

Eighteenth session of General Synod (2022)

Member profile

The Rev'd Andrew Schmidt



House: Clergy

Diocese: Diocese of Sydney

Current Appointments/Education:

Rector, St Jude's Randwick (2016-present)

Board Member of the Anglican Church Property Trust (Sydney Diocese) (2017-present)

Bachelor of Economics (1996)

Bachelor of Laws (1998)

Bachelor of Divinity (2009)

Master of Theology (2017)

Profile:

I grew up in the suburbs of Sydney initially as nominal Anglican before being a born-again believer. I was baptized and confirmed without ever being a regular churchgoer, but then really grew in faith after being invited to church by a friend in my late teens.

Before training for Christian ministry, I worked for several years in the building and construction practice of a large law firm.

Currently I am ministering in Randwick, in Sydney's east, a relatively wealthy and secular area where many people do not seem to feel that they need a saviour. Our church has maintained the traditions of worship according to the classic Anglican liturgy, and seeks in every way possible to reach our diverse area with the saving message of Jesus Christ.

The research area for my M.Th. was St Paul's use of the word *eleutheria* ("freedom"), with particular reference to 2 Corinthians 3:17.

I am married to Kathryn and we have three children aged 10 to 14.