

## A message from Bishop Richard



### Greetings!

This brochure introduces you to our sense of purpose in serving the people of Gippsland, as Christians who are part of the Anglican Church of Australia.

We are a 'broad church' – as diverse as the communities we belong to, and with an open table.

Our focus for 2021-2024 is:

- to deepen our commitment to God as made known in the person of Jesus,
- to deepen our connection with partner organisations in caring for those of all faiths, and of no particular faith, and
- to deepen our engagement with the world God loves in responding creatively to the challenges of our day, locally and globally.

You are welcome in any of our churches and ministry centres, where you will meet the people – the 'living stones' – who are the church.

We hope you may also meet the one who calls us together and sends us out, and who said – as we say – 'Come and see!'

The Diocese of Gippsland's policies and ministry practices reflect a culture of respect and a duty of care in ensuring our centres of worship and outreach are safe places for all.

[www.gippsanglican.org.au/safe-church](http://www.gippsanglican.org.au/safe-church)

## Vision Renewal Prayer

O God,  
your Son taught us to pray  
that your Kingdom would come,  
and your will be done on earth:  
kindle in our hearts  
that just and gentle rule;  
stir up in our churches  
the courage to proclaim your love;  
renew in us the same mind that was in him,  
who emptied himself,  
taking the form of a servant.

Grant us your vision,  
quicken us with your grace,  
and call us into your future;  
show us your purpose  
for this Diocese of Gippsland,  
that we may share in your mission  
to the world in Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.



## Gippsland Anglicans

*Committed in Christ  
Connecting in Service  
Creative in Spirit*



**Our Vision 2021 – 2024**

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# Gippsland Anglicans

## *Committed in Christ*

Gippsland Anglicans are grounded in Christ. We engage with the Church's living traditions as intentional inclusive communities where all are welcome, respected, safe, and valued.

Our identity is shaped by

- **Scripture** studied with reverence and rigour
- **Worship** that unites and inspires
- **Ministry** exercised by all the baptised
- **Prayer** which opens hearts to grace
- **Diversity** received as a gift of creation
- **Growth** in belonging and believing

## *Connecting in Service*

Gippsland Anglicans share in Christ's mission. We hold fast to the vision of human flourishing Jesus called 'the Kingdom of God' and we reach out in partnership with good news for all.

Our ministry is marked by

- **Listening** to people's lived experience
- **Looking** outward in meeting needs
- **Speaking** into the big questions of the day
- **Reconciling** where there is injustice or injury
- **Building** up communities of care and trust
- **Acting** for the good of earth and all creatures

## *Creative in Spirit*

Gippsland Anglicans are open to Christ's leading. We seek to respond to changing needs and new understandings, to be faithful and imaginative in bearing stories of hope for our time and place.

Our calling is discovered by

- **Reflection** on what disruption teaches us
- **Readiness** to try new things and ideas
- **Engagement** with local communities
- **Collaboration** in small and large projects
- **Empowerment** of children and young people
- **Generosity** in the use of our resources



We acknowledge the First Nations people of this region as the traditional custodians of the land on which the Diocese of Gippsland serves, and pay our respects to past, present and emerging Elders of the GunaiKurnai, Boonwurrung, Bidawal and Ngarigo/Monero peoples