



# The Anglican Diocese of Gippsland

The Rt Revd Dr Richard Treloar  
Bishop of Gippsland

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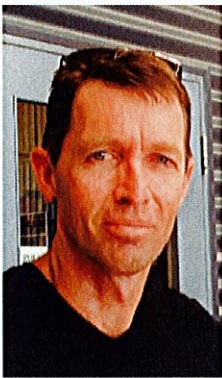
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*The Eve of the Presentation  
of Christ in the Temple*

### **The Appointment of a new Registrar for Gippsland**

Dear colleagues,

I am excited to announce the appointment of Mr Richard Connelly as the next Registrar of the Diocese of Gippsland. I was assisted in this process by a panel consisting of Bishop Andrew Curnow (consultant), The Dean (Bishop-in-Council), Mr David Gittins (Chair of Finance), and Mrs Annette Hollonds (Finance Officer).



Richard grew up in Gippsland, the son of The Revd Canon Dr James (Jim) and Anne Connelly, and a former student of Gippsland Grammar.

He is currently Deputy Director of Professional Standards in Gippsland, Deputy Chair of the Board of St Paul's Anglican Grammar School, and is an active worshipping member of the congregation at St Paul's Warragul, where he has served as a Warden and Treasurer.

Richard comes to this role with a wealth of experience in the fields of governance and law, having held professional positions in Child Protection, and as the Principal (and business manager) of a law firm providing family law services. He is widely regarded as a person of great integrity and quiet dedication, with a keen intellect and a gift for understanding, improving, and honouring process.

Most recently he has been serving as Acting Director of Professional Standards for the Dioceses of Melbourne and Bendigo – an experience that has connected Richard with people and structures in the Province and the national Anglican Communion.

As well as a broad knowledge of the Diocese and of the wider Church, Richard has a deep personal commitment to our mission and ministry. Having come to faith at an Easter youth camp at Lake Tyers in his teens, Richard holds fond memories of hiking programs across the Bogong High Plains, and celebrating the Eucharist on the summit of Mt Hotham with Bishop Chynoweth, who would come to meet the hikers each year. He is a keen bushwalker and cyclist to this day.

Richard will commence in this senior leadership position on 1 July, following the retirement of The Revd Brian Norris on 30 June. Between now and then Richard will undertake some much-needed project work for the Diocese on a part-time basis, as he familiarises himself with the operation of the Registry Office, working with Brian and the team to ensure a smooth handover following Synod.

Reflecting on this transition, Richard said, 'I am conscious of the great legacy of Brian Norris, who has served the Diocese faithfully and well over such a long period. It is very humbling to consider the shoes I am to fill, and I look forward to the challenges and opportunities this role will bring.'

Richard is married to Annette, and they have three children, Lucy (14), Simon (10), and Tom (6).

Please make Richard welcome as he begins to move around the Diocese in new capacities, and remember him and his family in your prayers, along with Brian and Kerrie, in the weeks and months ahead.

On this great feast of the Presentation may we, with Simeon and Anna, be filled with peace and praise as we behold in Christ the fulfilment of God's word.

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