The President’s Address

The Right Reverend Kate Wilmot
Administrator of the Diocese of Perth

Third Session
of the Forty-Ninth Synod
of the
Diocese of Perth

7 October 2017
Ngaala kaaditj Noongar moort keyen kaadak nidjar boodjar.
*We acknowledge Noongar people as the original custodians of this land.*

Welcome to this Third Session of the Forty-Ninth Synod of the Diocese of Perth.

I think I can promise you a lively and important Synod.

We come to this 2017 Diocesan Synod in a very different situation from the one in which we gathered last October. Our future path as a people is more assured as we await the installation of a new Archbishop in 2018. On the other hand, we have wrestled with some griefs, difficulties, provocations and controversies since last Synod and some serious conversations, questionings and negotiations will need to continue at this Synod meeting and beyond. We can do all of these things with grace and insight if we do them in Christ, who strengthens us.

**Legal Fees**

Uppermost in many people’s minds is the situation concerning the legal fees for Archbishop Roger’s participation in the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. I know that there has been considerable anger in some quarters in relation to this. I was part of the decision-making process to bring the issue to Clergy School in June 2017, so that we could begin to address the matter as a Diocesan community. From there, further discussion was pre-empted when the content of that meeting was leaked to the media – preventing the lay people of the Diocese from knowing and discussing the issue in a more informed and gathered way.

In the reports to this Synod and in the answers to questions, you will see an acknowledgement of the failures that happened in relation to planning for legal fees and the solutions that have been developed to recompense the Diocesan Council for the expense incurred.

Answers to specific questions relating to this issue, will be circulated in hard copy.

**Retirement of Archbishop Roger Herft**

From anger and consternation on the one hand, to grief on the other – I acknowledge the great sadness experienced by many across the Diocese who wanted to farewell Archbishop Roger Herft in a personal and public way. We did continue to keep the possibility of this course of action open, however Archbishop Roger was insistent that he did not want to increase the suffering of people affected by child sexual abuse and their families, nor did he want the people of this Diocese to be impacted by negative commentary or responses directed at any event marking his ministry among us.

The best way we can honour Archbishop Roger’s ministry in Perth is to continue what he brought with him to this Diocese, an increased focus and attention on protocols, safeguards and procedures for the protection of children and vulnerable people and a concern for those who have suffered grievous harm from within the Church.
Professional Standards Matter
Many of you will be aware of a particular Professional Standards matter now in process that has brought with it some upheaval and a high degree of discussion. While I acknowledge the painful character of this for those most closely involved, the confidentiality of the process is designed to provide procedural fairness for the parties involved. I will not give further details of the nature or progress of any professional standards matters at this Synod, or until these matters have been brought to completion.

General Synod 2017
At this Synod, we will hear a presentation from Commissioner Robert Fitzgerald about the responsibilities of churches following the Royal Commission. This was presented to the General Synod of The Anglican Church of Australia which was held in Maroochydore, Queensland, in September.

Eighteen members representing this Synod plus a number of invited guests and observers from this Diocese participated in General Synod which is usually held at three yearly intervals. Among many important pieces of legislation, there was a significant set of Canons relating to the protection of children, redress and episcopal standards.

These will be brought before our Synod for adoption. The first of these, the Safe Ministry to Children Canon 2017 appears on the Business Paper. One of the ways we can show that we are serious about making the Church a safer place, is to support the adoption of a national standard of child protection across the National Church. For this reason, I urge you to vote for the adoption of the Canon.

Election of a new Archbishop
The Archbishop Election Committee, which Synod appointed in 2015, did its work with honesty and resolve between January and August 2017. The election of Bishop Kay Goldsworthy as the Eighth Archbishop of Perth is a ‘good news’ item that I am delighted to be able to bring to this Synod. In doing so, I offer my profound thanks to the members of the Archbishop Election Committee for their prayerful, considered and concentrated work together.

Many of us are enthusiastically looking forward to Bishop Kay’s leadership of this Diocese into the next phase of its history.

Same Sex Marriage
In life and in ministry, I have valued the leadership, service and friendship of faithful Christians who also identify as members of the LGBTI community. One of my concerns in the current debate about civil marriage is that there will be hurt and harm to these sisters and brothers in Christ. I encourage you to complete the postal vote according to your conscience, mindful that it is a civil ceremony and institution that is being considered. The official position of The Anglican Church of Australia, that Holy Matrimony is a life-long partnership between one woman and one man has not changed. The Canons of the Church reflect this. Our clergy are only authorised to conduct marriage according to the rites of The Anglican Church of Australia and under the Marriage Act 1961, cannot be compelled to perform any marriage against their own will and conscience. I expect that consideration of the question of two people of the same sex marrying in Church, will outlast the Synod membership of many here today.
Welcome
Synod is always about people, who moved what, who joined when, which year we first met, who remembers who when they were just starting out. This year, I warmly welcome members of Synod who are first-time attendees, I ask those people to stand so we can acknowledge them here.

Moves into the Diocese are always significant and we welcome the following people into our midst:

The Reverend Gareth Hughes
Precentor, St George’s Cathedral
The Reverend Gift Makwasha
Rector, Joondalup
The Reverend Kim Thomas
Priest-in-Charge, Mundaring
Mr Dean Dell’Oro
Headmaster, Hale School
Dr Robert Myles
Murdoch University
Mr Keith Stephens
Diocesan Secretary

Landmarks on the road*
One of the joys of being in Episcopal ministry is being able to celebrate landmark events with agencies and parishes of the Diocese. Some important celebrations and anniversaries are acknowledged:

St Christopher’s, City Beach 50th anniversary
St Andrew’s, Esperance 120th anniversary
Parish of Dalkeith 60th anniversary laying of foundation stone
Parish of Leederville 100th anniversary
Parish of Quinns-Butler 20th anniversary
Parish of Maddington 30th anniversary
Peter Carnley Anglican Community School 10th anniversary
Peter Carnley Anglican Community School Opening of Keith Lindbeck Centre (gymnasium)
Swan Valley Anglican Community School Opening and Dedication Senior School Classroom and Outdoor Courts

GFS World Council
A significant event in July this year was the 22nd GFS World Council in Perth which brought together 220 delegates from 22 countries. This was good news for the Diocese and for GFS. There is a renewed spirit of cordiality and co-operation between GFS and Diocesan leadership and for this we give thanks.

Farewells
The Church of God is global and universal – I acknowledge these people who have gone to pursue their vocations and ministries in parts of the Church and the world beyond the Diocese of Perth:

Retirements
The Reverend Dr Ric Barrett-Lennard
The Right Reverend Dr Peter Brain
The Reverend Anita George
The Reverend Trevor Goodman-Jones
The Most Reverend Roger Herft AM
The Reverend Beatrice Pate
The Reverend Canon Tim Spencer
Resignations
The Reverend Patrick Duckworth       The Reverend Dougall Ethell
The Reverend Ryan Green             The Reverend John Meagher
The Reverend Sue Meagher            The Reverend John Smith
The Reverend William Thomas         The Reverend Dr Jim Trotter

Lay Resignations
Mrs Rensché Diggeden                Principal, St George’s Anglican Grammar School
Mr Matthew Hughes JP                Principal, John Septimus Roe ACS
Mr Stuart Meade                     Headmaster, Hale School
Mr Andrew Reynolds                  Director of Finance
Mr Jeff Vance                       Executive Officer, Anglican Community Fund

As always, at Synod, we will move a farewell motion giving thanks for the ministry of clergy who have retired during the year and that will be an order of the day for 5.00pm this afternoon.

In Memoriam
Some farewells are of a more sombre nature. In the past 12 months, the following people have gone ahead of us into the Resurrection. We commit them to God’s love and we keep silence for them:

Mr Darryl Way
The Right Reverend Ged Muston
The Reverend Canon Les Goode
The Reverend Ray Neve
The Reverend Geoffrey Hayles
Mr Alan Blanckensee AO (former Chancellor and Trustee)
The Reverend Adrian Moore
Mrs Judy Moyes (widow of the late Mr Peter Moyes)
Mr John Cruickshank (former Trustee)
Mrs Margaret Bunday OAM
Mrs Molly Walters (daughter of Bishop Riley)
The Reverend Roy Bradley (founder CPE program at Royal Perth Hospital)
The Reverend Peter Salmon-Lomas
Mrs Verity Ginger (daughter of The Reverend Canon Terry Curtis)
Abraham Guot Garang Guot (son of The Reverend Moses Guot)

Thanksgiving
Theologically, I believe that when good things happen, they are God’s gift to us. For this reason, I do not dismiss thanksgivings as platitudes. There is so much offered already in the mission and ministries of the agencies and parishes of the Diocese of Perth, there is more that we can and will do in a different season. On Sundays and other days across the Diocese, Bishop Jeremy and I encounter people whose lives have been transformed in Christ and many seeking baptism and confirmation in the Church of God. Everywhere, even in the smallest parish gatherings, there is a genuine and often liturgically moving worship of God.

In our most difficult moments, we can lose sight of the genuine warmth evident in clergy gatherings, and in the ongoing connections between members of the Body of Christ, that we
too often take for granted. We are a people who ultimately belong to each other in a unique way and that reality is always just waiting for us to rediscover and embrace.

Anglican agencies and schools power on with professionalism, innovation and best practice. They are, in many instances, the public face of the Church to the wider society and we can be grateful for the vitalism with which they carry this out.

I especially note the generous support of the community of Peter Moyes Anglican Community School, the Chair of the School Council, Mr John Filippone, and the Principal, Mr Julian Dowse for the hospitality and welcome that has been extended to Synod these last three years.

Wollaston Theological College, directed by the Chair, The Reverend Canon Dr Philip Raymont, and the Warden, The Reverend Dr Gregory Seach, continues to flourish. By the time of this Synod, some long-standing staff vacancies will have been filled. The College boasts a rising student population, as well as providing some excellent training events throughout the Diocese.

This has been a very unusual chapter of Diocesan history. I have been very personally grateful for the advice, wisdom and travelling companionship of Bishop Jeremy James, Archdeacons Braden Short and Lionel Snell, as well as Archdeacon Assisting Kathy Barrett-Lennard and Archdeacons Onesimo Yugusuk and Mandy Herriman in their specialist areas of ministry. I have very much valued the contributions of Mr Brian Dixon and Mr Keith Stephens as Diocesan Secretary, The Perth Diocesan Trustees and the Chair of Trustees, Mr Sam Walsh AO, and the focused and considered counsel of Mr Eric Ross-Adjie, Acting Chancellor. The Diocesan Council has lived through some memorable meetings and has managed to do this with grace, aplomb and relationships intact.

There is very much to thank God for.

I make this final address to Synod with gratitude for the opportunity to be involved in the intricate workings of the Diocese, but with a strong sense of relief that the time as Administrator will end in just over four months.

Thank you for everything you have given that has aided the mission and purpose of the Diocese in the last year. In all things, I am conscious that we are buoyed up and encouraged by our prayers for each other. The faithful prayers of many have sustained us through challenging times and have made all the difference to the work we have been able to accomplish together.

Therefore, since it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. 2 Corinthians 4:1

May God Bless you and the Lord be with you.

The Right Reverend Kate Wilmot
Administrator

* The full list of appointments, moves and other significant events is attached as Appendix 1
APPENDIX 1

APPOINTMENTS AND MOVES
1 October 2016 – 30 September 2017

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS
The Reverend Cheryl Absalom Chaplain, John Septimus Roe ACS 01.01.17
The Reverend Rob Day Priest-in-Charge, Esperance and Chaplain Esperance ACS 01.02.17
The Reverend Lynne Eastoe Priest-in-Charge, Murdoch-Winthrop 01.07.17
The Reverend Ros Fairless Chaplain, Royal Perth Hospital 01.07.17 - 31.12.17
The Reverend Robert Graue Priest-in-Charge, Lakelands 15.01.17
The Reverend Rose Guok Deacon, Toodyay-Goomalling and Moora 20.12.16
The Reverend Brett Guthrie Curate-in-Charge, Northam and Moora 01.07.17 - 30.06.18
The Reverend Lindy Sim Chaplain, Guildford Grammar School 17.09.17
The Reverend Matthew Madul Assistant Chaplain, John Septimus Roe ACS 22.05.17
The Reverend Ron Ross Priest-in-Charge, Lesmurdie 01.05.17
The Reverend Jean-Baptiste Schroeder Assistant Chaplain, St James’ Anglican School 24.04.17 - 31.12.17
The Reverend Kay Wee Sim Assistant Priest, Victoria Park 26.02.17
The Reverend Deborah Spencer Priest-in-Charge, North Perth 01.08.17
The Reverend Kim Thomas Rector, Mundaring 09.10.16
The Reverend Timon Yanga Assistant Priest, Balga-Mirrabooka 01.05.17 - 30.04.18
The Reverend Mark Yates Assistant Chaplain (Deacon), St James’ Anglican School 1.07.17 - 31.12.17
Deacon, Parish of Yanchep 01.07.17 - 31.12.17

OTHER CLERGY APPOINTMENTS
The Venerable Kathy Barrett-Lennard Archdeacon Assisting 16.08.17 - 15.11.17
The Reverend Stephen Conway Area Dean, Perth Deanery 03.03.17 - 30.04.19
The Reverend Jeni Goring Council of Churches of WA delegate and Executive 01.01.17 - 31.12.17
The Reverend Linda Flewker-Barker Archbishop’s Examining Chaplains 01.01.17
The Reverend Peggy Ludlow Area Dean, Avon Deanery 03.03.17 - 30.04.19
The Reverend Timothy Russell Archbishop’s Examining Chaplains 14.02.17
The Reverend Dr Elizabeth Smith Area Dean, Goldfields Deanery 03.03.17 - 30.04.19
The Venerable Lionel Snell Council of Churches of WA delegate and Executive 01.01.17 - 31.12.17
Acting Registrar 08.08.17 - 07.11.17
The Reverend Pamela Turner Archdeacon’s Examining Chaplains 10.05.17
The Right Reverend Kate Wilmot Administrator 10.10.16

ORDINATIONS
The Reverend Brett Guthrie Priest 03.12.16
The Reverend Matthew Madul Priest 03.12.16
The Reverend John Maddocks Priest 03.12.16
The Reverend Sebastiana Pienaar Priest 03.12.16
The Reverend Kay Wee Sim Priest 03.12.16

LOCUM TENENS
The Reverend Canon Dale Appleby Bassendean 02.10.16 - 31.10.17
The Reverend Ron Attley Fremantle 01.04.17 - 06.08.17
The Reverend Julie Barrett-Lennard Spearwood 28.11.16 - 31.12.16
The Reverend Noel Chin Willagee-Kardinya 01.02.17 - 28.02.18
The Reverend Jim Crawley Midland 01.03.17 - 31.05.17
The Reverend Pat Deeny Perth College 03.07.17 - 01.10.17
The Reverend Christine Duke Mt Hawthorn 23.02.17
The Reverend Lynne Eastoe Murdoch-Winthrop 01.02.17 - 30.06.17
The Reverend John Foran Kelmscott 05.02.17 - 30.06.17
The Reverend Dr Alan Forsyth St Bartholomew’s House 24.11.16 - 01.02.17

The Reverend Dr John Forsyth
Hale School
17.07.17 - 31.12.17

The Reverend Devan Foster
Bicton-Attadale
15.03.17 - 14.05.17

The Reverend Jill Gleeson
Rockingham-Safety Bay
24.04.17 - 31.12.17

The Reverend Trevor Goodman-Jones
Amana Living
21.02.17 - 28.02.18

The Reverends Peta and Gerry Kirby
Turquoise Coast-Dandaragan-Eneabba (long term supply)
03.08.17 - 06.09.17

The Reverend Theresa Harvey
Mosman Park
01.05.17 - 31.05.17

The Reverend Bill Hawley
Hollywood Private Hospital
06.08.17 - 19.08.17

The Reverend Dr Georgina Hawley
Victoria Park
01.08.17 - 30.07.18

The Reverend Norma Metcalf
Wyalkatchem-Koorda with Dowerin
01.10.17 - 30.09.18

The Reverend Sidney Middlemost
Serpentine-Jarrahdale
04.06.17 - 26.08.17

The Reverend Bob Milne
Amana Living
07.12.16 - 28.02.18

The Right Reverend Dr Tony Nichols
Highgate
14.07.17 - 09.07.17

The Reverend Cassandra Nixon
North Perth
01.03.17 - 31.07.17

The Reverend Beatrice Pate
Balga-Mirrabooka
22.11.16 - 31.01.18

The Reverend Terry Pickersgill
Warnbro
01.03.17 - 30.09.17

The Reverend David Prescott
Nedlands
01.02.17 - 31.01.18

The Reverend Jon Reinertsen
Como-Manning
13.02.17 - 28.02.18

The Reverend Canon Tom Sutton
Precentor, St George’s Cathedral
01.10.16 - 25.11.16

The Reverend Graeme Varvell
Melville
27.02.17 - 28.02.18

PERMISSION TO OFFICIATE
The Venerable Kathy Barrett-Lennard
Priest-in-Charge, Wongan Hills-Dalwallinu
05.03.17

The Reverend Dr Ric Barrett-Lennard
Wangaratta
14.03.17

The Right Reverend Dr Peter Brain
North Perth
24.04.17

The Reverend Dougall Ethell
Wangaratta
01.01.17

The Reverend Ros Fairless
North Perth
01.02.17

The Reverend Anita George
Anita George
14.06.17

The Reverend Trevor Goodman-Jones
Wangaratta
01.05.17

The Reverend Rose Guok
North Perth
01.11.16

The Reverend David Lord
North Perth
19.08.17

The Reverend Kaye Mould
North Perth
18.05.17

The Reverend Tony Murray-Feist
North Perth
14.12.16

CLERGY RETIREMENTS
The Reverend Dr Ric Barrett-Lennard
Priest-in-Charge, Wongan Hills-Dalwallinu
13.03.17

The Right Reverend Dr Peter Brain
North Perth
24.04.17

The Reverend Trevor Goodman-Jones
North Perth
30.04.17

The Most Reverend Roger Herft AM
North Perth
07.07.17

The Reverend Beatrice Pate
North Perth
21.11.16

The Reverend Canon Tim Spencer
North Perth
10.09.17

The Reverend Dr David Wood
North Perth
14.01.17

STANDING ASIDE
The Most Reverend Roger Herft
10.10.16

CLERGY RESIGNATIONS
The Venerable Kathy Barrett-Lennard
Priest-in-Charge, Wongan Hills-Dalwallinu
05.03.17

The Reverend Rob Day
Priest-in-Charge, Willagee-Kardinya
31.01.17

The Reverend Patrick Duckworth
Chaplain, All Saints’ College
31.12.16

The Reverend Dougall Ethell
Chaplain, Hale School
31.12.16

The Reverend Ros Fairless
Curate-in-Charge, Murdoch-Winthrop
16.01.17

The Reverend Ryan Green
Rector, Beaconsfield
01.01.17

The Reverend Ross Jones
Rector, Midland
01.01.17

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The Reverend David Lord  Chaplain, St George’s Anglican Grammar School 18.08.17
The Reverend John Meagher  Rector, South Perth 22.07.17
The Reverend Sue Meagher  Associate Rector, South Perth 28.03.17
The Reverend Barry Moss  Chaplain, Perth College 24.03.17
The Venerable Braden Short  Rector, Riverton and Assistant Priest, Lynwood-Langford-Ferndale 02.12.16
The Reverend John Smith  05.10.16
The Reverend William Thomas  Associate Mission Priest, The Goldfields 16.06.17
The Reverend Dr Jim Trotter  Murdoch University 30.06.17

OTHER CLERGY RESIGNATIONS
The Reverend Dr Steven Daly  Area Dean, Perth Deanery 02.03.17
The Reverend Deborah Joyce  Archbishop’s Examining Chaplains 20.10.16
The Reverend Clive McCallum  Diocesan EfM Co-ordinator 08.10.16

LAY APPOINTMENTS
Mr Peregrin Campbell-Osgood  Project Officer, Anglican EcoCare and Social Responsibilities Commission 22.09.17
Mr Dean Dell’Oro  Headmaster, Hale School 24.04.17
Mrs Maggie Dunnill  Archbishop’s Examining Chaplains 14.02.17
Ms Felicity House  Principal, Peter Carnley ACS 01.01.17
Mr Benjamin Lomas  Interim Principal, John Septimus Roe ACS 01.04.17 - 31.12.17
Mr Torsten Marsden  Chief Financial Officer 20.03.17
Dr Robert Myles  Lecturer in New Testament, Murdoch University 01.02.17
Mrs Susan Shaw  Acting Principal, St George’s Anglican Grammar School 12.04.17
Mr Keith Stephens  Executive Officer and Diocesan Secretary 01.01.17
Dr Sue Taylor  Chair, Anglican EcoCare Commission 01.01.17 - 31.01.17
Mr Mark Thornber  Diocesan Projects Co-ordinator 09.08.17 - 08.11.17

LAY RESIGNATIONS
Mrs Rensché Diggeden  Principal, St George’s Anglican Grammar School 12.04.17
Mr Matthew Hughes JP  Principal, John Septimus Roe ACS 01.04.17
Ms Emma Jarvis  Examining Chaplain 16.11.16
Mr Stuart Meade  Headmaster, Hale School 31.12.16
Mrs Radhika Rego (nee Roy)  Project Officer, Anglican EcoCare and Social Responsibilities Commission 13.09.17
Mr Andrew Reynolds  Director of Finance 11.01.17
Mr Nic Templeman  Examining Chaplains 31.12.16
Mr Jeff Vance  Executive Officer, Anglican Community Fund 16.12.16

CHURCHES/BUILDINGS/AGENCIES
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Parish of Quinns-Butler 20th anniversary 26.03.17
Parish of Maddington 30th anniversary 24.05.17
Peter Carnley Anglican Community School 10th anniversary 15.02.17

Change of Name
Parish of Malaga  Formerly Sudanese Anglican Worshipping Community of Malaga 15.12.16

Openings
Peter Carnley Anglican Community School Opening of Keith Lindbeck Centre (gymnasium) 06.04.17
Swan Valley Anglican Community School Opening and Dedication Senior School Classroom and Outdoor Courts 31.03.17

RIP
Mr Darryl Way 12.16
The Right Reverend Ged Muston 10.01.17
The Reverend Canon Les Goode 20.03.17
The Reverend Ray Neve 06.04.17
The Reverend Geoffrey Hayles 15.04.17
Mr Alan Blanckensee AO (former Chancellor and Trustee) 02.07.17
The Reverend Adrian Moore 07.07.17
Mrs Judy Moyes (widow of the late Mr Peter Moyes)  21.07.17
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Mrs Verity Ginger (daughter of The Reverend Canon Terry Curtis)
Abraham Guot Garang Guot (nine-year old son of The Reverend Moses Guot)  18.09.17