

The Good Bishop

Mathew Hale (1811–1895) was one of the significant founders of the Anglican Church in Australia and was renowned for his positive ministry to indigenous people. He served as the first Archdeacon of Adelaide, then the first Bishop of Perth, and finally the second Bishop of Brisbane.

Mathew Hale lived in a world that is so different from ours in many ways. Even so, present day Christians have much to learn from him as he faced the challenges of his own day. Personal tragedy and professional disappointment were part of his life and ministry in which he nonetheless continued pioneering Christian work in a new country. I have seen his bronze sculpted figure on the threshold of the school he founded on St George's Terrace in Perth. This book will fill out his life to the reader with even more texture and vitality. I hope that your better understanding of Mathew Hale's life and times will encourage you to also better understand the purpose and presence of Jesus Christ whom Hale followed as the Lord of life. Grace and peace in Christ Jesus.

The Most Revd Dr Philip L Freier, Archbishop of Melbourne,
Primate, Anglican Church of Australia

The author of *The Good Bishop*, Michael Gourlay, has made full use of newly available resources on the internet. In addition to the main text there are *substantial endnotes, informative appendices, and a very interesting and copious set of images, which greatly enhance an already valuable work. It is particularly helpful to have tabular data, which allow easy reference to key events in Hale's life without having to search the text.*

Extract from the Foreword to *The Good Bishop*
by The Revd Dr John Harris

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