

New chapter for Warren Huffa at St Maryâ??s South Road

The Reverend Dr Warren Huffa has been commissioned as Parish Priest of St Maryâ??s South Road. The service was held at the church at 7pm on Tuesday 17 November.

Archbishop Bradly Billings announced the full-time appointment to both parishes on Sunday 9 August. Warren had been Parish Priest of St Columbaâ??s, Hawthorn.

Warren succeeds Canon William Deng, who had served at St Maryâ??s since 2014. Canon Deng was elected second Bishop of Aweil, the diocese in South Sudan where he was born, and returned to his homeland early this year to take up the role. During his decade at South Road, he became known for bridging cultures, both in the parish and in the wider South Sudanese community. **Read more about Canon Dengâ??s call to South Sudan.**



Bishop Sophie Relf-Christopher with the Revâ??d Dr Warren Huffa after his commissioning at St Maryâ??s

At Hawthorn, Warren oversaw one of the Dioceseâ??s most distinctive recent initiatives: a Neurodivergent Inclusive Service held on Sunday afternoons. It had softer lighting and sound, breakout spaces, sensory tools and a shared tea afterwards, and families were free to move around and simply be themselves. The parish expected the service to draw families with neurodivergent children. Instead, it found autistic adults who were looking for a church to call home. St Columbaâ??s also became accredited with Autism SA as part of the work. You can read about the initiative here.

That ministry has now ended with Warrenâ??s move. The parish has shared what it learnt so that other churches can build on it.

Warren has been ordained for 37 years, and a third of that time was spent at St Columbaâ??s. The parish gave thanks for his ministry at his final service there.

â??We gave thanks for what has been and are grateful for what is yet to come, for Warren, for us, for St Columbaâ??s and St Maryâ??s,â?• the parish said. â??We have been blessed. His influence will be felt, and missed.â?•

Archbishop Billings has asked the Diocese to pray for Warren and his family, and for both parishes during this time of transition.

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