missional, Bible-based, Christ-centred focus. Currently CMCP has 5 Congregations in Murrayville, Ouyen, Patchewollock, Underbool and Walpeup. Our plans are to live more missionally and creatively as God’s Church making known Jesus Christ to everyone.

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"I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I put my hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning."  
Psalm 130:5-6

**June**

Please pray for those who were affected by the floods in February. Pray that the church can contribute to the recovery process. Please pray for the Barclays in everyday family life. Please pray for the parish as we trial run "messy church" a few times this year.

**July**

Please pray for our children's and youth ministry. Pray that God will bring us more people to help in this area. Pray that the young people we minister to will trust and grow in Jesus. Please pray for Dale as he attends Synod on July 22nd - 23rd. Pray that Samuel, Joseph, Eden and Talitha will love and serve Jesus.

**August**

Please pray for the group planning our Bible in the Bush weekend to be held on 28th - 30th October. Please pray our giving will increase and most importantly, people become Christians and grow in Christian maturity. Pray for Rachel as she leads a ladies home group and for Dale as he leads a small group for men. Thank you so much for your prayers.

**Profile**

The Anglican Parish of Sunraysia South (APOSS) aims to "lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus". We are seeking to achieve this goal on our base of being a Bible Based, Christ Centred church. Longer term we seek to be self-financed. Red Cliffs, along with surrounding areas, experienced floods due to high rain fall in early February. While most people did not experience damage, many places in low lying areas did.



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“Peter replied, ‘Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off for all whom the Lord our God will call’.”

Acts 2:38-39

### June

Praise God for the people we are meeting in the local community who haven't been to church for a long time, or who have just never been. Pray that we will encourage them to come and join us in worship. Pray that they will come to know Jesus as the Way, the Truth and Life.

### July

Praise God for the many opportunities being created to reach young people with the Good News of Jesus, and how this extends into their families. Pray particularly for the Holiday programme during these July school holidays, that the Lord will continue His work from this programme in the lives of the children.

### August

Praise God for the faithful men and women who make up the weekly 9am Sunday service from the Uniting and Anglican Church congregations. Pray for this service to grow spiritually, financially and numerically as the work of these churches broadens in Strathfieldsaye.

### Profile

The Strathfieldsaye Uniting Church and St Stephens Anglican Church (Emu Creek) congregations now meet together weekly, taking turns to host the service. There has been interest raised in the local area about this new partnership, and there is a healthy spirit between the two churches. The ministry focus has been on pastoral visiting to current congregational members, and is now on developing outreach ministries to the large population of young families in Strathfieldsaye.



## THE BCA PRAYER

*Lord our God, help us to remember those who live in isolated and remote parts of our land. We ask you to strengthen and encourage all whose ministries are supported by The Bush Church Aid Society. Refresh them in times of discouragement and loneliness and call others to stand with them in the task of making Christ known. Grant that, through the ministry of the Word and Sacraments, through caring service and by support for young people, the message of your redeeming love may be proclaimed and accepted by the people of our land.*

*28 We ask these things through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



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“Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.”

**Ecclesiastes 12:13**

**June**

Pray for the Mission Dinner outreach at the Diocesan Synod this year. We give thanks for the continued support from the Diocese in spreading the message of BCA to all parishioners. We pray for the local Support Group.

**July**

As we enter the cooler months we pray for the various Field Staff and their parishes as the weather impinges on travelling. We particularly pray for the island ministry teams coping with windy conditions.

**August**

We give thanks for the many BCA supporters and the link parishes that maintain contact with the Field Staff and for their prayers. We pray for the processes that allow a better understanding of the work and outreach of the Society.

**Profile**

The region of Tasmania is privileged in having only one Diocese within its boundary, under the guidance of Bishop John Harrower. There are 52 parishes divided into two major Mission Regions consisting of seven mission networks; three in the Northern Mission Region and four in the Southern Mission Region. Dennis and Lois served as Field Staff at Winton in Queensland for 7 years prior to returning to Tasmania in 2008 and taking up a position as Non-Stipendiary Assistant at St Mark's Bellerive.

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“A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.”  
**Proverbs 17:22**

**June**

It is great to feel that we are part of Island life and to be warmly welcomed. Give thanks for the joy of fresh experiences and the great people who live here. Please pray for the Synod of the Diocese and our first attendance.

**July**

Historically this Island has played an important role in the lives of Indigenous people of Tasmania. We give thanks for the Church's past involvement. Please pray that our desire to share significantly in the local NADOC celebrations may strengthen relationships.

**August**

BCA has played an important role in being part of Christ's mission on this Island. With a BCA organisational change imminent please pray with us in giving thanks for Brian's past leadership and friendship. Join with us in praying for God's guidance for the future leadership of the Society.

**Profile**

The Parish of the Furneaux Islands reaches beyond Flinders Island to encompass all the 52 islands of the group. Permanent population exists only on a few, the two main ones being Flinders and Cape Barren Islands. Contact with parishioners on Cape Barren is difficult and we pray that God will open new ways to enable positive two-way communications. Though the population of our islands is small there are strong community ties and many positive qualities of life which we pray will open new gospel opportunities amongst the children, the men, the lonely, the aged and the community in general.

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“Apply your heart to instruction and your ears to words of knowledge.”

Proverbs 23:12

**June**

Give thanks for the great events of May. Pray that the seeds planted during the outreach events will produce a harvest. Pray for the health of Rod's parents and Rod accepting their declining health. Give thanks that both of them love the Lord.

**July**

Pray for the new service started last February. Pray for the leadership of this new venture as Rod mentors them. Two have taken up the challenge of a Dip. Theology. Pray they will have time and commitment for this new phase in their life.

**August**

Pray for all the routine things that happen in the life of a church. Pray that we will all have renewed wonder of God's plan and it's outworking in our world.

**Profile**

Rod and Christene are continuing to enjoy their third BCA placement. We have now been on King Island for one year. We have spent the last year getting to know the Island and its people. We are continuing as members of a number of community groups to help build relationships with those outside the church, while inside the Church a new informal evening service began last February to meet the needs of the younger members of our congregation and those new to church.

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“So He said to me, ‘This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel:  
 ‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the LORD Almighty.”  
**Zechariah 4:6**

**June**

Give thanks for a growing core team of students, young adults and local parishioners with an increasing sense of passion and calling to be God’s missionary people in North Launceston. Pray that we will find a good balance in our relationships with Jesus, one another and people who don’t know Jesus.

**July**

Pray for the second semester at the University of Tasmania and for new missional activities being started by small, missional communities of Christians. Pray for boldness and courage in speaking to non-Christians and for an encouraging start to our Alpha for Students courses.

**August**

Pray for the local community of Christians at Barneys, as they find their part within the Imagine Project. There are many needs and opportunities for missional engagement in our local suburbs. Pray that we discover a new sense of vision and mission in small, missional communities.

**Profile**

Andy, Liz and their daughters Olivia and Caitlin are based in Launceston, where Andy heads up one of the Diocese of Tasmania’s exciting experiments pioneering ‘Fresh Expressions’ of church. Andy’s main focus is developing missional communities, where university students and others can grow as Disciples of Christ and develop vision and skills for being pioneering missionaries and leaders themselves into the future.

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“Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him and He will do this:”

Psalm 37:5

**June**

Tasmania's Synod is this month. The future of Hartz funding will be discussed. Our Church Army Gap student, Maie Maranik needs prayer as the months get colder. Please pray for a growing sense of clarity for her as she seeks to be in the frontlines of God's kingdom business.

**July**

I will attend my third Church Army School of Local Mission Intensive in the Blue Mountains with our Gap student. Please continue to pray for our movie nights and that the Christianity Explored sessions will attract many inquirers.

**August**

Please pray for our preparations for our third term with our boys in the Horseplay with Purpose Programme. We plan to move these boys to a place where they can mentor newcomers.

**Profile**

Hartz is a relational mission team working in southern rural Tasmania. We seek to create healthy gatherings, modelling Christian community. Hartz seeks to connect the hearts of our community with the heart of God through lifting up our community in prayer, visiting, being available and looking for opportunities to share the love of Christ. Maie Maranik a Church Army Gap year student, will spend the year training and ministering with Meredith. BCA is supporting Maie's travel arrangements as she needs to return to the Blue Mountains every couple of months for further Mission training.

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“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.”

**Matthew 7:24-25**

**June**

Please pray for the Tasmanian Bible Forum to be held on 25th June in St Helens. Pray for strong interest, for Bishop John Harrower leading three sessions on Prayer as Passionate Spirituality, and for real learning and a deepening of peoples' relationship with God.

**July**

Please pray for the students enrolled in Term 2 for the Certificate in Theology & Ministry that commenced June 1. Pray for real learning and equipping for life and ministry in their communities and churches around the state. Exams and other assessment are done in August.

**August**

Thank God for the contributors to the online lectionary-based Bible study resource that I co-ordinate for the Diocese. Pray that the Bible studies will foster a deepening love for God and His Word, and that they will be a helpful resource for home groups and preachers.

**Profile**

Thank you for your prayers back in March for James Oakley, the new children's and families' minister for Riverlinks Anglican Church. James and his family are settling in very well. Our family still lives in Launceston. Julie's mainly music ministry is going well, and we are continuing to run church time at Messy Church. David has two roles: Enabler for the Enabler Supported Ministry parish of Riverlinks and Ministry Development Officer – Christian Formation, for the Diocese.



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“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.”

**Hebrews 11:1-2**

### **June**

June is the Briggs's last month as BCA Field Staff. Please pray for Will and Gill and the children as they seek to discern where and how God is leading them to serve Him in the future. Pray for Connections in the time of transition.

### **July**

Pray for Connections and the Parish of Burnie as the process of calling a new rector continues. Pray for those involved in our Mums & Bubs group and small group for teens.

### **August**

Pray for the Parish of Burnie of which Connections is a part. Pray for our sister congregation in Burnie and for the Annual Meeting that will take place in August. Pray for those involved in leadership, administration and financial management.

### **Profile**

The Connections congregation is based in the North-West region of Tasmania in the coastal town of Somerset near Burnie. BCA support is helping to provide a basis for ongoing sustainable ministry and outreach. The Briggs Family will finish as BCA Field Staff in June. Pray for Joshua Skeat who will be supported by BCA as he ministers at Connections. For ongoing news go to: <http://burnieanglican.org.au/connections>

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“May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us - yes, establish the work of our hands.” **Psalm 90:17**

- Praise God for the ordination of Don George as 'Priest'; please pray that together with Sherry Rees who was ordained last year, we may be an effective team as we serve our Lord together in the parishes.
- Praise God for a builder who has provided a "righteous" quote; please pray that the building will proceed quickly and be used to honour our Lord with new ministry ideas for the community of St Leonards.
- Praise God for the wardens and council members; please pray for our Annual meetings in August and the newly elected wardens and council, that they will serve faithfully and keep building on the work that our Lord has planned for us to do.

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“Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.” **Psalm 139:7-8**

- Pray for Joshua undertaking his first Semester exams in June.
- Pray for the Skeat family and the community at Connections as they continue to move into the next phase of leadership; especially as they begin to enact the next phase of God's call to Connections in Somerset.
- Please pray for us as we continue to grow, adjust and adapt, and seek God's will for our community in building a permanent venue.

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“Then the LORD will be jealous for His land and take pity on His people.

Joel 2:18

### **June**

Pray for the NSW/ACT Regional Committee as they meet this month. Pray for the members of the committee as they help plan the work of the region and support the Regional Office in making BCA known to many people.

### **July**

Pray for the NSW/ACT Office Staff. In a very busy year, pray that they will be able to manage their work load and stay fresh and full of grace as they encourage the Supporters of the region.

### **August**

Pray for the BCA stall at the Katoomba 'Reach 'Out" weekend for young people interested in the mission of the Church. Pray for the preparation of material for the BCA Box opening next month.

### **Profile**

The region covers the Dioceses of Bathurst, Newcastle, Canberra and Goulburn, Riverina and Sydney in NSW and the ACT. It covers the cities of Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong and Canberra and includes about 450 parishes. Chris has the task of making the work of the Society known through deputations and supporter meetings. Vika assists him in the office as well as running the 'BCA for Kids' programme. Philip manages the NSW and some regional databases.

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“For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves.”  
**Colossians 1:13**

- Wisdom to teach the children about the community, and the community will be able to see a change in the children's lives.
- Wisdom and strength for me to do what God has called me to do.
- The Scripture teacher, Steve, for wisdom to teach the children about God so that they will understand more about God and His love towards them.
- Those in the community who are unwell.

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Give thanks for more than 10 years of BCA Nomads and for Max's energy and enthusiasm to co-ordinate this ministry.

- Pray for those BCA Nomads who are travelling during these months, for safety in travel.
- Pray for Max as he co-ordinates the travel time of Nomads with the BCA Field Staff requiring assistance in their parishes.
- Pray for God to provide a suitable Nomads Co-ordinator following on Max's retirement.
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“But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.”

**James 3:17**

- Pray for God's continual wisdom in ministering the gospel amongst the variety of issues that parish life brings.
- Pray for good gospel connections with young people in town through my involvement in the basketball competition.
- Pray for a safe delivery of our new baby at the end of July, and that our family will manage well with all the changes.

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“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

**Galatians 6:9**

Thanks be to God for the great start to the year with our various ministries. May the rest of the year be even better!

Please pray for the coming together of the regional youth conference and live worship DVD recording that we are planning.

Please pray for protection over our whole family as we fight the good fight.

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“In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.”

Proverbs 3:6

**June**

Pray that God will continue to direct the path of the schools worker role. Praise God for the growth of the youth group. Pray that we can disciple the church and the unchurched youth, who are coming to youth group, in ways that are appropriate to them where they are on their journey.

**July**

Praise God for the work so far and the fruit so far in this role. Praise God for the relationships that have been built in that past year. Pray for continued open doors as we work in the schools.

**August**

Pray for openness in the schools towards new ideas.

Pray for new opportunities to emerge in the schools. Also pray that we can find a way to connect more fully with the small communities.

**Profile**

The Schools Worker role is quite new. Helena has been working for two days per week in three primary schools and one high school for 1½ yrs. It has been very rewarding to see God move and doors open. Doug and Helena are on a merino sheep farm in country NSW and one of the main aims of this role is to connect with small communities as we connect with schools. Many of these small communities have no church services in them at all, so we are praying that a fresh expression of church will emerge. There is also a strong link between the work in the schools and the Youth Group, this is very exciting as we have both church and non-church youth coming along. So nurturing and growing them and meeting them where there is a main focus of the role as well.

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"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD'."

Psalm 122:1

- Pray for our scattered family and 2 grandchildren born this year.
- our Diocesan Lay Conference in August (6th -7th), to better equip and strengthen the faith of lay people stepping up to lead.
- ever continuing contacts with people in remote areas where it is difficult to have access to the gospel message.
- the small group of regulars at our church, as they seek to be outreaching for the Lord.
- "Back to Church Sunday" on 11th September as we invite people to make the effort to come to church that day.

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"Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent."

John 17:3

- Pray for the small Anglican Church in Hay, thank God for faithful lay leaders and that we are able to support them. Pray for existing and future Bible study groups in Hay.
- Pray for the faithful SRE teachers in Hay and Carrathool and that we can encourage them and expand the ministry to classes without SRE.
- Thank God for the contacts we have already made and pray that God will continue to lead us to make contacts in the town with the people He wants us to be involved with, and that He will change lives..

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“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” **1 Peter 4:10**

### **June**

Students from the University Department of Rural Health will be with us. Pray for opportunities to witness to them. Pray for our various church activities as well.

### **July**

Two visits from school groups this month. Lakes Christian College joined us to do some work around the property. They were with us from the 3rd -8th and Penrith Anglican College from the 16th July. They worked on our community garden as well on the house.

### **August**

With the ECCIYN camp only around the corner, it is full steam ahead in preparations for this event. Our young people are as keen as ever and we look to be taking about 20 youth to camp this year. Pray for our young people as they prepare.

### **Profile**

We have now been in Broken Hill for a little over four years. In this time a number of ministries have developed, none more exciting than our Youth ministry. We have a Youth Bible Study three times a month and on the fourth Friday evening we have youth group. All meetings are well attended. Sunday services are continuing with some great signs of spiritual growth in the lives of those who attend. The community garden continues to be a good source for providing fresh fruit and vegetables to needy families. BCA house has afforded us the opportunity to show hospitality to individuals and families in the outback. We now have a Youth Drop-in Centre, thanks to one of our support parishes who have donated the various resources for this to be set up.

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“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.”

**Hebrews 12:1**

**June**

Praise God for the STAND youth ministry. Pray that it will continue to connect with unchurched youth and the Holy Spirit will be at work in their hearts. Pray for the school holiday programme and the team from Cardiff Heights Baptist church providing that ministry.

**July**

Please pray for Jules and her ministry to the young women through Bible study and afternoon activities and for my ministry to the young men as we aim to support their growth and walk with the Lord. May He give them the strength to break the cycle of their environment.

**August**

Pray for our trip to the Solomon Islands, for the team's preparation and the Lord's direction and vision. Praise God for His blessing in Gilgandra through the combined churches ministry. Pray for Jack, Jacob and Elijah as the Lord speaks into their lives and shapes their future.

**Profile**

Rich is married to Julie, and they have three children, Jack 17, Jacob 15 and Elijah 13. Rich has worked extensively with young people for over 20 years in Victoria and NSW. Julie is a published author and is working for Bamardos as a youth outreach worker. Rich and Julie work as Youth Ministry Field Staff in Gilgandra NSW. They are involved with a partnership of churches in the community and local government, with a view to support the great work that already exists in the community and to develop new opportunities.

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“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

**Mark 10:45**

**June**

Thank God for opportunities to speak at Blackwater, Narrabri, Tamworth and South West Rocks this month. I will also be attending the Armidale Clergy Conference. Pray that many will respond to the challenge to support BCA both prayerfully and financially.

**July**

Thank God for the many people who have included BCA in their Wills. Pray that many more would do this (have you?). This month I am in North Queensland and Rockhampton Dioceses doing deputations and conducting Mental Health First Aid workshops.

**August**

Please pray that as I approach clergy to conduct BCA deputations that I will get a positive response, especially in those places where we have not done deputations in the past. Pray also that there would be many opportunities to conduct Mental Health First Aid workshops.

**Profile**

Ian welcomes any opportunity to promote the good work of BCA at Churches, community/service groups, schools, small groups, breakfasts/dinners etc. Mental Health First Aid and Safe Talk are courses that Ian runs to equip folk to be more effective carers, in the local congregation, and wider community. Contact him for more information. Things are quieter on the homefront as there are only three of us there now. We are blessed that Amelia and Grant live nearby. Joel is engaged to Megan. He has been posted to RAAF base Williamtown after training. Isaac is at UQ studying engineering.



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“If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler.”

**1 Peter 4:15**

**June**

Pray for the believers in Lightning Ridge, that we are faithful in our walk as committed and passionate Christians; that we grow in Christ likeness, actively serve others and share Christ's love with the wider community. Pray that others will join us and our church will grow, for God's glory.

**July**

Give thanks for the opportunities to reach out and minister to children and youth in our community. Pray for David Piper (assistant), our team of Kids Club and Sunday school helpers, that they will continue to be equipped and strengthened to serve. Pray that whole families will be impacted by Jesus.

**August**

Pray for the work we do in the schools, that we are salt and light. Pray for SRE classes, GOAT ('God On A Thursday' High School ISCF group), for those who help with the Breakfast Club, and SRE in Goodooga. Pray for all the staff, and thank God for the good relationship that we have with the schools.

**Profile**

The Ridge is a unique place for mission and ministry with many opportunities to reach out to a wide variety of people. They all need Jesus. Together with David Piper and the saints here, we thank God for your partnership as we minister in a challenging environment to build the Kingdom for God's Glory. Pray for revival.

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“For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.”

2 Timothy 1:6-7

### **June**

Give thanks for the wonderful welcome given by the people, and finally achieving access to Boulia and Bedourie. Pray for wisdom for us to discern the needs of the people in the area, and for the success of the RE programme in the schools.

### **July**

Give thanks for the spirit of ecumenism in the area. Pray that the breakfast club programme in the school will be expanded.

### **August**

Give thanks for the generosity of the BCA Nomads who have visited and worked here. Pray that the parish will be emboldened for intentional outreach to the wider community.

### **Profile**

Winton is in Central Western Queensland, on the main Brisbane to Darwin Highway. The town itself has about 1000 people, many of whom have some connection with the church. Other centres in the parish include Boulia, Corfield and Bedourie, along with several small centres; and also providing care for Hughenden and Richmond, in NQ Diocese. Anne and Noel took up the position of BCA Field Staff in Winton at the end of March 2011.

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“Observe the commands of the LORD your God, walking in His ways and revering Him.”

**Deuteronomy 8:6**

### **June**

June is a very exciting month for our church as we shall be going on our first Church Camp. This will be across the long weekend and our hope is that it will be a time where community is strengthened. We will have teaching sessions, service in the bush and enjoy meals and camp fires together.

### **July**

We shall be taking holidays in the school break - please pray that it will be refreshing. Please uphold the men's ministry, women's ministry and marriage enrichment programmes. There have been wonderful outcomes in the past for couples who have made the Enrichment Course a priority with them later coming to Church.

### **August**

It is important to build family and community here that give people a real sense of belonging and being part of the Kingdom. This month we shall have a family run service and a family games night. Please pray for the preparation and that it is an opportunity for some to step up and lead for the first time.

### **Profile**

We would like to extend a really big thank you to all who support the ministry. We appreciate your prayers, thoughts and giving to BCA. Please know that you really do make a difference and you enable us to go from strength to strength in the Lord. Thank you.  
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"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, he hears us."

1 John 5:14

In some continental European countries, growing numbers of local people worship in English-speaking Anglican churches, as do immigrants who speak English as a second or third language. May the Holy Spirit draw many to Christ in the coming months.

Our tourist outreach is about to start on many French campsites, and at Switzerland's International Scout Centre helping young people and their leaders from all over the world to hear Christ's call to 'Come, follow me.'

The credit crunch has significantly reduced giving by English parishes to world mission: pray that ICS will be able to find new sources of income to compensate for this shortfall, and that parishes will maintain their commitment to world mission even if money is in short supply.

## Pray for the National Executive committee

Mr Fred Chilton – Chairman  
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### Pray

- For God's direction and wisdom as we consider various policies and implementation of new programmes in 2011.
- for careful and responsible management, patience and perseverance in this special ministry to the Society.

## Pray for former BCA Field Staff



### **Tom & Muriel Slockee**

Last November, the Bishop of the Diocese of the Northern Territory sadly announced Tom's resignation from the position of Canon Missioner. Tom cited personal reasons for his decision. Pray for Tom and Muriel as they settle back into Batemans Bay



### **Mark Doyle**

Mark faithfully ministered to the students and staff at Gulargambone Central School for the past 2 ½ years. Pray for him as he returns to the farm and as he continues to reach out to youth for Christ.



### **Mike and Joan Maude**

Pray for Mike's health and for them both as they take a step back from front line ministry. Give thanks for those who were encouraged by Mike and Joan – Nomads and campers alike.



### **Bob and Sue Witten**

After 24 years with BCA both on and off the Field, Bob and Sue have retired to Biloela. Give thanks for their ministry to so many, and most recently in Winton. Pray for them as their lifestyle changes.



### **Bob and Jan McKay**

Bob & Jan McKay retired from the Parish of Deloraine and Intentional Interim Ministry with BCA at the end of November. Give thanks for their ministry and pray for Bob as he continues with the Diocese of Tasmania in the Northern Region and in his training role with Transition Ministries Association of Australia.



### **Faye Fraser**

Faye has taken up a position of stipendiary staff in the parish of Wagga Wagga, NSW. Pray for her as she forms new relationships and settles in quite a different environment. Pray for her ongoing ministry.



### **John and Carol Jenner**

John and Carol have moved to the Parish of Temora, in the Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn from 1st April. Pray for them now on leave and as they take up their new ministry.



### **Jim & Lala Leftwich**

Pray for Jim and Lala in North Queensland as Jim retired from his position as Assistant Bishop at the end of 2010. Pray as they adjust to the changes this will bring.



### **Graeme & Rachael Middlewick**

The term of BCA's support for Graeme and Rachael ceased at the end of March. Please pray for them and their three boys as Graeme continues in his role of Assistant Minister in the Parish of Kallaroo, Perth.

# Bush Church Aid Society

The Bush Church Aid Society of Australia is an association of Christians within the Anglican Church whose vision and goal is Australia for Christ

BCA has a priority in mission to the isolated, remote urban and rural people of Australia.

## **BCA's purpose is**

- to proclaim Christ so that people may respond to Him;
- to nurture Christians in their faith and ministry;
- to strengthen local Christian communities in their mission;
- to provide services of Christian care and advocacy;
- to develop an understanding of Christ's mission and
- to promote active partnership throughout the church.

## **BCA orders its life and ministry**

- by prayer and God's help and the Holy Spirit's guidance;
- by the vision, wisdom, authority and encouragement of scripture;
- by humility, servanthood and fellowship with the church in mission;
- by interdependent relationships with Diocesan Bishops;
- by providing pastoral care and professional development for staff and
- by responsible management of its resources.

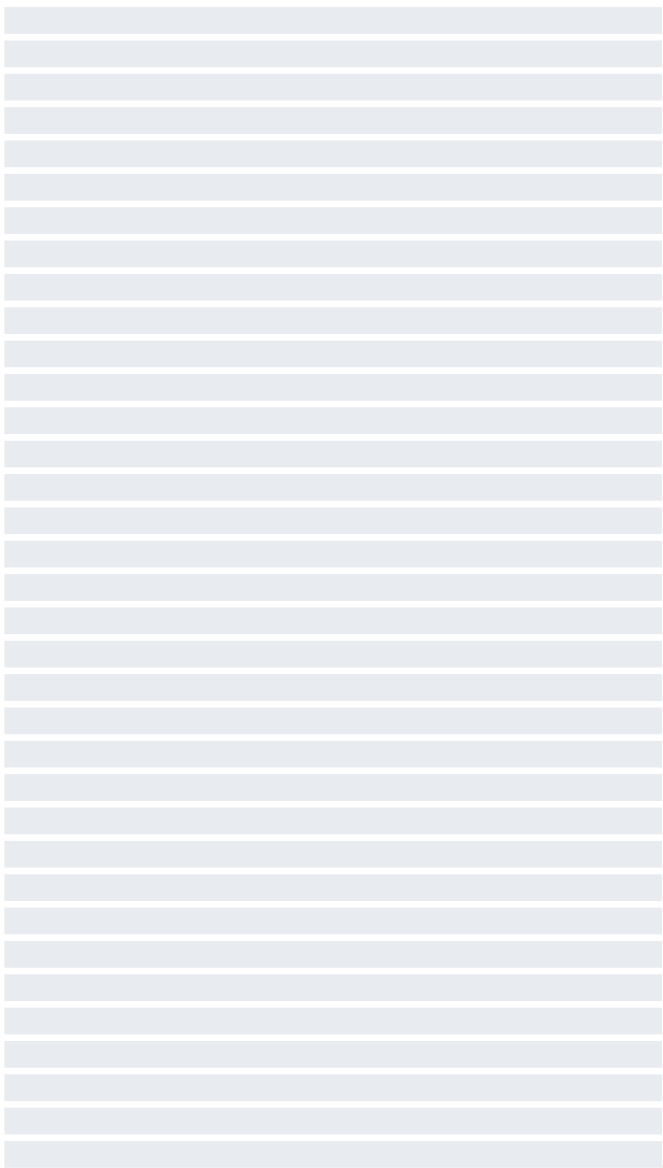
BCA fulfils its mission as the people of Australia are given the opportunity to know and love the Lord Jesus Christ, trust in His promises, respond to Him in obedience, reflect His character in their lives, be committed to His church and work for His purpose in the world.

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