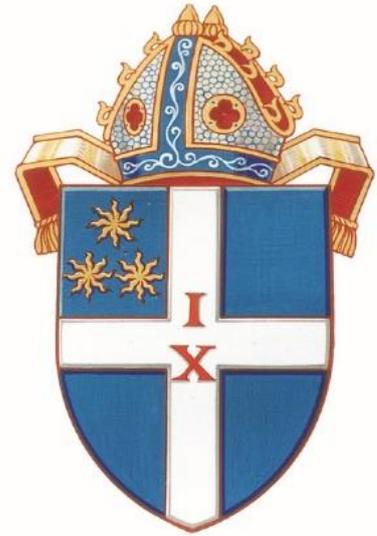


Local Anglican Priest Announced As New Bishop for Christchurch Diocese.

Tuesday 28 August 2018

Embargoed until 2.30pm



The Venerable Doctor Peter Carrell has today been announced as the new Bishop-Elect of the Anglican Diocese of Christchurch. Carrell, a Cantabrian, is well-known and respected throughout New Zealand for his teaching and preaching.

Ordained under Bishop Maurice Goodall in the late '80s, Carrell is currently the Director of Education for the Diocese, Director of Theology House and Archdeacon for Pegasus (East Christchurch). He has served parishes both here in Christchurch and in the Nelson Diocese.

Carrell says he is humbled by the confidence the Anglican community has shown him and excited by the road ahead.

"I am gratified to be the next Bishop of Christchurch and very keen to serve the city of my birth and the regions of the Diocese: Canterbury, West Coast, Chatham Islands.

"With respect to Christchurch city itself, I look forward to working co-operatively with Mayor Liane Dalziel and the City Council on matters of mutual interest and concern, especially challenges facing our city around homelessness, poverty and climate change. The reinstatement of the Cathedral in the Square has my full support and I am delighted with progress made to date.

"I pray the reinstatement will no longer distract us from the long-term healing of spiritual and mental health crises our communities are still facing. The Anglican Diocese will continue to work with other churches in responding to these crises."

Carrell, who writes regular commentaries for various platforms, has three blogs and has published teaching and support material within the church. He has degrees in mathematics and theology including a Ph.D. from Durham University, UK, on the Christology of the Book of Revelation. He is married to Teresa Kundycki-Carrell, Lay Chaplain at Cathedral Grammar School; they have four adult children, all in their twenties. Peter is the son of Bishop Brian (retired) and Mrs May Carrell.

Archbishop Philip Richardson, Interim Bishop-in-charge of Christchurch since May, is delighted with the appointment.

"I take pleasure in welcoming Bishop-Elect Dr Peter Carrell to the House of Bishops. Peter's experience and gifts are widely appreciated across the province, and coupled with his deep knowledge of, and his love for, the people in the Christchurch Diocese, this unique mix guarantees a solid foundation for his ministry going forward."

Edwin Boyce, Diocesan Manager says he is happy and thankful for the appointment.

"On behalf of all of the staff at the Anglican Centre and the Diocese as a whole, I can say how pleased we are with the news that our Lord has led the Ven. Dr Peter Carrell to be the ninth Bishop of Christchurch. I have had the opportunity of working closely with Peter in recent years and I look forward to continuing to work with him as he leads the Diocese through the joys and challenges of the coming years."

Boyce says Carrell will be ordained and installed as Bishop of Christchurch early in 2019. This allows Carrell to hand over his current teaching and pastoral roles in an organised and effective way.

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Please find attached a biography, a photo and video of the official signing into office. Higher resolution versions of the photo are available by emailing: dioadmin@anglicanlife.org.nz