

**WELCOME
INTO
ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL**



Centre of the Millennium Window over the main entrance.

**CHRISTIANS HAVE NOT ALWAYS BEEN LOVING
TOWARDS LGBTQ PEOPLE.**

We admit that is an understatement. We all know that Christians have been downright cruel to LGBT people. Christians have persecuted LGBT people resulting in damaged health, disrupted families, spoiled lives and death. In many places the name of Christ continues to be used in this way.

KNOW THAT YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.

LGBT people have important roles in the life of this Cathedral community: they are as open or private about their relationships as they see fit. Without its' LGBT people St John's Cathedral would be poorer in every way.

**This is a safe, holy and beautiful space.
Stop and spend some time here!**

*Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans-sexual,
Transgender, Intersex, Queer, Questioning
Asexual - We value the rich diversity of God's
gifts to the LGBTQ community*



A shaft of light briefly illuminates the silver-gilt cross on the high altar. By Christopher Alderson

**In St John's Cathedral all of God's people
are welcome**

In the person of Jesus Christ God embraced human life in all of its reality. Our true selves, our bodies, our minds, our loving, our totality are God's good creation. This understanding requires justice for all people and respect for the whole creation.

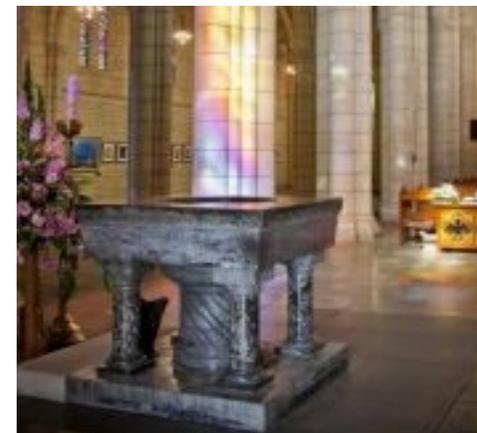
Sunday Services: *Eucharist* 7.30 am, *Sung Mass* 9.30 am, *Said Holy Communion* 5.00 pm, *Choral Evensong* 6.00pm

Daily Services: *Eucharist* 7.00 am (M – Sat) & 12.30 pm (M – F). *Prayer* 8.30 am & 4.00 pm (M-F).

At the heart of a Cathedral are its sacramental life and the scriptures. We find joy in the two great sacraments: Baptism and Eucharist.

BAPTISM IS GOD'S GIFT

Baptism is a recognition that we are all God's children. We baptise babies and children and adults. We baptise gay, we baptise straight and lesbian, bisexual, trans-sexual, intersex asexual queer and questioning people. If same-sex parents bring a child for baptism, we celebrate with them. If you come alone for baptism we will stand with you.



Light from the Millennium window floods the Baptismal Font.

THE EUCHARIST – FOR ALL OF US

In the Eucharist, the Mass or Holy Communion enter into the power and meaning of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

The Eucharist fundamental expression of faith for Christian people. The bread and wine, the body and blood of our Lord, the very life of Christ are given to us. In these gifts we are united with God and with each other. In St John's we celebrate the Eucharist twice every week day and three times on Sunday. At God's table all baptised people are welcome. Please join us in the Eucharistic meal or accept a blessing if you are not baptised.

The gifts of God for the people of God!

God enriches humanity with diverse gifts of gender and sexuality.

I am pleased to extend a special welcome to LGBTQ people.

LGBTQ people have not always been loved and supported as they should have been, but have often been shamed and rejected.

To fulfil its mission the Church needs the gifts of God's LGBTQ people.

All of God's diverse people are entitled to compassionate and respectful welcome in God's community. If that has not been your experience I express my sorrow and urge you to seek a welcome in the community of St John's Cathedral.



Very Revd. Dr Peter Catt
Dean, St John's Cathedral

St John's Cathedral was designed by John and Robert Pearson (father and son) of London. The plans were signed off in the early 1900's, Construction started in 1906 and continued until 1910 when funds ran out. Delays resulting from wars and further depression meant no further construction until the 1960's and then again from 1988 until 2009 when the church was finished.

This great neo-gothic building is in the western Catholic architectural tradition. Any who know Truro Cathedral in Cornwall may recognise the style of the architects, those who know the ancient cathedral church Maria Stella Maris in Barcelona may remember the design of the area around the High Altar.

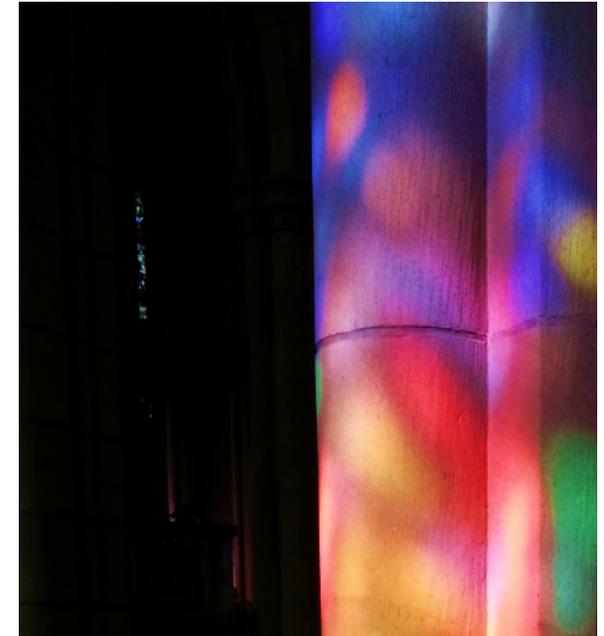
Worship in St John's is classically Anglican and therefore enriched by our catholic, celtic and reformed heritage. Our theology 21st century and our culture inclusive. We value beauty, encourage composition of new music and perform music from any time. We commission new art work and treasure those things we have from the past.

Our Cathedral is home to one of the finest pipe-organs in the country, one which has grown and developed with the building. Our choirs are talented with a broad repertoire. We auspice a string group, The Camerata of St John.

The Cathedral is home also to historical collections which relate fragments of the human story. There are coins from 600 BC (the world's oldest) to the present day, we have fragments of floor from a fifth century church and an eighth century synagogue. An ANZAC flag, by tradition the first ashore at Gallipoli, is on display. We accept retired colours from our army. We honour the whole human story and ask that it be viewed honestly. We honour the whole creation and ask that it be respected.

Our most recent windows pose many questions, including as they do the names of God from many cultures. Why a \$ sign? Why $E=mc^2$? Asking questions is very much our business! Asking the question is often the hardest part of finding an answer. However, we can't always find a satisfactory answer for the questions we ask. Sometimes all any of us can do is to help each other live with the questions – and to know that love remains.

St John's Cathedral NATURALLY RAINBOW



For God's Diverse People

Pride 2018

St John's Cathedral:

A community and a building honouring the great traditions of the Christian faith.

Working for inclusion, justice and the welfare of the whole creation.

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