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The Rev'd Dr Steven Ogden is Executive Director of the Ministry Education Commission and Principal

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Steven is interested in popular culture, in particular, the relationship between faith and culture. In addition to his academic interests, he is writing a series of theological works in the popular idiom. The first two are *Met God in Bermuda: Faith in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* and *Love Upside Down: Life, Love and the Subversive Jesus*. As a speaker he is in demand, often on radio. Most recently, he was on ABC's *Conversations* with the BBC's Michael Peschardt (25<sup>th</sup> May 2011, iPod available).

Steven is married to Anne, a palliative care counsellor; they have three sons, with one living in Bermuda. He is formerly the Dean of St Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide.

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# THE NEW FAMILY: RE-IMAGINING THE FAMILY FOR A NEW AGE



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**A seminar with  
The Revd Dr  
Steven Ogden**

**Saturday, August 20, 2011**

**Christ Church Anglican Cathedral  
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What's being said about Steven's latest book, "Love Up Side Down":

"Much has been written over the centuries about love, but Ogden engages us yet again with his description of human love in all its variety, naming it as that Divine action we encountered in Jesus, who called us to love in the same way, bringing in the vulnerable, open and quirky Kingdom of love. "This is also the love of ordinary, yet daring people, who choose to live with vulnerability as they embrace those who are different."

I would urge you to read this beautiful, honest, often whimsical but always practical, book to energize and inspire you once again to the possibilities of radical loving." Dr. Val Webb

"In the tradition of Richard Holloway's Doubts and Loves, Steven Ogden has written a heart searching exploration of the Christian understanding of what it means to love. In the process he has re-evaluated how we love as Christians and what that is in relation to living in postmodernity. Ogden has desanitized Jesus and got down and dirty in the real world. He has not flinched from tackling the serious theological and ethical issues that confront Christians today. This is honest, raw theology which is unfortunately eschewed by so many academics and Christian writers. This book is not only confronting but uplifting as well. My advice - read it!" (Nigel Leaves, author, The God Problem, and former warden of Wollaston Theological College, Western Australia)

### The New Family: Re-Imagining the Family for a New Age

*"As I look back on my life, it is the exquisite moments of love that have given me the elation of grace and the consolation of dignity. This is because love puts everything in perspective; it forms a new horizon that enables me to say "This doesn't matter" or "This matters and I will risk everything".*

*The cutting edge for this horizon of love comes from my experience of re-visiting Christianity. On my return, I discovered not the meek and mild Jesus of Sunday school fame; but the subversive Jesus of the first century, who caused great scandal in the name of love. The problem with Jesus is that for him: people were more important than venerable institutions, governing principles and religious dogma.*

*For many of us, this is not the kind of love we expected. This is love upside down. But there is no hocus pocus, it is about changing our perceptions and how that changes who we are. Its key characteristic is how we see others. When we begin to see others, when we take them seriously, we see them for the first time.*

*So, I am inviting you to join with me as we explore love, the God of love, the history of marriage, the complexity of human relationships and how gay and lesbian people can bless the Church."*

Steven Ogden



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