

Dear Archbishop Kay,

We want to assure you of our prayers as you lead our Diocese through the crisis that is straining the bonds of fellowship in the Australian Church and the Global Anglican communion.

Under God, we recognise you have the right and authority to ordain as you see fit. We acknowledge that all of the current ordination candidates have agreed to *Faithfulness in Service* and *Professional Conduct* standards that affirm the historic understanding of the faith of this Church—that God created and ordained both human sexuality and marriage for specific purposes and contexts; indeed, that those who are single must live chaste and celibate lives and those who are married must be faithful in marriage.

However, we are concerned about the upcoming Ordination to the Priesthood to be held in St George's Cathedral on Wednesday, 30th of November. You will ask the congregation;

Dear friends in Christ, you know the importance of this office. We have been assured that these persons are suited to the ministry. If, however, any of you know an adequate reason why we should not proceed, come forward and make it known.

We have concerns that two of the candidates are not suited to the ministry; and we feel compelled to formally object to one.

With respect to The Reverend Peregrin Campbell-Osgood, his preparedness to live with an opposite sex partner out of holy wedlock, failure to maintain chastity in singleness and/or failure therein to avoid situations of temptation or of conduct which might be construed as a breach of the standards of sexual conduct in our Faithfulness in Service Code, and come at last to marriage only (in so far as we understand it) as an express condition of his acceptance into the Diaconate, must surely raise concerns about his fitness for leadership in Christ's Church.

Acknowledging, however, that this point is now probably moot, and having voiced our concerns to you in this letter, we make no formal objection.

With respect to The Reverend Andrew Milne, our objection is outlined in the accompanying document. However, rather than come forward at the Ordination service, we ask you to read out the objection on the following page in our names. The objection is substantially the same as that made in February of this year when Andrew was Ordained to the Diaconate. Yet that objection must now be made again in view of the greater authority bestowed upon those who are ordained to the priesthood in the Anglican Church of Australia and the Diocese of Perth.

We are conscious of the pain that our action must surely inflict upon Andrew; and deeply regret that hurt. And yet, if in fact God is not calling him to the Office of Priesthood, we do far greater damage (to him), in the long run, by ordaining to leadership those not truly called.

We also deeply regret any consequent disturbance to the peace and tranquillity of Christ's church resultant from the voicing of these concerns and objections. But we trust that, in answer to our prayers, you will take our concerns to heart, continue to pray carefully upon this matter, and come at last to the right action.

Your sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'MD', enclosed in a light blue rectangular box.

The Reverend Marc Dale

On behalf of the undersigned (below)

For the Archbishop to read to the congregation at the Ordination Service, 30th November

The Most Reverend Kay Goldsworthy: Dear friends in Christ, you know the importance of this office. We have been assured that these persons are suited to the ministry.

If, however, any of you know an adequate reason why we should not proceed, come forward and make it known.

We, the undersigned 25 clergy and 12 Wardens, 18 Parish Councillors and 64 ordinary parishioners, object to the ordination to the priesthood of one of candidates presented this evening.

With regard to The Reverend Andrew Milne, we note that he is presently in a civil union with another man, with whom he currently lives. While assurances have been given that this relationship is not sexual, we nonetheless regard this as unacceptable on the following grounds:

- 1) Marriage is fundamentally the lifelong commitment of two persons to one another, to the exclusion of all others, in which a new family is created. It is the doctrine of the Anglican Church of Australia that marriages are contracted between one man and one woman. A same sex civil union establishes a marriage-like relationship contrary to this definition and to the teaching of Scripture.
- 2) Faithfulness in service, states the following: “You should avoid situations where you are vulnerable to temptation or where your conduct may be construed as a breach of the standards of sexual conduct in this Code.” The candidate’s current living arrangement is a clear breach of this provision.

Kim Ward – Guildford, Warden
Tony Stopher – Kallaroo, Warden
James Spath - Kallaroo, Warden
Rosemary Prior – Highgate, Warden
Wendy Hazeldean - Lockridge
John Murray – Kallaroo, Parish Councillor
Peter Ruscoe – Kallaroo, Parish Councillor
Glenn Muskett – Kallaroo, Parish Councillor
Derek Williams – Kallaroo, Parish Councillor
Kym Harding – Kallaroo, Parish Councillor
Michael Charles – Lockridge
Maureen Charles - Lockridge
Clare Deeves – Kallaroo
Riley Law-Davis – Kallaroo
Sue Stopher – Kallaroo
Emily Cole – Kallaroo
Natalie Mills – Kallaroo
Andrew Mills – Kallaroo
Jemima Halls – Ellenbrook, Parish Councillor

Aureen Scott – Kallaroo
June Patterson – Kallaroo
The Reverend Stephen Conway
Jessie Adams – Kallaroo
Lyn Arthur – Kallaroo
Sue Foster – Kallaroo
Jessie Kapitola – Kallaroo
Julie Bosma – Kallaroo
Tim Bartholomew – Kallaroo
Marnie Bartholomew – Kallaroo
Peter Bullard – Kallaroo
Sarah Bullard – Kallaroo
The Reverend Evan McFarlane
The Reverend Roger Morey
Craig Clark - Shenton Park, Warden
Ben Hotchkin - Shenton Park, Parish Councillor
Nicholas Wood – Shenton Park, Parish Councillor
Reverend Andrew Burr
Heidi Ramer - Kallaroo
Mavin Hall – Lockridge, Parish Councillor
Kathleen Caddy – Nedlands, Parish Councillor
David Elsing – Mt Lawley, Parish Councillor
Mary Wright – Lockridge, Parish Councillor
Sarah Curtis – Highgate
Mitchell Hall – Ellenbrook, Parish Councillor
Mark Skewes – Shenton Park, Parish Councillor
Dr Mark Hurworth – Dalkeith, Warden
Rachel Thyer – Dalkeith, Warden
Martin Quinlan – Guildford, Warden
The Right Reverend Peter Brain
Mike Bottrell - Highgate
Jenni Bottrell – Highgate
The Reverend Ben Underwood
The Reverend Katrina Holgate
Jonathan Holgate – Guildford
The Reverend Mark Grobicki
Sharon Ockwell – Kallaroo
Peter Ockwell – Kallaroo
Russell Delaney – Kallaroo, Parish Councillor
Ted Ansell, Rockingham
Trudy Ansell, Rockingham
The Reverend James Duff
The Reverend Marc Dale
The Reverend Peter Smith
The Reverend Dr Steven Daly
The Reverend Matthew Harding
The Reverend Dale Appleby
The Reverend David Greeff
The Reverend Andy Pearce
Charles Samuels, Lockridge, Warden

Dr Lwinthide Samuels, Lockridge
Charlotte Pennell, Highgate
Henry Pennell, Highgate, Parish Councillor
The Reverend Dr Dan Cole
The Reverend Kay Wee Sim
The Reverend Jacob Ng
Robert Beaglehole, Willetton
The Reverend Nicholas Lockwood
Mary Jane Bull, Highgate
Katrina Serwood, Willetton
Katherine Lockwood, Willetton
Betty McSkimming, Shenton Park, Warden
Georgie Adamson, Highgate
Phillip Passmore, Highgate, Parish Councillor
Heather Passmore, Highgate
Dr Theo Kitchen, Highgate
Jeanine Powell, Highgate
Dean Powell, Highgate
Graham Reid, Highgate
The Reverend Devan Foster
Phyllis Cusworth, Kelmscott
Julie Whitehead, Kelmscott
Harry Edgar, Kelmscott
The Reverend Ray Arthur
The Reverend Ben van der Klip
Barry Vayler, Highgate, Warden
Digby Huggett, Highgate
Darrelle Huggett, Highgate
Sam Rae, Highgate
Rhianon Rae, Highgate
Renu John, Nedlands, Warden
Rebekah Arundell, Highgate, Parish Councillor
Linda Rowlinson – Willetton, Parish Councillor
The Reverend Dr David Seccombe
Peter Curtis – Highgate, Parish Councillor
The Reverend Steve Pivetta
The Reverend Rae Reinertsen
Sue Symons – Rockingham, Warden
Belinda Overmeire – Lockridge
Mr Paul Symons - Rockingham