

Diocesan Update

Anglican Diocese of Bendigo

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SPECIAL EDITION

Dear Friends,

I write to share with you some pieces of good news.

The first is that Archdeacon Elizabeth Dyke from the Diocese of Canberra-Goulburn has accepted my invitation to be the next Dean of St Paul's Cathedral.

Elizabeth is originally from the United Kingdom and has extensive experience in ministry, having been ordained in 1994 in the Diocese of Oxford and holding a number of positions in the UK before moving to Australia in 2009 to the Diocese of Adelaide.

Since 2014, Elizabeth has been the Rector of Queanbeyan and District Anglican Church in the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn as well as being Archdeacon of the Queanbeyan, Monaro and Alpine Region. Elizabeth will bring many gifts to the diocese and the ministry at the Cathedral, particularly her understanding of the breadth of Anglican expressions of life and worship, and skill in mentoring and growing the ministry capacity of others. I am looking forward to seeing the life and ministry of the Cathedral Parish flourish under her care, and welcoming Elizabeth as a member of the diocesan leadership team.



Elizabeth and her husband Peter, a respected Psychotherapist who is also a Priest with a passion for community work and chaplaincy, will move to Bendigo prior to her commencing at the Cathedral on Monday, 14 May. Elizabeth will be installed as Dean at the Synod service to be held in St Paul's Cathedral on Saturday, 26 May.

Please pray for Elizabeth and Peter as they prepare to come to Bendigo, and for the congregations of St Paul's Cathedral during this time of transition. I'd also like to thank Bishop John Noble and the Rev'd Roger Rich for ably ministering and caring for the parishioners at the Cathedral following the departure of Bishop designate John Roundhill.

My second piece of news I have to share is that I will be appointing Archdeacon Greg Harris as Vicar General.

The Vicar General supports the bishop in the running of the diocese and by attending to a range of diocesan matters in the Bishop's absence (such as leave or illness). I am sure that you will share my confidence that in Greg the diocese will be in safe hands should I be away for any period of time.

Greg has been the Archdeacon of Bendigo since 2011 and a member of the Senior Leadership Team, Diocesan Executive and Bishop in Council for some years. During this time Greg has always ably and willingly contributed to the administrative needs of the diocese when called upon, particularly in the development and implementation of the Diocesan Strategic Plan, establishing a process to review the tenure of the bishop and the development of various diocesan policies.

I know Greg's contributions are greatly valued by his colleagues in ministry, the Registry staff and the wider diocesan family and I'm pleased to be able to recognise Greg's leadership in this way.

Greg will also be formally recognised as Vicar General at Synod in May, but in the meantime please pray for him as he takes on this responsibility.

Your servant in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt".

The Rt Rev'd Dr Matt Brain
Bishop of Bendigo