



## Advent

I love the season of Advent – the change to purple after the long months of green, the weekly lighting of another Advent Candle, the hymns with their wonderful poetry reflecting the longing of God's people for Christ's coming, the sense of anticipation of Christmas. And of course, the reminding that the coming of Christ (both the 1st – the Incarnation, and the 2nd – the Parousia) has a history. During Advent we read much of that history in the prophets of the First Testament and some of the strange Gospel passages known as Apocalyptic writing.

Here in the Diocese of Adelaide we celebrate our own mark in history with the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the first women to the priesthood (both in the Diocese and Australia, though well behind other parts of the Anglican Communion). That history is told in the stories of those who alerted the church to the missing role of the priestly ministry of women and their struggle to be recognized and finally ordained. Established in Sydney in 1983, the Movement for the Ordination of Women in Australia (MOW) campaigned relentlessly and bravely until, finally, General Synod passed a motion allowing women to be priested.

Just two weeks later, and the day before Advent Sunday, on 5th December 1992, five women - Joan Claring-Bould, Flo Monahan, Susan Straub, Sue Pain and Juliana Rees SI – were ordained priest in St Peter's Cathedral. (Two of these "First Five" write something of their experiences below.) Since then many women have taken their rightful place presiding at the altar, and St Peter's has been, and continues to be, blessed by the ministry of women priests, with yet another chapter added following the ordination to the



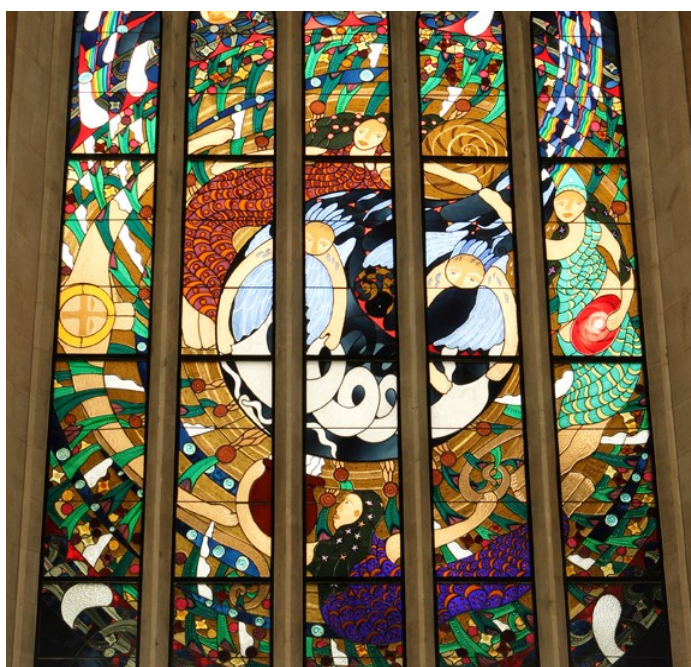
Susan Straub  
congratulates  
Wendy following her  
deaconing.

diaconate of Wendy Morecroft on 25th November 2017.

As we sing the lovely Advent hymns let us give thanks to God for the gift of God's Son, whose arrival is so eagerly anticipated, and whose birth on Christmas Day so joyfully celebrated.

May Christ indeed "come down like showers upon the fruitful earth, and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth..."

*Frank*



Another part of the story of the ministry of women is told in the Magdalene Window.

Reflecting on their experiences Joan Claring-Bould and Sister Juliana SI (two of the "First Five") write:

*The day of our ordination was a culmination of many years of reflecting, praying, dreaming about a vocation each of us believed that we were called to. We knew that our priesting would be a cause of great joy for many, but sadness and even anger for some. The service itself reflected that, when a bishop and a couple of lay people objected to the ordination proceeding. The Cathedral was a wonderful place for me to begin my ministry as a priest. I am always grateful for the patience, love and support of the Cathedral community from that time until now.*

*When I recognised my calling to priesthood, I was dismayed ... not because I did not like the thought of being a priest. But I realised it would require pioneering and I had already pioneered in co-founding a contemporary women's religious community, the Sisters of the Incarnation (SI). I knew the pain and struggle of that all too well.*

*Certainly the ordination was super stressful with the objections during the service! But, my life as a priest has been fulfilling and fruitful. Priesthood for me is grounded in the worship of a parish... it is being at the altar celebrating Eucharist with the people that I feel most at home in my priesthood.... it is the bedrock of my life as a priest even in my retirement from full time work.*





## Building Works around the Cathedral—2018

Next year is promising to be a busy one as we begin to tick off some long-term Conservation works outlined for us way back in 2014. As always, we recognize that what we do today is our gift to the future, while giving thank for the generosity of those who built St Peter's Cathedral into the sacred space we love today.

### Memorial Garden Access Project

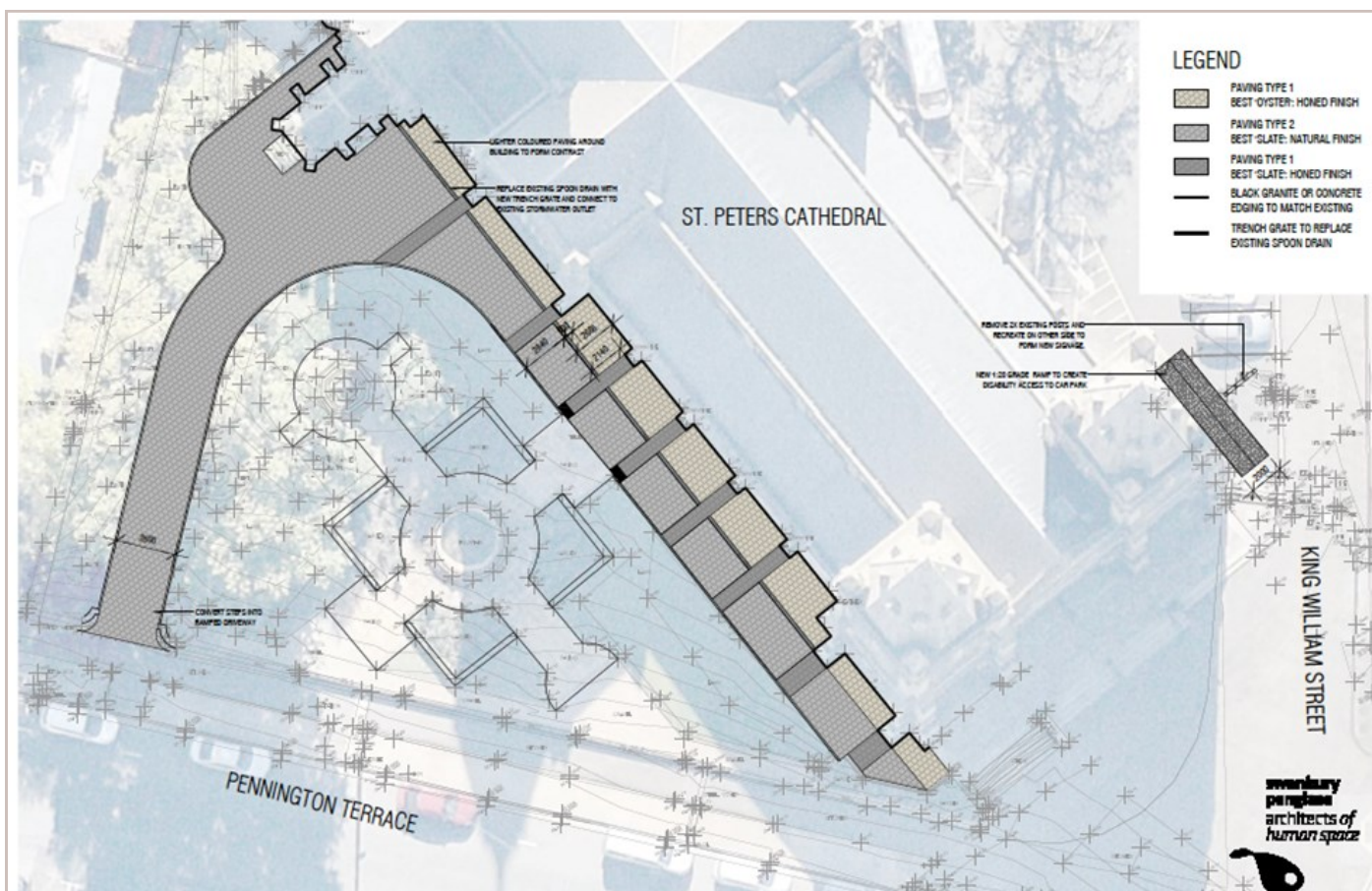
Beginning in January, access for a crane (as well as general mobility) will be provided off Pennington Terrace on the south side of the Cathedral. The long term cost-savings will be considerable as this access means we can clean high level gutters and down-pipes regularly without having to put in an expensive roof ladder system. Money for this has been budgeted from the Memorial Garden Fund and the use of recent bequests. Marshall & Brougham are the successful tenderer.

### Stage 1 of the Roof

Beginning late March, scaffolding will be erected on the south side to reach the top of the lantern tower and enable reroofing above the organ and pulpit side of the chancel. Welsh slate, sufficient for Stage 2 as well, is on order (\$80,000 worth). Money will come, we trust, jointly from the Diocese and Adelaide City Council. (An approach to the State for heritage funding has been turned down.)

### Organ re-installation

From about late June, the Cathedral Organ will be rebuilt following its time in Durham, UK. Over \$900,000 of the estimated \$2.1 million has already been raised. Significant fund-raising still needs to occur in order to see this project paid for. Donations large and small are sought – the new Christmas Appeal 2017 brochure is now available.



## Building into the future—new Cathedral staff

### Assistant Curate



The Rev'd Wendy Morecroft joined the Cathedral staff as a Deacon on 26 November. As well as learning the ropes Wendy will spend time with baptism families and younger adults. Wendy comes to us with a wealth of experience as a lay person in the Anglican Church.

### Cathedral Organist



David Heah will take on the role of Cathedral Organist from 1 January 2018. He will be ably assisted by Mark Joyner (Assistant Organist) and Haowei Yang (Organ Scholar). David joined the Cathedral choir as a treble and began learning the organ with David Swale.

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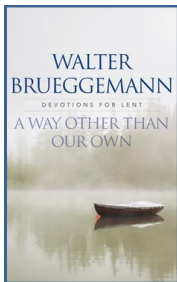
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# Building Faith

Christian Education opportunities – 2018

## *A Way other than Our Own: Devotions for Lent*



Lent calls us into times of wilderness and wandering as God calls us out of our comfort zones, into uncomfortable places, along unexpected pathways of humility, justice, and peace. Walter Brueggemann's thought-provoking reflections for Lent invite us to consider the challenging, beautiful life that comes with walking the way of grace.

Beginning on 19 February 2018,

- Monday mornings (Canon Jenny) or
- Thursday evenings (Dr Lynn Arnold)

Books can be ordered now from the Cathedral Office \$15

## *Discipleship in Mark*



During Lent our Archbishop, The Most Reverend Geoff Smith, will take us through the Gospel of Mark and how themes of Discipleship are developed. 6.00pm Choral Evensong on Sundays 18 & 25 February and 4 & 11 March.

## *Quiet Day after Easter*



It may seem a long time ahead but get the date in your diary now. Canon Rosalind Brown, Canon Librarian of Durham Cathedral (UK), will conduct a Cathedral Quiet Day Saturday 7 April, 10am – 3pm. More details to follow.

## ONGOING EDUCATION

### *The Pilgrim Course*

Six-week blocks of teaching & discussion, starting with familiar elements of worship – The Lord's Prayer, The Creed, Baptism, Eucharist. There are regular entry points so keep an eye on weekly notices for information about enrolment.

### *EfM – Exploring faith Matters*

An exciting and challenging course covering four years: Old Testament, New Testament, Church History and Theology, Philosophy & Ethics

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| individual study | group reflection |
| worship          | weekly seminars  |



Enrol now for 2018 – limited spaces available

### *Meeting God on Mondays*

Once a month, first Monday of the month, 10.30am  
Discussion around the readings for the coming Sunday.  
No enrolment required.

### *Baptism/Confirmation*

Preparation groups meet as the need arises – by arrangement with any of the clergy team.  
Contact the Cathedral office for more information.

### *St Barnabas College*

Prospective students can enrol for formal courses or to audit courses – see <https://www.sbc.edu.au/>

## *The Archbishop's Prayer for Growth in the Diocese of Adelaide*

Living God,  
we thank you for your vision  
for the whole creation  
and that you call us to share in your mission.  
We pray that you grow your church:  
Bring more people to faith in Jesus.  
Deepen our trust in you  
and knowledge of you  
Help us to serve and bless our community  
and strengthen us to be generous  
with the money and resources you give us.  
May we grow as disciples of Jesus  
and make disciples of others  
for the blessing of the world you love.  
In Jesus name we pray.  
**Amen.**



*The Cathedral was, once again, privileged to host a service for the children, families and staff of the Women's and Children's Hospital.*



*Mark Peterson and Karl Forsyth were priested and Wendy Morecroft was deaconed on 25 November – pictured here with Archdeacon Bob George, Archbishop Geoff Smith and Bishop Tim Harris.*

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## For your Diary

### Sunday 3 December: Advent Sunday

8 & 10.30am Preacher: F Nelson  
 6.00pm Choral Evensong - Choirs of  
 Pilgrim Uniting Church &  
 Christ Church N Adelaide  
 Preacher: J Wilson  
 7.45pm **Adelaide as 1:**  
 Christmas celebration  
 of Prayer & Praise

### Saturday 9 December:

7.30pm Concert – Graduate Singers  
**Cristemas In Excelsis Deo**  
 Tickets \$30 (\$25 conc)

### Sunday 10 December: Advent 2

8 & 10.30am Preacher: J Wilson  
 6.00pm Choral Evensong  
 Preacher: L Arnold

### Friday 15 December

6.00pm *Diocesan Service of Farewell to*  
*The Rev'd Dr Matthew Anstey*

### Sunday 17 December: Advent 3

8 & 10.30am Preacher: F Nelson  
 6.00pm Choral Evensong  
 Preacher: W Morecroft

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

### Sunday 24 December:

9.30am Blue Christmas  
*A service of peace for those who would seek it*  
*A service of quiet for those who are torn*  
*A time when our tears greet the birth of the Saviour*  
*And songs tell of comfort, and hope to be born.*

Holy communion and Hymns

4.00pm Childrens' Crib Service  
 7.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols  
 9.00pm Sudanese Christmas Service  
 11.00pm First Eucharist of Christmas  
 (Midnight Mass)  
 Preacher: Archbishop G Smith

### Monday 25 December Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion + Carols  
 Preacher: F Nelson  
 10.00am Festive Choral Eucharist  
 Preacher: F Nelson

## Weekday Services until Christmas

Monday – Friday

7.30am Eucharist  
 8.45am Morning Prayer

Wednesday only

10.00am Eucharist (BCP)  
 5.30 pm Choral Evensong  
 (6, 13 December)  
 6.00pm Christian Meditation

1st Saturday of month:

7.30pm Taizé Service  
 + prayer for healing

## Services for January

- Sunday services
  - 8.00am Holy Communion
  - 10.30am Eucharist + hymns
  - 6.00am Night Prayer
- Weekday Services
  - Wednesday 7.30am
  - Friday 7.30am
  - Wednesday 10.00am

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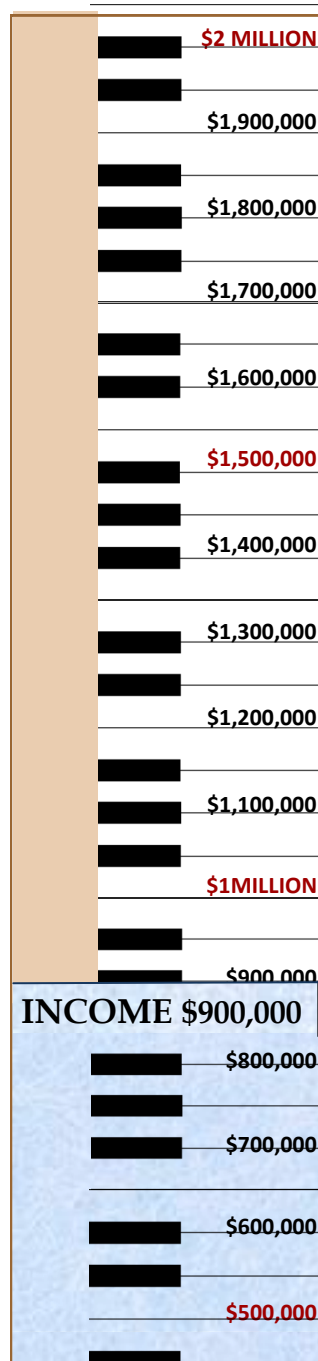
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 filled with love, joy and hope*



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