



Diocesan E-Bulletin

Anglican Diocese of Perth Newsletter

30 June 2026

Upcoming Events

Parish Services and Events

Christianity & 'Artificial Intelligence' - an exploration



"What even is AI?"
"Is it moral to use AI?"
"Can I turn to AI for advice?"
"Can clergy use AI to write their sermons?"
"Can I use AI to write my prayers?"

It's hard to believe that ChatGPT and other popular 'artificial intelligence' tools only came into our lives in 2022: and yet they have rapidly transformed our workplaces, our social lives, and even life at home.

But just what is AI? What are the risks and possibilities?

Christianity and 'Artificial Intelligence' - an exploration

Tuesday 30 June 2026 - 4.00pm

St Barnabas Anglican Church
40 Railway Road, Kalamunda

What is AI? What are the risks and possibilities?

Join Father Grahame Bowland for a presentation on this topic followed by an open exploration of the ramification of this technology, drawing upon the rich tradition of Christianity.



Families Connect - God Gave us Animals

Saturday 11 July 2026 - 4.00pm-6.00pm

St Andrews Anglican Church
2 Camberley Steet Thornlie

For families with children to connect with church. Come and explore this month's theme 'God gave us animals'. Join in the songs, games, craft, prayers and story. We finish with a light supper.

For more information please contact: wendysmith72@gmail.com



The Right Reverend Kate Wilmot,
Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of
Perth, will officiate at the

*Official Launch
of
Swithun's Nest*



Swithun's Nest - Spirituality in the Hills

Saturday 18 July 2026 - 12.00pm

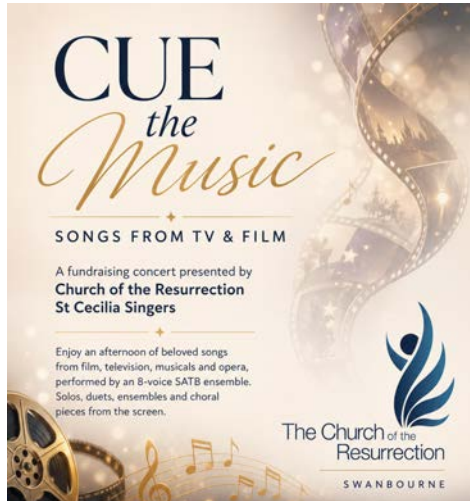
Anglican Parish of Kalamunda-Lesmurdie

St Swithun's Church

195 Lesmurdie Road, Lesmurdie

Join us for the official launch of Swithun's Nest. We will start with Holy Communion in St Swithun's Church, followed by a light lunch in the hall. For bookings please visit:

[Swithun's Nest](#) | [Kalamunda-Lesmurdie Anglicans](#)



CUE the Music - songs from TV and Film

Presented by St Cecilia Singers

Saturday 1 August 2026 - 2.00pm

Church of the Resurrection

105 Shenton Road Swanbourne

Enjoy an afternoon of beloved songs from film, television, musicals and opera, performed by an 8-voice SATB ensemble. Solos, duets, ensembles and choral pieces from the screen.

Standard - \$35 | Concession - \$25

To book now visit: trybooking.com/DMZKN

Diocesan and Other Events



Standing Together



Let's stand together to create healthy relationships and a community where everyone feels respected and safe



Standing Together is an Anglicare WA initiative offering free one-hour presentations on the signs and drivers of family & domestic violence and how as a community we can work together to prevent it.

Parish & Community Presentations

We can all support the prevention of family and domestic violence whether or not we are likely to experience violence in our own lives.

Facilitated by Anglicare WA, the Standing Together presentation provides an opportunity to grow awareness and understanding of the many forms of family and domestic violence, what drives its prevalence, and how as a community we can all participate in its prevention.

Welcoming all local community members (Over 18 years)

Monday 13 July 2026 - 12.30pm

Holy Grounds Cafe
Church House, Level 1, 3 Pier Street,
Boorloo/Perth

Saturday 18 July 2026 - 10.30am

St Basil's of Caesarea Church
118 Sommerville Blvd, Murdoch WA



COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS
WESTERN AUSTRALIA Inc.

Creating Faith Communities: Past, Present, and Future

DATE: Tuesday 14 July

TIME: 7:30 pm

VENUE: St David's Anglican Church Hall
54 Simpson Street, Ardross

RSVP by Friday 10 July to: ccjwa@aol.com



Light refreshments will be served following the event.

A seminar to look at how Christians and Jews created viable communities of believers around their respective faiths in God while living as minorities in wider society.

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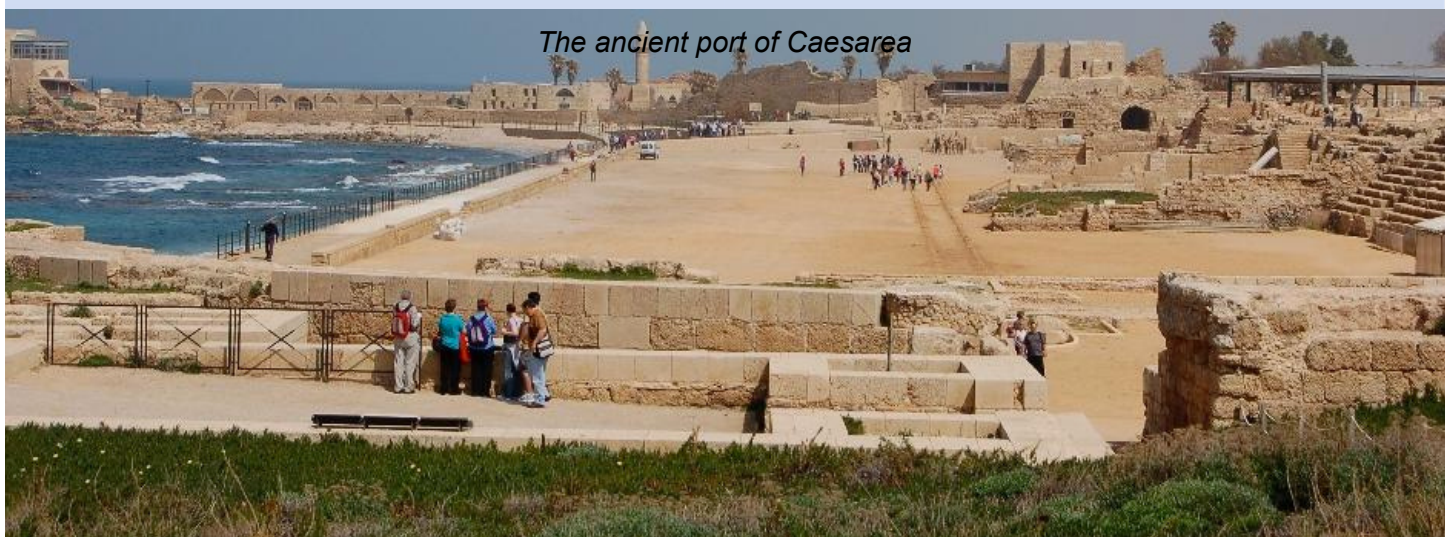
A Christian community in multi-faith Palestine Caesarea in the third century AD with Professor Rowan Strong, Emeritus Professor of Church History, Murdoch University.

PRESENT

A Jewish community in present-day Perth with Trevor Creewel, Secretary of CCJWA and member of the congregation of Temple David Synagogue.

FUTURE

Participants in the seminar discuss how these past and present Faith communities may provide initiatives for future Christian and/or Jewish communities as both faiths have to live as minorities in Western societies.



Who Is My Neighbour?

A Panel Discussion

Moderated by The Revd Bec Bydder, *Director of the Centre for Spirituality and Cathedral Missioner*



Dr Meg Warner
*Principal,
Wollaston Theological College*



A/Prof Mark Jennings
*Assistant Professor
of Religious Studies*



Professor Robyn Heckenberg
*Dean of Teaching and Learning,
Centre for Aboriginal Studies,
Curtin University*



The Revd Dr Bill Leadbetter
Cathedral Scholar

What does it mean to be a neighbour in contemporary Australia? This panel explores questions of inclusion, identity and belonging, and invites honest reflection on how we listen, speak, and disagree well.

Dr Meg Warner:	"Neighbourliness and Trauma"
Assistant Professor Mark Jennings:	"Neighbourliness and Sexuality"
Professor Robyn Heckenberg:	"Neighbourliness and the experience of Australian Aboriginal Communities"
The Reverend Dr Bill Leadbetter:	"Neighbourliness and the scandal of Christian Antisemitism"



Venue: Wollaston Theological College
Date: Saturday 1st August 2026 **Time:** 10:00am - 12:00pm



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Notices



Epray Daily App - information from Broughton Publishing

Epray Daily is now available again following recent upgrades.

Please note that the old Epray Daily app no longer works and should be deleted from your device.
The new version is accessed by visiting: <https://daily.epray.com.au>

You can then save it to your phone or tablet Home Screen so it works like an app.
A step-by-step video guide is available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-PCoMhtTkmo>



Meeting Room for Rent

St Mary Magdalene Anglican Church

113 Lysander Drive, Heathridge

Carpeted & airconditioned room available to rent suitable for meetings, study groups, tutoring, etc. Seats approximately 20-25 people. Chairs, foldable large tables, whiteboard available to use.

Contact Moira Cumberworth (Warden) for further information.

Phone: 0476401911 Email: ma.cumberworth@bigpond.com

Calling all Crocheters and Knitters!

We're looking for donations of crochet or knitted flowers

Holy Grounds 'Makers' are partnering with No Place For Poverty on

**TOGETHER
WE BLOOM**

**NO PLACE FOR
POVERTY**

Your flowers will be collated into a public art installation to help bring awareness to poverty in WA.

**holy
grounds.**

Colour palette - bright and cheerful
Drop off donations - Holy Ground Cafe - find us tucked in behind St George's Cathedral

Email for more info
connect@noplacforpoverty.org.au

www.noplacforpoverty.org.au

www.holygrounds.org.au



Holy Grounds is more than a cafe. It's a place built by the community, where connection, creativity, and great coffee come together to combat social isolation



Come along & make connections

Weekly

Mondays
10AM - 12PM

Chatty Cafe

Drop in to the Chatty Table anytime, or join our dedicated Monday session

(Drop-in)

Wednesdays
11AM - 1PM

Board at Lunch?

Meet new people over board games in a friendly space

(Drop-in)

Thursdays
11AM - 1PM

Makers

Drop in for crafting, knitting, and making, beginners welcome

(Drop-in)

Monthly

Find more free events holygrounds.org.au

3rd Tuesday
10AM - 12PM

Forget-Me-Not Memory Cafe

Connection, conversation and understanding in a relaxed space for people living with dementia and their carers

(Drop-in)

1st Friday
11AM - 1PM

Dungeons & Dragons

Step into a shared story: create a character, face challenges, and co-create an unfolding adventure

(Drop-in)

2nd Friday
11AM - 2PM

You Left Too Soon

A safe, supportive space for suicide loss conversations, facilitated by Anglicare WA

(Drop-in)

3rd Friday
VARIOUS TIMES

Art Shift

Creative art sessions for expression, connection, and wellbeing

(Please register)

Walk in the Footsteps of St Paul

16-Day Christian Pilgrimage to Türkiye



MORE INFO

Led by
**Fr. Chris
Bedding**

**16
DAYS**

11-26
October
2027

**Christian
Pilgrimage**

AUD \$ 7,495
Per pilgrim in Twin
or Double Room

AUD \$ 1,995
Single Room
Supplement

☎ 0493 189 696 ☎ 1300 74 54 74

trips.christianpilgrimage.com.au

Vacant Position - Chaplain

Frederick Irwin Anglican School



A rare and exciting opportunity exists for a compassionate and committed Anglican School Chaplain to join our co-educational Kindergarten to Year 12 School across our Meadow Springs and Halls Head Campuses

If you are passionate about pastoral care, spiritual leadership and community engagement, we would love to hear from you

Find out more: [Chaplain - Frederick Irwin Anglican School](#)



2026 Diocesan Clergy Retreat Program

The dates for the 2026 Diocesan Clergy Retreat Program have been set. This year's program offers a residential retreat at New Norcia and four Quiet Days

For further information and to register, please refer to the Registration Form at [2026 Clergy Retreat Registration Form](#)

Any queries, please contact Melanie Hare at mhare@perth.anglican.org

These retreats are for clergy only

SAFE MINISTRY UPDATE

Announcement: Safe Ministry Training Refresher

Refresher training is now available for those people who need to renew their training. As a reminder, completion of Safe Ministry Training is required every three years.

If you are due to renew your Safe Ministry Training, you can now use the below refresher training links. If you are unsure, please contact Safe Ministry and Yvonne will be able to assist.



Level 1 Refresher: https://etraining.safercommunities.net.au/enroll/3398778?th_u=513118b9

Level 2 Refresher: https://etraining.safercommunities.net.au/enroll/3398768?th_u=0d056dee

Parish Screening Reports: We have listened to your feedback

Reports are coming out later in July and we have listened to your feedback - Reports will now be provided in Excel!

Tip: Please note the importance of ensuring the validity of the information so we ask you do not edit or sort the document. The official version of information is still what we have in Safe Ministry.

If you have any outstanding Safe Ministry requirements, please ensure all documents are received via the screenings email no later than **Friday 10 July 2026**

NAIDOC Week - 50 Years Deadly

For five decades, NAIDOC Week has celebrated the voices of our communities - steady, unapologetic, and proud. Each year, its themes have called for truth, celebrated culture, honoured resistance, and reminded the nation of who we are.



Fifty Years of Deadly marks a milestone. It's a tribute to the people who built this movement, the Elders who stood firm, the organisers who made space, the artists who turned resistance into expression, and the communities who keep showing up, year after year.

This NAIDOC Week, we reflect on and recognise this incredible milestone, honouring the past while continuing to walk alongside Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people into the future. For more information and resources, visit: <https://www.naidoc.org.au/>

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Closing date for submissions is by **COB Friday the week prior.**

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