

THEOLOGY TODAY

A Newsletter from the Institute of Anglican Studies at St George's Cathedral, Perth
~ committed to building up a well-informed and thinking Anglican Community.

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KEITH WARD TO VISIT PERTH

The Reverend Professor Keith Ward, British cleric, philosopher, theologian and scholar, will be in Perth, at the invitation of St George's Cathedral Institute for Anglican Studies, from 12-27 September 2009.



Reverend Professor Keith Ward

A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

A graduate from the University of Wales in 1962, Professor Keith Ward has since been awarded a Doctorate of Divinity from both Cambridge and Oxford, and an honorary DD from the University of Glasgow, where he delivered the prestigious Gifford Lectures in 1993-94.

Academic posts include Dean of Trinity Hall Cambridge, FD Maurice Professor of Moral and Social Theology at the University of London, Professor of History and Philosophy of Religion at Kings College London, Regius Professor of Divinity at Oxford, and most recently Gresham Professor of Divinity at Gresham College, London.

Professor Ward is an ordained Anglican priest and was a Canon of Christ Church Oxford until 2003.

He has published more than 20 books, focusing largely on comparative theology and the interplay between science and faith.

As an advocate of theistic evolution, his writings (particularly *God, Chance and Necessity*) have famously challenged the thinking of atheist Richard Dawkins. His books also confront Christian fundamentalism on the one hand (notably in *What the Bible Really Teaches*), and the radical writings of theologian Don Cupitt on the other (in *Holding Fast to God*).

Professor Ward is a Fellow of the British Academy and was Joint President of the World Congress of Faiths from 1992-2001. He sits on the council of the Royal Institute of Philosophy and on the editorial boards of several learned journals.

Keith Ward's programme during his visit to Perth appears overleaf.

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HOW FIT ARE ANGLICANS TODAY?

The Institute of Anglican Studies at St George's Cathedral in Perth exists to help Anglicans become informed and thoughtful members of our Anglican Communion. We are a people on a journey.

Charles Darwin in the nineteenth century wrote *On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection*, in which he spoke of the survival of the fittest.

One is tempted to ask just how fit Anglicans are nowadays. Are we transmutating into people of faith who are increasingly sensitive to the needs of others?

Sister Iliia Delio of Washington Theological Union suggests that God is not only the beginning of our journey but the end point of our evolution. To borrow a phrase from Athanasius: "He became what we are so we might become as He is."

In the Barry Marshall lecture in Melbourne recently, Professor Martyn Percy posed the important question: "What can the Church learn from Darwin?" He made some suggestions as to how the Church might need to evolve to fit its environment.

This month, Professor Keith Ward of Oxford will help us take a hard look at the faith we profess in this twenty-first century. Towards the end of this year, the Parliament of World Religions will encourage a deeper dialogue between World Faiths. Some have suggested that such dialogue will determine the future of religious faith.

There is room for much diversity of thought as we journey on in faith. Our Anglican Way offers hope for a real unity in Christ as we seek in differing ways to experience the One who is our journey's end.

The Right Reverend Brian Kyme, Director, Institute of Anglican Studies



Bishop Brian Kyme

SUNDAYS WITH KEITH WARD

Professor Keith Ward will preach at all Cathedral services on 13, 20 and 27 September:

8.00am Holy Eucharist, 10.00am Choral Eucharist and 5.00pm Choral Evensong.

KEITH WARD'S PRINCIPAL ENGAGEMENTS

To book a place at Professor Ward's events, please call St George's Cathedral Office on (08) 9325 5766, email josephine@perthcathedral.org or fill out and return the form on the opposite page.

Tuesday 15 September

10.00-11.45am: Seminar for Clergy

Topic: "Rethinking Christianity"

Venue: Friends' Room, Lower Burt Memorial Hall,
38A St Georges Terrace

Cost: \$10.00

Thursday 17 September

7.30pm: Cathedral Lecture – all welcome

Topic: "The New Atheists"

Venue: St George's Cathedral

Cost: \$10.00

Monday 21 September

5.15-6.15pm: Heretics Anonymous – all welcome

Topic: "The New Fundamentalists"

Venue: Friends' Room, Lower Burt Memorial Hall,
38A St Georges Terrace

Cost: \$5.00

Wednesday 23 September

10.00am-12.30pm: Seminar for Theological Students

Venue: Wollaston College, Mount Claremont

Enquiries: Contact Wollaston College

Thursday 24 September

6.30pm: Seminar for Theological Educators

Venue: Friends' Room, Lower Burt Memorial Hall,
38A St Georges Terrace

Cost: \$10.00

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

People lose touch with their church for many reasons. On 13 September thousands of people across Australia will be inviting someone to go back to church with them.

Back to Church Sunday – an initiative that encourages church members to become more invitational and churches more welcoming – began in the UK in 2005. By 2008, 3,000 churches were involved, welcoming back 37,000 people.

To find out more, go to www.backtochurchsunday.com.au





PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Join pilgrims from England on a pilgrimage in Israel with Canon Philip Norwood from 4 – 14 May 2010.

Canon Norwood will preach at St George's Cathedral on Sunday 11 October this year at the 10.00am Choral Eucharist.

A gathering afterwards to hear about the pilgrimage will be held in the Friends' Room, Lower Burt Memorial Hall.

Bishop Kyme has enjoyed Canon Norwood's pilgrimages in the past – his comment, 'first rate'. Register your interest with the Bishop: (08) 9325 5766.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

Saturday 12 September

9.00am-3.30pm: *Mission Conference*

Venue: All Saints' College, Bull Creek

Keynote Speaker: Bishop Greg Thompson of the Northern Territory

Final Address by the Reverend Professor Keith Ward

Bookings: Tania Tan, GPO Box W2067, Perth 6846; Phone (08) 9325 7455.

HERETICS ANONYMOUS

Mondays 19 and 26 October

5.15-6.15pm

Come and discuss with the Dean what we believe and what we don't believe!

Venue: Friends' Room, Lower Burt Memorial Hall, 38A St Georges Terrace

Cost: \$5.00 payable on entry

EfM AT THE CATHEDRAL

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a course designed for people of the Church.

"Ministry" refers to a person's life as a follower of Christ. It means being equipped to understand, share and reflect on our faith and to live our daily lives doing what we are called to do.

EfM is all about participating, reading and learning to reflect theologically on the Scriptures and our experience of life. There are no assignments or marks!

The programme takes four years to complete, but commitment is for only one year at a time. EfM group meetings (seminars), limited to ten participants, are for 2.5 hours each, with a commitment of 32 weeks over a 12-month period.

A course will commence at St George's Cathedral on Thursday mornings from 27 August, 10.00am – 12.30pm, and every Thursday thereafter except as agreed by the group.

Further information is available from Bishop Brian Kyme (08 9325 5766) or the Reverend Greg Davies (08 9384 9959).

TO RESERVE A PLACE AT PROFESSOR KEITH WARD'S EVENTS

Please fill out this form and return it to St George's Cathedral Office, 38 St Georges Terrace, Perth 6000.

Name: _____

Postal address: _____

Postcode: _____

Contact phone number: _____ Email: _____

Please reserve _____ place(s) for the following event(s):

Seminar for Clergy ~ 15 September (\$10.00) **Cathedral Lecture** ~ 17 September (\$10.00)

Heretics Anonymous ~ 21 September (\$5.00) **Seminar for Theological Educators** ~ 24 September (\$10.00)

I enclose \$ _____ cash / cheque (made out to St George's Cathedral) / I will pay at the door

Please delete as applicable.

Thank You ~ Enquiries: phone (08) 9325 5766 or email josephine@perthcathedral.org

REVIEW ~ JOURNAL OF ANGLICAN STUDIES

The first issue in Volume 7 (May 2009) of the *Journal of Anglican Studies* takes the theme "Whose Colonialism? Which Empire?" and is notable for three Australian contributions.

The Reverend Dr Bruce Kaye of Sydney (Editor) describes the present preoccupation with global institutions in the Anglican world in response to shrinking distances between provinces. Another Australian member of the Editorial Board, Associate Professor Rowan Strong of Murdoch University WA, has recently published his *Anglicanism and the British Empire c. 1700–1850*, and there is a perceptive review in this issue by William L Sachs.

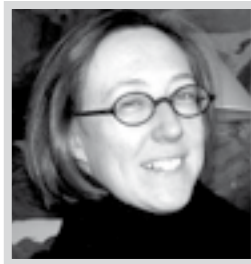
A third Australian, Bishop Stephen Pickard of Adelaide, writes tellingly of the need for Australians to become dwellers in our own place. To this end, reconciliation with the place of our habitation as a place loved by God is co-related to reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. Pickard suggests this will require a new Emmaus journey of recognition and wonder at Christ in our midst.

This Journal is a must read for anyone interested in Anglican Studies. Email journals@cambridge.org for details.

LOOKING AHEAD

For the Institute's second Spring School, in August 2010, we welcome from the UK Dr Jane Shaw, Dean of New College, Oxford, and Dr Paula Gooder, Canon Theologian of Birmingham Cathedral.

The Very Reverend Nick Bury, Dean of Gloucester, plans to be with us in Lent 2010.



Dr Jane Shaw



Dr Paula Gooder



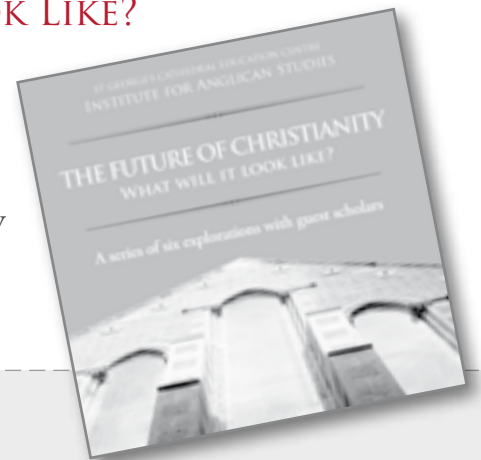
Very Reverend Nick Bury

THE FUTURE OF CHRISTIANITY: WHAT WILL IT LOOK LIKE?

This highly successful series of six outstanding lectures are now available on CD (mp3 format) for \$10.00 + postage.

Subjects covered are Faith by Dr Peter Carnley AC, Ministry by Professor Andrew McGowan, Prayer by Sister Ilia Delio, Sexuality by Professor William Loader, Scripture by Professor Phyllis Tribble, and the Future of Humankind by Dr Brian O'Brien.

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