

St Peter's Cathedral Parish

Armidale

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GOD LOVES HIS WORLD.

JESUS SENT HIS DISCIPLES TO TELL

THE WORLD OF HIM.



**OUR TASK IS TO KEEP
THAT WORK GOING.**

"As you go into all the world make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to do all things I have commanded you".

Matthew 28:20

**This pamphlet outlines some facts about the mission
organisations supported by the Parish.**

www.stpetersarmidale.org.au



THE ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION – AUSTRALIA LIMITED

Working for Love, Hope and Justice

<https://www.abmission.org>

ABM's understanding of mission is a very basic one, with development working hand in hand with our mission. In Luke's gospel we hear that Jesus reads from the book of Isaiah, stating:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim the release of captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour. (NRSV Luke 4:18-19)

Jesus asked us that we love our neighbours. This meant doing as Christ did and caring for bodies as well as souls. In seeking to follow Christ ABM has a mandate to work with Anglican churches in other countries, and discussing together how we might assist them achieve their goals. Caring for souls and bodies – the spiritual and material lives of the people they serve – is part of these goals. ABM's Church to Church Program focuses on souls (or spirituality) and the Development Program relates to the material side (or bodies). Obviously one impacts upon the other as human beings are both body and soul. Plus a Reconciliation Program here in Australia.

Church to Church Program

This program targets two areas – leadership formation and training (including theological education) and evangelism – which are of primary importance.

Community Development Program

Jesus came that we might have abundant life and ABM believes that that life extends to the whole person – not just to the soul but also to the material needs of the body (food, shelter, water and emergency aid).

Reconciliation Program

ABM has a rich and complicated history of involvement with the First Nations people of Australia, including some significant failings. We believe that the task of working for reconciliation within Australia is integral to mission. Aboriginal and TSI people have unique gifts to bring to our Church.

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THE BUSH CHURCH AID SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA



Going the distance to reach Australia for Christ

www.bushchurchaid.com.au

BCA is an association of Christians within the Anglican Church whose vision and goal is **AUSTRALIA FOR CHRIST**. BCA has a priority in mission to the isolated, remote urban and rural people of Australia.

Since 1919, BCA shares the gospel, builds up the church, and cares for people all around Australia. Our Field Staff serve in regional and remote parts of Australia. Locals in these places are removed from cities, live in sparsely populated towns (sometimes as small as a few hundred people), and often don't benefit from strong support networks of family and friends. Churches in these areas can struggle, ongoing fellowship can be hard to maintain, and encouragement can become a rarity.

With a particular heart for such people, BCA – in conjunction with the various Anglican Dioceses of Australia – places Field Staff, Co-Workers and Affiliates across the continent. Whether working as pastors, teachers, evangelists, chaplains or Scripture teachers, Field Staff bring evangelism, encouragement and ministry to people in all corners of the country. It is our deep desire and prayer that people throughout Australia would bow their knee to Jesus, be transformed by God's word, and live their lives to His glory.

In the Armidale Diocese, Rev David and Joanne Piper at **Lightning Ridge** is a BCA-supported parish. Rev Simon and Alison Reeve, **Woolgoolga** are our BCA link missionaries. We regularly pray for both families as they serve the community in word and deed in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. BCA Prayer Notes for each day of the year are available in the cathedral foyer or can be viewed at www.bushchurchaid.com.au.

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THE CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY/SAMS

www.cms.org.au

Since 1799, when CMS was founded in England by a small group of Anglican evangelicals, God has been at work through men and women with a passion and vision for worldwide gospel outreach. As the group turned its attention to the colony of Australia, a CMS outpost was set up in Sydney in 1825, with the first missionaries serving in western NSW amongst Aboriginal people and later missionaries serving overseas. Today, we continue to work with churches to set apart long-term workers who cross cultures to share the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Almost 200 missionaries serve as co-labourers with over 100 international partners sharing with people of all ages and situations about Jesus and the salvation which He alone brings. New Christians are encouraged and taught the Word of God so they can then live and share the life and freedom in Christ that is good news to those in slavery to sin.

We encourage people to get involved in cross-cultural mission through our six branches across Australia.

Prayer is the basis of all of our work. Our missionaries are well-trained and cared for throughout their missionary service by the Society. Members and supporters provide financial support, as well. And we encourage Christians to consider going into all the world as cross-cultural workers.

We believe:

- God, the Creator, has made himself fully known in the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ and through the unchanging truth of his written word, the Bible.
- God commands all people everywhere to repent and believe the good news. In love and through the sacrificial, substitutionary death and bodily resurrection of his Son, God saves his elect people from wrath and judgment and raises us to new life through the power of his Spirit.

- As God's people, we are called to proclaim this message in all the world that people might put their trust in Jesus as Lord and Saviour and so be reconciled to God the Father, become members with us of his forgiven people and live by the Spirit under His rule, awaiting the coming restoration of all things.

We remain a group of people who are passionate about bringing the good news of Jesus to those who do not know Him, and so to see lives and communities transformed by Christ, and God's church growing. Will you join us?

Individuals and groups within the Cathedral, support other organisations, including:

- Compassion (compassion.com.au)
- The Bible League (bl.org.au)
- Christian Blind Mission Society (cbm.org.au)
- OM Australia (om.org.au)
- Young Life (younglife.org.au)
- Armidale Youth Futures (www.ayf.org.au)

THE BIBLE SOCIETY IN AUSTRALIA

www.biblesociety.org.au



The Bible is the primary source of the world's knowledge of God. In it we meet the one, true, and living God; are told of our true condition and how God, in His love, has given us a Saviour in His Son Jesus. In it we learn how to

respond to Him in trust and obedience. Scripture's claim for itself is that it is "God breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness so that the man and woman of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

So, enter the Bible Society with its aim of making the Scriptures available to people in a language they can understand at a price they can afford to pay.

This aim is reflected in the Society's main works – translation, publishing and distribution. (In this way the Bible Society serves the various missionary organisations of the world.)

The Bible Society in Australia is part of a network of worldwide Bible Societies, encompassing every continent except Antarctica. Obviously some national societies are more involved in distribution, others in publishing or translation.





How can we respond to Christ's Great Commission?

"Go tell everyone the news that God's kingdom has come."

- Think prayerfully about doing God's work overseas, elsewhere in Australia or right here at home.
- Pray for all mission organisations and for individual missionaries.
- Read regular mission news and missionaries' prayer letters.
- Encourage missionaries by writing to them.
- Give regularly to the mission organisation of your choice through the offertory envelopes or by direct giving, and respond to special projects.