

Bishop Paul Barker (House of Clergy) is Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Melbourne.

Paul Barker originally trained and worked as an actuary.

He was ordained deacon and priest in Melbourne in 1990. A graduate of Ridley College Melbourne and the University of Bristol (PhD in Old Testament studies), he was Vicar of Holy Trinity Doncaster (1996-2009) and Archdeacon of Box Hill (2001-2009). He was a member of General Synod 2004, 2007, and a Member of General Synod Standing Committee (2007-2009). He was on faculty at Ridley (1992) and a Visiting Lecturer (1990-91, 96-2009).

From 2009-2016, Paul lived in Malaysia, sponsored by CMS, teaching Old Testament and Homiletics in Malaysia and in numerous other universities and seminaries in Asia, including regularly in Thailand, Myanmar, China, Pakistan and India. He was Regional Coordinator for Langham Preaching and Langham Scholars (2014-2016), training preachers in several countries of Asia.

He is the author of books on Deuteronomy, Psalms and Amos, and co-editor of a book on theological and pastoral reflections on Trauma, as well as co-editor of books on Preaching and on Wisdom. He contributed to the ESV Study Bible.

In November 2016, Paul was consecrated in Melbourne to be Assistant Bishop. He is Deputy Chair of the Board of Directors of the Australian Council of Theology, Deputy Chair of the Board of Anglican Overseas Aid, and Chair of SparkLit (SPCKA).