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# Bishop Mark's Reflection

## *2026 Easter Message*

**From the first Easter until now the message of the cross has spoken powerfully across languages and cultures.**

The Bible tells us that the Roman Governor Pilate ordered Jesus to be executed with a sign that read *"This is the King of the Jews"*. The message was written in Hebrew, the language of the locals, Latin, the language of their conquerors and in Greek, the language of global commerce and culture. Pilate meant it as a mockery directed both at Jesus and his fellow Jews. But it disclosed a profound truth. Jesus died both in solidarity with His own people and for the sake of all the peoples of the world.

Last year I visited the suburban church where I first came to trust in Christ as a teenager. A lot has changed in those forty or so years. Red-tiled houses on quarter-acre blocks have been replaced by townhouses and multi-storey developments. What was once a working-class Anglo and southern European community is now home to many people from the Asian sub-continent. The Chinese and Australian meals of memory have given way to desi food and culture.

My childhood church is still part of that rich local life. A little smaller but much more culturally diverse than I remember it and more representative of its community. Some individuals and couples who mentored me in my younger years continue to live and worship there, because they love their neighbours and their neighbourhood and are convinced that the Risen Lord Jesus does as well. I continue to thank God for their witness. Grounded in the knowledge that through Jesus, God has forgiven them and gifted them new life they are free to engage the changing world around them with hope and with hospitality.

At a time when change can feel rapid and unsettling and social cohesion is under pressure there is no word more worthy of our attention and trust than the message of the cross.

**With prayers and blessings,**

*Bishop Mark*

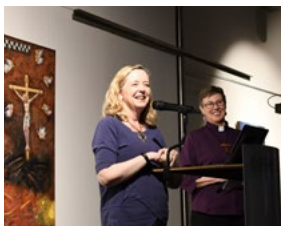


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*Pictured: Rev'd Dr Guerin Tueno*

### *Timothy Lowth*



Timothy is married to Naomi, and they have two beautiful children, Samuel & Eden. Both Tim and Naomi were involved in university student ministry in Wollongong for two years, after which Tim went on to study at Moore Theological College in Sydney for four years, before moving to Goulburn at the start of 2025 to love and serve the saints at St Nicholas' Anglican Church.

After growing up hearing the gospel at home and attending church and youth group for many years, it wasn't until his time at university when he really began to grasp the life-changing reality and weight of God's good news about his Son: not merely a 'free ticket to

heaven' to keep in the back-pocket until death, but God in his grace, opened Tim's eyes to see the supreme authority of his living Word over all of life. He showed him the claim that the risen and reigning Lord Jesus has over everyone and everything—that all of life, in its goodness and badness, belongs to the Lord Jesus and him alone.

Tim is passionate about helping people read and understand the Bible for themselves, to come alongside them in their journey, just as many godly and faithful sisters and brothers have come alongside him in his. He delights to help people see with their own eyes, and treasure in their own hearts, the overwhelming beauty of the gospel—that salvation comes only as God's free gift of grace by trust in Christ alone: the same Christ who died, who rose, and one day will return in judgment—and to help people see the implications for each one of us.



## Duncan Sherman



Duncan is married to Jan, and they have two adult daughters, Katrina and Natasha.

Born and raised in Melbourne, Duncan finished his schooling there before joining the Army. He entered the Defence Academy in 1990, completing a BA majoring in History and Politics, before finishing his military training at RMC Duntroon. Duncan graduated

into Ordnance Corps in December 1993. He and Jan have lived and worked across Australia from Melbourne in the South, to Darwin in the North and West, and Brisbane in the East. Duncan's military service has included operational service in Bougainville, Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Middle East.

Duncan grew up in a Christian home and remembers committing his life to Jesus on a Boys Brigade camp in 1981. It was through the ministry of the Navigators at the Defence Academy that Duncan really grew and deepened his faith in Christ. Through all his many postings, Duncan and Jan ended up being part of many churches and serving in a wide variety of ways including leading Growth Groups, teaching Children's Church, and serving on several Parish Councils. Duncan and Jan found that it was the community that church offered, a physical manifestation of God's love, and the body of Christ in this present "now and not yet" kingdom of God that really helped them survive, stay grounded, and thrive.

On promotion to Colonel, Duncan considered how he should serve for the rest of his life. Through prayerful searching and exploration, he felt called to ordained ministry. He started theological studies at Ridley, later transferring to St Mark's. Throughout he has increasingly felt God's call to parish ministry, to help foster and build communities that love God, love each other and their wider community, and grow disciples of Jesus.

## Michael Oborn



Michael Oborn was born in Queensland in 1973, and he joined the Royal Australian Navy, through the Australian Defence Force Academy in 1991. He trained as a Maritime Warfare Officer before specialising as a Mine Warfare and Clearance Diving Officer.

Michael served at sea in a wide variety of ships and in Clearance Diving Teams before commanding HMAS Betano in 2004-2005 and HMAS Sirius in 2016-2017. He was Executive Officer of HMAS Cerberus in 2012-2014 and later Commanding Officer from 2018-2020. He went on to become the Force Commander for the Australian Navy's Shore Force in 2021-2022. He also held staff appointments in the Office of Chief of Navy, Navy Headquarters, the Minewarfare and Clearance Diving Group and Navy Capability Division.

Michael completed a Bachelor of Science at ADFA through the University of NSW in 1993, a Master of Arts in Defence Studies through Kings College London in 2009 and is currently studying a Master of Arts in Theology at St Mark's National Theological Centre through Charles Sturt University. Michael is seeking ordination as an Anglican Priest and subsequent appointment as a Chaplain in the Navy.

Michael is happily married to Jill, a teacher, and they have two adult children, Luke and Kate. A St Kilda AFL tragic, he enjoys keeping fit, motor sports, and tinkering with his Austin Healey Bugeye Sprite.



# A Lecture & Conversation with Dr Paula Gooder

Written by Bishop Vanessa Bennett



The Women in Leadership Commission was delighted to welcome world renown Pauline scholar, theologian and author, Dr Paula Gooder, to the diocese to give a public lecture at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture on 19 March and engage in a public conversation over breakfast on 21 March.

Paula is currently in Australia on a writing Sabbatical and returns to the UK after Easter. She serves as Canon Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral in London, the first lay person to do so. In that role she helps shape the cathedral's theological life, teaching and public engagement, bringing deep biblical scholarship into conversation with the questions of contemporary faith and leadership.

Around 140 people gathered for the lecture and almost 80 for the breakfast. Paula shared from her scholarship on the topic '*Lives, Leadership and Legacy: Women in the Earliest Christian Communities*'.

At the lecture, Paula began by addressing some misconceptions surrounding the apostle Paul and women in the New Testament. She encouraged us to notice women in the Bible and then provided an overview of a number of women who were leaders in Pauline communities and co-workers with Paul. Such women included Nympha, Lydia, Euodia, Syntyche, Mary, Tryphaena and Tryphosa, and Junia, who was prominent among the apostles.

Note was also made of other women Paul mentions in his letters such as Chloe, Eunice and Lois, mother of Rufus, Julia and Nereus' sister.

Focus was particularly given to Prisca and Phoebe.

Only once is Aquila mentioned before his wife Prisca. Each time after that Prisca (or Priscilla) is mentioned first, which goes against convention. It is like addressing an envelope 'Mrs and Mr' rather than the conventional 'Mr and Mrs'. It indicates the prominent position of Prisca who was a co-worker with Paul, taught Apollos the fuller truth of the gospel, and had a key role in a few Gentile churches.

Then there is Phoebe whom Paul commends to the church in Rome. Scholars widely believe she was not simply the person delivering the letter—she may well have been the first interpreter of Romans, reading it aloud and explaining it to the gathered community. In other words, Phoebe may have been the very first person to teach the theology of one of the most significant letters Paul wrote.

Paula's engaging style, scholarship, humour and willingness to answer questions had both audiences captivated with the feeling we could have listened to her for hours. She is a prolific writer in a range of genres from biblical and theological texts to historical novels. I commend her books to you.

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We ask this in his Holy Name.

**AMEN**

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## A New Era for the Parish of Wanniasa

*Written by Tom Christensen, Parish Member of the Clergy Appointments Board, St Matthew's Anglican Church Wanniasa*

**In a special service held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February, the Reverend Joshua Kuswadi was inducted by Bishop Mark Short as the eighth (8) rector of the St Matthew's Wanniasa, which is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2026. Prior to his move to Canberra, Joshua served for 12 years in the Diocese of the Northern Territory as the Rector of St Peter's Nightcliff in Darwin.**

The induction came as the capstone to a rigorous appointments process, overseen by Archdeacon Jonathan Holt. The parish members of the Clergy Appointments Board (CAB) (including this article's author) had numerous phone calls and emails with Joshua, which led to him and his family being flown to Canberra to be interviewed by the full CAB (three representatives from the Parish, as well as three CAB representatives appointed by the Diocese) and meet the staff team. After the interview the CAB was deeply impressed with Joshua's character and thoughtfulness and unanimously voted to recommend that Bishop Mark appoint him to be our next Rector.

The Parish of Wanniasa had been persistent in prayer for a new Rector since the Reverend Ian Powell's retirement in late 2024. Many members of the congregation came out to warmly welcome Joshua, his wife Joanna and his children Tom, Sophie, and Christian.

The service was a fitting celebration of Joshua's past and continuing ministry. He was escorted in by Lorna Brunton, a longstanding parishioner in Nightcliff, and the Bishop of the Northern Territory, Greg Anderson gave the sermon. He preached from 2 Timothy, on the trustworthiness of the Word of God, and the call of a gospel minister to faithfully preach that Word.



*Pictured: New Rector, Reverend Joshua Kuswadi & his family*

Joshua was then formally welcomed by the churchwardens, David Smith MP (Federal Member for the electorate of Bean), Paul Owen (Senior Pastor of Stromlo Christian Church) and the Reverend Gus Robinson (Area Dean of South Canberra and Queanbeyan), with many clergy from the Diocese and beyond and ministers from other denominations also present.

Joshua commented that his

*“hope and prayer is that St Matthew’s continue to hold out the good news of Jesus to those who do not yet know his love, and to encourage each other to grow in maturity and Christ-likeness”.*



The induction comes at an exciting moment in the parish’s history as the Parish hosts a number of ‘Jubilee’ events throughout 2026, to commemorate 50 years since the Parish’s first service was held in 1976. The events will help our church to reflect on God’s great faithfulness in the past and to expectantly pray for His continued faithfulness into the future.

We also hope these events will create many opportunities to share the good news of Jesus’ sacrificial death and life-giving resurrection with many in our community who have yet to receive the forgiveness and life only Jesus can offer.



## Clergy News

### Licensed Clergy

- † **The Reverend Peter Kuot** was licensed as Chaplain to the South Sudanese Anglican Ministry and Chaplain to The Canberra Hospital, University of Canberra Hospital and Goulburn Hospital on 5 March 2026.
- † **The Reverend Christopher Lewis** was licensed as Associate Minister, Jamison Parish, with Responsibility for Children’s Ministry (part-time), from 15 March 2026 (and continues as Chaplain to Canberra Girls Gramma School).
- † **The Reverend Timothy Lowth** was licensed as Deacon, Parish of North Goulburn, on 28 February 2026.
- † **The Reverend Bilkis Malek** was licensed as Assistant Priest, Parish of O’Connor, from 1 March 2026.
- † **The Reverend Michael Oborn** was licensed as Deacon, Queanbeyan and District Anglican Church, on 28 February 2026.
- † **The Reverend Duncan Sherman** was licensed as Deacon, Parish of Gungahlin on 28 February 2026.
- † **The Venerable Dr Guerin Tueno** was licensed as Diocesan Archdeacon on 28 February 2026.

### Authority to Officiate

- † **The Reverend Pamela Phillips** had her Authority to Officiate renewed for three (3) years on 5 March 2026.
- † **The Reverend Gillian Varcoe** had her Authority to Officiate renewed for three (3) years on 5 March 2026.

### Resignations

- † **The Reverend Gayl Mills** has resigned as Principal Chaplain to the Australian Federal Police after 31 March 2026 (from which point she will be on leave before retiring).

# New Beginnings for Embracing Ministries

Written by Clive Rodger, Embracing Ministries Board Chair



Pictured: EM Commissioning Service

**At noon on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February, Bishop Mark commissioned Embracing Ministries new Director, Mrs Kelly Wood, all staff and the Board in the beautiful chapel at St Mark's National Theological Centre.**

St Mark's is now the new home for Embracing Ministries (EM). After being itinerant for more than a decade Embracing Ministries now has its headquarters at St Marks. We have ensured that the meetings we hold are disability accessible.

Kelly Wood, EM's new Director, has considerable lived experience with disability having two special needs boys. Her background is in banking, running a professional practice with considerable IT expertise. Kelly has had a long and significant association with EM. Her husband, Chris, is the longest serving member on our Board. Kelly is pastoral, a very competent organiser and most importantly a person of deep faith and conviction that she is loved by a huge God capable of doing amazing things.



Pictured: New EM Director, Mrs Kelly Wood

Other staff commissioned were:

- Brianna Hays Evans, our communications and admin wizard;
- Dominica Lorrimer, our pastoral care provider;
- Hannah Newcombe, EM's Youth Coordinator; and
- Brent Smith, EM's Checkpoint Coordinator (honary).

The Board that were commissioned are:

- Clive Rodger Chair
- Rev Dr Bili Malek Deputy Chair
- Chris Wood Treasurer
- Andy Gordon
- Rev Phil Rademaker
- Rev Dr Wayne Brighton

This year EM will be working with churches to assist them in being places that are accessible, welcoming and places of belonging for people with disability. Many people we appreciate don't know how to relate to people with disability. They feel cautious that they may say the wrong thing. EM's training programs help to equip church champions to create the appropriate environment for people with disability to flourish in a church.

We look forward to churches being places of belonging for people with disability. By that we mean places where people with disability are recognised, respected, valued, missed when not there and are participating in leadership according to their gifts. Jesus identified very much with the disabled. He saw them having a special place in God's kingdom. We want to see them have a special place in our churches.

Embracing Ministries has a new website. Please take a look to see the amazing range of activities we offer.



[WWW.EMBRACINGMINISTRIES.ORG](http://WWW.EMBRACINGMINISTRIES.ORG)

# World Day of Prayer at St Mary in the Valley

Written by Chris Robey



**A special World Day of Prayer was held at St Mary in the Valley, Calwell on Friday 6 March, bringing together the community for a thoughtful and uplifting service centered on Nigeria, with particular focus on the experiences of women.**

The service was enriched by beautiful music and hymns, creating a reflective and inspiring atmosphere. Stories shared throughout the service offered powerful insight into the lives of women in Nigeria, reminding us of the many blessings we experience here in Australia.

Our guest speaker, a former High Commissioner to Nigeria, delivered an engaging and informative presentation with accompanying slides.

A highlight of the day was the unexpected attendance of a Nigerian family visiting Australia, adding a meaningful and personal connection to the service. Following the service, we were also delighted to welcome Bishop Vanessa to a light lunch, where we enjoyed time connecting with our visitors.



*Pictured: Nigerian family visiting Australia & guest speaker*

# Anglican Historical Society Annual Exursion

**The Anglican Historical Society invites members and friends to this year's annual excursion to Bathurst, taking place over the weekend of 11–12 April 2026.**

The program will include visits to several historic Anglican sites, guided tours, worship at All Saint's Cathedral, and opportunities for fellowship along the way. Travellers will journey through regional NSW with stops at significant churches and heritage locations. This is a pay-your-own-way excursion, and participants are asked to arrange their own accommodation in Bathurst. Attendees are welcome to join for all or part of the weekend.

RSVP by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026.

For further details and to RSVP, please contact Canon Anne Wentzel at [annewentzel42@gmail.com](mailto:annewentzel42@gmail.com).





*Pictured: Kairos Outside, Canberra October 2025*

## Hope in the Hardest Places:

### Kairos Prison Ministry Australia expands into new regions and maximum-security facilities

*Supplied by Elisabeth Carter, Crossbeam Communications (on behalf of Kairos Prison Ministry)*

**After years of uncertainty following COVID-19 lockdowns that limited access to prisons nationwide, Kairos Prison Ministry Australia is now experiencing its strongest season in decades – expanding programs, opening doors in new regions, and preparing to take the transformative gospel message into maximum-security correctional facilities across the country.**

The past three (3) years have borne significant growth for Kairos, which last year celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Australia. In 2025 alone, the ministry delivered 24 Kairos programs, touching the lives of more than 334 participants through Kairos Inside, for current inmates, and Kairos Outside, for women with a loved one in prison.

Looking ahead in 2026, Kairos expects to run at least 28 programs, with further growth anticipated beyond that.

With nearly 50,000 people currently imprisoned in Australia, an increase of over 10,000 in the past 10 years (source: Australian Bureau of Statistics 'Prisoners in Australia' data release, June 2025), the need has never been greater for a ministry that reaches this population with compassion, unconditional love and unrelenting hope.

The Kairos expansion signals renewed access, deepening partnerships with corrective services, and an increasing recognition that spiritual care matters – even, and especially, in the most challenging prison environments.

## Opening doors where few can go

One of the most significant developments for Kairos in 2026 is the possibility of expanding into maximum-security and so-called ‘supermax’ facilities. These are places where security is the tightest, prisoners are very closely guarded, and freedoms are significantly restricted. Many inmates in maximum-security units are serving life sentences for the most serious of crimes, and may never be released. They have very limited contact with the outside world.

Discussions are currently underway with several facilities to explore how Kairos Inside programs can be safely and effectively delivered. If approved, these programs would allow Kairos teams to bring the gospel into spaces where access is tightly restricted and opportunities for Christian ministry are exceedingly rare. In fact, in some of these facilities, rehabilitation programs of any sort are almost non-existent.

*“Maximum security units are environments where hope can feel almost impossible,”*

says Colin Stiller, Chair of Kairos Prison Ministry Australia.

*“The people incarcerated in these facilities may never again have earthly freedom, or the chance to rebuild their lives. But in such situations, the message of the gospel offers new identity, freedom from guilt and shame, and eternal hope in Christ.”*



Pictured: Goulburn Cross Ceremony



Pictured: Goulburn Team

## Strong growth across states

The growth of Kairos is being seen nationwide, with New South Wales leading the way. Regional NSW currently hosts over 80% of all Kairos Inside and Kairos Outside programs in Australia.

A particularly significant breakthrough has occurred on the NSW South Coast, where after more than 10 years of prayer, doors have opened to deliver Kairos programs at the South Coast Correctional Facility in Nowra. Two (2) programs are planned for 2026, with four (4) expected in 2027. At the same time, opportunities are being explored to introduce programs in Bathurst and Wellington, as well as to expand the number of programs in existing facilities across country NSW.

In Queensland, Kairos is preparing for growth on multiple fronts. Plans are underway to run Kairos Inside programs in at least one new facility, alongside three (3) Kairos Outside programs to support women impacted by incarceration. Further opportunities are also emerging in South Australia, where new facilities are being explored, and in Western Australia, where teams will be conducting two Kairos Outside programs in Perth in 2026.

## Volunteers at the heart

Kairos’ growth is made possible almost entirely through Christian volunteers giving of their time and energy to plan, prepare and run programs. As programs expand, the need for trained volunteers is increasing sharply, particularly in regional areas. For example, to sustain its expansion, Kairos is seeking to double its volunteer base in Queensland, particularly to serve Southern Queensland, North Queensland, and the Wide Bay-Capricorn region.

*“Kairos is one of those ministries many Christians care deeply about once they hear the story, but they may not know how much growth and opportunity is happening right now”*

says Kairos Chair Colin Stiller.

*“Getting involved gives you a front-row seat to what God is doing in the most challenging places. His Spirit is moving without any hindrance from the bars and locks!”*

Kairos invites those interested in volunteering to support the expansion of ministry to visit their website [www.kairos.org.au](http://www.kairos.org.au) to find out more and download the **Volunteer Get Involved Pack.**

# Upcoming EVENTS



**SUNDAY MARCH 29 – 5PM**

**What happens when a community is given space to tell its own story?**

Proudly presented by the Canberra Choral Society, as part of the UPSTAGEING Canberra festival, 'Our Stories' is an exciting choral event that places storytelling at the centre of choral music.

Directed by Dan Walker, CCS Music Director, featuring the CCS choir, soloists Rachel Mink, Soprano, and Alasdair Stretch, Baritone, and a string quartet and piano, 'Our Stories' is about lived experience, bringing together voices from across generations to explore memory, identity, belonging, and what it means to be heard.

This heartwarming and creative event is about connection, about listening and finding something of your own story in the music.

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## KYRIE ELEISON

Destruction and beauty, in icons and frescoes  
Exhibition by Michael Galovic



The works in this exhibition were initially inspired by the September 11 event, but transcend a single event to refer to all destruction to our fellow humans. Juxtaposition is used as a main element, with there sometimes being two or even three focal points, and the destruction portrayed alongside the medieval solemn beauty of icons and frescoes.

This innate tendency of humankind to destruct and self-destruct may seem devoid of hope for the future. However, the final image in the series shows a serene Christ who presides over the chaos and confusion of the cosmos, reminding us of the only stable and superior force in our lives which gives us hope.

**12 MARCH  
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## Order of St Luke Healing Ministries

### Monthly Meetings 2026

Order of St Luke Healing Ministries (OSL) 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**  
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- **April 14**
- **May 12**
- **June 9**
- **July 14**
- **August 11**
- **September 8**
- **October 13**
- **November 10**
- **December 8**

*Healing Services to be advised.*

## Prayers by Candlelight

**You are invited to Prayers by Candlelight for songs, silence, prayer and peace.**

A Christian contemplative prayer service inspired by the songs and prayers of the Taizé community.

Hosted by the Immanuel Lutheran church (37 Burnie St, Lyons) on the **third Sunday of each month at 5:30pm.**

### 2026 Dates

- 19 April
- 16 Aug
- 17 May
- 20 Sept
- 21 June
- 18 Oct
- 19 July
- 15 Nov

**All are welcome.**

Enquiries to Caroline Weller at  
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# EVIL UNLEASHED

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### SPEAKERS

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Dr Amy J. Erickson  
11am – ‘A Biblical-Theological Exploration of Evil’

Rt Rev Dr Stephen Pickard  
1.30pm – ‘Institutional and Societal Manifestations of Evil’

Rev Dr Ockert Meyer  
3.30pm – ‘Evil makes us human: The remarkable unremarkableness of Evil.’

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When we invited our community to give towards the Equipped to Lead Women’s Scholarship, you responded with extraordinary generosity. Together, the St Mark’s community raised the full \$30,000 target—and three women are now about to be supported in their theological study and growth in Christian leadership and ministry.

We would love for you to join us as we celebrate—and we have the perfect evening to do so. You are warmly invited to the launch of Dr Amy Erickson’s new book: *Sabbath Gospel: A New Narrative of Time, Rest, and the Work of the Church*.

At this event, we will announce the scholarship recipients—a fitting occasion to honour both a female theologian sharing her scholarly work, and the women you are helping to equip to pursue their own callings.

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ANZAC Way is a Veteran focussed Australian pilgrimage walking on Wiradjuri, Ngunnawal and Yuin Country. Only in its second year, ANZAC Way 26 will be conducted from 1-10 May, starts at Army Base Kapooka, passes through RAAF Base Wagga, the Australian War Memorial and ends at HMAS Creswell – from country to coast!

Wed 6 May is the pilgrimage’s *“March on Canberra”* which completes at the Australian War Memorial for the Last Post Ceremony. Please see the website for further details.

[www.anzacway.org.au](http://www.anzacway.org.au)

# BRAIDWOOD CONCERT SERIES'

## 2026 Autumn Program

*Braidwood Concert Series* 11<sup>th</sup> year of delivering great live music

We encourage people from further afield of Braidwood – 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!

Our third concert for 2026 features two (2) 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.


The fourth concert for 2026 is **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.


Tickets can be booked online or on sale at the door from 2.30pm: \$30 adult, \$25 concession, under 18s free.

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.

### Edward Neeman & Rachel Johnston

 Saturday 28 March 2026 | 3pm

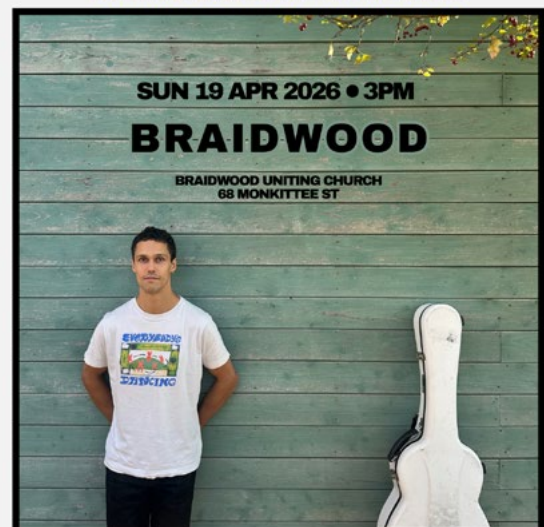
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**We look forward to welcoming you to one or all of our concerts this year.**

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



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**12-14 November 2026**  
**Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture**  
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*Do lay and ordained women leaders have a future in the church?  
How do we respond to increasingly strident calls for women to submit to male authority in church and society?  
What can we do, individually and as members of faith communities, to witness our belief in the spiritual equality and dignity of all people?*

**Keynote Speakers**

**The Rev'd Dr Karen Pack**, a religious historian whose research focuses on the agency and activism of unmarried Australian women who have been erased from religious histories. Author of *Queer Omissions: Unmarried Women and Social Justice Activism in the Church* (2025).

**The Rev'd Dr Elenie Poulos**, a public commentator on religion and politics, religion and society, social justice, and human rights in Australia. A recent article (with Cristina Rocha) is 'Saving Australia': Global populism and the rhetoric of the Australian Christian Right (Religion, State & Society, 2025).

**Dr Rosie Clare Shorter**, a feminist researcher with expertise in gender studies and sociology of religion. Author of *Complementarianism, Gender and Evangelism: Retelling Sydney Anglican Stories* (2026).

**The Rev'd Dr Robyn Whitaker**, a biblical scholar and public theologian who specialises in apocalyptic literature, gender, and (mis)use of the Bible in public and political discourse. Author of *Even the Devil Quotes Scripture: Reading the Bible on its own Terms* (2023).

## 2026 Soup & Sandwich Lunch at the Cathedral

Each year the Friends of the Cathedral organise a Soup & Sandwich lunch at the Cathedral in Goulburn to provide an opportunity for the Friends to meet socially and to raise money for the maintenance of the magnificent building and its ministry.



This year's guest speaker is Australian poet, John Foulcher, who with his wife The Reverend Jane Foulcher, live near Braidwood. John has been a teacher in NSW, Victoria and the ACT, including at Radford College and Burgmann Anglican School in Canberra before retiring in June 2016.

John's work has been widely published in newspapers and journals. He has won numerous awards including the 2022 Prime Minister's Award for Poetry and the 2019 ACU Prize for Poetry.

The Oxford Companion to Australian Literature says "*Foulcher's poetry reflects common human experiences – joy in the present, regret for the errors and omissions of the past and faith, mixed with a dash of apprehension, for the future.*"

And Geoff Page, well-known Canberra poet, says of John Foulcher's 2012 book *The Sunset Assumption* "*Foulcher has always been a subtle (and non-dogmatic) religious poet. Even to an agnostic or atheist the poems here will almost certainly evoke a powerful sense of strangeness, of something quite-conceivably real but not reducible to words.*"

If you are interested, please contact the Friends' Secretary, Leah Edge, at [edgeleah04@gmail.com](mailto:edgeleah04@gmail.com) by Friday 1 May.

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 **St Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn**

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