

Bishop Rodney Chiswell

Diocese of Armidale



Rod has been involved in church all his life, growing up in a clergy family and being convicted of sin and giving his life to God at age eight. After school he studied civil engineering at UNSW and worked as an engineer for Moree Plains Shire Council for five years. During this time, he married Jenni and their commitment to serving God and his church solidified. They then returned to Sydney where Rod undertook a bachelor's degree in theology at Moore College.

Since his ordination in 1996, Rod has served as vicar of Mungindi, Walcha and South Tamworth. He has been a member of Diocesan Council, the Parish and Ministry Development Committee, the Diocesan Indigenous Ministry Committee, and the Diocesan Nominations Board. He has also been involved in training lay preachers, CMS Autumn School (now Mission Encounter), setting up a partnership with the North Kigezi Diocese in Uganda, and representing the Armidale Diocese at General Synod. Rod is passionate about Professional Supervision, leadership and development of teams, evangelism, and Indigenous ministry. He was consecrated as Bishop of Armidale in February 2021.

Rod and Jenni have been married for over thirty years and have two children and three grandchildren.