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The Right Reverend Sean Semple

Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of
Cyprus and the Gulf

ANNOUNCEMENT



Bishop Sean is delighted to announce the appointment of the Reverend Canon Dr Walter Brownridge as Dean of St Paul's Cathedral, Nicosia and Canon to the Ordinary. The Cathedral congregation eagerly awaits the return of the Reverend—soon to be Very Reverend—Walter and his wife, Tina, who provided locum cover to St Paul's over the summer.

From 2024 to January 17, 2026, Canon Walter served as the Interim Rector at Christ Episcopal Church in Montpelier, Vermont, the Episcopal parish in Vermont's Capital City. Before that (2021-2023), Walter served as Canon to the Ordinary for Cultural Transformation in the Diocese of Vermont where he led work in areas including Christian formation, racial justice, stewardship, and Creation care. He has also served as Cathedral Dean and Seminary Associate Dean at the School of Theology at Sewanee: University of the South.

Canon Walter has worked in parishes across the US and has served as Canon at St George's Cathedral in Cape Town, South Africa.

A graduate of the General Theological Seminary with degrees from the University of San Diego Graduate School of International Relations and Georgetown University Law Centre, Canon Walter is a prolific writer, with a particular interest in law and theology, practical theology, and church and society. His articles include an exploration of law, theology, and reproductive choice in the Episcopal Church, published in the Anglican Theological Review. He was also co-editor and contributor to a special volume of the ATR dedicated to the late Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and a contributor to the book *Preaching Black Lives Matter*. His most recent publication is a chapter in *Conversations in Global Anglican Theology: Culture*.

Canon Walter will be licensed at the Synod Opening Eucharist at St Christopher's Cathedral in Bahrain. He will be installed as Dean at St Paul's Cathedral in Nicosia at a date to be announced.

Welcome back, Canon Walter and Tina.

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