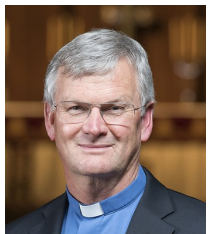




“Water, water, everywhere, Nor any drop to drink.”



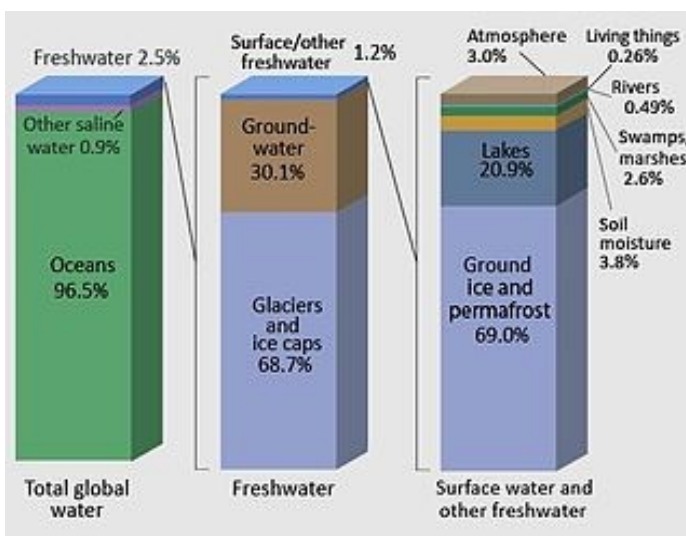
These words, buried deep inside Samuel Taylor Coleridge's epic poem 'Rime of the Ancient Mariner' provide a good background to the theme of this year's Lent preaching series on Sunday evenings.

It is well known that of all the water available on the planet less than 1% is actually able to be drunk by humans! So the Mariner knew what he was talking about.

Why water, and why *JustWater* – for Lent? Three cathedrals: St George's Cape Town, St Paul's London and St Paul's Melbourne, with Trinity Wall Street (New York), came up with the idea of focusing on water during Lent 2017. Between them they have not only made available a vast array of resources but have challenged Christians across the world to consider the importance of water during Lent.

<http://www.justwater2017.org/>

Here at St Peter's Cathedral, situated in the driest state on the driest continent in the world, we too are well aware of the importance of using water wisely and well. Each Sunday evening in Lent, our six



preachers will talk on a particular perspective involving water. None of them are experts on water. All of us are consumers of water. Come along and hear what is said and stay on for coffee/tea (yes – made with water) and a time to discuss the ideas put forward by the preachers.

St Peter's Cathedral, North Adelaide

JUST WATER

~ Lent Sermon Series ~

SUNDAYS 6PM - CHORAL EVENSONG

Royal Commission into Institutional Child Abuse, Case Study 36 Report

Most will be aware that this report was released recently. It makes sad, sober and often damning reading. It is a timely reminder that human beings, however well-liked, well-intentioned or well-trusted, are capable of terrible things. In recent years, as a direct result of the abuse allegations and damaged lives, the Diocese of Adelaide has implemented considerable changes in its policies and procedures. Included in these is the ongoing training and professional development of all 'church officials' – from clergy and lay workers, to Sunday School teachers, church musicians, bell ringers and carers. Undoubtedly this has helped make the church a safer

place for all. Continued vigilance is essential.

A recent editorial in the Advertiser acknowledged the considerable work done by former Archbishop Jeffery Driver in moving the Diocese to this safer place. "The diocese owes Mr Driver a huge debt for the compassion in which he handled the compensation cases and changed not just processes under which they are now managed, but the internal culture of the diocese. While it is impossible to state that such abuse will never happen again, the likelihood of it being covered-up and whistle-blowers being simply dismissed is now remote."

(Adelaide Advertiser 14 February 2017)

Frank

Water, Environment, Famine and Healing

Water is sacred

Why would an archbishop talk about water? Well, to begin with, water is mentioned 722 times in the Bible. It literally frames the Biblical story.

Before creation even took place, the waters were there. And in the last book of the Bible, Revelations, we have a wonderful vision of re-creation: the river of the water of life, flowing from the hand of God.

Remember that water is sacred.

How can we reconnect with water as something holy and precious? Let water inspire and heal us – let us keep connected to natural water source areas and help ensure we have examples left of pristine habitats to leave as a legacy to our children and children's children.

Extracts from a talk by the Most Revd Dr Thabo Makgoba, Archbishop of Cape Town and Primate of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, at the JustWater launch, London. Full text <http://www.justwater2017.org/>

Carbon fast for Lent?

Chair of the Anglican Communion Environmental Network (ACEN), the Bishop of Swaziland, Ellinah Wamukoya, is inviting people to take part in a "carbon fast" during Lent – to examine their daily actions and reflect on how they impact the environment:

"We are of the earth, we are dust, if the earth birthed us so let us look after her, and reduce our carbon footprint to ensure continued life" she said.

Carbon fast campaigns are designed so that, over Lent, people take small steps to reduce carbon dioxide output: helping the environment and bringing the world one step closer to a sustainable existence. Green Anglicans have produced a guide with daily actions for use in Lent.

<http://www.anglicannews.org/news/>

Famine in South Sudan

Famine has been formally declared in South Sudan. The Archbishop of Canterbury has called on the Church to pray for peace, as aid agencies warn of a narrow window during which aid can be delivered before the rainy season.

The UN reported that war and a "collapsing economy" had left 100,000 people facing starvation. A further one million people are classified as being on the brink of famine. The declaration means that people have already started dying of hunger.

<http://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/>

Image: <http://www.ndtv.com/world-news/>



For the healing of the nations

An Asian restaurant chain in Yorkshire is raising money for a clean-water project, set up by the diocese of Leeds, which seeks to bring Christians and Muslims together and ease tensions between faith communities.

The project was launched after nine Christians, including four women and a child, were burned alive in their homes in Gojra, in Punjab, in 2009. In an attempt to encourage reconciliation, the UK Foreign Office funded a peace mission that brought imams, priests, police officers, and lawyers from Gojra on a fact-finding tour of the diocese of Wakefield, to learn from their English counterparts about interfaith relations.

The peace mission led to the water-filtration project, with the hope of bringing the two faith communities together.

Bishop Robinson said: "The water-filtration plants will benefit Christians and Muslims, and they will know that it is their brothers and sisters in Britain, both Christian and Muslim, who have raised the funds. This is a good-news story, and one we need to keep telling in all the places where there is tension between different groups, different faiths, and different cultures." <https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/>

The Lord's Prayer (Re-read)

Our God, father and mother,
from, through and to whom all lives flow,
Your name is holy
for you water every creature with life.
May the 'waters rolling in justice' come down
among us and dwell as in your presence.
Give us water sufficient for our living,
and help us to share water and other re-
sources with those who are dying of thirst.
Forgive us our insincerity, insensitivity
and irresponsibility in saving
and preserving water,
and for our abuse of creation.
And teach us to forgive one another.
Lead us not into the temptation
of accumulation, greed and power over water,
and deliver us from avaricious life styles.
For your word is like water
cleansing us from evil,
your reign is righteousness
flowing like an ever-flowing stream
dismantling the powers and principalities
from generation to generation,
from history to history,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

<http://www.greenanglicans.org/>

Education at St Peter's Cathedral

In recent years there has been intentional work in developing a broad range of Christian educational opportunities for regulars and newcomers to the Cathedral – aiming to have something for everyone.

- The bedrock of the Cathedral's Christian education programme remains the **weekly sermons** preached on Sundays. These almost always take as their starting point the readings of the day. Following week by week over the years, and perhaps taking printed copies of sermons home for quiet reflection, will ensure you come to an increased understanding of the Bible and what it might look like to be Christian in our day.
- **Alpha Course** – offered from 1 June 2017, aimed at those who know little or nothing of Christianity.
- **Pilgrim Course** – currently running on Sunday at midday, a series of 6 sessions, each exploring an aspect of faith, including baptism / Eucharist / the Lord's Prayer. Pilgrim is aimed at those who wish to build on their first taste of church and Christianity. (After Easter: Monday evening)
- **Baptism and Confirmation preparation** – regular opportunities are offered for parents bringing children to be baptised to explore their own faith and motives. Confirmation is offered annually following a period of preparation.
- **Lent** (and other occasional) **Courses** – this year's study "The Mystery of Everything" starting with the biographical film based on the life of Jane and Stephen Hawking, "The Theory of Everything."
- **Meeting God on Mondays** – monthly morning gathering to read and discuss the Sunday lectionary readings. A great way to enjoy reading the Bible, learning and making friends.
- **EFM, Education for Ministry** (or Exploring faith Matters) – a four year programme for who wish to study the Bible in depth, as well as Church History and Theology without going the degree path.
- **Silent Retreat at Sevenhill** – this year is the 2nd annual retreat, offered the first week of May, led by the Dean. Benedictine Spirituality is at the heart of these times together.

Details are advertised mainly through the Sunday service booklets and weekly eNews. There are also many opportunities for a wide range of Christian education opportunities throughout Adelaide. Find something that works for you.

Keeping a Holy Lent

You will have your own way of observing Lent:

pancakes, ashing, giving up chocolate, attending a Lent Course or weekday service, writing an intentional letter, coming to the Cathedral's Fringe Festival offering "The Devil's Passion"...

Whatever it is, use the time wisely and well to draw closer to God through Jesus Christ. Pray for those who are preparing to be baptised on Easter Day.

The Cathedral Shop has a number of books suitable for Lenten reading on offer. Why not read something a little different for Lent, or try using a rosary with Anglican prayers, or a holding cross made by our own Bill Ashman and Ossie Grotto?

Joanne Hartstone & Passion Pit Theatre present

The Devil's Passion

or Easter in Hell

A divine comedy, written & performed by Justin Butcher

"One of the most remarkable evenings I've spent in the theatre"

David Suchet

"Riveting, witty performance"

British Theatre Guide

"Timely, beautifully-written, poignant"

Huffington Post



ST PETER'S CATHEDRAL 7 – 11 March @ 8PM
BOOK ONLINE: www.adelaidefringe.com.au



Water in Art

Detail from two of the wonderful works of art on display in the Cathedral.

Above: The Net by Maz Gill-Harper

Below: Goolwa my Happy Place by Julie Haddrick



For your *Diary*

Lent Study

It's not too late to sign up for this year's course - *The Mystery of Everything*. A new and original Lent Course by Hilary Brand which takes the multi-award winning film about Stephen Hawking, *The Theory of Everything*, as its starting point.

Monday 10.00am. Led by Canon Jenny Wilson and Monday evening, 7.00pm. Led by Lynn Arnold.

Bells to defy Racism

On 19 March, church bells will ring out all over the world in defiance of racism and xenophobia, as a result of an initiative by the Dean of Waterford, the Very Revd Maria Jansson, Christ Church Cathedral, Waterford.

Dean Jansson said: "The rise in hateful racist attitudes in the public realm is alarming, because it draws upon the basest instincts in humankind, with appalling consequence for any society. In utter contrast, Jesus ever draws forth the best in us. 'Love one another as I have loved to you' is not a call to sentiment, but to a practical and sincere commitment to uphold the dignity and well-being of others."

<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/>

Annual Vestry Meeting

Please note the date and time of this important meeting: **Sunday 26 March, 12 noon.**

The Annual report should be out the Sunday before, while the Dean's report will be read during the morning services.

Retreat at Sevenhill: 1-5 May

Benedictine-style retreat conducted by the Dean. Express your interest now and secure a place. dean@stpeters-cathedral.org.au



Garden of Remembrance

Did you know you can book and buy a plot in the Cathedral's Garden of Remembrance. Find out more from the Cathedral Office. (Conditions apply)

Cathedral Organ Restoration

Thank you to all who have given to this appeal in recent weeks, including a number in memory of people who have died. The figure is inching past the \$600,000 mark. Let's keep it moving.

Sunday and Special Services

March 1: Ash Wednesday

Imposition of Ashes will be available at all services.

7.30am Eucharist

10.am Holy Communion (BCP)

6.30pm Choral Eucharist

March 5: Lent 1

8 & 10.30am Preacher: J Wilson

6pm Choral Evensong: Preacher: F Nelson

JustWater #1: Water, water, everywhere

March 12: Lent 2

8 & 10.30am Preacher: F Nelson

6pm Choral Evensong: Preacher: J Wilson

JustWater #2: Sir, give me this water

March 19: Lent 3

8 & 10.30am Preacher: L Arnold

6pm Choral Evensong: Preacher: M Anstey

JustWater #3: Deep Water, Troubling Water

March 26: Lent 4 (Mothering Sunday)

8 & 10.30am Preacher: F Nelson

6pm Choral Evensong: Preacher: T McCall

JustWater #4 Water & Creation: A Sacred Balance

April 2: Lent 5 (Passion Sunday)

8 & 10.30am Preacher: tbc

6pm Choral Evensong: Preacher: C Capper

JustWater #5: Water & Justice

April 9: Lent 6 (Palm Sunday)

8 & 10.30am Preacher: tbc

6pm Choral Evensong: Preacher: L Arnold

JustWater #6: Living Water

For details of Music see

<http://www.stpeters-cathedral.org.au/music-list/>

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)

5.30 pm Choral Evensong (school term only)

6.00pm Christian Meditation

1st Saturday of month

7.30pm Taizé Service with prayer for healing

Planned Giving

The way to support your Cathedral

Use a **Planned Giving** leaflet to commit towards enabling the Cathedral's mission and ministry.

Thinking of leaving a bequest to St Peter's?

Ask at the Office

to arrange to speak to someone.

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