Primate: The Right Reverend Dr Mark Short

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Appointment of General Secretary

The Anglican Church of Australia is pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Juliet Wenden as the next General Secretary, commencing in February 2026.

"I am sure the Anglican Church of Australia will benefit from Mrs Wenden's years of experience as Chair, Director and Executive Officer of different not-for-profit and commercial organisations. The Anglican Church of Australia faces challenges, and Mrs Wenden's leadership will be critical in addressing them. I am sure the church in Australia will be praying for and wishing her every success," Bishop Mark Short, Primate, Anglican Church of Australia, said.

Juliet has been involved with Anglican Super for most of the past 25 years, more recently as Chair. Her husband, Richard, is Rector of Seaforth Anglican Church on Sydney's Northern Beaches, and she has three teenage children.

"I've worked with almost all the Dioceses in my time with Anglican Super and look forward to renewing that relationship in this new position," Mrs Wenden said. "My immediate priority will be working with the Dioceses across the country to prepare for General Synod in Melbourne during August next year."

"We congratulate Mrs Anne Hywood on her 11 years as General Secretary and wish her all the very best for her next endeavours," Bishop Mark Short concluded.

Bishop Mark Short Primate Anglican Church of Australia