

**The Very Rev. Dr. John Shepherd** is the interim director of the Anglican Centre in Rome and the Archbishop of Canterbury's Representative to the Holy See.

From 1990 to 2014 he was the dean of St. George's Cathedral in Perth, Australia. He led a \$19-million capital campaign to restore the Cathedral and the old deanery and to create the Cadogan Song School, an architecturally stunning -- and prize-winning -- building that houses the Cathedral choirs and its music library (<https://www.perthcathedral.org/About-Us/the-cadogan-song-school.html>).

The Cathedral's longest-serving dean, he invited Muslim and Buddhist speakers to the Cathedral, preached in a Catholic cathedral, and founded the theological study group Heretics Anonymous. He flew football and basketball team flags from the cathedral tower and hosted concerts, ballet and cabaret shows. He has lent public support to LGBT inclusion and marriage equality.

“I’ve been very keen to offer a faith for thinking Christians, encouraging people to turn the diamond and look at different ways of experiencing the divine, music, arts and architecture,” he said in a newspaper interview.

Dean Shepherd earned degrees from the University of Melbourne and the Australian College of Theology. He has a Master of Sacred Music degree from Union Theological Seminary, where he studied musicology and composition, including both serial and electronic, at Columbia University. His Ph.D. dissertation, from St. Catharine's College, Cambridge, studied the relationship between the theology and music of the English Reformation.