

YOUR CHANCE TO CHAT WITH ALPHA'S SANDY MILLAR



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Canberrans will have a chance to chat with Bishop Sandy Millar, the former Holy Trinity Brompton vicar who was a key person in developing the world famous Alpha Course.

The Friday evening event will be held at St John's Canberra at 7.30pm on Friday February 15, 2013

During his Australia tour, Bishop Millar is speaking at Alpha training events in Melbourne, Sydney and Perth and the St John's event is one of only two public speaking engagements in Canberra.

"The evening is designed for people already in churches to renew their love of sharing Jesus with others", said the Rev Margaret Campbell who is organising the event.

The event was conceived by Margaret Campbell as a teaser to help boost plans to run Alpha as part of the Diocese's 150th birthday celebrations.

The Alpha course is based around small groups of about 12 people, with leaders aiming to facilitate a relaxed discussion and exploration of participant's questions about Christian beliefs. There is a strong emphasis on hospitality and relationship-building with a meal provided to help participants get to know others in the group.

Ms Campbell said that potential course leaders may not be aware there are new versions of Alpha: a youth Alpha course; a one hour course that is designed for use in workplaces; and an eight week version that fits in better with the Australian school term than the original British 10 week version.

Ms Campbell said the evening with Bishop Millar would be conversational and the audience will have an opportunity to ask him questions.

Vicar of Holy Trinity Brompton from 1985 to 2005, he was a key person in the development of the Alpha course at that church. During this period, Sandy Millar also developed a

strategy of providing struggling London churches with a fresh start with congregations and clergy provided by Holy Trinity.

Bishop Millar will also be preaching at both morning and evening services at Batemans Bay Anglican Church on Sunday February 17.