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# NEW BISHOP ELECTED



**The Reverend Dr Mark Short**

The Reverend Dr Mark Short has been elected as the eleventh Diocesan Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

The Episcopal Electoral Synod came together from 8-10 November in Goulburn to elect The Reverend Dr Mark Short.

This synod consisted of 124 clergy and 175 lay representatives from across the diocese, voting according to the new Episcopal Election process which was adopted by Synod last year.

Mark Short is currently National Director, The Bush Church Aid Society, working in partnership with 17 Anglican Diocese and other Christian organisations across Australia to support gospel workers in remote and regional areas.

Mark holds a Bachelor of Theology with Honours from Moore Theological College awarded in 1997. He

was ordained a Deacon in 1996 and a Priest in 1997, both at St Saviour's Cathedral in Goulburn. Following Ordination he was Deacon Assistant and Assistant Priest in the Parish of Temora, before becoming the Lucas-Tooth Scholar and undertaking a PhD at the University of Durham, UK, on *From One Generation to Another: The Passover as Collective Memory*. During his time in Durham he was an Honorary Assistant at St Nicholas Church of England.

From 2002-2011 he was Rector of the Parish of Turvey Park and Priest-in-Charge of the Parish of Tarcutta. In 2007 he became Vocations Director Archdeacon, coordinating and overseeing the tri-Diocesan vocations process for new ordinands. From 2009-2011 he was Archdeacon of Wagga Wagga where he shared in the oversight of 20 par-

ishes, Anglicare and School Ministry across that region.

Formerly Mark worked as a Graduate Economist for the Commonwealth Department of Industrial Relations and Journalist for the Sydney Morning Herald.

Mark (51) is married to Monica and they have two sons. His other interests include bushwalking, train travel, reading and exercise.

As Bishop Trevor Edwards has said: 'Mark brings to the position a wealth of experience in national ministry with oversight and pastoral care of gospel workers across the country, as well as in parish ministry to regional and rural areas, where he has worked to develop sustainable and engaging ministry models.'

'It is the role of the Bishop to provide leadership, care and vision for Anglicans within the Diocese and to represent the church to the wider community,' Bishop Trevor Edwards said. As Bishop, Reverend Dr Mark Short will assume the oversight of our 62 parishes and mission districts, eight schools and significant community agencies such as Anglicare and St Mark's National Theological Centre.

He will be consecrated and installed in a service at the Diocesan cathedral of St Saviours in Goulburn early in the New Year.

Some words from Mark himself on being elected:

*Dear friends in Christ,  
I am honoured and humbled by God's call to serve you as the Anglican Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn. Monica and I give thanks to God for your partnership in the gospel and your commitment to living out the way of Jesus in your churches, communities, schools and workplaces. We are especially grateful for the care shown to us in recent months by Bishop Trevor Edwards, the Episcopal Election Nominations Committee, our support team and for the members of Synod who set aside time to read, pray, discuss and discern God's will together.*

*Our family has very special memories of time already spent in the Diocese and we look forward to joining you again in due course. These are exciting days to engage in God's mission and we invite you to pray with us in these words from Romans 15:5-6:*

*May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give us the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice we may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*In Christ,  
Mark Short*



*The Electoral Synod Eucharist Service gathered before the selection of the new Bishop*

# Bishop Trevor Writes ...



In his Electoral Synod Sermon delivered on 8 November in St Saviour's Cathedral, Bishop Trevor reflected on the lectionary gospel reading from Luke 15:1-10, with the following words:

Our Gospel reading reflects on the clear priority of Jesus which any Christian leader worth their salt needs to imitate. The three parables in this chapter of Luke explain why Jesus was focused on welcoming 'sinners' in a culture where shared meals were an offer of peace, trust, acceptance and forgiveness. The sincere church people of his day were offended by his actions. The two stories read tonight are about a lost sheep and a lost coin involving people the Pharisees regarded as culturally suspect: namely a de-

spised shepherd and an inferior woman. If you have lost anything or something on a regular basis you can identify with the tension in both stories. Perhaps it is the car keys or the TV remote control or the mobile phone. As the finder in my family I was always very relieved when I unearthed the missing object after careful questioning about the last sighting and then actually looking methodically. Regrettably when my children were at home I gained a reputation and became the first port of call rather than the last!

In the *first* story a despised but nonetheless moderately wealthy shepherd is responsible for one hundred sheep, by which he earns his livelihood through wool and mutton. During a daylight count in an isolated place, he notices one missing. The story is silent about the ninety-nine (which presumably were looked after by a neighbouring shepherd who takes them back to the village), but instead focuses on the quest to find the lost sheep before it was permanently lost or attacked by hungry predators. The shepherd finds the sheep and lifts it onto

his shoulder to bring it home, rejoicing despite carrying the heavy burden. In fact the shepherd then also throws a communal party and invites all the neighbours to celebrate. In the same way Jesus says:

*I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.*

Jesus is of course speaking ironically about the ninety-nine because as we know all people need to be found. So whenever any 'sinner' turns back to God, heaven throws a party. The prospect of such future joy (mentioned twice for emphasis in the story) keeps Jesus focused on 'sinners' or the lost, rather than on people who feel no need to change their ways because they think they are good enough for God as they are.

In the *second* story, one precious silver coin is lost by a woman. It was probably worth the equivalent of a day's wage for the average worker so is very significant for the family finances. As with any search the assumption is that it must be somewhere nearby. The woman diligently and carefully searches everywhere in the

house until the coin is located. We can almost feel her relief. Like the shepherd the woman calls the community together to celebrate the recovery of the lost coin. Jesus concludes in a similar vein to the first story:

*Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.*

Both stories make the same point even if the second stresses the search a little more; but the effort in both cases is worth it. The unconditional, gracious love of God is always seeking the sinner. He mercifully pursues lost individuals. After all he pursued you and me. God is therefore absolutely overjoyed when disciples diligently search for sinners on his behalf as Jesus did. This is precisely the reason he came to earth. As Jesus says in a few chapters time:

*For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.*

We need disciples, leaders and, in particular, a Bishop, who imitate the priorities of Jesus by diligently seeking the lost and rejoicing with us as a community whenever they are found.

+Trevor Edwards

## Clergy Moves

The Reverend Dr Benjamin Edwards will be inducted as the Rector of Manuka on Saturday 15 Dec 2018, at 2.00pm, at St Paul's Manuka ACT. All welcome.

The Reverend Nathan Manwaring will be inducted as Rector of Temora on Saturday 15 Dec 2018, at 2.00pm, at St Paul's Temora NSW. All welcome.

The Reverend Dr Tim Watson will be inducted as the Rector of Hackett on Saturday 19 Jan 2019, at 2.00pm, at Holy Cross Hackett ACT. All welcome.

The Reverend Susan Baird has resigned as Hon Deacon St Saviour's Cathedral Goulburn effective from 4.10.2018.

The Reverend Glen McDonald has resigned as Priest-In-Charge Junee & Chaplain Junee Correctional Centre effective 11.01.2019. Glen is moving to the Diocese of Willochra to work with The Bush Church Aid Society at Roxby Downs, SA.

The Reverend Dr Mark Short has been elected as the 11th Diocesan Bishop of Canberra & Goulburn and will be consecrated and installed in 2019 at a time yet to be determined.

The Reverend Ken King and The Reverend Gavin Krebs will be ordained Priests at St Saviour's Cathedral Goulburn on Saturday 24 Nov 2018, at 11.00am. All welcome.

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## From the EENC



Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Episcopal Election Nominations Committee I would like to congratulate the Reverend Dr Mark Short on his election as the eleventh Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn. Mark's rural experience, warm faith, and collaborative leadership style make him the ideal choice to build on the ministry of Bishop Stuart Robinson.

Thanks must go to everyone that took part in the electoral process and in particular our nominees. Our Electoral Synod was blessed to have such an outstanding group of nominees that

exhibited grace and humility throughout the gruelling process.

The generosity of our families, who enabled us to devote so much to our work throughout the year, also deserves acknowledgement and thanks.

Lastly, we are thankful for the equipping and infilling of God's Spirit who united us and held us together as a committee. We praise God with all our hearts for his love and goodness towards us.

Yours in Christ,

The Venerable David Ruthven

Chair,

Episcopal Election Nominations

Committee



# Farewell to Celia Irving



After sixteen years of involvement with the Diocese Celia Irving, currently our Director of Safe Communities, is retiring on 15 November this year.

A farewell was held for Celia in which she shared the story of the confluence of events and encounters with people that formed her path into various roles at the Diocese over the years.

Since becoming involved with the Diocese Celia has been a presenter for safe ministry training from 2002, an author of Diocesan safe ministry training materials from 2004, presenter at clergy conferences and clergy equipping

workshops from 2009, Professional Standards Director from 2010-2015 and Director of Safe Communities Unit from 2015-2018. She has also been an Honorary Lay Canon of the Cathedral since 2006 and Diocesan representative on the Tri-Diocesan Interest Groups for Safe Ministry from 2008-2014.

A vast number of people across the Diocese, both clergy and lay, will have met and been trained by Celia in safe ministry practices throughout her time with us.

Celia recently undertook an enormous amount of work, and presented an equally enormous

amount of material, which served our Diocese well, in response to summons from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Abuse.

As Bishop Trevor has said:

'I think the Diocese owes her a huge debt for indefatigable pursuit of safe ministry in this Diocese. Ever since I came to this Diocese in 2003 and probably before, she has used her extensive gifts and experience to make sure this Diocese has been at the forefront in protecting children and vulnerable people. As a former Chair of the Professional Standards Reference Group I am aware of the substantial and wise contribution she made to ensure our protocols and processes were cutting-edge. She has conducted relevant training throughout the length and breadth of this Diocese; lovingly supported clergy and parishes through difficult relationship issues; been a reliable counsel of advice for the bishops; worked closely and collaboratively with the Chancellor and been an absolutely faithful advocate and diligent supporter of the

victims of child sexual abuse. We honour her and give thanks for her contribution to our Diocesan health.'

The roles Celia has held have at times been very difficult and unpleasant and she is grateful for all the prayer and support she herself has received while in them.

Celia and her husband Peter are gladly taking up the mantle of grey nomads and beginning retirement by travelling around Tasmania, where she is looking forward to an absence of emails and phone calls. She then hopes to spend more time with her 11 grandchildren, study, do some consulting work and have more time to grow vegetables and knit.

The Diocese wishes Celia every blessing in the next stage of her life.



## Remembrance and Thanksgiving



The centenary of the end of World War 1 in 1918 was marked by a service of remembrance and thanksgiving at St Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn, on Saturday 13th October. 920 men from 41 parishes around the diocese died during that war. Their names were read out during the service as candles representing each parish were placed on the Cathedral's high altar.

The 920 names are carved in stone on the walls of the Chapel of St Michael and St George, known as the Soldiers' Chapel. Hearing the names read out by parish was a moving reminder of the terrible impact World War 1 had on every community. For example, the tiny parishes of Kameruka and Thudungra, which no longer exist as separate parishes, each lost 17 men and Tumbarumba lost 30

men. Every family in those small communities would have been affected.

The service was jointly organised by the Friends of the Cathedral and the Anglican Historical Society.

Following the service, Anglican Historical Society members visited All Saints' church in Marulan before travelling to nearby Brayton. The church at Brayton was destroyed in a bushfire in 1965 but the cemetery is still there and is still in use. Dorothy Pryce, who spent some of her childhood years in Brayton, spoke of times past when Brayton boasted not only a church but also a post office, hall and school.

That evening the Mulwaree Country Women's Association catered for a dinner at Christ Church, West Goulburn, at which The Reverend Haydon Swinbourne, a former Army chaplain, gave an entertaining but passionate talk about the role of defence force chaplains.

The following day, Sunday 14th

October, the Anglican Historical Society visited the Remembrance Museum at Mulwaree High School in Goulburn. The museum contains a large number of items brought back to Australia from Europe and the Middle East after World War 1, as well as historical displays, which are changed periodically to reflect the different aspects of the war. The museum forms part of the educational program at the school and is open to the public on Sunday afternoons.

*by Charles Body*

*Candles on the high altar at St Saviour's Cathedral (above left) and Brayton Cemetery (below)*





# New Chaplain for Police Academy



The Reverend Murray Woolnough has recently joined the diocese to become the Senior Chaplain to the NSW Police Force Academy in Goulburn. Murray has moved from Newcastle Diocese, where he was Rector of St John's, Cooks Hill, in central Newcastle. He is excited to be returning to chaplaincy after serving as a police chaplain and air cadets chaplain during his ministry training.

Murray grew up in Hobart but he and his wife Bee, a social worker, moved to the United Kingdom and he trained for ministry there, completing his formal studies at Wycliffe Hall in

Oxford. Next followed a curacy at St Nicolas', Newbury, a busy town-centre church in the south of England. 'BCP Communion at 8am, Eucharist with robed choir at 9.15, family service at 11, Evensong at 6pm and youth service at 6.30 – it was a fantastic way to experience a breadth of worship styles, and to meet people who experienced a relationship with Jesus in such different ways,' Murray writes. St Nicolas' was also part of a team ministry with three other Church of England churches and had strong links with other churches across the town, providing opportunities to experience ecumenical

co-operation in evangelism and pastoral support.

After his curacy, Murray and his family returned to Australia. 'My wife and I had expected to stay in the UK for the long-term, but had to return unexpectedly for family reasons. It was extraordinary to see the ways that God brought circumstances together to have confidence that it was right for us to be making this move. We felt very blessed to come to the Parish of Woy Woy, on the NSW Central Coast. They were a warm and supportive community who were also keen for outreach and whole-heartedly supported developing Messy Church to build a bridge to their existing Playgroups. It was almost impossible to leave them when the call came to move to Cooks Hill.'

Alongside his ministry at Cooks Hill, Murray served on Newcastle Diocesan Council, was a member of the Diocesan Incumbency Board and Professional Standards Review Board, and on the team that produced the diocesan magazine, 'Encounter'. 'I had given up some of these roles to make time to undertake honor-

ary police chaplaincy when the role at the Police Academy was advertised. I had always believed I would spend some of my ministry in chaplaincy, and I feel very honoured to be at the Academy, working with a supportive management team here, and with the four other senior police chaplains who are such great colleagues.' NSW Police Force chaplaincy is co-ordinated by a team of five senior chaplains; three have oversight of different areas of the state, one operates chaplaincy for the police specialist teams, and Murray is responsible for chaplaincy to staff and students at the Police Academy.



# History book launched at SWAC



On Sunday 30th September, 18 months of hard work came to fruition. More than 65 people, some from as far as the coastal regions of our diocese, gathered together to launch the Parish History by Dr Ian Grant: *Unity in Diversity: The Story of the Anglican Parish of South Wagga Wagga (1968-2018)*. The book has been published as part of the ongoing celebrations of the 50th Anniversary of the parish. Whilst both St

Paul's Turvey Park and St Alban's Koorringal have at times been separate parishes, they were originally incorporated (along with St Peter's Lake Albert) into the then new parish of South Wagga Wagga in 1968, with the Rev Owen Dowling serving as the first Rector. Ashmont Community of the Redeemer also forms part of the story of the parish during the late 1970s and early 1980s. Since late 2015, St Alban's and St Paul's

have been amalgamated into one parish known locally as South Wagga Anglican Church.

The book launch began with a service of thanksgiving and The Reverend David Clark sharing some memories from his time as a young Curate when the parish began. We then placed a time capsule in the ground of St Paul's to express our prayer for future generations. The book itself was then launched with speeches and applause, with all funds raised going to the building of the ministry of the parish. In Dr Ian Grant's own words:

*Every member of our parish has an individual story of conversion and faith that has brought them to worship at St Paul's (Turvey Park), and St Alban's (Koorringal), as well as, in the past, St Peter's (Lake Albert), and the Anglican Community of The Redeemer (Ashmont). Very early on in my life as a Christian, I had reinforced in my thinking that the church was not a building, but the people in it. The*

*scope of this History will concentrate on such people in the pews, rather than accounts of decisions taken in parish meetings.*

The book is now available (including coloured historic photographs) for \$15 from the parish office, ph: 6925 1707 or email: office@swac.church.

*by Reverend Scott Goode*





# Messy Ministry at SMiV



One of the challenges facing churches is our age profile – often much older than the communities we are seeking to reach.

For the past 18 months, SMiV (St Mary in the Valley) Anglican church in Calwell has been consciously and prayerfully seeking ways to grow 'deeper and younger' – deeper in Christian faith, and younger in age profile.

This has meant a focussed attempt to pastorally care for its older people, while also reaching out to a new generation of Jesus' disciples. Among the various initiatives underway, 'Messy Church' is one that has shown particular promise.

Messy Church is an expression

of worship designed to be inter-generational and highly interactive, making it especially well-suited for families with children who are looking for an easy point of entrance into a church community.

Around the world it has borne considerable fruit, particularly in the UK, where it brings around 20,000 people into churches each month. It is one way of living out Jesus' invitation to all people of every age and background to come into his family.

Once a month during the timeslot normally used by its Sunday afternoon (4:30pm) service, SMiV's three congregations come together to run some craft

activities and games, hold a short worship service and share a meal together. They recently celebrated SMiV Messy Church's first birthday.

SMiV's Rector Reverend Dave McLennan, said 'What I most appreciate about Messy Church is that it has not only provided space for us to welcome new families into our community; it's also given some of our more seasoned saints a great chance to use their gifts. Seeing their skills put to work with such energy and joy has been deeply encouraging.'

'We have three main Sunday

congregations', says Reverend Dave, 'and each has a slightly different character. But bringing people from all three together in this way, with a shared sense of mission and fellowship, has shown our underlying unity in Christ. Best of all, it's helped us share the good news of Jesus Christ with the families of our area.'

Messy Church usually meets on the first Sunday of each month at 4.30pm. But always check the SMiV website ([www.smiv.org](http://www.smiv.org)) for details.

*by Reverend Dave McLennan*



## Praying for Rain in Temora

With the district still parched the Temora Christian groups recently conducted a special service last Friday to pray for rain.

The call to prayer was organised after the idea was brought up at a Temora Parish Council meeting.

'I then took it to the Temora Christian Leaders group who were keen to come on board,' Anglican warden Sue Pike said.

The effect of the drought has been an all-consuming topic among parishioners of all faiths.

'It wasn't a huge crowd attending but the message on the night was truly powerful,' Mrs Pike said.

'We prayed not only for Temora farmers, but the wider community affected by drought and those in other areas who are doing it much worse than us,' she said.

The prayer session was open by Salvation Army Officer Caleb Smith and the oration was given by Lutheran Minister Darren Kupke.

Locum minister, Rob Donald,

also took part in the proceedings.

It was hoped the gathering together for a common purpose might have benefits beyond the faithful.

'We wanted to give community members and opportunity to be a part of the service even if they didn't want to be involved in the prayers. They were able to just sit and absorb it,' Mrs Pike said.

'We want those affected by drought in any way to know that there is someone there for them, if they just want to talk and have someone really listen to them,'



she said.

Participants were able to write their own prayers onto paper raindrops before each prayer was offered up as a group.

The raindrop prayers were then attached to the cross in the Temora Church Hall. This cross reaches a height of around three metres and is constructed of panels from a former pulpit.

Since the prayer session 17mm has been recorded, bringing the monthly total so far to 24.4mm with more rain forecast.

NB. This article is modified from an article that appeared in the Temora Independent on 19 October 2018.

*Below: Food collected by St Paul's, Temora, to help farmers suffering from the drought.*





# St Andrew's Open Day @ The Festival of Braidwood



Braidwood's St Andrews Anglican Church is putting its 'cultural' best foot forward as part of 'The Festival of Braidwood' on Saturday 24 November. With hundreds of quilts adorning the main street, Quilt and Craft Markets, come and enjoy a walk through Heritage-Listed Braidwood and make sure you don't miss any of the long list of activities: Open Gardens, Garlic Fiesta (organic garlic and famous Black

Garlic), Historic Car Show, Wedding Gowns through the ages, many pop-up art exhibitions, demonstrations, workshops and the Gundillion Ladies famous Christmas cake and pud stall. At St Andrew's, not only will exquisite quilts, tapestries and liturgical vestments be displayed throughout the church, but our resident organist, Mr Mervyn Olds, will be performing a series of works from the organ repertoire; 15 minutes in every half hour from 1.30pm to 4pm on our recently restored historic Rendall organ. From Purcell, Bach and Pachelbel to 21st century composers, Mervyn's diverse program offers something for everyone. And, there's more ... the Blessing of the Animals will commence at 11.30am, plus refreshments and children's face painting. Why not make a day of it, stay over and dine in one of the very good country restaurants, and join us on Sunday 25 November at 9am for a special service of celebration.

St Andrew's 2019 Summer/Autumn Concert Series is now confirmed: from February through May with over six performances, offering diverse styles from tango, classical guitar and flute to baroque quartets and our first engagement with the Canberra

International Music Festival. If you would like to know more or join our email list, please contact the Concert Co-ordinator: art-work123@icloud.com. We look forward to welcoming you!

*by Anne Sanders*



## Positions Available

### Director of Synergy Youth and Children



We are seeking an energetic person of strong Christian faith who has a passion for bringing young people to Christ and helping them grow in their faith, and who is able to work with others in parish churches, camps and specialist youth forums to bring this about.

In 2019 the position will be either full or part-time, depending on the circumstances of the successful applicant, and will transition to full-time in 2020 or 2021. The Director of Synergy is paid according to the guidelines for a lay stipendiary minister, which is based on 90% of a clergy stipend. An ordained Director would receive the base clergy stipend pro rata.

#### How to Apply

Applications should address the selection criteria and consider the areas of responsibility in the role description. The Board of Synergy wishes to receive applications by 7th December 2018, in order to interview short-listed candidates before the Christmas break.

Please send applications to Dr Ruth Edwards, Synergy Chairperson, at [redw7191@uni.sydney.edu.au](mailto:redw7191@uni.sydney.edu.au) or by hard copy to Dr Ruth Edwards, care of Episcopal Office, GPO Box 1981, Canberra ACT. 2601.

Ruth can be contacted on 0438 651 524 for further information about this position. For further information visit: [anglicancg.org.au/director-of-synergy-youth-and-children/](http://anglicancg.org.au/director-of-synergy-youth-and-children/)

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- encouraging faithfulness to the School's Christian foundation in the Anglican tradition in all aspects of School life;
- offering pastoral care and support to all members of the School community in collaboration with others who specialise in this area of need;
- teaching in the area of Religious and Values Education and/or in other specialist areas, as appropriate;
- playing an active part in the co-curricular life of the School.

In matters of worship and liturgy and the use of the Chapel the Associate Chaplain is accountable to the Chaplain.

For further information and to download the application form visit: <https://cgs.act.edu.au/employment/positions-available/>

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