

## **Dr Renae Barker**, BEc LLB Murd., Phd W. Aust, FHEA

### Anglican Church Life

I am the Diocesan Advocate for the Diocese of Bunbury a role I have held since 2013. Prior to that I have served in a number of parish and diocesan roles within the Diocese of Bunbury. I currently reside in the Diocese of Perth and worship at St Matthews Armadale. I am also a member of the Diocese of Perth's Legislation committee.

This is my second General Synod, having first attended in 2017.

I was the Australian convener of the recent Reading Group for the Anglican Communion Principles of Canon Law Project and am a member of the editorial committee for the Revised Principles of Canon Law project.

### Professional Qualifications and Experience

I completed my undergraduate degrees in Law and Economics at Murdoch University in 2008 and was admitted as a practitioner to the Supreme Court of New South Wales in 2009. I completed my PhD on the historical relationship between the state and religion in Australia in 2014 at the University of Western Australia.

I am a Senior Lecturer at the University of Western Australia, an Honorary Research Fellow of the Centre for Muslim States and Societies, a Member of the UWA International Space Centre and co-editor of the Third Sector Review. I am an alumnus of the Young Scholars Fellowship on Religion and the Rule of Law convened by the International Centre for Law and Religion Studies. I am a member of the International Consortium of Law and Religion Studies (ICLARS) and the Law and Religion Scholars Network (LARSN).

I am the author of *State and Religion: The Australian Story* and have published a number of academic journal articles, book chapters and conference papers on issues related to law and religion both in Australia and internationally. I am regularly published on *The Conversation* and *ABC Religion and Ethics* (online) and am regularly interviewed for both print and radio media on topics related to the intersection of law and religion.

I lecture in Law and Religion, Introduction to Business Law and Mooting and have previously taught in units as diverse as Constitutional Law, Contract Law, Torts and Equity and Trusts.

More details of my professional background and academic publications can be found here <https://research-repository.uwa.edu.au/en/persons/renae-barker>

### Personal

I am wife to Calvin and mother to two small boys (Elijah 6 and Jethro 4) [those who were at General Synod in 2017 may remember Elijah as a very active 19 month old.]