



## ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

### AD CLERUM

Dear Friends,

We know that flooding continues to have a big impact throughout Victoria including in some Melbourne suburbs. The impact of recent rain in river systems looks like causing considerable disruption to lives for some time to come. Damage to property and the life of communities is certain to get worse.

I have been in contact with the Diocesan Bishops of Victoria and the worst impacts of flooding are across Ballarat, Bendigo and Wangaratta dioceses. So far, it seems that the only church that has been flooded is in Rochester, where both the Church and the Rectory were inundated. Communities are strained and local parishes are responding to needs amongst parishioners and more widely as they are able.

I commend to you the Melbourne Anglican Foundation's flood relief [appeal](#) as well as the one launched by Bendigo Diocese through its New Horizons Welfare Service which is outlined [here](#). These appeals will assist people affected by the floods and help build parish capacity for the long journey ahead.

I encourage us all to support our brothers and sisters through prayer and by contributing to the appeals during this time of need.

Grace and peace in Christ Jesus  
Yours sincerely

The Most Reverend Dr Philip Freier  
Archbishop of Melbourne

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