

The Canterbury Fellowship

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Services:

Every Sunday:
10am Eucharist followed by
morning tea (to December 2015)

First Sunday of the month:
10am Choral Eucharist followed by
morning tea (to July 2015)

Sunday evenings out of term: 6pm
Choral Evensong (to July 2015)

January:
No choral services.



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Canterbury Fellowship Choral Services

July 2015

05 July	Choral Eucharist
12 July	Evensong
19 July	Evensong
26 July	Evensong

Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner of the Canterbury Fellowship will be held on Thursday, 16 July.

Venue: Limerick Castle Hotel, corner of Arden Street and Errol Street, North Melbourne (enter from Arden Street)

Time: 6.30pm for 7 pm start

RSVP: Sunday, 12 July to Paul Kathner or Roger Meyer.

Future of the Fellowship

We have all been aware for some time of concerns about the Fellowship's viability, given a declining and ageing membership over the last decade or more, and our difficulty in attracting new members.

A Special General Meeting was convened on Sunday 3 May 2015 (attended by 25 members) to discuss the future of the Fellowship. A small number of members had responded to the call for discernment during Lent, and despite wide-ranging discussion the general consensus was that we could see no clear way forward. It was agreed that the committee would undertake further deliberations and report back to members.

An additional complication was the announcement two days before the meeting of John O'Donnell's resignation as Director of Music from 31 May. The choir's existence, already declining in numbers, was now very much in question.

The Committee has since met on four occasions (13 May, 1 June, 13 June, 22 June). As reported in the June newsletter, at the 13 May meeting we reluctantly concluded that we did not have the choral resources to continue our traditional sung services, but that to keep faith with Trinity College, we would endeavour to offer Evensong during June and July. After consultation with the choir, a small group agreed to be available for some or all of these evensong services. Choristers were also encouraged to participate in the Eucharist on the first Sunday of the month, but from the choir's responses it was clear that we would not be able to offer a full Choral Eucharist after 5 July.

At the subsequent meetings the committee continued to wrestle with the question of our sustainability as a Fellowship. At our meeting on Monday, 22 June 2015, we resolved that the Canterbury Fellowship would discontinue the morning Choral Eucharist after 5 July, and Choral Evensong after 26 July.

The committee also resolved, not without considerable sorrow, that the final Sunday morning service under the auspices of the Canterbury Fellowship be held on 27 December 2015. This is indeed a hard and sad conclusion, but the Committee feels it is the only option available to us. As this resolution is the most significant decision ever taken by a committee on behalf of the Canterbury Fellowship, we do not wish to proceed with further planning for disestablishment and dispersal of assets without bringing these resolutions to members. Accordingly, the Committee will be calling a Special General Meeting on a date to be advised for members to vote on the second resolution.

It is important to inform Fellowship members that most of the current committee, some after years of committed service, will not be standing for re-election at the 2014-2015 Annual Meeting to be held on Sunday 1 November. If there were a strong push to continue our existence and the resolution for closure is not accepted, a significant commitment will be required from other members to take on the governance of the Fellowship.

A history of the St Johns and Canterbury Fellowship will be written and published as an enduring reminder of what and who we have been over 78 wonderful years.

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Canterbury Fellowship*

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July - August 2015

Rosters & Readings

MORNING SERVICES 10AM

DATE	READINGS	READER	INTERCESSOR	EUCCHARISTIC ASSISTANT	
5 July	2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10 Psalm 48	2 Corinthians 12: 2-10 Mark 6: 1-13	Geoff Sutherland	Margaret Dean	Paul Kathner
12 July	2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19 Psalm 24	Ephesians 1: 1-14 Mark 6: 14-29	Sherry Wang	Elizabeth Seviour	Margaret Dean
19 July	2 Samuel 7: 1-14a Psalm 89: 21-38	Ephesians 2: 11-22 Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56	Margaret Dean	Roger Meyer	Andrew Murray
26 July	Jeremiah 45 Psalm 126	Acts 11:27 – 12:3 Matthew 20: 20-28	Chris Heathcote	Michael Noble	Paul Kathner
2 August			Michael Noble	Andrew Murray	Andrew Murray
9 August			Geoff Sutherland	Elizabeth Seviour	Margaret Dean
16 August			Chris Heathcote	Margaret Dean	Paul Kathner
23 August			Margaret Dean	Roger Meyer	Andrew Murray
30 August			Mavis Heathcote	Chris Heathcote	Paul Kathner

EVENING SERVICES 6PM

DATE	READINGS	READER
5 July		Max Boyce
12 July		Margaret Dean
19 July		Gordon Stewart
26 July		Pam Stewart



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