



ENC REPORT 2023-2024

More people, more places, effectively proclaiming Christ

AT A GLANCE

Evangelism and New Churches exists to see more people in more places effectively proclaiming Christ, in partnership with the parishes and organisations of the Diocese, to see the lost in Sydney and beyond find life and hope in Jesus.

We **SHARPEN**, **EQUIP**, **FLEX**, **FIND**, and **SUPPORT** evangelism in Sydney and beyond.

2023-2024

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New Ministry Workers

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New Evangelists

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Podcasts Launched

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New Trainers



Kanishka Raffel

Archbishop of Sydney

Recently I was struck by the words of the Apostle Paul as he reflects on his fellow countrymen, most of whom have not accepted the gospel. 'I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart...my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved.' (Rom 9:2; 10:1)

Many of us would say that we too have a deep burden and prayerful longing to God that many more of our family, neighbours and friends would come to know the grace and glory of the Lord Jesus and find in him their Saviour and Lord.

That is why I think of Evangelism and New Churches as the beating heart of our Sydney Anglican diocesan fellowship. ENC represents the partnership of local churches and individual Sydney Anglicans to make sure that we have a corporate and diocesan wide mission to the 'lost tribes' of Greater Sydney and the Illawarra, in addition to our primary focus on local church mission.

ENC oversees an array of mission enterprise that is as broad as it is breathtaking; as courageous as it is innovative. Church planting in growth areas, as well as in marginal communities. Community Chaplaincy in all kinds of social settings that bring people together, often beyond the reach of the local church. Evangelistic and discipling ministry to specific ethno-cultural communities that increasingly make up such a significant part of Sydney's social tapestry. Strengthening the evangelistic ministry of local churches and Sydney Christians through training, resourcing and local church consultation. Recruiting, training and releasing the next generation of evangelists, church planters and chaplains. Importantly, building the support base for these faithful, creative and prayerful gospel workers.

I'm delighted to commend to you this annual report of Evangelism and New Churches. I trust it will bring you much encouragement. I am deeply grateful for the hard work and prayerful, joyful perseverance of ENC workers, led by their Director, Phil Wheeler and Assistant Director, Dave Jensen. Thank you for your partnership in the gospel in this work through your prayers and giving. I hope you will continue to offer ENC your glad and generous support.

SHARPEN

We sharpen the evangelistic efforts and effectiveness by partnering with parishes and organisations



Dave Jensen

Assistant Director

It has been an amazingly fruitful time for the evangelism team at ENC with God opening many doors to engage with non-Christians, Christians and clergy. I have had the great privilege of preaching the gospel at many events in the first half of the year and been blessed to witness many people profess faith in Jesus as Saviour and King. It has also been a wonderful encouragement to have engaged in evangelism training and coaching with Christians, theological students and clergy across the city and beyond. We have also organised meetings and webinars for clergy and leaders to help them think through effective evangelistic practice in the local church.



Sarah Seabrook

Evangelist and Trainer

I am an itinerant trainer and evangelist available to all churches in Sydney. I focus my efforts with ENC on training churches in turning conversations to Jesus, being a welcoming church and sharing what Jesus has done. I speak evangelistically at women's events and love to equip women to speak up for Jesus in their relational connections. I enjoy developing female students' evangelistic preaching with Moore College and also partnering with Kara Hartley supporting Anglican Women in Evangelism (AWE) across the diocese. I assist with producing resources to help evangelistic endeavours in churches.

“ Dave has been involved in the coaching and equipping of the minister who oversees evangelism this year at St Lukes Liverpool. The results of his endeavours have shown immediate fruit; we are blessed to be seeing a whole range of non-Christian people engaged with the gospel, and Christians engaged with evangelism. ”

Tim Booker

ST LUKE'S LIVERPOOL

EQUIP

Resources



ENC is excited about developing more resources to support churches and individuals with evangelism. So far, ENC has released four new resources in the first quarter of 2024:

- 2 podcasts - 'Fire Up!' and 'What is a Christian?'
- 1 YouTube channel - 'Explaining Christianity'
- A re-release of Dave Jensen's book 'What is a Christian?'

Cross-Cultural Evangelical Resources

ENC is developing resources to assist in cross-cultural evangelism to equip our churches to effectively reach out to the increasing multi-cultural population in Sydney.



SATYA

Clive Buultjens helps to equip and train those reaching out with the gospel to the large and growing population of South Asians in Sydney. He has been working within the SATYA network to run training workshops, mentor key leaders, build prayer and outreach teams and develop mission programs to reach the lost. He also helps to develop the annual H!ndu prayer guide, which can be accessed through our website, including other H!ndu outreach resources.



MTM Network

MTM is a network of gospel workers who are proclaiming Christ in the Muslim communities of Sydney, making disciples and seeing small churches form, as well as training and resourcing churches in this area of outreach.



Certainty4Eternity

Mark Gilbert, through Certainty4Eternity, has published a number of resources to help people share the good news about Jesus with people from a Roman Catholic background including The God Who Saves, The Road Once Travelled and Stepping Out in Faith.

Other resources are in the pipeline!

Visit the ENC website for our shop and recommended resources, the podcasts and Youtube channel, and other ways to grow lay evangelism, cross-cultural outreach and community chaplaincy.

FLEX

We flex with the changing city to see new churches, congregations and ministries begin across the city

In partnership with parishes, the Diocese, and Diocesan organisations such as Growth Corporation, we look to plant new churches and evangelistic ministries. Together with church plants, we seek to reach sub cultures and people groups that are not easily reached by existing parishes.



Box Hill

A new church plant in a greenfields area that has quickly grown since it started in January 2024.



Lake Illawarra Community Church & Park Rail Anglican Church

Recent church plants forming connections in marginalised communities.



SE Asian Buddhist

Building meaningful engagement between Christian communities and the Southeast Asian Buddhist-majority diaspora.



Nepali Ministry

A new work with the growing number of Nepali migrants in South West Sydney.



Ministry to Muslims

Reaching those in South West Sydney with a Muslim background.



EMERGE

A migrant/refugee ministry helping new arrivals to Australia to settle in, many of whom have come from disaster/war zones.



SATYA Network

Seeking to reach the large population of Sub-Continental diaspora.



Living Water Church

A church plant to see Indigenous and non-Indigenous Christians fellowship together.



Berkeley Life Centre / The Well Training

Reaching the disadvantaged and helping them find Jesus.

FIND

We look for mission-hearted servants to be the next generation of planters, evangelists, ‘re-potters’, and cross-cultural workers.

We do this by meeting with students at MTC and SMBC and meeting regularly with Diocesan leadership to match willing labourers with opportunities across the Diocese. We work to train and equip people to think evangelistically in their ministries.



Jack

I joined the ENC team as a part-time student minister at the start of this year. I work with Dave Jensen at Menai Anglican Church and spend time observing, establishing and leading the 'Discovering Jesus' course and 'More to Discover' follow-up. I also join Dave for evangelistic events across the Diocese. This June, I spoke at a weekend away for Padstow Chinese Congregational Church in order to kick-start their mission efforts for the second half of the year.

SUSTAIN

We support workers to sustain long-term ministry

We seek to resource, support, train and coach church planters and evangelists in their ministry to sustain them over the long term. We do this by providing financial support, pastoral support, coaching and training, oversight and good governance. One of our key personnel dedicated to this important work is our partnership development coach, who works with employees to raise funding and support for their ministry.



Tanya

My role as partnership development coach is to catalyse change so that every ENC employee is fully supported in their gospel work. It has been a joy to see how God is at work in our own backyard, and we would love to invite others to be a part of this work! We'd love to see more individual Christians and local churches with a heart for mission to be generously partnering with the ENC evangelistic efforts (with time, prayers, and finances) in order to create long-term, sustainable and fruitful ministries.

PARTNER WITH US



Philip Wheeler

Director

The task of reaching the lost of our city can not be and should not be done alone. It is beyond anyone person or parish. We must work together humbly and prayerfully. We partner with God himself - he is the real evangelist. His word is powerful as the Spirit works in hearts and minds to bring life and hope. We partner with other Christians and churches to launch new churches and enable harvesters to go to the ripe fields.

We rightly partner together as churches and with agencies like CMS or AFES to send missionaries across the seas or across the country to reach the lost. Who can you and your church partner with to see harvesters go in the fields right here in our city as well? Where one parish or individual could not do a new work, in partnership perhaps we can! There are lots of opportunities. Talk with us about how you can partner to see more people in more places effectively proclaiming Christ in Sydney and beyond.

NEWSLETTER

Sign up to our quarterly newsletter at www.encministries.org.au



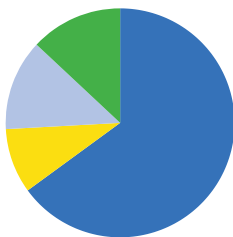
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To support ENC or any of the ministries in this report, please visit www.encministries.org.au/contact

“ We partnered with ENC to see the Box Hill church plant launched. We are excited to hear of other plans going forward.”

Graeme Howells
ROUSE HILL ANGLICAN CHURCH

BY THE NUMBERS



Each year the ENC head office receives ~\$550K. These funds go towards the general running of the ENC head office as well as funding our parish evangelists and student ministers. Our funding comes from:

- Synod grants
- The John Chapman Foundation
- General donations
- Other income

ENC also receives ~\$1.5m in donations from individuals, churches and foundations to support ministry in the field.