



## Personal Profile – General Synod

### Ven Tom Henderson-Brooks

Archdeacon for Mission + Chaplaincy  
Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn

#### Highlights

1979	Came to Christ – St Stephen’s Willoughby, Sydney
1991	Deacon/Priested – Archbishop Donald Robinson, Bishop John Reid
1990-1999	Student/Assistant/Associate Min/Locum – East Sydney (Darlinghurst/Kings Cross)
1999-2008	Minister – Bondi Beach + Bondi
1999-2008	Anglicare Regional Manager, East Sydney, City and Inner West Sydney
2008-2009	Locums – Nowra, West Ryde
2009-2015	Rector – South Turrumurra, Sydney
2016-2020	Rector – North Rockhampton, Central Queensland
2016-2021	Archdeacon for Mission + Formation, Diocese Rockhampton
2018-2021	Board Director, Anglicare CQ
2019-2021	Diocesan Administrator (Vicar General) – Diocese Rockhampton
2021-	Archdeacon, Mission + Chaplaincy, Diocese of Canberra + Goulburn
2021-	Board Director, Anglicare NSW South, NSW West + ACT

#### About Me

Tom loved teaching Maths, but found himself loving teaching God’s Word much more. Tom cut his teeth in ministry in the inner city of Sydney in the red light district of Kings Cross. It was a perfect fit for his social justice informed evangelicalism where he sees himself walking in the Anglican tradition of Wesley, Simeon + Wilberforce. During this decade he led the Australian Campaign to Free Mordechai Vanunu; established Rough Edges; set up a free Legal Centre; and oversaw the growth of St John’s Community Church and Streetwize Church.

In the following decade he developed a model of ministry in iconic Bondi Beach that brought parish and Anglicare together. Both the Parish and the Anglicare services grew under his leadership in an area that has 30% population turnover annually. He led a team that developed supported playgroups and unemployment programs that focused on the music and hospitality industries. During this time he was part of the South Sydney Diocesan Regional Council, and also a part of a theological think tank for Anglicare Sydney. In 2005 Tom led a Sudanese delegation of elders from across Australia to confront racism in regional NSW.

In 2009 Tom took on the leadership of St Philip’s South Turrumurra, probably the most missional and prayerful church he has had the privilege to lead. It was a mid-sized church of 5 congregations of around 350 adults, with a staff team of about 10. He partnered with St James Turrumurra to plant Warrawee Anglican. During this time he had the privilege of visiting South Sudan twice and representing the Sydney Diocese at GAFCON in Nairobi.

In 2016 he commenced as the Rector of North Rockhampton in a Diocese where there were fewer Anglican Clergy throughout Central QLD than there were in the neighbouring parishes of South Turrumurra, and there still is. He enjoyed connecting with Central Queenslanders and led a Diocesan Mission team during Beef Week 2018 creating video content for every parish. He particularly enjoyed ministry in remote rural communities where ministry is sparse. For the last 15 months of his time in CQ he had the privilege of overseeing the Diocese during its episcopal interregnum, including running two Synods via zoom in COVID. With his move to Canberra, he is continues to miss the warm weather, but is enjoying strengthen mission and chaplaincy across the Diocese and within Anglicare NSW West, NSW South and ACT.

#### Personal

Tom is 59 and has been married to Caroline for 37 years. Caroline has a doctorate in Linguistics and works as an academic. They have two adult children Katie + Matt.

#### Interests

Tom is a self-taught musician. He loves to get out on his mountain bike for exercise and to enjoy the Australian outdoors. He loves a good board-game and daily does the Wordle, Quordle and Octordle. He loves the escapism of sci-fi and needs a daily good coffee.