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# BISHOP MARK'S REFLECTION

*"How Many Loaves Do You Have?"*

Challenges are not always easier the second time around. Anyone who has spoken in public or attempted something daunting more than once knows that experience alone doesn't remove the butterflies. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus and His disciples face a feeding crisis for the second time—another great crowd, once again with nothing to eat. The details show this is not a duplicate story but an intentional echo, meant to deepen our understanding.

In Mark 6, Jesus feeds five thousand in Jewish territory. He responds abruptly to the disciples' concerns: *"You give them something to eat."* They are stunned, unable to imagine how their meagre resources could meet the need. Jesus steps in and provides abundantly.

Two chapters later, in Mark 8, Jesus feeds four thousand in Gentile country. This time, Jesus raises the concern Himself. He expresses compassion for the hungry crowd and invites the disciples to draw on what they have previously learned. Yet again, they miss the moment: *"How can one feed these people in the desert?"* Despite having witnessed Jesus feed an even larger group, they cannot imagine how such a need could be met. So Jesus once more takes what little they have, gives thanks, and multiplies it. Everyone eats and is satisfied.

This dynamic mirrors our own experience. When we look at the needs around us—homelessness, social isolation, fear for the future, and a deep spiritual hunger in our nation—we may feel the same sinking sense of inadequacy. How can one person, one parish, one church possibly meet such vast needs?

The answer lies not in the size of our resources but in the character of the One who receives them.

Ephesians 4 offers a complementary vision. The risen and ascended Jesus is portrayed as a victorious king who shares the spoils of His triumph—yet these gifts are not wealth or power, but people. Apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers are given to equip all God's people for ministry, building up the body of Christ. Here we see God forming a new humanity in Christ, united across old divisions. Like any living body, the Church is both given and growing. It has life, yet it has not reached its full maturity.

Growth toward that maturity happens as each part does its work, especially through speaking the truth in love. Truth without love can wound; love without truth can drift into sentimentality. Jesus holds both together, speaking boldly yet always from a heart of love.

This vision speaks to our life as a church today. We face real challenges: raising new leaders, sustaining and reshaping ministry, and discerning God's will with humility and courage. Yet these challenges sit within a greater truth—Christ is still at work, still giving gifts, still building His Church. Stories of renewed spiritual interest, fruitful ministries, and surprising encounters with God are reminders that Jesus continues to multiply what we place in His hands.

So the question comes to us:

*How many loaves do we have?*

Whatever we bring—our time, gifts, prayers, and faith—Jesus can use to meet the needs of many through the resources of a few.



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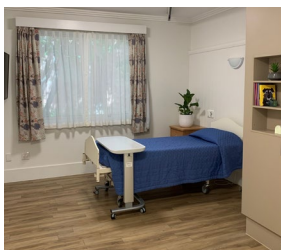
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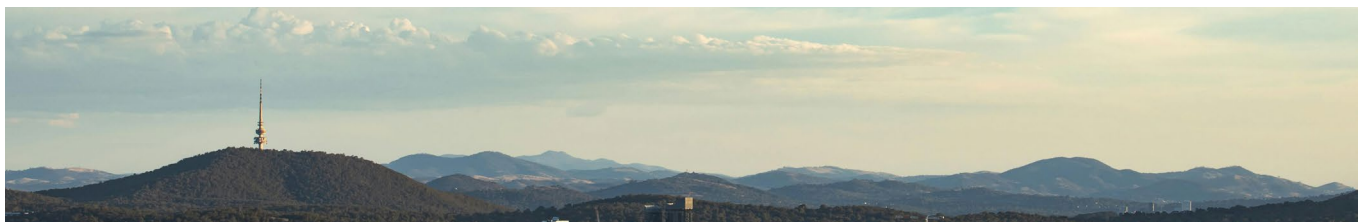
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The former Primate of Australia and former Archbishop of Melbourne, The Right Reverend Dr Philip Freier, presided over the service. Bishop Mark was presented by two valued companions during his time in Canberra-Goulburn, Archbishop Kanishka Raffel and Bishop Genieve Blackwell.

During the inauguration Archbishop Freier reminded Bishop Mark of promises he made earlier his consecration to uphold the authority of Scripture; to maintain the unity of the Church; to faithfully discharge the responsibilities entrusted to him; to lead the church in prayer and mission; to express the compassion and love of God's kingdom; and to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in a Christlike life to encourage the church.

The role of the Primate carries the responsibility of guiding the Church in its common life, offering pastoral leadership to bishops and dioceses, convening national bodies, and being the public face of the Church as it discerns its way through times of challenge and renewal. Bishop Mark's challenge to the church was for us to be a church shaped by unity, encouragement and the steady rhythm of prayer.





He preached the sermon from the bible readings in Mark 8:1-10 and Ephesians 4:1-16 and concluded:

*I am profoundly grateful for all of you who have come to support Monica and me as I move into the role of Primate. There are so many of you who've prayed for us, encouraged us and modelled Christian faithfulness to us.*

*More than that, today is a call to pray together for the life and witness of the Anglican Church as we play our part in God's purposes in this land we call Australia.*

*Because that life and witness is found at the intersection of three realities.*

1. *the challenges we face;*
2. *what God has done and is doing in His Son the Lord Jesus Christ; and*
3. *the ways that God calls us to work together - not through grand plans and strategies, but through the everyday virtues of truthful and loving speech and other-person centred service; holding out the gospel of grace to a world that needs to hear it expressed and embodied.*

During the service Bishop Mark invited the Anglican Church of Australia to enter a season of prayer, encouraging communities to listen deeply, intercede faithfully and seek the renewing breath of the Spirit. His call set the tone for ministry grounded in attentiveness and the hope of Christ. He particularly asked Anglicans to pray for the upcoming gathering of General Synod in August 2026, at which he as Primate will serve as President.

The Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn and St Saviour's Cathedral was honoured to host this historic occasion and joins the wider Church in praying for Bishop Mark as he begins this national ministry.



Images taken by Brad Nichol

# Meet Our New Priests

On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2025,  
two (2) new Priests were ordained in  
St Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn.



## Gaynor Elder



Gaynor was born in Adelaide and moved to Cooma NSW, after finishing school, to begin nurse training in the last hospital-based intake at the local hospital. It was while she was there that she met Bill and they married in 1984. Once married, they moved to Queanbeyan. They have three adult children, Jessie, Casey and Connor.

While Gaynor always had a belief in God, it wasn't until January 1997 that she had a dramatic conversion experience at a baptism at Christ Church, Queanbeyan. She was so affected by this that her life completely changed and she left church that day giving her life to Jesus. Since then, her desire is for others to know how beloved they are of God and to know the richness of God's forgiveness, mercy and presence, which is available to all no matter what their lives look like.

Gaynor is a Third Order Franciscan and a member of the Order of the Mustard Seed (OMS) which shapes and influences her approach to life and ministry - to be true to Christ, kind to people and to go where God leads her.

Gaynor worked in the Anglican Diocesan Office in various roles including Safe Ministry and the administration of the National Redress Scheme. She was part of the Anglican Pastoral Care team at the Canberra Hospital and was the Anglican Chaplain there until early 2022.

Since the beginning of 2022 she has been a Police Chaplain and has the privilege of supporting and loving those who put their lives on the line protecting our communities. Her ordination as priest will broaden her capacity to serve in this role. Gaynor is passionate about chaplaincy; providing a ministry of presence, meeting people where they are and showing God's love to those she meets.

## Susan Robertson



Susan Robertson, known to many as Sue, was born into a Maltese Catholic family steeped in Augustinian faith and a lifelong commitment to serving God. Her journey has been marked by a deep and evolving vocation, expressed through diverse ministries across both Catholic and Anglican traditions.

As a lay minister and then deacon in the Anglican Church and currently serving as an Anglican Chaplain, Sue brings a wealth of experience in family and community chaplaincy, mental health, disaster recovery, social work, advocacy, social justice, counselling, psychotherapy, spiritual direction, and clinical supervision. Her ministry is deeply pastoral, shaped by compassion, resilience, and a heart for those on the margins.

For over two decades, Sue has volunteered with St John Ambulance NSW and ACT, where she serves as a designated Chaplain, First Responder, and Child Wellbeing Officer — a testament to her unwavering dedication to care and service.

Sue and her husband Doug live off-grid on a self-sustained property in Lerida, surrounded by the beauty of nature and the blessing of nearby family. She is a proud mother of four and grandmother to seven delightful grandchildren. Her spiritual home is St Edmund's Parish in Gunning, where she will continue to serve faithfully as priest in whatever capacity is needed.

Sue's ordination as priest is a joyful affirmation of a life lived in service to Christ and His people. She enters this new chapter with humility, gratitude, and a deep desire to walk alongside others in faith, hope, and love.

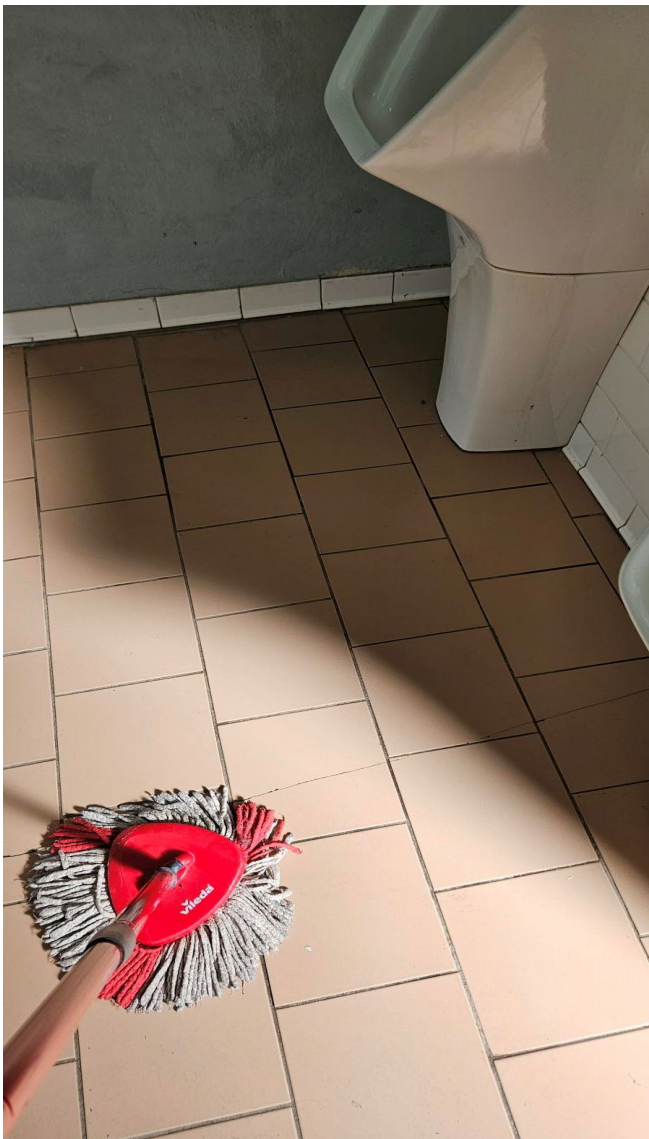
# Ministry!

Written by Dean Gavin Krebs, St Saviour's Cathedral

**If you've ever watched a minister preach and lead an uplifting service, or seen a procession of priests at an ordination in full vestments and thought, "Now that's ministry, dignified and polished," then allow me to gently widen the frame.**

Ministry is also the person who arrives early enough to turn the heaters on, the one who sets out the chairs and tables for morning tea, and the one who knows where the spare lightbulbs live. It's the person who can fold service sheets at Olympic speed and who can make a hall look miraculously presentable after last night's youth group slime experiment.

And yes, sometimes ministry is standing with a mop beside a urinal, contemplating life's great mysteries, such as: Who did this? How? And why now, ten minutes before the service?



If you think ministry is only about preaching, presiding, or being visible up the front, you may want to rethink your priorities. The Kingdom is held together by people who serve quietly in the background — the chair stackers, the sweepers, the fixers, the finders, the ones who make sure the place is warm, welcoming, and vaguely sanitary.

And here's the bit for those of us who wear the collar, if you're not prepared to get your hands dirty, to sweep the floors, empty the bins, wash and dry up, and yes, even clean the toilets, then you may need to rethink your idea of ministry. Ordination doesn't lift you above the mess, it places you right in the middle of it.

The truth is, the Body of Christ needs both the preacher and the person who bravely confronts whatever has happened in the men's loo (and sometimes that person is the preacher). One proclaims the Gospel in words; the other proclaims it in disinfectant.

So here's to the saints who set up, tidy up, clean up, and mop up, thank you! Your ministry is holy. Your ministry is necessary. And your ministry is every bit as real as anything done up the front.

After all, Jesus washed feet. A urinal is just... the next logical step.



# Enhancing Everyday Life for Loreto Home of Compassion Residents

Written by Helen Taylor, The Forrest Centre

**Loreto Home of Compassion is part of The Forrest Centre, a joint ministry of our Diocese and the Little Company of Mary. A major redevelopment at Loreto Home of Compassion is transforming life for residents by replacing shared bathrooms with individual private ensuites, delivering greater comfort, dignity, and independence.**

With Stage 3 now complete, the project is already being described as a win for residents and staff. The ensuite upgrades, undertaken by Stephen Lawrence Constructions (SLC) – a local, family-owned business operating in Wagga for more than 30 years – have been rolled out in carefully planned stages to minimise disruption for residents. *“The bathroom upgrade for Loreto is all the same basic plan,”* explains Project Manager Brendon Post. *“We have modified a double bathroom into single ensuites for each bedroom.”*

The redevelopment works were conducted in three stages commencing mid – 2024.

- Stage 1 was 12 ensuites;
- Stage 2 included 16 new ensuites; and
- Stage 3 – completed in early December 2025 – added another 10.

Brendon adds, *“Each stage follows the same layout and functionality, which helps maintain consistency and predictability in the building process. That’s important in a project like this. Feedback from staff has been overwhelmingly positive and we’ve had comments that things worked really well from Stage 1. We haven’t had to make any changes – so we’ve taken that as a sign we’ve nailed it from the start.”*



*Pictured: Aubert completed bathroom*

For SLC’s team, working in a residential aged care environment came with distinct challenges or considerations that needed to be made.

*“We’re very mindful that this is not a construction site – it’s someone’s home. We gave plenty of notice for noisy works, changed our demolition techniques to speed up the process, and scheduled the noisiest jobs outside of rest periods.”*

Safety and accessibility have been at the heart of the design. *“The rooms all have handrails, nurse call buttons, and bathroom fixtures to support mobility,”* Brendon says. *“Safety is paramount and nothing has been overlooked.”*

*“I think it improves the residents’ living standard quite dramatically,”* Brendon reflects. *“As we get older, it’s nice to have that little bit of privacy. I think it helps with dignity and a level of pride.”*

As locals, the project holds a special significance for the SLC team.

***“Wagga’s a wonderful place, and everyone knows everyone. You hear things up the street like ‘my grandmother lives there’ or ‘you’ve made a difference.’ That makes it really satisfying. It’s like we’re doing our bit to help care for their loved ones.”***



*Pictured: Aubert completed room looking to courtyard*



The hairdressing salon (pictured) also underwent a complete renovation and is now a bright, comfortable place to have your hair done and enjoy a chat.

Beautiful gardens, sunny courtyards and the peaceful chapel are just some of the spaces our residents and families enjoy. Our well-appointed lounge and dining areas provide space for group activities or a private catch-up.



The Forrest Centre

If you would like to enquire about room availability, or wish to have a tour, please contact our Facility Manager, Michelle Kosorok on (02) 6971 5715 to arrange a suitable time to meet.

## Clergy News

### Licensed Clergy

- † **The Reverend John Jenner** was licensed as Priest-in-Charge in the Parish of Cootamundra from 18 January to 29 March 2026.
- † **The Reverend Jacob Kelly** was licensed as Associate Priest, South Wagga Anglican Church from the 26 January 2026.
- † **The Reverend Joshua Kuswadi** was licensed and inducted as Rector, Wanniasa from 6 February 2026.
- † **The Reverend Dr Catherine Reid** was licensed as Vicar (Senior Assistant Priest), Manuka from 6 February 2026.
- † **The Reverend David Robinson** was licensed as Senior Associate Priest, Parish of Curtin effective from 1 February 2026 to 31 December 2026.
- † **The Reverend Janet Robinson** was licensed as Deacon for Families and Pastoral Care, Parish of Curtin effective from 1 February 2026 to 31 December 2026.
- † **The Reverend Ronaldo Sanchez** has been licensed as Assistant Priest (Church Planter), Weston-Molonglo, effective from 15 February 2026.
- † **The Reverend Emma Street** was licensed as Locum Rector, Queanbeyan District Anglican Church, from 1 December 2025.

### Ordinations

God willing I intend to ordain the following people as deacons in the Church of God at St Saviour's Cathedral Goulburn on **Saturday 28 February 2026, at 11.00am**. Please keep these ordinands and their families in your prayers as they prepare for that time.

- † **Timothy Lowth** (North Goulburn Parish)
- † **Michael Oborn** (Australian Defence Force and Queanbeyan & District Anglican Church)
- † **Duncan Sherman** (Gungahlin Parish)

### Authority to Officiate

- † **The Reverend Loy Buckley** had her Authority to Officiate renewed for three years on 16 December 2025.
- † **The Reverend Margaret Emil** was granted an Authority to Officiate for three years on 9 February 2026.
- † **The Reverend Linley (Joy) Harris** was granted an Authority to Officiate for three years on 9 December 2025.
- † **The Reverend Micheal Perrott** was granted an Authority to Officiate for three years on 15 January 2026.
- † **The Right Reverend Dr Stephen Pickard** had his Authority to Officiate renewed for three years on 17 December 2025.
- † **The Reverend Ruth Walton** was granted an Authority to Officiate for three years on 7 January 2026.
- † **The Reverend Cameron West** was granted an Authority to Officiate for three years on 17 December 2025.

### Resignations

- † **The Reverend Peter Malone** has resigned as Rector, Parish of Hope Ginninderra, after the 25 January 2026.
- † **The Reverend Ronaldo Sanchez** has resigned as Assistant Priest in the Parish of Curtin, after the 31 January 2026 to take up the role of Assistant Priest (Church Planter) in Weston Molonglo Parish on 15 February 2026.
- † **The Reverend Nathanael Thierry** has resigned as Priest at All Saints Exploratory Ministry Unit Collector, Assistant Priest Hawker, Chaplain at Bill Mackenzie Gardens and The Canberra Hospital after 21 January 2026. Nathanael has now returned to Melbourne Diocese.

# WHAT'S ON AT ST MARK'S




## Commencement Service & Public Lecture

*"A Church for Seekers and Dwellers"*



 Wed 25 February 2026

 5:30pm–7:30pm

 St Mark's National Theological Centre  
15 Blackall St, Barton ACT 2600

A warm invitation is extended to join us for the St Mark's Commencement Service and Public Lecture where you will hear a fresh perspective on how the Holy Spirit may be at work in our culture today.

Our newest faculty member, Aden Cotterill (pictured), will speak to us on how we might support both the contemporary rise in spiritual 'seeking', alongside holding onto the value of 'dwelling' – those who find a home and comfort in the stability of the church as an institution.

Aden has been completing a PhD in Christian Theology at the University of Cambridge, where he has researched Charles Taylor and Tomáš Halík's on faith and doubt.

This year's Commencement event will also include a special moment of thanksgiving to honour Susan Mary Withycombe, who is marking 50 years of service to St Mark's National Theological Centre. Across five decades, Susan has made an extraordinary contribution to theological education and the life of the College through her teaching, scholarship, and faithful commitment.

Please join us to take this opportunity to recognise her legacy of Christian service and to give thanks for the remarkable gift she has been to generations of students and colleagues.



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 Starts March 2, 2026

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**NEW BOOKS**

*Are you interested in deepening your spiritual life or enriching your service?*

*Do you need resources to prepare sermons or for Bible study?*

*Have you considered joining St Mark's Theological Library?*

We have a number of community membership options including a standard paid public membership, through to a free membership for clergy members of the Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

Community members may borrow an unlimited number of print books for four weeks and renew them if no one else is waiting. Community members have access to our study spaces and journals, as well as on-campus internet access. Alas, no access to eBooks, online journals or inter-library loans is possible.



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## Two foundation subjects available for audit in 2026

St Mark's is pleased to offer two foundation subjects for audit in the first session of 2026. Both subjects provide an excellent opportunity for those seeking to deepen their knowledge of the Bible and Christian history, without the pressure of assessment. Auditing students participate fully in classes (in-person or online) but are not required to complete essays or exams. Both subjects are available for audit at \$400 per subject.

### Early Church History

 **Thursdays**  **2-5pm**

Join historian Dr Michael Gladwin on Thursdays (2-5pm) to explore the dramatic story of the most influential early church during its formative first 500 years, from the Apostolic Fathers through to the defining councils of Nicaea (AD 325) and Chalcedon (AD 451).



### Introduction to Old Testament Studies

 **Mondays**  **5:30-8:30pm**

Dr Amy Erickson introduces students to the contents of the Old Testament (Hebrew Bible) and the basic scholarly tools used in Old Testament studies.

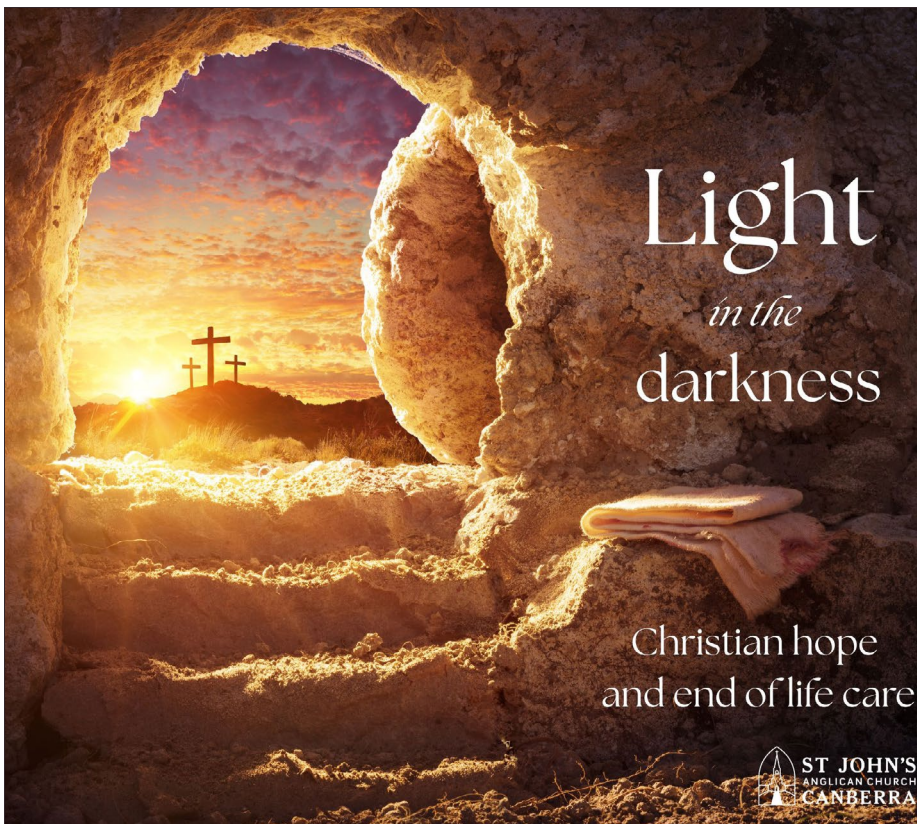
This foundational subject surveys the formation of the Old Testament canon while focusing on selected texts from the Torah (Pentateuch), Prophets, Writings and Apocrypha. Students will develop skills in exegesis and interpretation, exploring diverse literary genres including Hebrew narrative, poetry and rhetoric.

Particular attention is given to issues of oral and textual transmission, historical and geographical context, and theological perspectives within the Old Testament.



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# Upcoming EVENTS



## Light *in the* darkness

Christian hope  
and end of life care

ST JOHN'S  
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### Light in the Darkness: Christian hope and end of life care.

With 'voluntary assisted dying' (VAD) now implemented in the ACT, there's still room for care shaped by the hope of the resurrection.

At this half-day conference, Professor Megan Best, an expert in palliative care, will address the impact of VAD for carers and patients.

We will also hear some Christian thinking about suffering and death.

Program details and bookings are essential at [www.trybooking.com/DHUQY](http://www.trybooking.com/DHUQY) (or via the QR code). \$46 per head.



#### EVENT DETAILS



Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February



St John's Anglican Church Hall  
45 Constitution Ave, Reid  
parking onsite or Amaroo St



9.30am–3.00pm

## Order of St Luke Healing Ministries (OSL)

### Monthly Meetings 2026

Monthly meetings are held every second Tuesday of the month.  
**All Welcome.**

Time: **2pm to 3pm**

Venue: **St David's Anglican Church**  
Cnr La Perouse & Fortitude  
Streets Red Hill ACT

Enquiries: **Fr John Gibson Chaplain**  
OSL Canberra Chapter  
[gibsonjohn385@gmail.com](mailto:gibsonjohn385@gmail.com)  
0451 681 118

Healing Services to be advised.

- **March 10**
- **April 14**
- **May 12**
- **June 9**
- **July 14**
- **August 11**
- **September 8**
- **October 13**
- **November 10**
- **December 8**

## World Day of Prayer Service

Everyone is welcome!



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

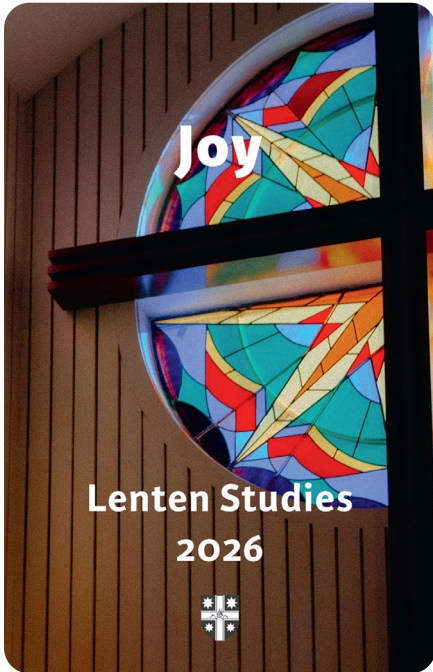


11am



St Mary in the Valley  
17 Webber Cres, Calwell

For more information, please contact Chris Robey at [paul.robey3@gmail.com](mailto:paul.robey3@gmail.com).



Joy Lenten Studies 2026 provides a study of joy, helping us to navigate the Lenten period of penitence and preparation for Easter. Christians ought to be people of joy. Joy because we are grounded in gospel grace, in Christ, in an assured destiny with God. Joy, because through Christian joy, others may be attracted to our glorious God.

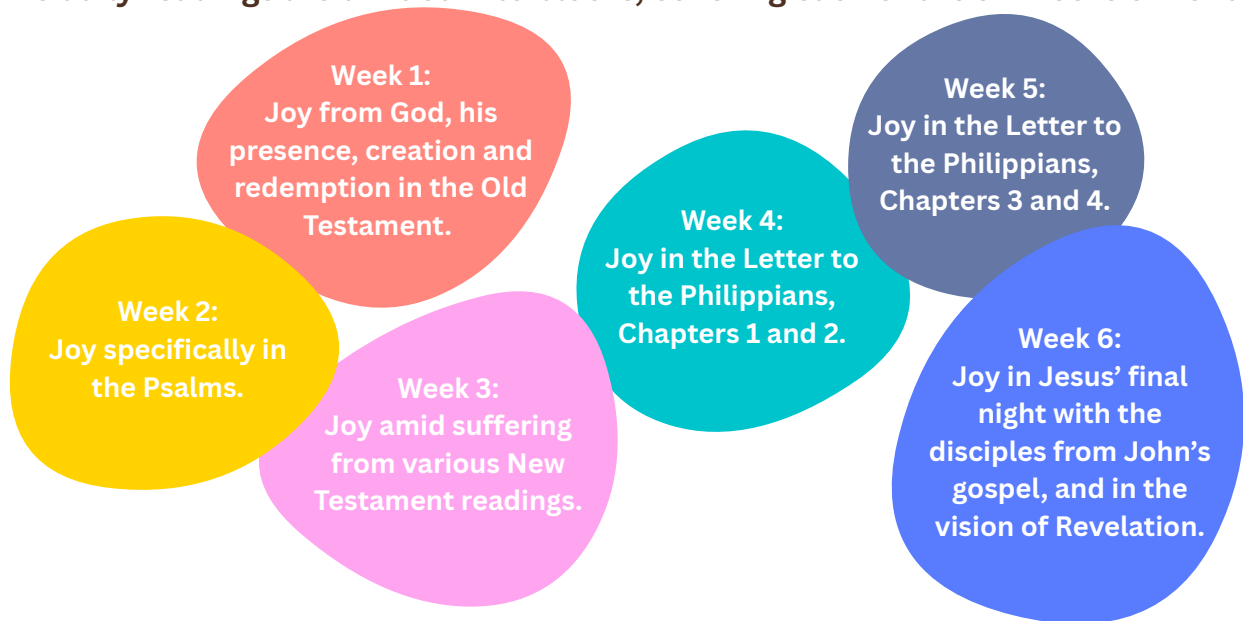


The daily readings cover Joy from God, his presence, creation and redemption in the Old Testament. Joy specifically in the Psalms. Joy amid suffering from various New Testament readings. Joy in the Letter to the Philippians, over two weeks, and covering the whole letter. We recognise not every passage in Philippians speaks of joy, but joy permeates the letter and provides its essential context, as Paul writes from prison. Finally, Holy Week picks up Jesus' final night speaking with the disciples on the theme of joy, and looking ahead to the vision of the Book of Revelation for its climactic joy.

- Edited by Bishop Paul Barker.

**Daily reflections for Lent 2026,  
with weekly group discussion questions, on the theme of Joy.**

The daily readings are divided into blocks, covering each of the six weeks of Lent.



Each daily reading is supplemented by comments from one of our Anglican Bishops as well as a reflection to encourage personal contemplation.

Each week's study is concluded with discussion questions – framed around the relevant readings – which can be adapted to suit individual groups, allowing for creativity and relevance in discussions, song and prayer.



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# BRAIDWOOD CONCERT SERIES'

## 2026 Summer/Autumn Program

*Braidwood Concert Series* starts its 11<sup>th</sup> year of delivering great live music with a cracker of a 2026 Summer/Autumn program.

You won't want to miss these concerts and if you live in the Braidwood region, you would have receive a flyer in the post late January with all the details. However, we do love to encourage people from further afield – Bungendore, Queanbeyan, Batemans Bay and Canberra – to venture out to our lovely village and make it a day out in Braidwood with great food, lovely historic buildings, interesting shops and terrific afternoon concerts! *Braidwood Concert Series* uses two venues – St Andrew's Anglican Church, 47 Elrington St and Braidwood Uniting Church, 68 Monkitee St – both of which have excellent acoustics.

The 2026 program kicked off with the return of the ever-popular **Chamber Philharmonia Cologne** (pictured below) after a two-year absence. The revitalised ensemble was led by Sergey Didorenko (violin) and Dmitriy Gornowskij (cello), with baritone Jaime Roda. They performed classical selections from Mozart's *Don Giovanni* opera, Tchaikovsky, Paganini and Vivaldi. Thank you to all who attended this event.




Internationally renowned **Eishan Ensemble** is undertaking a national tour to celebrate their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Braidwood is 3<sup>rd</sup> on the tour venues.


This is a real coup for *Braidwood Concert Series* and not to be missed! Led by Iranian-Australian tar virtuoso and composer Hamed Sadeghi, the ARIA-nominated ensemble weaves Persian classical music with contemporary jazz and cinematic improvisation, creating a sound both deeply rooted and boldly modern. Joined by Michael Avgenicos (saxophone), Adem Yilmaz (percussion), and Maximillian Alduca (double bass), *Eishan Ensemble* has developed a distinctive and emotive musical language shaped by the diverse backgrounds and artistry of its members. This special anniversary tour offers audiences an intimate, moving, and resonant musical experience.

Tickets can be booked online or on sale at the door from 2.30pm: \$45 adult, \$40 concession, under 18s free.

For further information, please contact the Concert Co-ordinator, Anne Sanders: artwork123@icloud.com.

### Eishan Ensemble

 Sunday 8 March | 3pm

 St Andrew's Anglican Church,  
Braidwood, NSW

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**AUSTRALIAN TOUR 2026**

- 6 Mar Sydney
- 7 Mar Kiama
- 8 Mar Braidwood
- 13 Mar Coffs Harbour
- 14 Mar Wauchope
- 15 Mar Lake Macquarie

 Ticket:  
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Our third concert features two outstanding performers, both post-graduates of The Juilliard School, New York and esteemed teachers at ANU School of Music; **Edward Neeman** (piano) and **Rachel Johnston** (cello).

You are invited to an afternoon of romantic and rebellious music for cello and piano, bringing two of the repertoire's most beloved sonatas: Dmitri Shostakovich's Sonata no. 1 in D minor and Johannes Brahms' Sonata for Cello and Piano in E minor. Both sonatas explore themes of love and loss, duty and freedom, as well as the role of artistic expression in times of political oppression. Their beautiful melodies and turbulent character have seen them become audience favourites as well as defining works in the history of this instrumental combination.

Tickets can be booked online or on sale at the door from 2.30pm: \$35 adult, \$30 concession, under 18s free.

**Tommaso Girotto**, a young classical guitar-playing phenomenon who launched our 2025 Summer season, is returning to Braidwood by popular demand! Tommaso brings a wonderfully diverse program and this is one you don't want to miss, performing works by Bach, Sculthorpe, Crivici, Takemitsu, Albeniz and Dean.

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For our final concert in this 2026 Autumn program, we welcome back to Braidwood one of the most versatile and dynamic ensembles working in Australia today. **Phoenix Collective Quartet** are known for their eclectic and adventurous programming, effortlessly interweaving string quartet classics with contemporary and popular genres. In this concert Phoenix Collective will perform Hisaishi's String Quartet, a work they premiered in Australia with the composer's permission in 2023. Selections from some of Hisaishi's most-loved anime scores will complete a program full of quirky fun and discovery.

Tickets can be booked online or on sale at the door from 1.30pm: \$45 adult, \$40 concession, under 18s free.

We thank all the music lovers who have supported our program over more than 10 years. We could not continue to present live music and support great musicians in our beautiful regional venues without your ongoing support.

**We look forward to welcoming you to one or all of our concerts this year.**

### Edward Neeman & Rachel Johnston

📅 Saturday 28 March 2026 | 3pm

📍 St Andrew's Anglican Church, Braidwood, NSW

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### Tommaso Girotto

📅 Sunday 19 April 2026 | 3pm

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📅 Sunday 3 May 2026 | 3pm

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