



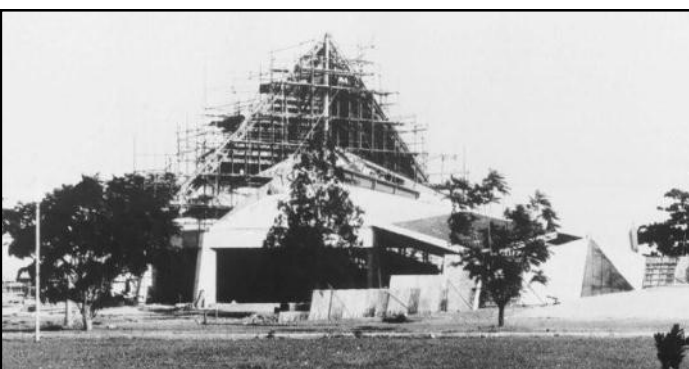
Christ Church Cathedral Darwin

Cathedral News - May 2011

Work Has Begun!

After Easter celebrations that reflected the hope and joy of what it might mean to live as people of the resurrection, the Cathedral is at last beginning its transformation: a renovation and restoration to declare to the people of Darwin that Christ Church Cathedral is a vital spiritual heart in this increasingly busy city.

The scaffolding is up and in coming days the concrete will be poured for the floors of the soon to be constructed verandahs.



Last time there was this much scaffolding on the Cathedral was 35 years ago when it was first built.

Next, the big West-facing window will be removed and replaced with new glass, with a much better heat coefficient, that will sit in a frame that won't leak!!

Finally the interior of the Cathedral, damaged by water over many years, will have a complete electrical upgrade (including the installation of low velocity / high volume fans) and the damaged plaster will be repaired and repainted.

While work has well and truly begun, we still require around \$50,000.00 to make up the total amount needed to complete the project. Please consider a donation to help us get over the line. You can send cheques to **Christ Church Cathedral Building Appeal, GPO Box 181, Darwin, NT 0801** or you can use the secure online facility by clicking the "make a donation" button below.



GOD: who, what, where, why... and if?

Bishop John Shelby Spong calls Dr Val Webb "one of the most exciting Christian voices in the 21st Century".

Val is coming to Darwin (June 18) to help us explore what has been said about the Sacred across religions, and the grounds on which such claims are made; and what people have experienced as encounters with the Sacred or the Sacred engaging them.



[You can download an information and registration brochure here.](#)

[You can find a flier for your notice board here.](#)

International Dinner Under the Stars

Now is the time to start putting together your table of 10 for the Cathedral's **International Dinner Under the Stars**, our major fundraising event for the year.

There will be entertainment, an auction, raffles, and a selection of Italian, Fijian, Chinese, European and Papuan food. Soft drinks are included in the ticket price and beer and wine will be available for purchase.

Join us under the Cathedral's magnificent frangipani tree, under the stars, from 7.00pm on Saturday 2 July.

Tickets are \$55.00 each and can be purchased from the Cathedral Office (89819099). To download a flier, click on the image (left).



"The Taste of Jewish Spirituality" & "A Journey Through the Psalms" with Rabbi Aviva Kipen

Many Christians are fascinated by their Jewish antecedents and seek to be informed about the Jewish roots of Christianity.

Rabbi Aviva Kipen will be the guest of the Darwin community over the weekend of July 29-30.

She invites you to join her for the traditional "home table service" to welcome Shabbat: from table songs & blessing to explanations of the place of Sabbath in Jewish life and a delicious 3 course meal and drinks, this is a delightful way to experience the cornerstone of Jewish life.

Join us on Friday night July 29 at 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start in the Harbour Room at Christ Church Cathedral and find out many links that will surprise and tantalise. Tickets: \$45.00 (includes 3 course meal and soft drinks - BYO wine) Enquiries: 8981 9099 / 0428 315 763 or cathedral@internode.on.net

Aviva will stay to lead us on a journey through the 150 psalms using text, song, music and conversation on Saturday July 30 from 2.00pm.

Our lectionary takes the journey through the psalms each year. We know their power to move our hearts. Yet, we cut and paste, shorten and dodge some of the most confronting poetry in this remarkable collection.

Our Saturday afternoon workshop provides the opportunity to work with our favourite psalms, to share our unease about the ones which trouble us or arouse strong feelings. Hearing some of the best known psalms in their Hebrew original, sharing our favourite translations and grappling with the range of meanings they provide will be a springboard into a new appreciation of psalms.

Watch for more details of the dinner and the workshop.



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