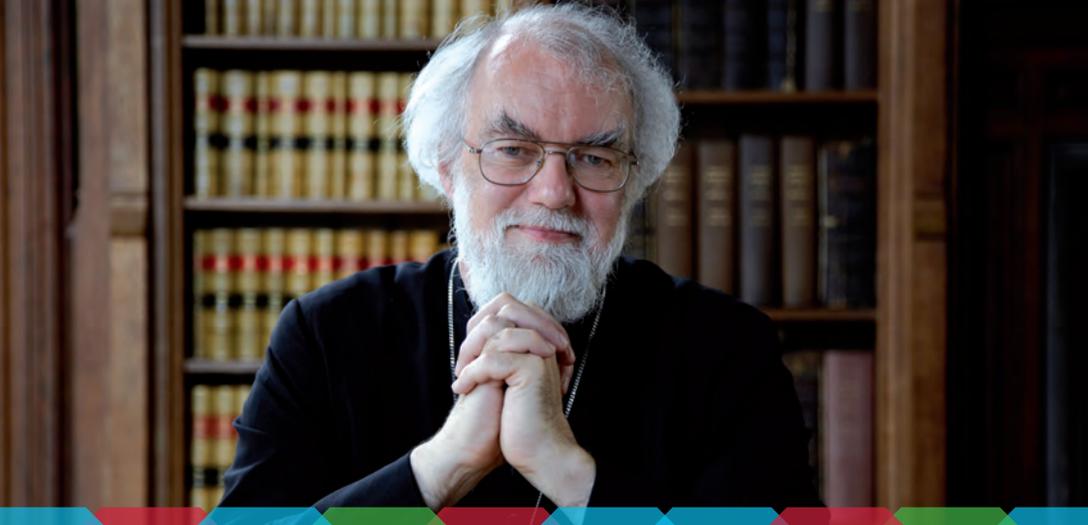




ONCE IN A LIFETIME



IT'S TIME TO GET READY FOR THE BIGGEST-EVER
ANGLICAN GATHERING TO HIT THESE SHORES



The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, and the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC) are coming to Auckland in October and they'll be with us for almost two weeks.

This is, truly, a once-in-a-lifetime event: the first and last chance to see and hear this Archbishop of Canterbury in our part of the world, and the only chance most of us will get to sample the ACC.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has said: "I look forward personally very much to sharing with you in the days to come, hearing of your experiences, your wisdom, your challenges. I look forward to our engagement with the local church. I look forward to what ACC15 is going to contribute to the life and health, the faithfulness and vigour of our Communion together under God."

SO WHAT IS THE ACC?

The Anglican Consultative Council is one of the four 'Instruments of Communion' that hold Anglicans together.

Moreover, it's the Communion's only fully representative international body, with members elected from every province or member church. The ACC includes archbishops, bishops, clergy and lay people from every corner of the Anglican world.

WHY IS ACC15 IMPORTANT?

The ACC provides the *only* opportunity for Anglicans to talk through their mission and ministry opportunities and challenges in a forum which includes lay people and clergy who are not bishops.

Attending an ACC meeting is a very rich experience, and a chance to forge friendships with Anglicans in other parts of the world.



WHAT HAPPENS FIRST?

There'll be an all-stops-pulled powhiri – a ceremonial welcome – and grand opening event on Saturday October 27th at 10am at the Telstra Events Centre in Manukau. Everyone's invited to that.

A combined church schools kapa haka party will lay down stirring haka and waiata, the mayor will formally welcome the ACC to Auckland, we'll hear speeches and songs, and there'll be a forum in which school students will ask questions of the Archbishop of Canterbury and a number of the other visiting Primates or Archbishops.

IS THAT WELCOME OPEN TO EVERYBODY?

Yes! We want the people of our church to fill that stadium to capacity. Organise a bus or fill up your car and aim to be seated by 9.30am. The event will only last for 2-3 hours.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The opening Eucharist will take place at Holy Trinity Cathedral on Sunday October 28th at 10am – and the Archbishop of Canterbury will preach the sermon. And that service, of course, is also open.

NETWORKS 'FAYRE'

The Anglican Communion has 14 networks tackling issues of mission and social justice (eg: Youth, Refugees and Migrants, Urban Ministry and Mission). Those networks will be showcasing their work in the cathedral on Sunday October 28th, and that display will be open to the public from 4pm on that day, before the Cathedral Evensong begins at 5pm.

WHAT ELSE HAPPENS?

The ACC, which will meet at Holy Trinity Cathedral, has a full business agenda anchored around daily worship and bible study. There'll also be three public presentations, chaired by the Archbishop of Canterbury, at the Cathedral:

Tuesday October 30th at 7.30pm. Topic: 'Gender-based Violence'

Thursday November 1st at 7.30pm. Topic: 'The Environment'

Tuesday November 6th at 7.30pm. Topic: 'Witness'

WILL ACC MEMBERS GO ANYWHERE ELSE?

Yes! The ACC will also spend a day with the Kingitanga at Ngaruawahia, and the Archbishop of Canterbury will visit Christchurch on Sunday November 4th. That is the day, in fact, when all the members of the ACC will fan out to cathedrals, parishes and pastorates, and to the major hui amorangi centres for a "Mission Encounter".

Those visitors will provide preachers, presiders and readers in these places on that day, and will engage in a discussion of mission with the people of the local churches. The visitors will then return to Auckland, and take part in the ACC discussion of mission on Monday November 5th.

INSTRUMENTS OF COMMUNION

The Anglican Communion is served by four 'Instruments of Communion'. These are: The Archbishop of Canterbury; the Lambeth Conferences of Bishops; The Primates' Meetings – and the ACC. For more detail, visit www.anglicancommunion.org/communion

WEBSITES TO WATCH

Info about ACC15 will be posted to the General Synod website (www.anglican.org.nz) as it comes to hand, and the Anglican Taonga website (www.anglicantaonga.org.nz) will carry regular news updates. The Cathedral website (www.holy-trinity.org.nz) will provide the public programme and details of the Eucharist closer to the event. The Anglican Communion website (www.anglicancommunion.org) is also worth checking.

