

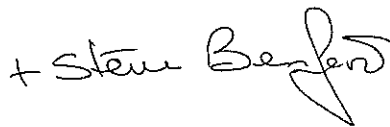
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MEDIA RELEASE

The Anglican Diocese of Dunedin is announcing along with the Southern Institute of Technology (SIT) the sale of St John's Anglican Church Invercargill, hall and grounds to the SIT. The SIT is planning to strengthen and repurpose these facilities as part of a larger Creative Centre between Tay and Esk Streets.

The Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Dunedin, the Rt. Rev'd Steven Benford says:

"This has been a difficult process as far as the St John's parish is concerned, but a really positive outcome for them. They have increasingly been struggling to maintain this complex and the sale will enable the building – an important taonga in Invercargill – to be preserved and used in new ways to the benefit of the wider community. It will also free the Parish to focus on its mission and ministry within Invercargill and beyond. Although there is a sadness to be leaving a place that has been so important to the Parish over many years, there is a real anticipation for what God will be able to do in and through them in the future."



Right Reverend Steven Benford