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Cathedral notes

St Peter's
nurturing spirit and mind
CATHEDRAL

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PRAYING FOR PEACE

Our new Cathedral souvenir book (available now in the Shop and an ideal gift for early Christmas presents) has the title, "A Sacred Space." Of course all churches are sacred spaces, but one of the unique features of cathedrals throughout the world is that they tend to offer this sacred space to the wider community. All manner of people find themselves drawn into these places of sacredness to pause, to pray, to be. St Peter's Cathedral is no different. It is a place of community celebration and lament. Each day opens with the opportunity to gather as God's people to share in the Eucharist. Each Wednesday evening a handful of people join the choir for Evensong to pray for peace in the world.

Thursday 21 September is designated by the United Nations as International Day of Peace. The whole day has been set aside for prayers for peace in our Cathedral. The invitation to a number of church-related groups to lead prayers and reflections on the hour has been readily accepted. I am delighted that so many people see the Cathedral as "our Cathedral" and are prepared to come into its sacred space for this holy task. Come, if you are able, and spend time praying for those parts of the world where there is no peace, and giving thanks for the blessings of peace we so easily take for granted.

A special order of service has been crafted for 7pm that evening and will include music by Certain Notes Choir and solo viola (Cecily Satchell). Lay Canon Rob Croser and the Independent Theatre Company will perform readings and recitations on the theme of Peace. Prayers will be offered from a range of different faiths. As part of our prayers we will all have the opportunity to light candles—after all, "It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness". Well aware of the importance of praying for peace in our world, His Excellency the Governor of South Australia will be in attendance.

Peace
I leave with you;
my peace
I give to you.

John 14: 27

PILGRIMAGE FOR PEACE

One of the world's countries that continues to struggle to find peace is South Africa. Sixteen pilgrims, most from St Peter's Cathedral, will spend three weeks during September visiting the 'rainbow nation'. As well as enjoying the sheer beauty and variety of the geography, topography and animal life, the visitors will be introduced to a cross-section of its history, languages and peoples. Visits to the Apartheid Museum in Johannesburg, the Boer War concentration camp cemetery in Irene, the 1820 Settlers Monument in Grahamstown, and the Castle and Robben Island in Cape Town will give snapshots of the history of conquest and oppression, and the struggles for freedom in different eras.

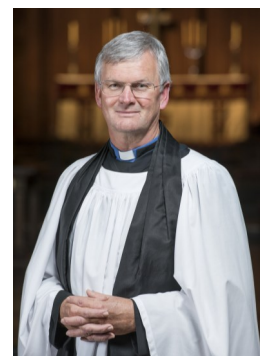
Over three days in Kwazulu/Natal the pilgrims will be guests of the Parish of the Ascension, Hilton. This visit will include seeing both some of the most expensive (in the sense of private and independent) schools and some of the poorest in the area.

Those familiar with Alan Paton's "Cry the Beloved Country" will recognise the Valley of the Thousand Hills, home to the Bongikosi and Sweetwaters self-help projects (thank you to Cathedral parishioners for donations of warm beanies and scarves which will be given as gifts for these desperately poor people).

Later in the tour, time spent at a Benedictine Monastery in the East Cape and Eucharist at St George's (Desmond Tutu's) Cathedral in Cape Town will remind pilgrims of the common faith we share in Christ.

To those travelling we say:
Hamba Kahle (Go well - Zulu);
to those remaining in Adelaide
we say:

Sala Hantle (Stay well - Sotho).



Frank



**International
Peace Day
September 21**

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Together for Peace

A multi-faith offering
of word, music
and candle lighting
for peace

St Peter's Cathedral
United Nations Day of Peace
Thursday 21 September 7pm

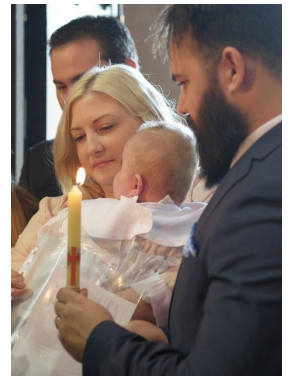
Called to serve



Members of our Cathedral community commit to service in a variety of ways.

At baptism we are called to “live as a disciple of Christ” and to “shine as a light in the World”.

Whether singing God’s praises or welcoming strangers, serving at the altar or providing meals for the homeless, preparing resources for visitors or visiting the sick, we commit ourselves to “share the love of Christ and his Gospel of reconciliation and hope... to honour all people and to pray and work for peace and justice.” (APBA)



Photographs include:

- the Cathedral serving team,
- baptisms, confirmations, admission to communion and reception into the Anglican Church,
- Fieri Consort with Cathedral servers,
- the first glimpse of the new Cathedral Souvenir booklet.

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Of faith and finding our way through life's issues

Within the Anglican church as with the general community there is a wide range of opinion about whether or not the definition of marriage should be changed in the Marriage Act. Some people are opposed to a change and some are very much in favour. In 2004 the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia welcomed the initiative of the Federal Parliament in clarifying that marriage, at law in Australia, is the union of a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life.

Of particular concern in any debate concerning a change in the definition of marriage is that we are not talking only about an idea but we are talking about real people with real lives and this is the case across the spectrum of opinion. We have a responsibility to do all we can to ensure that the views of all are respected and heard and avoid any kind of bullying or coercion as the debate continues.

If the definition of marriage is changed widespread protections will need to be carefully put in place to protect the right of all Australians to hold and live out religious beliefs including those concerning marriage. This includes faith based organisations as well as individuals.



My hope is that Adelaide Anglicans whether they are for or against a change in the definition of marriage will participate in the debate in a way which is a blessing to those around them and will ensure Adelaide Anglican churches are a welcoming place for all.

Geoff Smith
Anglican Archbishop
of Adelaide

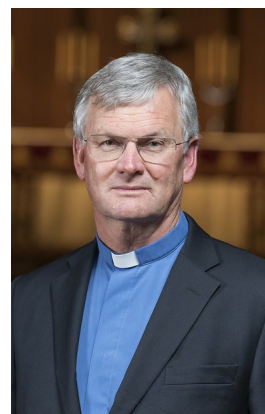
Statement to the Advertiser (17/08/17)

St Peter's Cathedral is a Christ-centred, sacramental, inclusive, thinking, mission-oriented, faith community.

As the country wrestles over the nature of marriage and what and how to vote in a referendum that has no power other than moral, your faith and mine will be put to the test – for there is no easy answer. Much will depend on our understanding of what it means to follow the Living One, how we read and interpret the Bible, and how well we are able to enter into genuine debate, with a real desire to use both ears to listen and, perhaps often, keep our mouths shut. I am thankful, in a way, that as a resident alien I do not have a vote. But equally aware that the land of my citizenship has already voted on the issue of same sex marriage and the sky has not fallen.

We live in a complex beautiful world where there are many models of relationships. And we worship as part of the Anglican Church which has a long and proud history of being open to people, of working hard at holding together as family despite differences. We also belong to a church which has very definite views on marriage as that between a man and a woman together for life. Priests and deans are not at liberty to make changes to the formularies of the church while holding a bishop's licence.

When we come to kneel at the altar rail to receive the blessed sacrament of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, we do so knowing that Jesus died for all people, Jew and Gentile, male and female, black and white, gay and straight. In Genesis the rainbow is a symbol of God's covenant never again to destroy the earth. While it has new connotations now, it remains a powerful reminder of God's love for the earth, the whole of creation, including every single human being. A tall order for us, but surely not for God.



Frank Nelson, sermon 27/08/2017 (extract)

News from around the Anglican Communion

First in Australia

The Right Reverend Kay Goldsworthy AO, has been elected as archbishop of WA – the first female archbishop in Australia. Bishop Kay is no stranger to the title of 'first', having been consecrated the first female bishop in the Australian Anglican Church in 2008, when she was



appointed assistant bishop of Perth. Also among the first Australian women ordained deacon (in 1986) and priested (in 1992), she has been Bishop of Gippsland since 2015

Appointed to the Order of Australia earlier this year, Bishop Kay was recognised then for her distinguished service to religion and as a pioneering role-model for women.

Across the Seas – Another New Archbishop



Bishop James Wong of the Seychelles has been elected as the new Archbishop and Primate of the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean. Archbishop James says that he is committing himself to the fostering of links within the Communion.

<http://www.anglicannews.org/news/2017/08>

One for the Road?

Raising more than a few eyebrows: a Beer Choir, hosted by the Grace Episcopal Cathedral, Topeka (USA). "It's not a 'rehearsal,' people just download the hymnal onto their phone, and it's just drinking songs," Steve Burk, choir director, explained. "It's not like there's any religious thing going on, but that's kind of the neat thing about the Episcopal church, we really feel like God is everywhere."

<http://cjonline.com/life/food-fun/arts-entertainment>

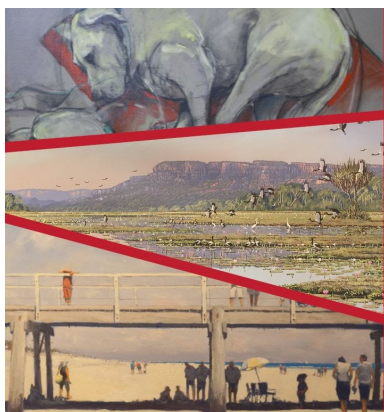
Chorister for a Day



Saturday 9 September 2017, 2:00pm

Before auditioning for the Cathedral choir, interested children are invited to experience the life of a Cathedral Chorister for one afternoon, including singing Choral Evensong with the choir in the Cathedral.

Bookings are essential – visit:
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For your Diary

Sunday 3 September: Pentecost 13

8 & 10.30am Preacher: F Nelson

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Preacher: L Arnold

Sunday 10 September: Pentecost 14

8 & 10.30am Preacher: J Wilson

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Preacher: C Capper

Sunday 17 September: Pentecost 15

8 & 10.30am Preacher: L Arnold

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Preacher: B Teague

SEPTEMBER 21: International Peace Day

Sunday 24 September: Pentecost 16

8 & 10.30am Preacher: J Wilson

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Preacher: C Capper

Sunday 1 Oct: St Michael & All Angels

8 & 10.30am Preacher: L Arnold

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Preacher: S Pash

Weekday Services

Monday – Friday

7.30am Eucharist

8.45am Morning Prayer

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

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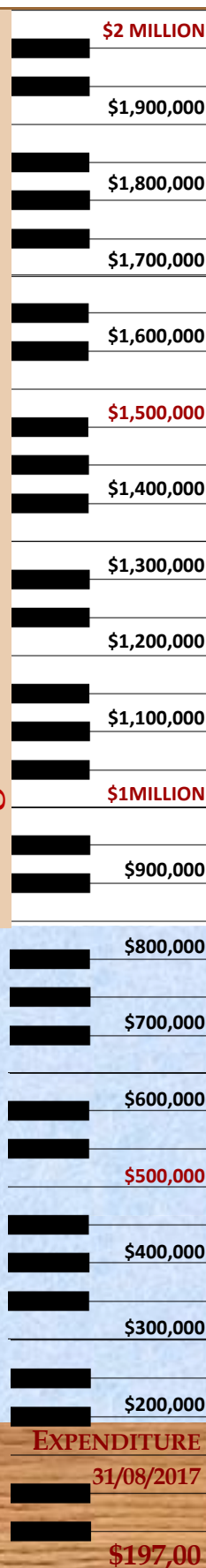
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