



Anglican Diocese of
Grafton

The Visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury to Grafton Diocese

The Archbishop of Canterbury is the senior bishop of the Anglican Communion of Churches and is the spiritual leader of the world's 85 million Anglicans.

Archbishop Welby will visit Australia from 4-14 October 2022 accompanied by his wife, Mrs Caroline Welby. He is scheduled to meet Anglicans across the country who are involved in delivering diverse ministries and services.

His visit to Grafton Diocese is focused on flood recovery following the devastating floods in the region during February and March 2022. He will meet representatives of Lismore Parish, Anglicare North Coast and other organisations that are playing a part in disaster recovery in the region. The Archbishop has spoken extensively about climate change, and has been at the forefront of climate change initiatives.

The Archbishop will also give a public lecture entitled *Building Peace in Robust Diversity* at Emmanuel Anglican College on Thursday night 13 October.

This will be the first visit of an Archbishop of Canterbury to Grafton Diocese since the visit of Archbishop Geoffrey Fisher in 1950. As such it will be an honour to host Archbishop and Mrs Welby to the Diocese.

