



Christ Church Cathedral and St Peter's Hamilton

52 Church Street, Newcastle 148 Denison Street



Welcome to worship today, especially all who are visiting

Weekly News Sunday 15 November 2020

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Artist: Андрей Николаевич Миронов (A.N. Mironov); Притча о талантах (The parable of talents).

Today's Services at the Cathedral

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Dear Parish Family,

Firstly, a note of caution! It appears that overnight an email, purportedly from me, was sent to a number of people from my address book. The email looks like mine, but crucially is a gmail address and says it comes from Rev. Katherine Bowyer. The scammers even helpfully sent an email to my official address asking me for help! Please do not respond to this scammer. If you have any concerns about the authenticity of an email from me or any of the Cathedral staff, please contact the cathedral office to check.

This week I joined with others in a Remembrance Day service at the Cenotaph in Civic Park – you can see some coverage of the service here <https://www.nbnnews.com.au/2020/11/11/hunter-locals-pay-their-respects-on-remembrance-day/> . Just as ANZAC Day was different for us this year, so too was Remembrance Day – but our remembrance was not diminished. I am thankful to the students and staff of Newcastle Grammar School who laid a wreath on the Field of Remembrance in front of the Cathedral, as is their tradition each ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day.

If you joined the livestream last Sunday morning, or were in the Cathedral in person, you will know that I was unwell and wasn't there. Thank you for those who messaged me and prayed. I woke on Sunday morning with a sore throat and runny nose, which only became worse as the morning went on, so I followed the advice and stayed away. I listened to the livestream on my phone as I drove to John Hunter to have a COVID test – which was negative. My thanks to the Reverend Angela Peverell, the Reverend Dr Julia Perry, Peter Guy, and Robert Gummow for all they did on Sunday. It also gave me the opportunity to experience the livestream – and I am very thankful that we are able to offer this ministry.

You may remember that last year, there were Bills and motions from our Synod and Wangaratta Synod concerning same sex marriage blessing which were referred to the Appellate Tribunal. The Appellate Tribunal determinations were handed down yesterday, and you can read them here:

<https://anglican.org.au/governance/tribunals/appellate-tribunal-current-matters/appellate-tribunal-determinations/> The two majority decisions are affirming of the actions taken at those Synods, and I look forward to the next steps in this process.

It's a longer pastoral letter this week than usual, and it's a bumper pewslip with lots of new information, including a comprehensive parish council report and a new report from the assets register team, as well as new Mission information.

Please also continue to visit the Cathedral YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXyas2uhJUNOnDetOpPdUOg> , the Choir YouTube channel

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCj1uCQsfG7Ek4NLW_SJzvRQ and the weekly reflections from the choir blogger

<https://newcastlecathedralchoir.wordpress.com/> .

Finally, I came to this week's poem by a circuitous route. I (mis)remembered a John Betjeman poem about the experience of World War II, and whilst searching for that poem ("In Westminster Abbey") I rediscovered this lovely poem – a reminder of when we could travel overseas!

Back from Australia

Cocooned in Time, at this inhuman height,
The packaged food tastes neutrally of clay,
We never seem to catch the running day
But travel on in everlasting night
With all the chic accoutrements of flight:
Lotions and essences in neat array
And yet another plastic cup and tray.
"Thank you so much. Oh no, I'm quite all right".

At home in Cornwall hurrying autumn skies
Leave Bray Hill barren, Stepper jutting bare,
And hold the moon above the sea-wet sand.
The very last of late September dies
In frosty silence and the hills declare
How vast the sky is, looked at from the land. *John Betjeman (1906-1984).*

With my thanks and prayers.

Dean Katherine

Ps: Please share this email with others who would like to hear news of the parish.

To receive our weekly mailings, please contact the Cathedral Office

cathedral@newcastlecathedral.org.au to be placed on the email or mail out list.



From the Cathedral's Director of Music, Peter Guy...

Our Cathedral has a long line of incredible musicians that have graced the organ bench. The first Cathedral organist, Edward Mendelssohn Bach King (whose middle names left him no choice but to be an organist!) took up the bench at 18 years of age, and served the Cathedral until his death at the age of 47 in 1918. King was responsible for the installation of the organ that forms the basis of our current instrument. Fast forward a few decades, and another wonderfully gifted musician took up the organ bench: Keith Alexander Noake. Noake served the Cathedral from 1951 to his untimely death in 1968, and just like Edward King before him, was responsible for significant work on the Cathedral organ. It was Noake's vision which saw the old organ transformed into what is now one of Australia's finest Cathedral organs. (And of course, we are thankful that his daughters Rosie and Jenny are both stalwarts of the Cathedral Choir!).

In honour of the anniversary of Noake's death *and* birth this week, the postlude at the Eucharists on Sunday will be his *Introduction, Pastorale and Fugue on 'Leoni'*. You will recognise the hymn tune as "The God of Abraham Praise". Composed in 1959, the work is structured as a large scale improvisation, opening with a dramatic pedal line and declamatory statements of the theme, contrasted with florid toccata-like passages. This gives way to a gentle Pastorale section where the theme is heard in the pedals, underneath a flowing and mysterious clarinet melody. The Pastorale dissolves into the fugue, based on the material from the opening, and after a time of interplay between these two themes, a fanfare section heralds the dramatic and thrilling climax to the work.

We give thanks to God for the gift of music, and for the life, vision, and legacy of Keith Alexander Noake.



Today's flowers
have been kindly donated by
the family in loving memory of
KEITH ALEXANDER NOAKE
and **GLADYS MURREE-ALLEN**

SERVICES THIS WEEK IN THE CATHEDRAL

All services in the St Christopher Chapel.

Please enter through the transept doors

Monday 16 November	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	Canon Garry Dodd
Tuesday 17 November	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Reverend Dr Julia Perry
Wednesday 18 November	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Bishop
Thursday 19 November	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	Fr Philip Thirlwell
Friday 20 November	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Dean

***We have taken measures to ensure that the Cathedral is a safe environment for all. All who work with children or youth have completed Safe Ministry Training and all clergy, staff and volunteers are subject to strict employment measures such as working with children checks. The Cathedral is committed to being a place where survivors of abuse experience care and support. For a confidential discussion, please call or email the Director of Professional Standards 1800 774 945
dps@newcastleanglican.org.au or survivorsupport@newcastleanglican.org.au***

SUNDAY EUCHARIST TIMES

**8.00am and 10.30am
at the Cathedral**

Assets Register - Coping with Copes!

A cupboard has revealed some wonderful copes which we started on sorting and now need to document. We have had a peep into other drawers and this is a wonderful stole found amongst other to be documented.

Celtic Design Goldwork Stole

This magnificent goldwork stole features beautiful Celtic designs, using images of the wild goose, which is Celtic symbol of the Holy Spirit. There are intricate knotwork designs which end with stylised Wild Goose heads – knotwork designs in Celtic imagery are symbols of eternal life or eternity or infinity. At the base of the stole is an interesting depiction of a pelican – again a Celtic symbol, this time of Christ. The pelican was believed to feed its young by plucking at its breast and the young were fed by the pelican's blood. (Another example of this imagery is found in the centre of the altar cross in the St Michael or Warrior chapel.) At the top of the stole we find more intricate knotwork, this time three linked circles, representing the Trinity, and eternity.



We will do more documentation this month and thank the volunteers who have now joined the group. No experience is necessary and we have all the silver and many other precious articles and items to record. There is no set commitment to time or day so contact Judy Wotton (0404833773) or Jane Smith (0418647783).

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER AT THE CATHEDRAL FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

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Donations for Flowers

To donate flowers *in memory of a loved one* or as a **thank-offering**, please advise Suzanne Evans on 4955 9170 and place your donation in an envelope listing the date for display and include a message and place in the wall safe.

Flowers are required for November 29 and December 6 and 13.

Stewardship: Thank you for your ongoing faithful financial support of the mission and ministry of the parish. With no opportunities for additional fund raising, your giving is greatly appreciated. In this time, the best way to exercise our stewardship, to support the work of the parish, is through electronic giving. Our stewardship is an expression of our thankfulness to God, offering as we have received.

Name: Electronic Giving Account

BSB: 705-077

Account: 00040917 (please include all 8 digits)

Please include your Initial & Surname in the reference line, if required.

Please ask the sidespersons at the Cathedral or St Peter's if you would like a set of stewardship envelopes. If you would like information on how you can contribute to the Music Fund, Missions, and other ministries, please contact the parish office so we can share those details with you. Thank you for your generosity, which supports ministry now and in the future.

Christ Church Cathedral SHOP

Special notice

**The shop will be
open on**

*Sunday 15th November and
Sunday 29th November*

between 8.00am and 10.30am services and afterwards
until 12.00pm

Advent Books & readers

Mini Advent candles (4") 1 x white 1 x pink 3 x purple

Advent Calendars Christmas Cards

Nativities and Christmas decorations Frankincense
candles

And all the usual lines

Any special requests to: cathedralshop@aapt.net.au

November Missions

We continue to support Newton Theological College, however during the year ABM sends information about various appeals as set out below.

COMING OF the LIGHT: ARCHBISHOP'S NOVEMBER APPEAL



2021 marks the 150th anniversary of Coming of the Light – Mission and Ministry in North Queensland and the Torres Strait. The London Missionary Society with Pacific Islander evangelists landed on the shores of Darnley Island and introduced the Bible to the people who lived there. This event, The Coming of The Light, is an integral part of cultural identity to Torres Strait Islander peoples.

ABM invites you to celebrate and support the vibrant ministry and mission of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Church. Funds donated to this project will be used to: support the establishment of the Melanesian Brothers' ministry in the Torres Strait, provide for the work of the Ministry Development Officer for the Cape York Peninsula, and assist with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ministry formation in the Diocese of North Queensland.

To continue our important support for ABM cheques can be posted to

PO Box 221 NEWCASTLE NSW 2300

or by on-line giving.

Name Missions Account Account BSB 705077

Account Number 00041087

A Report from the Parish Council

It is somewhat strange to reflect that the Interim Parish Council, appointed for a few months, has continued to meet for a year with very few face to face meetings. Thanks to Zoom and email we have managed to communicate each month. Any initial plans were by necessity reviewed, suspended, amended or superseded to accommodate the changing landscape of lockdown, and then reopening in accordance with state government requirements. Thank you to Dean Katherine and Sub Dean Angela for guiding us in how addressing the needs of the Cathedral community in COVID.

Each month, from now on, we will provide a brief report on the issues on our agenda.

1. **Maintenance** We are happy to report that it has been possible to ensure that the grounds of the cathedral remain tidy, and that repairs were undertaken to car park bollards and the boiler unit in the meeting room. There has been some work on lighting. Other repairs are pending while we wait for the availability of tradespeople.

2. **Pastoral Care** Reverend Dr Julia Perry has assisted the Dean and Sub Dean in this regard. She is assisted by a student, Ruth Wiseman. Feedback from several parishioners indicated that they were reluctant to return to church because of health concerns. Others indicated that they would review their decision to attend when music or a full Eucharist is available.

3. **Live Streaming** Pre COVID we would not have imagined the importance of this medium for people who do not feel safe to return to church. The world has observed the creativity and amazing events available via social media and YouTube, not only during COVID but in the future. Robert Gummow has ensured that we have maintained a high standard of broadcast. Thanks to the generous response to the request for the repair of equipment we can continue to reach out to a significant number of people each day of the week. We are continuing to have discussions about the standard of equipment required to use this platform to its full potential for future needs.

4. **Work Health and Safety** Implementation of changing COVID guidelines has highlighted the need for an adequate number of sidespeople to welcome and register people, along with the necessary cleaning after services.

The Diocese is going to prepare information for some of the other issues we have identified under this agenda item.

5. **Assets register** This is a labour intensive task for a team superbly led by Judy Wotton and Janey Smith. Although there are records for office equipment and the war memorabilia there are a large number of valuable items in the cathedral which need to be recorded in the required format. Previous pew sheets have informed us of some of their findings. The team has organised the copes in the Bishop's Vestry and will commence the task of documentation. In addition a draft list has identified a comprehensive list of the items to be recorded in the Bishop's Vestry, Dean's Vestry and Servers' Vestry.

6. **Cluster Meeting** The parishes of St Augustines (Merewether), St Johns (Cooks Hill) and Christ Church Cathedral make up the Newcastle City cluster. Each parish is represented by three lay people and the stipendiary clergy. After previous consultations and research it was established that churches have the means to grow their congregations by offering community activities which may attract people who are lapsed Anglicans or those who simply do not come to church. Participants in such activities are more likely to join in with church activities if they are invited and welcomed. Zoom meetings with the Bishop, clergy and wardens highlighted that the cluster model offers an opportunity to build on our strengths, share resources and avoid duplication. Each church will maintain its distinctive style of worship. Through sharing resources we can offer God's love and hope to the people of Newcastle. Veronica Butcher, David Atherton and Pam Brydges are the representatives on the cluster. For Advent we are planning an activity which will meet the goals of the group and which is adaptable regardless of any COVID restrictions.

7. **Newcastle Council Grant for Tourism Assistance** Reverend Angela reported that she had a meeting with a coach and a follow up meeting regarding tourism plans for the cathedral will occur this week.

8. **Report from St Peters** The Rectory is still tenanted and the hall is being renovated by future tenants who will occupy the space in January. An MU banner from the former St Peter's Mortlake, Sydney was placed in the church on November 5th.

9. **Spirituality Group** Following the Lenten study and lockdown this group met via Zoom with studies on The Book of Forgiving by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Reverend Mpho Tutu. This was followed by a study of The Book of Ruth and then Journeying with Bonhoeffer. The group will continue to meet on Zoom for an Advent study. Reverend Angela is in the process of setting up a second group.

8. **Missions** Judy Wotton has met on Zoom for the majority of meetings with the Diocesan Mission group. In the current climate no plans can be made for 2021 and currently mission involvement is struggling. It would be fabulous to get involvement from someone in the parish. Envelopes for Mission giving are available at the back of the church.

9. **Stewardship** Robert Sharpe keeps us informed each month with a comprehensive analysis of the financial situation of the parish. As outlined in the letter to the parish our traditional sources of income such as the shop, tower climbs, music concerts have disappeared and our offertories are significantly diminished. In pre COVID times we decided to follow the example of other Cathedrals in the world by installing Tap and Go Technology at the back of the church. Although this is paying for itself each month the number of taps are miniscule compared to what we had hoped for with pre COVID cruise ships in mind. In these days of cashless COVID some people are happy tapping their credit card to donate \$5 per tap. It has been encouraging to see the number of people transferring to online giving and we are thankful to everyone who is reviewing what stewardship means for them.

If you have questions about anything in this report please contact any one of us

Rectors Warden: David Atherton

People's Warden: Janey Smith, Graham Vimpani, Pamela Brydges

Parish Secretary: Judy Wotton

Treasurer: Robert Sharpe



ABM Reflection

Ordinary Sunday 33

[Pentecost 24]

– Sunday 15 November 2020

- Judges 4.1-10; Psalm 123;
1 Thessalonians 5.1-11; Matthew 25.14-30

Today's parable the last in a series of how to be prepared for the coming of the Messiah. The first, a parable contrasting the attitude and behaviour of two household overseers, waiting for the return of the owner of the house - one faithful and one greedy and power hungry. The second about ten young women waiting for the bridegroom - five prepared and five not.

This parable about the use of money (talents) while waiting for the returning Jesus. Our lives as Christians are supposed to be for the benefit of society around us. Sitting quietly in a holy huddle is not an option.

- Give us grace to view each day in the light of Christ.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines

Text: The Very Rev Phillip Saunders,
Dean of Canberra and Goulburn
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**Please send any notices for inclusion in the pew sheet to
cathedral@newcastlecathedral.org.au
by 9am on Tuesday**

CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY LUNCHES: The Cathedral Community Lunches Program is continuing to offer a hot meal **every second Sunday at 12.30pm** as a ‘**take away**’ option from the Horbury Hunt Hall. Thank you to the dedicated volunteers who are ensuring this important outreach program continues to operate. ***The next community lunch take away will be Sunday, November 22.***

Mainly Music is currently in recess –

Please check our Cathedral Ministry Facebook page and our Cathedral Facebook for fun activities and resources you can do at home!



DONATIONS FOR COMMUNITY LUNCH: Thank you to everyone who generously supports our Community Lunch programme. If you would like to assist in donating some frozen food items on a monthly basis, please contact Andrew Traill 0427 784 966 to be placed on the roster. Donations can be placed in the freezer in the Meeting Room when the Cathedral is open for worship. Alternatively, donated items can be picked up from a donor's residence at a mutually arranged time.

FACT SHEET No.6

SAFE ENTRY AND EXIT OF THE CHURCH BUILDING

COVID-19 SAFE RETURN TO CHURCH FRAMEWORK STEP TWO

The **health and safety** of all workers, volunteers and participants attending our sites is paramount. The increase in the numbers of parishioners that are now able to attend sites brings some additional complexities in moving people safely into and out of our buildings.

Requirements of the Parish:

Entry

- ✓ The church site will not open until 15 minutes before the service. Any access to the site should remain closed until this time.
- ✓ On booking, parishioners must be advised that they should proceed directly to the entry point of the building and not to gather in the carpark or waiting area.
- ✓ A designated entry point should be established, and parishioners asked to social distance while moving into the building.
- ✓ An authorised representative must be designated to direct parishioners to their seats. This will ensure that social distancing is complied with and only the allocated seating is used.
- ✓ The parish must develop a plan to move parishioners safely into their allocated seating. This plan must include details of what order seats will be filled to avoid pushing past occupied seating.

Exiting

- ✓ At the conclusion of the service the Incumbent, Churchwarden or Authorised Representative must direct parishioners on how to safely leave the building.
- ✓ The whole congregation should not leave the building at the same time, small groups should be asked to leave with the groups closest to the exit point leaving first.
- ✓ The church site will be closed 15 minutes after the service. A reminder must be provided to leave the site directly after the service. This should be monitored by the Churchwarden or Authorised Representative.



CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:

Our concern is for the health and wellbeing of all people who come to this church. Together we can help make our community and our church COVID-19 safe.

By entering this church, you acknowledge that there remains a risk that you may contract COVID-19.

We ask that you:

- Please do not attend if you are feeling unwell.
- Please do not attend if you have returned from overseas within the last 14 days.
- Please do not attend if you have returned from a Government listed COVID-19 hotspot within the last 14 days.
- Please do not attend if you have been in contact with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
- Please consider your personal situation including any pre-existing medical conditions or whether you fall within a high-risk category to determine if additional personal precautions should be taken.

This Church is part of the *Anglican Diocese of Newcastle*. For further details regarding our *COVID-19 safety plan*, please visit our website:
newcastleanglican.org.au/corona-virus-response

*Thank you for your understanding as we
implement COVIDSafe worship practices.*

Some Practicalities about attending worship:

Information on how to attend worship is found below. Pre-registration is encouraged or register on arrival. We are required to keep a register of those attending. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Please contact Dean Katherine 0407 201 693 if you have any questions or concerns.

Those attending worship are strongly encouraged to wear a face mask. In the Cathedral, the maximum size of a congregation at this time is capped around 180, which also includes adherence to the rule of four-square metres of space for every person present. At St Peter's Hamilton, the maximum congregational size is 50.

Worship Times:

At the Cathedral:

Sunday – 8.00am and 10.30am.

To attend please contact the Parish Office

(02) 4929 2052 or email cathedral@newcastlecathedral.org.au

(Monday – Friday) or contact Dean Katherine 0407 201 693



Monday – Friday: Morning Prayer at 8.00am and Mass at 8.30am in the St Christopher Chapel. Please enter through the transept door and register on arrival.

At St Peter's Hamilton:

Tuesday and Thursday at 11.00am.

To register please call Jenny on 0499 983 336 by 6.00pm on the day before the service/s you wish to attend.

For more information about our safe return-to-church practices please visit:

<https://www.newcastleanglican.org.au/corona-virus-response/covid19-safe-return-to-church/>



ONLINE SERVICES THIS WEEK

The Weekly and mid-week Eucharists and the Morning and Evening offices continue to be distributed online via **You Tube** and **Facebook** at **8.30am** and **5.30pm** each day.

We encourage you to share these resources widely during this time.

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	5.30pm	Archdeacon Arthur Copeman
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	5.30pm	The Right Reverend Sonia Roulston
Wednesday 18 November	8.30am	The Right Reverend Dr Peter Stuart
	5.30pm	The Reverend Dr Julia Perry
Thursday 19 November <i>Elizabeth of Hungary, princess and philanthropist</i>	8.30am	The Reverend Scott Dulley
	5.30pm	The Right Reverend Charlie Murry
Friday 20 November	8.30am	The Reverend Peter Tinney
	5.30pm	The Reverend Stephen Williams
Saturday 21 November	8.30am	The Reverend Canon Andrew Eaton
	5.30pm	Archdeacon Rod Bower

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