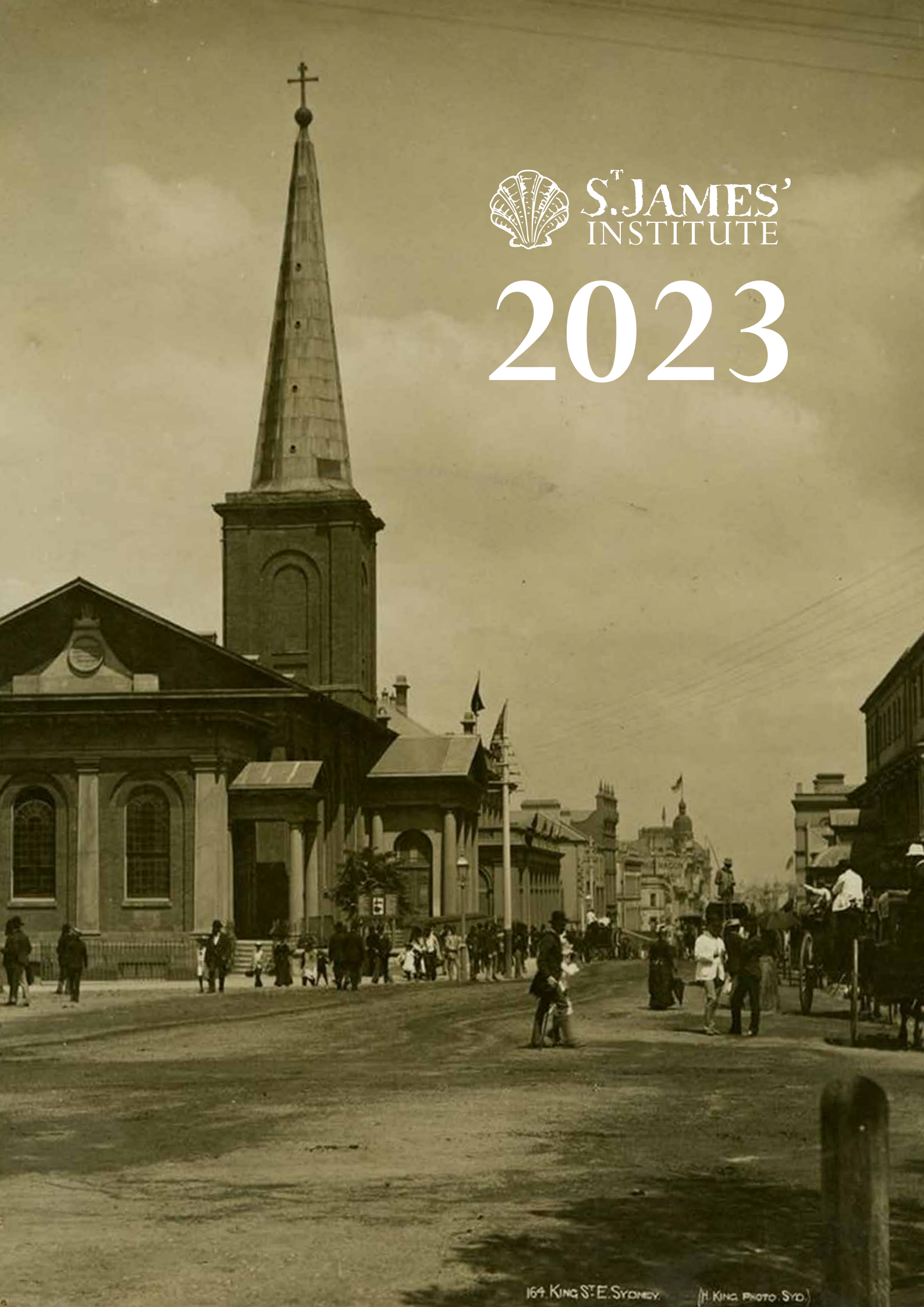




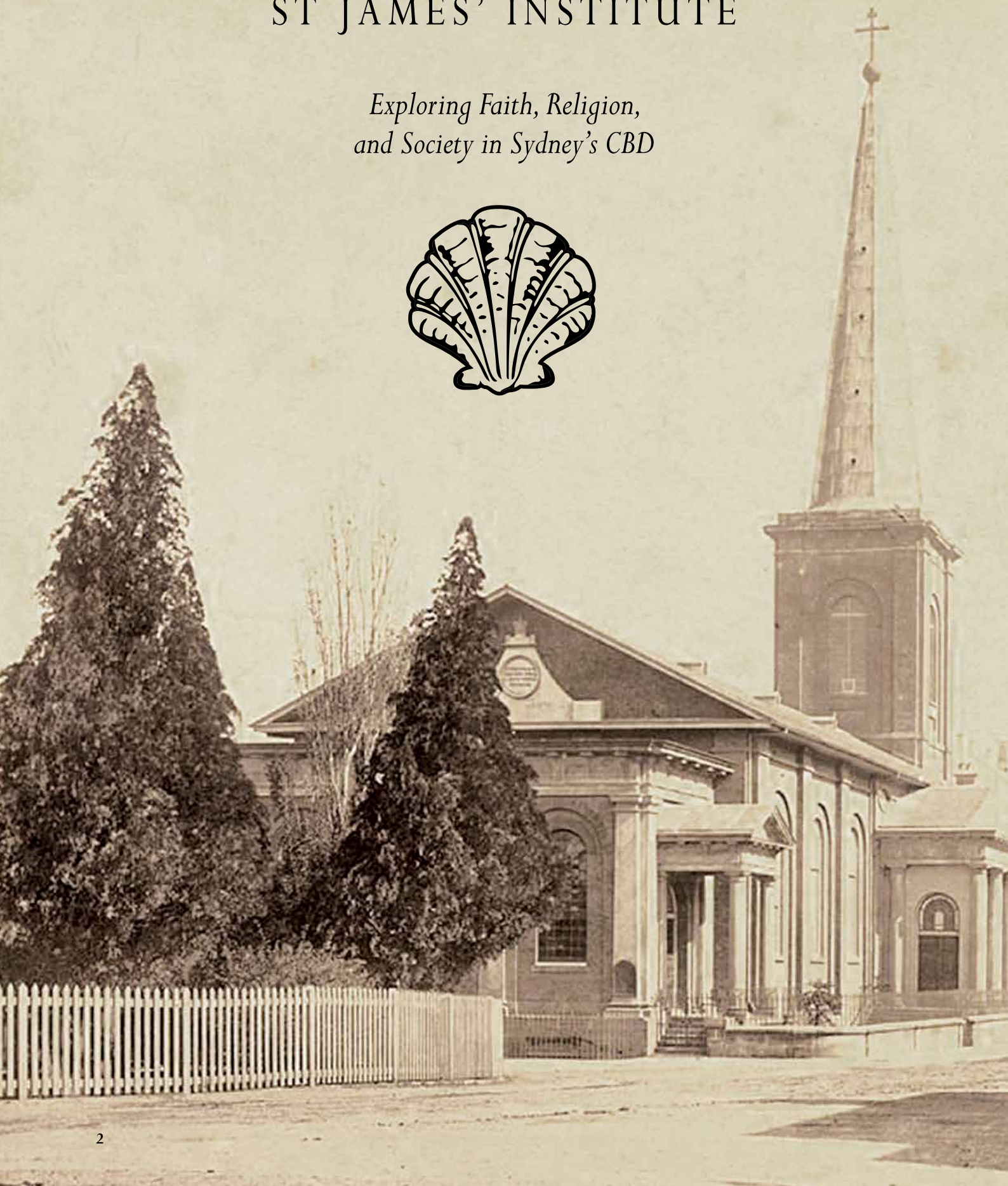
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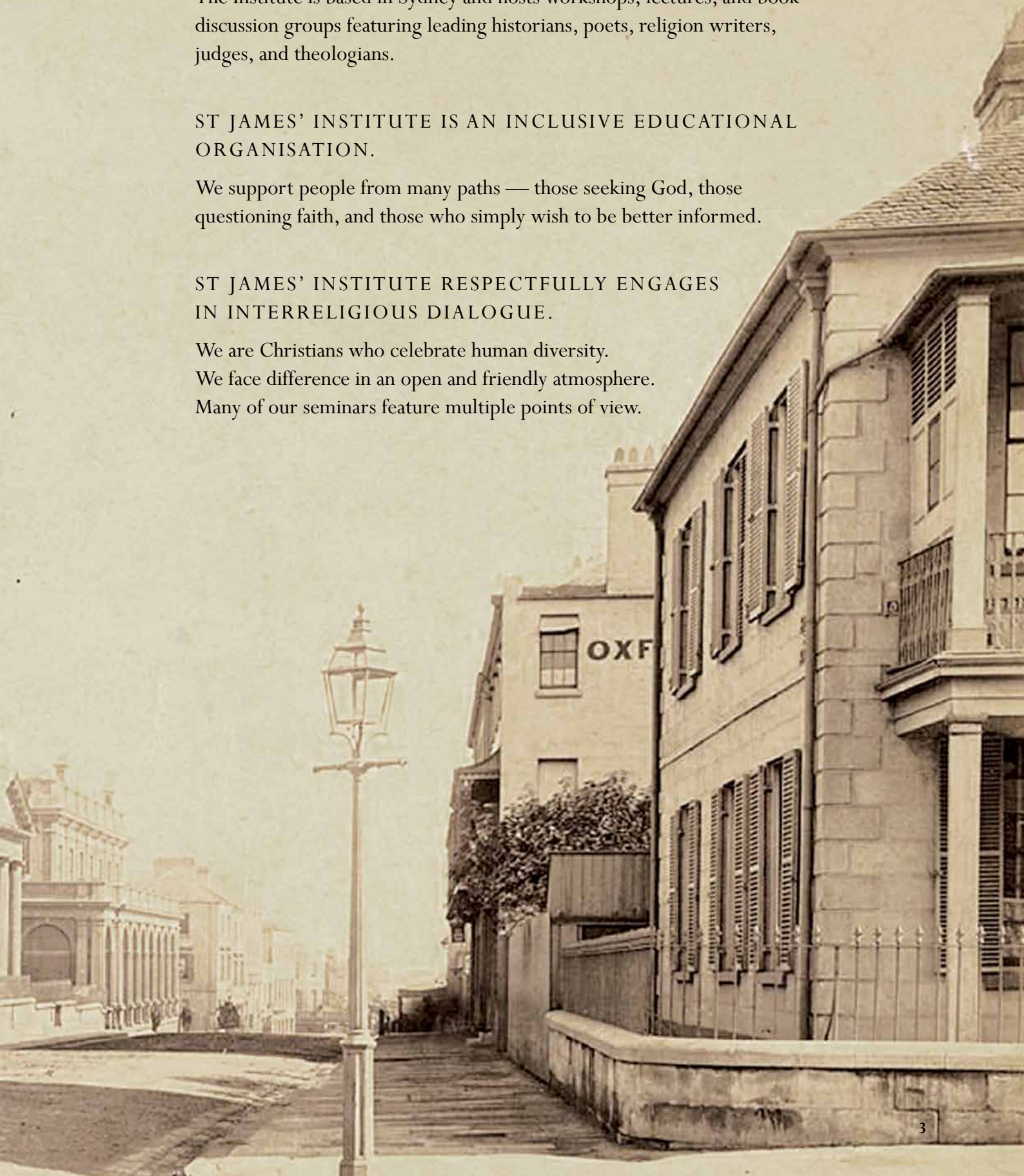
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Jayne Ozanne. Photo: Markus Bidaux

## UNASHAMEDLY GAY, UNASHAMEDLY CHRISTIAN

Can you be gay and Christian? For too long, many churches have said ‘no’ – creating untold misery for thousands of LGBTQ+ Christians and causing many to consider taking their lives because of their internal turmoil. Jayne knows this only too well, having spent 20 years going through “conversion therapy” and being hospitalised twice due to the stress. As a senior evangelical and a founding member of the Church of England’s Archbishops’ Council, she also knows the trauma of coming out when all around you disapprove. Ms Ozanne has since given her life to trying to safeguard LGBTQ+ people of faith and now works with senior leaders of all faiths to help them understand the harm that is being done in the name of traditional religion. This free public lecture will focus on why Jayne believes God is calling us to rediscover God’s unconditional love of all.

**Jayne Ozanne** is Director of the Global Interfaith Commission on LGBTQ+ Lives. She is one of the UK’s most prominent gay Christians and is currently a member of the Church of England’s General Synod. Jayne presented her autobiography *Just Love: A Journey of Self-Acceptance* and research into the harms of “conversion therapy” to Pope Francis in 2019 as part of her international campaign to ban the abhorrent practices.

**5 pm Sunday, 26 February**  
**St James’ Church | Free**



Wesley Hill

## HUMAN SEXUALITY: A 'TRADITIONAL' CHRISTIAN VIEW

An Episcopal priest, New Testament scholar, and openly gay man discusses celibacy, why homosexuality is not a disorder, and an evangelical sexual ethic.

**Wesley Hill** is an Episcopal priest. He has spoken and lectured at numerous Christian colleges and seminaries in the U.S. and internationally.

In 2018 he was a member of the St Augustine Seminar held at Lambeth Palace to prepare resources for the Lambeth Conference of the Anglican Communion in 2022.

He is the author of *Washed and Waiting: Reflections on Christian Faithfulness and Homosexuality* (second edition, 2016), *Paul and the Trinity: Persons, Relations, and the Pauline Letters* (2015), *Spiritual Friendship: Finding Love in the Church as a Celibate Gay Christian* (2015), and *The Lord's Prayer: A Guide to Praying to Our Father* (2019).

A contributing editor for *Comment* magazine, he writes regularly for *Christianity Today*, *The Living Church*, and other publications.

**11 am Wednesday, 1 March**  
**Online only | Free**



Steff Fenton

## WHAT IS A SAFE SPACE? WORKSHOP ON WELCOMING LGBTIQA+ PEOPLE

Is your church a safe space for LGBTIQA+ people? Not sure where to start? This practical workshop will provide an overview of theological and pastoral matters relevant to sexual and gender identity. We will walk through evolving definitions of sex, sexuality, and gender to better understand the LGBTIQA+ acronym. Steff will lead participants through the diverse and shifting theological and biblical views of sexuality and gender, and what a fully inclusive theological perspective can be.

This workshop will use a trauma-informed lens to provide practical tips on how individuals, churches, and clergy can create safe spaces for LGBTIQA+ people. You will leave knowing what supportive pastoral care looks like, as well as understanding the lived experiences of LGBTIQA+ people and their wellbeing challenges. At the end of the day, you will be better equipped to genuinely welcome and walk alongside the LGBTIQA+ people in your life.

This half-day workshop will be delivered with interactive activities, conversational style information, and plenty of time for questions and answers.

**Steff Fenton** (they/them/theirs) is Co-Founder and Co-Pastor of New City Church, an independent church in Sydney's inner city exploring faith in diverse and inclusive ways. Steff is a writer, speaker, and educator, engaging the intersections of being genderqueer, trans, and Christian. They were the Co-Founder and Chair of Equal Voices Sydney, a network of LGBTIQA+ people of faith and their allies. Steff is passionate about cultivating a more equitable and expansive faith, as well as summertime, dinners with friends, and scrolling Instagram for puppy photos.

**10 am–3 pm Saturday, 13 May**  
**St James' Hall and online | \$45**

# RECONCILIATION WEEK LECTURE

## SACRED COUNTRY: ABORIGINAL SPIRITUAL RESPONSES TO INVASION AND DISPOSSESSION IN EASTERN AUSTRALIA

Histories of cross-cultural encounters and violence in Australia have largely focused on armed conflict and massacres, and with good reason. Truth-telling about frontier conflict is, after all, the compelling task of our age. But Aboriginal people did not respond to invasion and dispossession only through violent resistance in defence of their homelands. Their dynamic spirituality also demanded ontological explanations for the maelstrom, and spiritual and ritual responses aimed at revitalising and sustaining culture in the face of dispossession, assault, disease and attempted cultural annihilation. In this seminar, Prof Karskens will explore some of the ways that Aboriginal people of the Hawkesbury and Hunter regions did this in the early colonial period.

**Grace Karskens** is Emeritus Professor of Australian History at the University of New South Wales, Sydney. Her books include *The Rocks: Life in Early Sydney* and *The Colony: A History of Early Sydney*, which won the 2010 Prime Minister's Award for Literature (Non-fiction). Her most recent book, *People of the River: Lost Worlds of Early Australia*, won the 2021 NSW Premier's History Award, the 2021 Prime Minister's Award for History, and co-won the Ernest Scott Prize for Australian History.

**2 pm Pentecost Sunday, 28 May**  
**St James' Hall and online | \$25**



Grace Karskens. Photo: Joy Lai



# MULTICOLOURED OR MONOCHROME?

## DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES ON UNDERSTANDING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF JESUS' DEATH ON THE CROSS

The Doctrine of the Atonement has been described as some of the unfinished business of the Church. The atonement did not receive the same doctrinal clarity from the early Church as other significant Christian doctrines. For this reason, our understanding of the atonement has been rather “up for grabs” over the centuries, and this continues to this day. While many evangelicals insist on a “penal substitution” theory that spotlights violence and punishment, this talk will introduce a plurality of meanings of Jesus’ atonement. We will examine various New Testament images related to the atonement, then move onto atonement orthodoxy and the so-called models of the atonement developed by modern theologians. Finally, we will explore practical implications of these different understandings of the significance of Jesus’ death on the cross.

The Rev’d Dr **Max Wood** is the Rector of St Luke’s, Mosman. He originally studied Arts/Laws at Macquarie University and practiced as a solicitor in Sydney. Fr Max then undertook undergraduate theological studies and formation at St John’s, Morpeth through Charles Sturt University before being ordained in the Bathurst Diocese. He then completed his Honours Degree in theology through St Mark’s, Canberra before being awarded the Lucas-Tooth Scholarship which enabled him to undertake Doctoral research at Durham University. In Durham, he was made the Ramsey Fellow of St Chad’s College. Fr Max is the President of Anglicans Together, Sydney and currently serves on the General Synod Mission and Ministry Commission and is also a Fellow and Deputy Chairperson of St Paul’s College Council, Sydney University.

**2 pm Sunday, 27 August**  
**St James’ Hall and online | \$25**





Dani Treweek



## SINGLENESSE: THEN, NOW, AND THEN AGAIN

The Church's view of unmarried life is like a pendulum. Historically, it has swung from idealisation to denigration, from superiority to inferiority, from honour to pity...and even shame. There's never been a point in Christian history when the weight of the pendulum has settled in the middle. Is it futile to hope that a positive view of singleness is possible in the contemporary Church?

Join us as we trace the broad arc of the unmarried Christian life from ancient times to modern ones. What did our ancestors appreciate about singleness that we have forgotten? What theological developments undermined that appreciation? What shapes the contemporary Christian landscape of singleness? And how might we faithfully navigate that landscape in light of the future promised us in Christ? Come along and consider the place of Christian singleness then, now, and in the final and eternal then.

The Rev'd Dr **Danielle (Dani) Treweek** is a graduate of the University of Sydney (BA), Moore Theological College (BDiv) and St Mark's National Theological Centre/ Charles Sturt University (PhD). She is an ordained deacon, founding director of the Single Minded Ministry, member of the The Sydney Anglican Diocesan Doctrine Commission, and the Anglican Diocese of Sydney's Research Officer. Her book, *The Meaning of Singleness*, is being published with IVP Academic in May 2023.

**2 pm Sunday, 17 September**  
**St James' Hall and online | \$25**



Michael Stead



## POST-EXILIC PROPHETS FOR A POST-CHRISTIAN AGE

Christians often overlook the prophets Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi, dismissing their focus on the temple, priesthood, and sacrifices as irrelevant to the concerns of our day. But in fact, these Jewish prophets have much to say to us: the post-exilic world was surprisingly similar to ours. Their prophecies are addressed to those who seek to live as the people of God while being under the authority of earthly rulers – not an evil empire like Babylon, but not a godly one either. They speak to those living in the gap between promise and fulfillment, who can glimpse small manifestations of the kingdom of God, but are by no means seeing God's reign in all its fullness.

The Rt Rev'd Dr Stead contributed the section on Haggai in the ESV Expository Commentary, has written two books on Zechariah, and recently published *Return and Restoration*, an introduction to Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.

In this talk, Bishop Michael will explore the relevance of Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi in a post-Christian age, showing how they help Christians hold fast to hope in God's promises, notwithstanding the apparent evidence to the contrary in the modern world.

**Michael Stead** has been the Bishop of South Sydney since 2016. Bishop Stead was previously rector of St James' Turramurra and a part-time lecturer in Old Testament at Moore Theological College. He is married to Felicity, and the couple have three adult children.

He holds a Bachelor of Commerce (UNSW), Bachelor of Divinity (Moore Theological College), and a Doctor of Philosophy (University of Gloucestershire). His doctoral dissertation was on the Book of Zechariah.

**2 pm Sunday, 1 October**  
**St James' Hall and online | \$25**



David Congdon



# CHRISTIAN UNIVERSALISM

## PAST VARIETIES AND FUTURE POSSIBILITIES

The idea of universal salvation — the belief that all people will be saved — has become more mainstream in recent decades, but the basis for this belief remains unclear to many people. Some confusion stems from the fact that there are different types of Christian universalism, as well as different categories of arguments employed to reach roughly the same conclusion. There are four main types of universalism: patristic or early Christian universalism, evangelical universalism, modern Reformed or “Barthian” universalism, and existential universalism. Two additional related types worth mentioning include pluralistic universalism and hopeful universalism. Each of these understands the basis for salvation in slightly (or substantially) different ways, thus leading to distinct theological visions.

Moreover, the arguments that proponents marshal to make the case for universal salvation fall into four main categories: metaphysical arguments (e.g. the nature of God and human personhood), experiential arguments (e.g. experience of religious diversity), historical arguments (e.g. how

belief in hell arose in the first place), and normative arguments (e.g. biblical interpretation).

This presentation will survey the varieties of Christian universalism, assess the arguments for and against, and examine the implications of this belief for the church.

**David W. Congdon** is senior editor at the University Press of Kansas and adjunct instructor at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary and the Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School. He is the editor of *Varieties of Christian Universalism: Exploring Four Views* (Baker Academic, 2023) as well as the author of *The God Who Saves: A Dogmatic Sketch* (Cascade, 2016) and *The Mission of Demythologizing: Rudolf Bultmann’s Dialectical Theology* (Fortress, 2015).

**11 am Thursday, 12 October**  
**Online only \$15**



Patty Van Cappellen



## THE BODY IN WORSHIP

Posture impacts worship. In the mass, Catholics kneel and stand, genuflect and process. With praise music, Pentecostals raise hands, jump, and sway. In daily prayers, Muslims prostrate and turn left and right. Different bodily positions yield different forms of religious experience. A lowered body generates a kind of reverence that an upward body does not. This seminar will explore a new area in the psychology of religion, the embodiment of emotion in worship. Using an empirical approach developed at Duke University's Belief, Affect & Behavior Lab, social psychologist Patty Van Cappellen and her research team documented a full range of bodily postures in worship — and importantly, the religious significance of these postures. Patty's talk will explore how theological ideas such as awe, confession, hope, joy, and repentance can be effectively embodied in liturgy, music, and personal devotion. Patty will be joined by The Rev'd Dr Fergus King to discuss the application of this research to Anglican worship.

**Patty Van Cappellen** is an Assistant Research Professor at the Social Science Research Institute and Department of Psychology and Neuroscience at Duke University. Her PhD in social psychology was earned at the Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium. Patty also holds masters degrees in biblical studies and psychology. Her research specialisation is experimental social psychology, investigating the psychological determinants of well-being and health behaviour maintenance. Dr Van Cappellen focuses primarily on two determinants: the experience of positive emotions (e.g. awe, gratitude) and religious/spiritual beliefs and behaviours. To balance her work on the benefits of religion, she also studies whether, how, and when religion promotes intergroup prejudice and aggression. The research for this talk was funded by a John Templeton Foundation grant.

**11 am, November**  
**(exact date to be confirmed)**  
**Online only | \$15**



## OTHER SEMINARS

### MAKING PEAS/CE

*Recognising and commemorating Australian colonial era conflicts and Aboriginal stories where the Desert Pea is a symbol of grief and growth*

The Rev'd Hazel Davies

**Date to be announced**

**\$30**

### IN CONVERSATION WITH COLLEEN O'REILLY

*A dialogue with a pioneering advocate for the ordination of women.*

The Rev'd Canon Dr Colleen O'Reilly AM

**12:30 pm Palm Sunday, 2 April**

**Free**

### ST JAMES' DAY TALK

*St James' Hall and Sydney's Music Scene in the early Twentieth Century*

With historical performance specialists Julia Russoniello (violin) and Josie Ryan (soprano)

**2 pm Sunday, 23 July**

**\$25**

### A MUSLIM'S VIEW OF TRINITY & A CHRISTIAN'S VIEW OF ALLAH

*"There is no God but God..." Two longtime friends – a Muslim theologian and a Christian religion scholar – discuss similarities and differences in their religions' theologies of the divine. Is God one?*

Assoc Prof Mehmet Ozalp

The Rev'd Dr Aaron Ghiloni

**7pm Friday, 22 September**

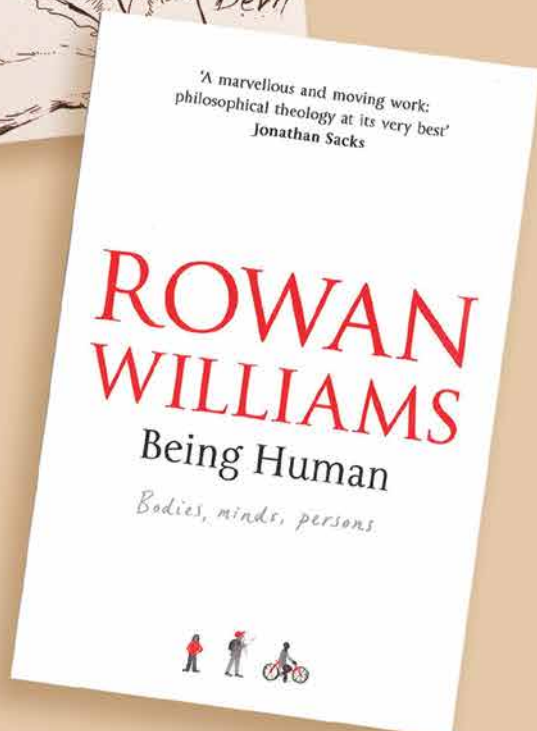
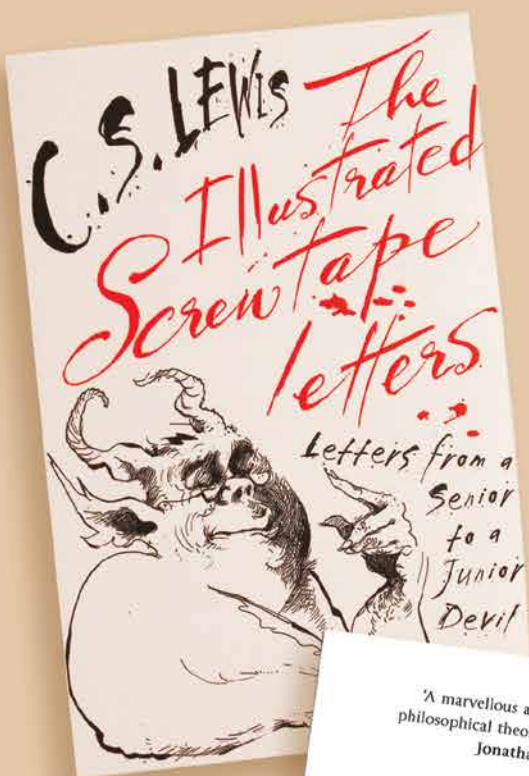
**Islamic Sciences and Research Academy  
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# BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

*The Screwtape Letters* by C. S. Lewis  
With a special talk on the Devil in Western  
literature by Assoc Prof Ben Myers.  
Lent discussion groups beginning  
in March

*Being Human: Bodies, Minds, Persons*  
by Rowan Williams  
Advent discussion groups beginning  
in November



## RETREAT

COME AND SEE: A RETREAT  
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1-3 September  
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Trinity in Sydney is a formal partnership between the St James' Institute and Trinity College Theological School (TCTS) in Melbourne. Trinity College's world-renowned theologians and biblical scholars teach seminars and intensives at the Institute's Sydney location.

TCTS has been offering theological education since 1877 and its courses are accredited by the University of Divinity.

Trinity College Theological School Dean, The Rev'd Canon Dr Bob Derrenbacker says the partnership with the St James' Institute is exciting as it will extend the reach and influence of TCTS and contribute to the diversity of Anglican theological education in Sydney.

*"This partnership begins to address the desire by many in Sydney for Anglican theological education from a Broad Church and Anglo-Catholic perspective. I am thrilled that TCTS is partnering with the St James' Institute, which already has an established reputation for providing intellectually and spiritually meaningful theological education to Anglicans in Sydney."*

Trinity in Sydney courses are designed for both clergy and laity, and can be taken either for credit or audit.

### FURTHER INFORMATION

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## THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

**Academic intensive: 18, 20-23 February**

*Course codes: BN3100T/BN9100T*

*Lecturer: The Rev'd Canon Dr Bob Derrenbacker*

This unit provides an in-depth study of the Gospel of Matthew. The primary focus is on the narrative shape and the core theological themes which make this Gospel unique. Attention will be paid to Matthew's use of sources, including the Old Testament Scriptures. It will also explore the issue of authorship and examine the community out of which the Gospel arose. The unit will consider the ways in which this Gospel addresses issues that are of continuing relevance for the life and mission of the church.

### ONE-DAY SEMINAR 18 FEBRUARY

"The Kingdom of Heaven has Come Near":  
Understanding the Gospel of Matthew

## WOMEN'S AUTHORITY IN THE NEW TESTAMENT AND EARLY CHURCH

**Academic intensive: 8, 10-13 July**

*Course code: BN3810T/BN9810T*

*Lecturer: The Rev'd Canon Professor Dorothy Lee*

In this unit students will undertake an in-depth exegetical and theological study of selected New Testament texts featuring women and issues of authority. Students will also engage with women's authority and position in the period of the early church. Students will explore the socio-cultural, literary and theological contexts for these texts, in dialogue with contemporary feminist approaches. In addition, students will explore the current context of women's leadership and draw conclusions from the context of the period of the New Testament and early church.

### ONE-DAY SEMINAR 8 JULY

Spotlight on Women:  
The Ancient World and the Apostle Paul



Trinity College

## ANGLICAN CHURCH LAW AND GOVERNANCE

**Academic intensive: 7- 9 September**  
(Trinity College, Melbourne)

**and 9 -11 November**  
(St James' Institute, Sydney)

*Course codes: DC3000T/DC9000T*

A two-part intensive on Anglican Church law and governance, the only such course in Australia.

### TOPICS AND LECTURERS

- Theological understandings of the church and law in the New Testament and early church – The Rev'd Canon Professor Dorothy Lee, FAHA and The Rev'd Professor Mark Lindsay, FRHistS
- Canon law of the Church of England and the Anglican Church of Australia – Dr Robert Tong, AM and The Hon. Keith Mason, AC KC
- The governance of parishes – The Rt Rev'd Dr Brad Billings
- The clergy: status, role, responsibilities, and discipline – Ms Rachel Ellyard, Barrister and Mr Garth Blake, AM SC
- The maintenance of professional standards – Mr Michael Shand, AM KC and Judge Elizabeth Brimer, SC
- Dioceses, provinces and the Australian National Church – The Most Rev'd Dr Phillip Aspinall, AC and The Rev'd Dr Alexander Ross
- The conduct of worship and the pastoral offices – The Rev'd Dr David Powys and The Rt Rev'd Alison Taylor

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