



Anglican Church of Australia

Primate: The Most Reverend Geoffrey Smith

2 May 2025

To the bishops of the Anglican Church of Australia.
By email

Dear Episcopal Colleagues,

I have today written to Bishop Garry Weatherill, the senior metropolitan of our church, to give notice of my resignation as Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia on October 31st this year.

I am grateful for the privilege of serving as the Primate since April 2020. I thank God for his strength, wisdom, grace, and guidance, and I thank you for your prayers and support.

I intend to summon the Board of Electors to meet in Sydney on July 19th to elect the next Primate, to commence in office on November 1st, 2025. Anne Hywood will contact members of the board next week with details of that meeting.

Today, I also announced my resignation as Archbishop of Adelaide on November 8th 2025. I plan to lay up the bishop's staff at a service of Holy Communion at St Peter's Cathedral on November 1st at 10 a.m. and then take Long Service Leave until November 8th.

Lynn and I will move to the Sunshine Coast where we look forward to engaging with the local church and community.

With my prayers and best wishes.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Geoffrey Smith'.

The Most Reverend Geoffrey Smith
Archbishop of Adelaide and Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia

Cc: Anne Hywood, General Secretary