



**Anglican Church Diocese of Sydney
2016 Christmas Message
News Release**

Truth overcomes in a post-truth world

The Anglican Archbishop of Sydney, Dr Glenn Davies, has highlighted the importance of truth in public life and pointed to the truth of Jesus, in his annual Christmas message.

Citing the Oxford English Dictionary's choice of 'post-truth' as the international word of the year, Dr Davies said the controversy over truth in politics and public life was seen in world developments this year such as the Brexit vote and US election.

"Let's face it – there is so much 'post-truth' around" Dr Davies said. "The rise of social media has been fuelled by people who claim to write the truth – yet there are so many lies and untruths in social media."

Facebook this year was forced to set up a division to spot 'fake news' and warn users.

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"There is much in our world which is post-truth – but remember at Christmas time we celebrate the truth of Jesus – the God of truth, who declares 'I am the way, the truth and the life'." Dr Davies said

Dr Davies will preach at St Andrew's Cathedral at 10 am on Christmas Day.

There will be a range of services during Christmas week, Wednesday Dec 21 at 6pm, Thursday Dec 22 at 7pm, and on Christmas Eve at 4pm, 6:30pm, 8pm & 11pm.

Download Christmas message in video ([dropbox](#)) and audio ([dropbox](#))
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This is not surprising given that the Brexit vote and US election were enmeshed in what is being called post-truth politics.

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Happy Christmas.

Dr Glenn N Davies
Archbishop of Sydney
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