

# Regional Meetings 2018

Dear sisters and brothers

**My invitation to the Diocese is based on Jesus call that we might have abundant life. My prayer and my vision for the Diocese is that we will flourish by grace. There are, across the Diocese, some wonderful green shoots of creative change. It is a delight to see clergy and people reenergise existing ministries and embrace new opportunities.**

In February, the clergy met and we listened carefully to one another and we believe also to the Spirit. We recognised that for the Diocese to flourish there was a need to embrace further significant and even radical change. The changes in society, the impact of the disclosures of abuse in the church and our sense of vulnerability meant that there was an urgency to be different in and as a Diocese. An emerging view that this was essential to our mission and ministry viability.

I am convening 5 regional meetings for clergy, Synod reps, church wardens and other lay leaders to share a vision for the diocese, some key directions and to tackle some strategic questions.

## **10 April: Manning**

Venue: Taree Parish

4.30pm-6.30pm: Meet with clergy  
6pm-6.30pm: Soup and sandwiches  
6.30pm-8pm: Meet with clergy & Laity

## **12 April: Upper Hunter**

Venue: Muswellbrook Parish

4.30pm-6.30pm: Meet with clergy  
6pm-6.30pm: Soup and sandwiches  
6.30pm-8pm: Meet with clergy & Laity

## **17 April: Central Coast**

Venue: Wyong Parish

5pm-6.15pm: Meet with clergy  
6.15pm-6.45pm: Soup and sandwiches  
6.45pm-8.15pm: Meet with clergy & Laity

## **18 April: Maitland-Paterson**

Venue: Raymond Terrace Parish

4.30pm-6.30pm: Meet with clergy  
6pm-6.30pm: Soup and sandwiches  
6.30pm-8pm: Meet with clergy & Laity

## **19 April: Newcastle**

Venue: New Lambton Parish

4.30pm-6.30pm: Meet with clergy  
6pm-6.30pm: Soup and sandwiches  
6.30pm-8pm: Meet with clergy & Laity

RSVP for catering is an important courtesy. Please RSVP to [BishopSecretary@newcastleanglican.org.au](mailto:BishopSecretary@newcastleanglican.org.au) by Friday 6 April  
Please feel warmly invited to come and share in this important work.