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Children's and youth minister for the parish of Holy Trinity Orange

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am delighted to announce the appointment of **Mr Ben Feather** as Children's and Youth Minister at Holy Trinity Orange.

Ben comes to this role with a deep love for the Lord Jesus, a commitment to his word, and a heartfelt desire to see children and young people grow as whole-hearted disciples. Trained at Youthworks College and with several years of vocational ministry experience, Ben has served in both children's and youth ministry at Wahroonga Anglican Church, including preaching, leading teams, running camps, engaging with families, and teaching SRE. His passion for evangelism, his joy in discipling young people, and his warm, thoughtful manner have commended him strongly to us.

Ben will oversee Sunday Kids' Group, Youth and Crèche, along with our mid-week ministries including Playgroup, Kids' Club and Youth. He will engage with local schools—including through SRE—help strengthen our Holiday Club and Christmas outreach, recruit and train volunteer leaders, and ensure our ministries continue to uphold the highest standards of Safe Ministry practice. Ben will work closely with the Rector and ministry team, contributing to the wider mission of Holy Trinity.

We believe Ben meets our selection criteria exceptionally well: he is prayerfully committed to teaching the Bible to children and youth, enthusiastic about evangelism, experienced in ministry leadership, and brings recognised theological training that grounds his ministry in the Scriptures. He brings strong interpersonal skills, a servant heart, a teachable spirit, and a readiness to learn.

Please join us in thanking God for this appointment and in praying for Ben as he prepares to move to Orange with his wife Rosie and young daughter, Emilia. We look forward to the blessing his ministry will be to the parish and to the wider diocese.

Every blessing,

Mark Calder, Bishop
30 November 2025

See over for a note from Ben.

Dear friends,

I am thrilled to be joining you at Holy Trinity next year as the Children's and Youth Minister.

I grew up in the north of Sydney, where I was blessed with committed Christian parents who raised me as part of our local church, St Stephens Normanhurst. During high school I started attending the youth group at Christ Church St Ives and remained at that church for a number of years. I was imbued with a love of children's ministry by my mother, a Sunday School and SRE veteran of 30 years, and as such I dived into children's ministry at the first opportunity while I was still at high school.

I finished high school in 2016 and started a law degree at Macquarie University. However, I put that degree on hold when I had the opportunity to do a ministry traineeship at Wahroonga Anglican Church. I served primarily in children's and youth ministry, leading camps, mentoring teenagers, and running kids' programs, while also having the opportunity to complete a diploma of ministry at Youthworks College.

After 3 years of ministry at Wahroonga, I left to start full-time employment and complete my law degree. I am currently working as a commercial solicitor in Newcastle.

Along the way I married my wonderful wife Rosalie at the beginning of 2022. In some ways our move to Orange is a home coming for Rosalie. She was born in Parkes but spent the first 3 years of her life in Orange. We had the joy of welcoming our firstborn daughter Emilia in May of this year.

We are so excited to be joining you in the New Year. While I am sure that Orange will have its own unique culture when compared to Sydney or Newcastle, we are looking forward to getting to know the people of Orange and in particular our new church family at Holy Trinity.

I am particularly grateful that God has opened this door for me to step back into a life of ministry. While practicing law may have its moments, for me everything pales in comparison to the opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, disciple young people and minister to God's people.

I am fully convinced ministering to children and youth is a matter of first importance for the church. Proverbs 22:6 says "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."

It is my hope and my prayer that I might be a help and a blessing to parents in that task of training children in the way of Christ, and that by God's grace your children may continue on in that way with the Lord Jesus into eternal days.

I look forward to meeting you in the New Year and may God bless you.

Ben

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