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# Quiet, deep spirituality

**BISHOP** David Bowden, a former Archdeacon of Newcastle, has died aged 67 after a long battle with cancer.

Bishop Bowden grew up in Stockton and studied for the priesthood at St John's College, Morpeth.

He was ordained as a priest in 1961, serving for some years in the Anglican Diocese of Armidale, before taking on the position of Rector of Terrigal parish, within the Diocese of Newcastle, from 1982-92.

Bishop Bowden held several positions of leadership within the Diocese of Newcastle, including Archdeacon of the Central Coast (1985-92) and Archdeacon of Newcastle (1992-95) before being elected Bishop of Bendigo, where he served from 1995-2002.

## OBITUARY

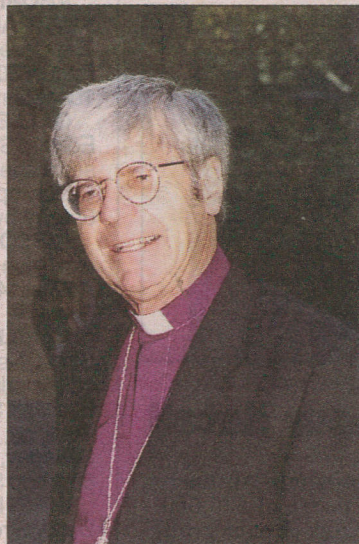
The current Archdeacon of Newcastle, the Venerable David Simpson, described Bishop Bowden as a very gentle, genuine person.

He was known for his pastoral care, his concern for the clergy and his quiet, but deep spirituality.

Archdeacon Simpson said that Bishop Bowden earned the reputation of being a good pastoral bishop in Bendigo.

He took on a difficult position and brought stability to the Diocese of Bendigo, he said.

Archdeacon Simpson said that Bishop Bowden would also be remembered for his love of trains and passion for locomotives.



CARING: Bishop David Bowden.

After retiring two years ago, Bishop Bowden and his wife Linda returned to the Diocese of Newcastle to live at Woodrising.

He is survived by Linda and their children.

Bishop Bowden's funeral was held recently at Christ Church Cathedral.