

Media statement from the Anglican Diocese of Christchurch

CHURCH PROPERTY TRUSTEES AND BISHOP SADDENED BY DELAY IN CATHEDRAL ANNOUNCEMENT

22 December 2016

The much-anticipated announcement on the future of the reinstatement of the damaged ChristChurch Cathedral will not go ahead before Christmas, as hoped.

Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Christchurch, Victoria Matthews said 48 hours ago she and Church Property Trustees were sure there would be a positive announcement in this week before Christmas.

The Bishop said she was greatly saddened given the tireless work of the Cathedral Working Group; Church Property Trustees and staff.

“The Trustees will keep working towards a resolution in the new year.

“I can assure people that there **will** be a Cathedral in the Square at the heart of our city,” Bishop Victoria said.

Media contact: Rev Jayson Rhodes: 021 661319