

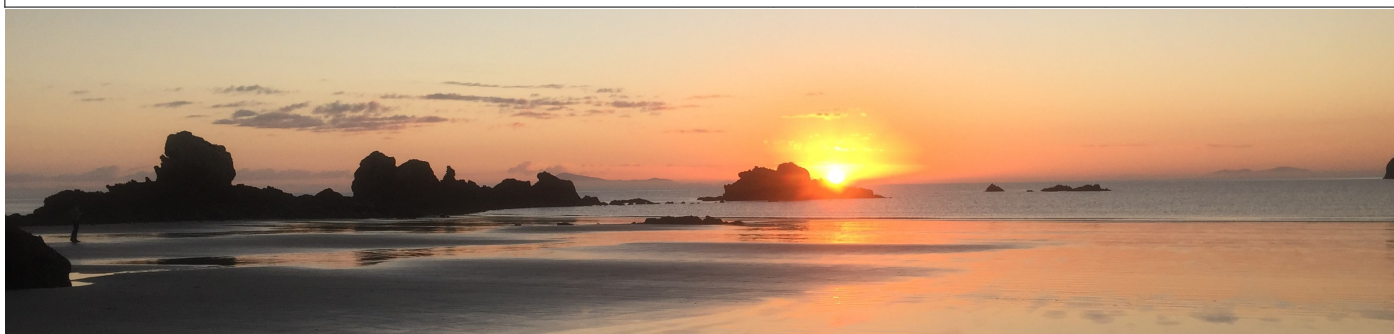


Anglican Diocese  
of Adelaide

# Cathedral notes

**St Peter's**  
nurturing spirit and mind  
**CATHEDRAL**

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## Our beautiful, fragile world

I write this on the 1<sup>st</sup> September, the first official day of spring and a day of ecumenical focus on prayer for creation. Anglican, Roman Catholic and Orthodox Christians are being asked to use the month of September, leading up to the feast of St Francis of Assisi on 4 October, as a Season of Creation, with special prayers not only for creation but for a greater awareness of the fragility of the world in which we live.

The environmental co-ordinator of the Anglican Church in Southern Africa, the Revd Dr Rachel Mash, is a member of the Anglican Communion Environmental Network (ACEN) steering committee. "God's garden planet is being broken and devastated. After decades of pumping carbon pollution into the atmosphere, we are reaping the whirlwind," she said in an allusion to Hosea 8:7. "The most vulnerable societies on earth are facing devastating storms, droughts and flooding as a result of our misuse of God's wonderful world."

How did this happen?

Some say it is the fault of our reading of the Book of Genesis and two apparently conflicting verses. Genesis 1 and Genesis 2 offer different 'takes' on the creation story. Genesis 1: 26 reads

*Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'*

And humankind has done this 'dominion' thing very successfully. So successfully, that we have wiped out innumerable species of plant, animal, fish and bird.

Genesis 2: 15 suggests something different

*The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to till it and keep it.*

Here the focus is on the care of creation, the careful stewardship of that which is entrusted by the Creator to the man-creature. The Hebrew word for earth is *adama*; Adam is simply a creature of dust, made from the earth.

This year we have invited Graeme Garret and Jan Morgan to spend some time at the Cathedral as the 2016 "Theologians in Residence". They will offer a quiet day, preach on Sunday morning, and lead the Monday Bible Study Group on the theme "The Earth is the Lord's: Listening for God in Scripture and Creation". You will find more details on p3.

## Planned giving as stewardship

We have been blessed with a glorious Cathedral, an iconic sacred space looking out over the parklands to Adelaide City, with rich and varied programmes of worship, education, hospitality and outreach. This month I invite you to contribute to the good stewardship of the resources for which we have responsibility. Among other things this means ensuring there is enough money coming in month by month to pay for all the items on our annual budget. These include providing excellent music in our worship, ensuring the Cathedral itself and the other buildings are well maintained, offering appropriate pastoral care and paying the salaries and stipends of those on the payroll. At each of the Sunday services in September, leaflets will be distributed. While there is specific fund-raising going on for the restoration of the organ it is very important that our regular monthly income does not fall off.

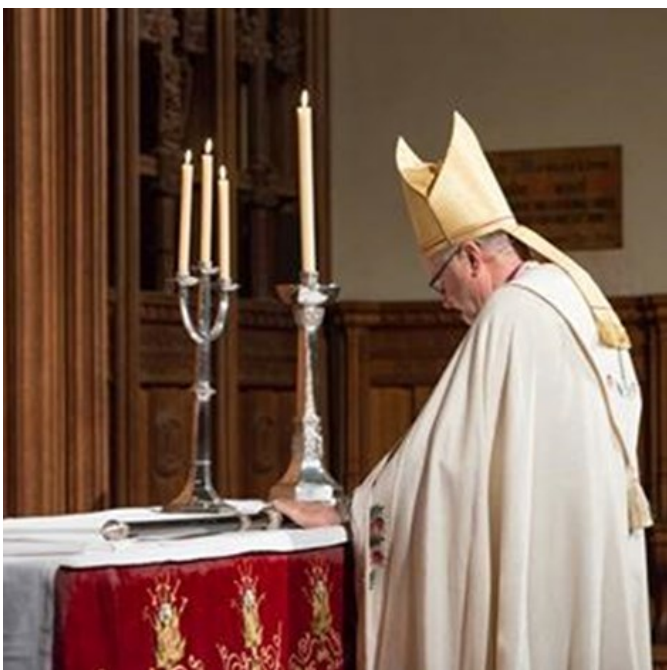
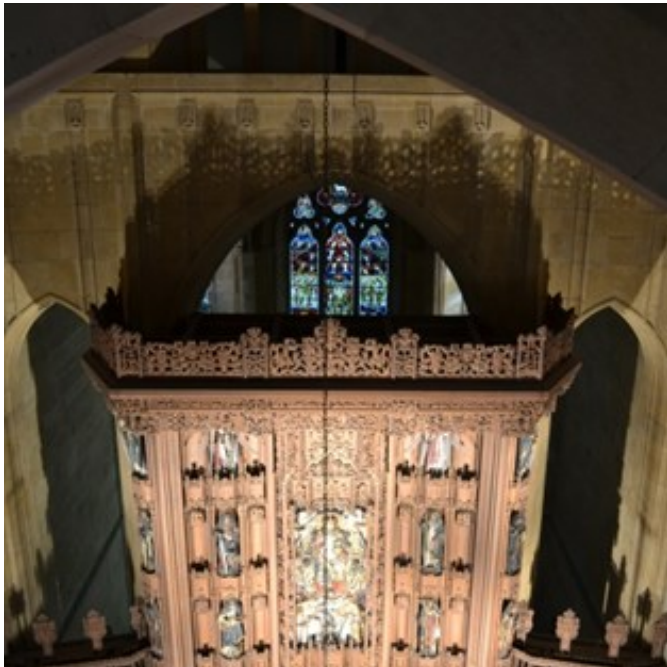
Anglicans sometimes seem embarrassed by talking about money. We tend to avoid absolute directives such as the (Biblical) tithe. Yet, for our churches to remain open we need regular committed giving from all members of our communities. Christine and I make a monthly payment directly from our bank account to the Cathedral. On Sundays Christine picks up a card from the entrance table and puts it into the collection bags – a weekly reminder of our commitment. How much do we give? The equivalent of a daily cup of coffee and muffin each. It's not a tithe, but it is a percentage of our income. It works for us.

My grandmother frequently quoted the old expression, "look after the pennies and the pounds will take care of themselves" – not a bad saying whether applied to money or creation.



*Frank*







## Our *Green* Cathedral?

Some years ago St Peter's Cathedral made a conscious decision to explore becoming more 'green'.

What has happened since then?

The really big initiative – to capture water from the Cathedral roof and channel it into wetlands was over-run by the Adelaide Oval development.

However:

- Solar panels, installed on the CP Hall roof, provide much of the power in the Cathedral Office.
- LED lighting was installed in the Lady Chapel.
- Paper is recycled.
- Bottles and cans are collected by the Friends and the profits ploughed back into the Cathedral.

Not much perhaps – but better than nothing.

We each need to do our bit.

*We thank you, God of all loveliness,  
for the beauty of the earth and sky and sea;  
for the richness of mountains, deserts and rivers;  
for the songs of birds and the beauty of flowers.*

*We praise you for these good gifts,  
and pray that we may guard your heritage,  
to the honour and glory of your name. Amen.*

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## Caribbean Paradise is very, very fragile.

Archbishop Holder, the Bishop of Barbados and Archbishop of the West Indies, recently said: "We have in the Caribbean, one of the most beautiful and exotic bits of God's great gift of creation... The hills and mountains and the luscious fruitful valleys; the sea and the sun; the sunset and the enchanting moonlight... We do live in paradise. Others come in their thousands to share our experience of paradise...

But it is fragile. Very, very fragile. One strong hurricane, excessive rainfall, extended drought, pollution of any type and our paradise is under threat."

*[Gavin Drake, ACNS, July 19, 2016]*

## Visiting lecturer

Prof J Richard Middleton will be visiting St Barnabas College this month.

Bishop Tim writes: "*Whether as a scholar, pastor or Christian believer seeking to be well-informed about our faith, I would place Prof. Middleton in my top level of contemporary theologians. He is an all-too-rare combination of biblical scholar and public theologian.*"

Prof Middleton will be speaking at two public occasions:

**Sun 25 September:** 8am & 10.30am St Peter's Cathedral

**Wed 28 September:** 7pm at St Peter's Cathedral

Public Lecture "Voices from the Ragged Edge"



## Theologians in Residence

at St Peter's Cathedral, 2016 are

- Rev'd Dr Graeme Garrett, past Lecturer in Theology at St Mark's National Theological Centre, Canberra (who supervised Canon Jenny's Master's thesis last year)
- Dr Jan Morgan, lecturer in Clinical Pastoral Education at the University of Divinity and author of "Earth's cry: prophetic ministry in a more-than-human-world."

There are three opportunities to hear their wisdom under the heading "The Earth is the Lord's."

"(Psalm 24)



## Saturday 15 October

Quiet Day: 10am – 3pm, CP Hall

*A bird's eye view of God: the changing climate of ministry and prayer*

## Sunday 16 October

Preaching at St Peter's Cathedral, 8am and 10.30am

*A disciple's view of Jesus*

## Monday 17 October

Study Group, 10.30am – 12noon, CP Hall

*A God's eye view of the world*

## 'The Earth is the Lord's'

## Listening for God in Scripture and Creation

We live in a time of increasing awareness and anxiety about the Earth in which we live. About this island continent, Australia. About this beautiful place, Adelaide. Our attention is roused in part because of changes which are taking place around us.

Wild bushfires.

Droughts that seem to go on and on.

Corals that are dying in the Great Barrier Reef. Huge storms that lash the coasts.

Pelting rain that floods the rivers.

These are unwelcome and disturbing realities. They prompt our Nation to reflect and debate issues of ecology, economics and politics. What are we to do in the face of such challenges?

And they prompt us as Christians to reflect on theological issues as well. What does it mean to see the Earth, our home, as God's creation? And what does it mean to see this home facing such stresses? What does it mean for prayer and for ministry?



PLANNED GIVING 2016/17

**Time, Talent & Treasures**

**Shakespeare**  
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THURS OCT 6TH, 7PM

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### Why the “Empty” Cathedral?

This year on October 7th, Anglicare will once again be hosting a major fundraising dinner in the Cathedral, cleared of all pews and transformed into a banquet hall (a very Biblical image for the Kingdom of God).

This provides us with an opportunity to use the space in different and creative ways. Last year the Organ Fundraising appeal was launched at an “Empty Cathedral” event, when the choir sang in different positions, with the audience moving around as they sang, experiencing the acoustics in unusual ways.

This year two events precede the Anglicare dinner:

#### Wednesday October 5:

**Adelaide as 1**—an ecumenical service of worship hosted in our building.

#### Thursday 6 October:

##### Shakespeare 400—The Mirror up to Nature.

Rob Croser, Artistic Director of *Independent Theatre* and Lay Canon of St Peter's Cathedral, uses the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death to explore The Bard's take on matters of humanity and faith. Join us in this very unique happening with Rob and a star-studded cast.

## Sunday and Special Services

### September 4: Pentecost 16

8&10.30am Preacher: J Wilson  
Music (10.30am): Gregorian Choir  
Plainsong *Missa orbis factor*  
6pm Evensong: Shakespeare #2 of 3  
Music: Byrd *Second service*

### September 11: Pentecost 17

8&10.30am Preacher: F Nelson  
Music (10.30am): Lotti *Mass for three voices*  
6pm Evensong: Shakespeare #3 of 3  
Music: Lay Clerks & Marryat High Chamber choir  
Morley *Short service*

### September 18: Pentecost 18

8am: Aidan Kanieappan  
10.30am Confirmation  
Preacher: Bishop Tim Harris  
Music: Ireland *Communion Service in C*  
5pm Choral Evensong: Holy Innocents, Belair.  
Music: Cathedral Choir  
Preacher: Stephen Daughtry.  
6pm Choral Evensong: Preacher: J Riley (Modbury)  
Music: Certaine Notes choir  
Berkeley: Evening Service *in G*

### September 25: Pentecost 19

8am&10.30am Preacher: Prof R Middleton  
Music (10.30am) Jackson *Communion Service in G*  
6pm Choral Evensong: Preacher: Dr B Teague  
Music: Jackson *in G*

## Weekday Services

Monday – Friday

7.30am Eucharist in the Lady Chapel  
8.45am Morning Prayer in the Dean's Chapel

Wednesday only

10.00am Eucharist (BCP)  
5.15pm Choral Evensong (school term only)  
6.00pm Christian Meditation

1st Saturday of month

7.30pm Taizé Service  
with prayer for healing

We are thrilled that **Denis Olsen** has agreed to lead the cast of actors performing an assortment of extracts from Shakespeare's plays using the empty Cathedral in creative and dynamic ways.

**Your ticket** includes a glass of wine and nibbles and, of course, the opportunity to explore the empty Cathedral, talk to friends old and new, and engage with the actors.

All profits from this event will go to the **Cathedral Organ Restoration Fund** which has a target of \$2 million dollars by the end of 2018.

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