

The Rev'd Associate Professor Matthew Anstey – General Synod Profile (2022)

Priest | Diocese of Adelaide

Member, Doctrine Commission

I have been an Anglican since birth, growing up in Sydney. After school, I spent most of the next 20 years in Canberra-Goulburn Diocese, except for four years overseas studying for a Masters in Christian Studies at Regent College (Vancouver) and a PhD at Vrije Universiteit (Amsterdam), in Biblical Hebrew linguistics. I was ordained to the priesthood in 2009 and in 2010 moved to Adelaide to be Principal of St Barnabas Theological College (2010-2018). Liz and I worship at Holy Innocent's, Belair.



I have always loved parish ministry and academic scholarship, and I remain active in both areas. In ministry, I enjoy preaching and speaking, and have presented Bible Studies at the National Anglican Deacons Conference; the National Anglican Bishops Conference; the Willochra and Adelaide Synods; the Willochra, Adelaide, Ballarat, and Canberra-Goulburn Clergy Conferences; General Synod; and the National Anglican Deans Conference.

I have been on General Synod since 2017 and am actively engaged with Anglicans from around the country in the promotion of an inclusive, comprehensive, and open-hearted Anglicanism. I was delighted to contribute 3 chapters to *Marriage, Same-sex Marriage and the Anglican Church of Australia: Essays from the Doctrine Commission*, 2019, on "Scripture and Moral Reasoning", "An Alternative Reading of the BCP", and "The Case for Same-Sex Marriage".

In academia, I am an honorary research fellow/doctoral supervisor at the University of Sydney, University of Queensland, University of Adelaide, and Charles Sturt University. I founded and co-chair the *Biblical Hebrew Language and Linguistics Unit*, Society of Biblical Literature (International), and am a member of the *Linguistics and Biblical Hebrew Unit*, Society of Biblical Literature, and the *National Association of Professors of Hebrew (USA)*. I am also a trustee of the Australian Research Theological Foundation Incorporated (ARTFinc).

My major research area currently is the Psalms. For Oxford University Press, I am co-editing the critical edition of the translation of the Psalms by William Barnes (1801-1886), and under the auspices of the Liturgy Commission, I am preparing a new translation of the Psalms for public worship for the Anglican Church of Australia, a project I hope to complete by 2026. I am grateful for this opportunity to translate, study, and reflect deeply upon the Psalms, as it draws together both my pastoral and scholarly vocations.