



Christ Church Cathedral and St Peter's Hamilton

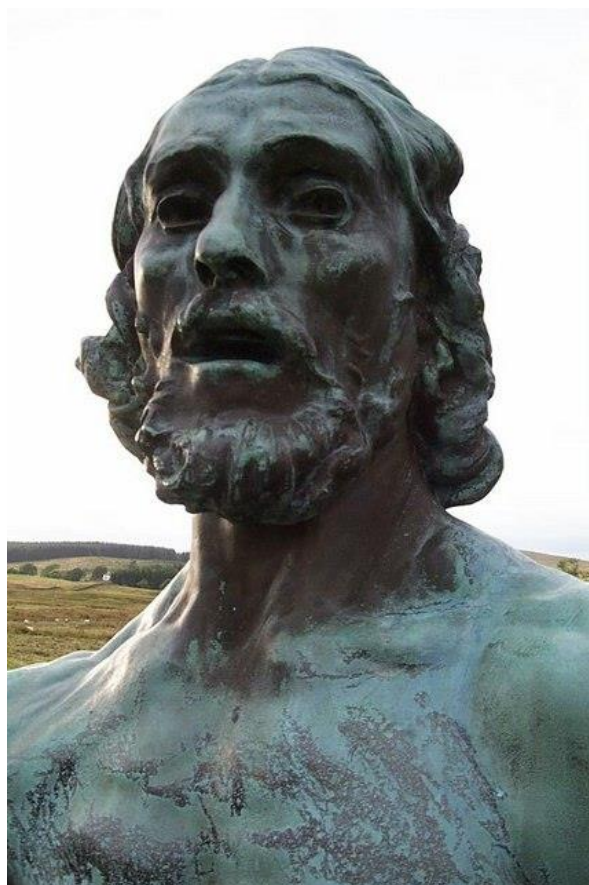
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Welcome to worship today, especially all who are visiting

Weekly News Sunday 6 December 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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Today's Services at the Cathedral

8am: Eucharist

Presider: The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer, Dean

Preacher: The Reverend Angela Peverell, Sub Dean

10.30am: Eucharist

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5.30pm: (Online only)

Evening Prayer with The Right Reverend Dr Peter Stuart

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Dear Parish Family,

Last week I wrote how COVID-19 restrictions often change rapidly, and this week we've seen the truth of that. There was much rejoicing with the announcements on Wednesday which brings back choirs and singing and increased capacity in places of worship (thank you for your prayers). These changes come into effect on Monday 7th December, so next week's pastoral will have some more practical information about what this looks like for our worship at the cathedral and St Peter's. In the meantime though – Gaudete¹ Sunday has come early – REJOICE!

Last Sunday, and through the week at St Peter's, we've started to trial the use of the QR code check in. I've update the QR Code FAQ to reflect our learning from these experiences. If you're not able to check in by phone, you are still able to record your details on the sign in sheet. ***Please take the time to read the updated FAQ in the pewslip, and if you have any questions or concerns, please speak with myself or the Sub Dean, or one of the Wardens or Parish Councillors.***

You will also see in the pewslip a Notice of a Special General Meeting of the parish at 12.00pm on Sunday 13th December 2020, at the Cathedral for the purpose of electing Synod Representatives. Nomination Forms are available at both the Cathedral and St Peter's Hamilton, and are to be lodged at the Cathedral Office by close of business on Wednesday 9th December 2020. If you would like a copy of the Bishop's Mandate for this, or more information, please contact me.

Last Sunday we lit our 'Hub' candle, a symbol of our intentional prayer for the church communities within our 'Hub' – Christ Church Cathedral, St Peter's Hamilton, St John's Newcastle, and St Augustine's Merewether. On Sunday the candle will travel from the Cathedral to St John's Newcastle. Please pray for our sisters and brothers at St John's and their priest, Kimberly Sawyer.

Christmas Services: At this stage our plans for Christmas services include services at the Cathedral on the evening of Monday 21st December and Wednesday 23rd December. On Christmass Eve we will have two Family Services at 3.00pm and 5.00pm, and a Eucharist at 7.30pm. On Christmass Day there will be a Book of Common Prayer Eucharist at 7.00am and a Eucharist at 9.00am. At St Peter's on Christmass Day there will be a Eucharist at 8.00am and a Family Service at 10.00am. Flyers and more details, including how to book for these services, coming soon!

¹ Gaudete Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent. It takes its name from the Latin word *Gaudete* ("Rejoice"), the opening of the introit of this day's Mass.

We're hopeful that Evensong will return on Sunday 13th December, and you can revisit the wonderful music on the Choir YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCj1uCQsfG7Ek4NLW_SJzvRQ . Our Choir blogger brings us into the Advent season in the weekly reflections <https://newcastlecathedralchoir.wordpress.com/> . Our online services this week have been hampered with synchronising difficulties, sickness, and general 'if it can go wrong it will go wrong this week(!)' but you can still find them on the Cathedral YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXyas2uhJUNOnDetOpPdUOg> .

Finally, this week's poem is a long favourite, the final words echoing my feelings of joy with decreased COVID restrictions! I didn't appreciate Madeleine L'Engle's writing when I read *A Wrinkle in Time* as a child. However, the older I am, the more I appreciate her words. Perhaps this Advent it's time to reread *A Wrinkle in Time*.

First Coming

He did not wait till the world was ready,
till men and nations were at peace.
He came when the Heavens were unsteady,
and prisoners cried out for release.

He did not wait for the perfect time.
He came when the need was deep and great.
He dined with sinners in all their grime,
turned water into wine.

He did not wait till hearts were pure.
In joy he came to a tarnished world of sin and doubt.
To a world like ours, of anguished shame
he came, and his Light would not go out.

He came to a world which did not mesh,
to heal its tangles, shield its scorn.
In the mystery of the Word made Flesh
the Maker of the stars was born.

We cannot wait till the world is sane
to raise our songs with joyful voice,
for to share our grief, to touch our pain,
He came with Love: Rejoice! Rejoice! *Madeleine L'Engle 1918-2007*

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...

I'm sure we're all well aware now of the wonderful news around the easing of restrictions on choral and congregational singing announced by the government this week. It has been a long journey for all of us, and we would be foolhardy to think that the virus has been "defeated", but we can certainly rejoice that our combined voices may once again be lifted in the praise and worship of God... and pray that we may continue to do so safely and responsibly for some time to come!

Sunday morning's music, therefore, is the last time we will have a group of five choristers spaced 1.5 metres apart, at a distance of 5 meters from the conductor. I am grateful for our ensemble of sopranos and altos who will be singing parts of Gounod's *Messe à deux voix égales*. Gounod is perhaps best remembered for his "Ave Maria", consisting of a melody superimposed on Bach's Prelude in C major. This mass, composed in 1877, is dedicated to the Congregation des Dames auxiliatrices de l'Immaculée Conception. By 1880 this order had 72 members and maintained an orphanage for 90 children and a 30-bed hospital. The setting is quite "simple", making it suitable for quick learning by amateur musicians such as the sisters and orphans in Paris, but also elegant and charming, as one might expect from Gounod. During the offertory, the ensemble sing Gounod's *O Salutaris Hostia*. Well, one of the fourteen or fifteen that he wrote!

SUNDAY EUCHARIST TIMES

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

Notice is hereby given that a Special General Meeting of the parishioners of this parish, for the purpose of electing Synod representatives, will be held at Christ Church Cathedral Newcastle on Sunday 13th December 2020 at 12.00pm.

Nomination forms are available at both Christ Church Cathedral and St Peter's Hamilton, and are to be lodged at the Cathedral Office by close of business on Wednesday 9th December 2020.

SERVICES THIS WEEK IN THE CATHEDRAL

All services in the St Christopher Chapel.

Please enter through the transept doors

Monday 7 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Dean
Tuesday 8 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Reverend Dr Julia Perry
Wednesday 9 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Reverend Angela Peverell
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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.

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!



Assets Register Group – Copes

On Friday the group met to continue recording many wonderful copes donated to the Cathedral that tell many stories and we hope to uncover the history of most of them. Last Sunday was ADVENT 1 – the first season of the liturgical year in Western Christianity. Since about the 13th Century the usual liturgical colour has been violet however, blue, **a colour representing hope** is an alternative liturgical colour for Advent. This colour is often referred to as “Sarum Blue”. On Sunday our Dean Katherine wore her own splendid blue cope.



David Bowyer has a long history of association with this cope. David writes: “ The cope was made by Iris Bowyer and Iris Brangwin for Fr Henry Varcoe in the late 1970s. The designs were drawn by Iris Bowyer and David Bowyer. There are Fleur-de-Lis (Irises) and lilies for Our Lady, Tudor Roses, which are also Marian symbols, and pomegranates to represent eternal life. On the shield at the back there is a Triumphant Agnus Dei in a sun ray to represent the victory of Christ over death. The blue brocade is St Magaret’s pattern and has mellowed beautifully with time. When Fr Henry died it was left to Katherine because of the family connection.”

Members of the group are usually working in the Bishop’s Vestry on a Friday about every few weeks. If you would like to be involved, please contact Judy Wotton (0404833773) or Jane Smith (0418647783). Anyone interesting in recording all the vessels, silver and metal work should contact Judy Wotton also. No experience is needed at all and alternate days of the week can be arranged when the cathedral is available.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER AT THE CATHEDRAL
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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 December 13 and January 3, 10, 17 and 24.

As Christmas is fast approaching, and we all love the Cathedral to be beautifully adorned for the season, any monies given toward flowers for this time would be gratefully received.





Blue Christmas Service

A Christmas service for those who are experiencing grief, loss or are just feeling blue this year.

This service is a space and a place to express our feelings, acknowledge our pain and seek out God's gifts of peace, love, hope and joy.

Where: St Johns Anglican Church, Cooks Hill

When: Sunday 20th December

Time: 7pm



- You are warmly welcome -

For many people who have lost a loved one, Christmas can be a very difficult time. Whether that death is recent or one which occurred some time back, the pain still continues. There are also other losses which occur throughout life, perhaps this year more than any other, that can cause grief which are often not acknowledged.

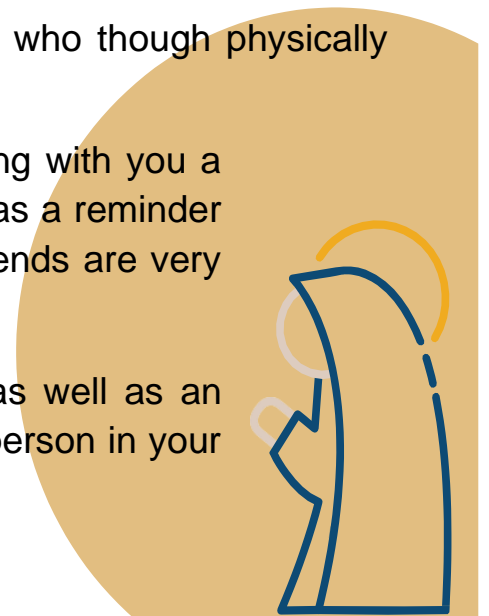
Irrespective of what kind of loss or grief you have experienced, we would like to invite you to a Special Service of Remembering at St John's Anglican Church in Cooks Hill, on Sunday 20th December at 7pm. We have called it a 'Blue Christmas' Service.

This service is a way of remembering your loved one, who though physically absent, can be spiritually present.

Please join us for this service of remembering and bring with you a photo or some other memento that is important to you as a reminder of your loved one. Other members of your family or friends are very welcome.

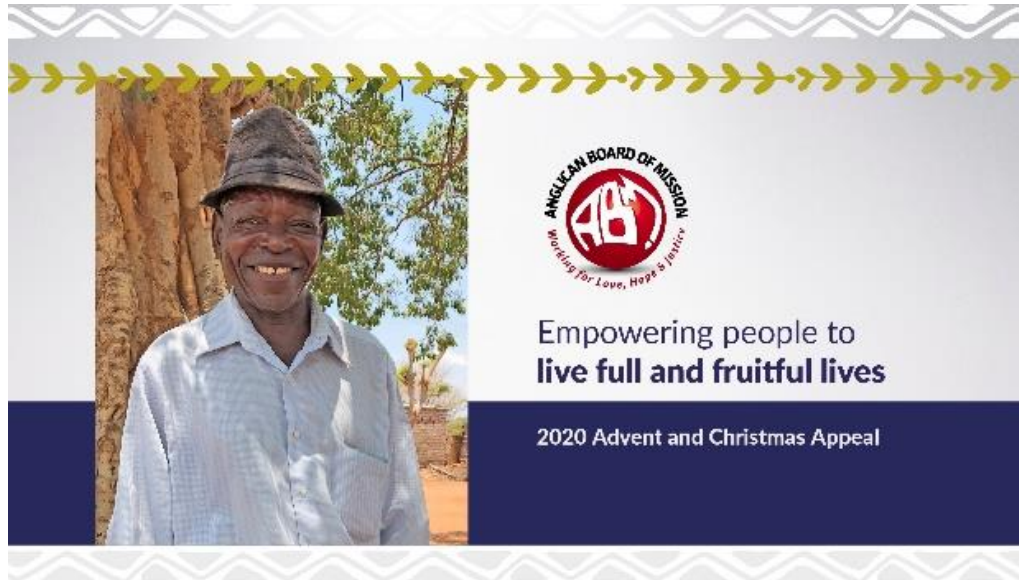
The service will include familiar songs and readings as well as an opportunity to light a candle in memory of that special person in your life.

Every blessing,
Reverend Kimberly Sawyer



Missions

Advent/Christmas envelopes are available.



The Advent and Christmas Appeal has three projects.

Wontulp-Bi-Buya and Nungalinya Colleges both train Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to become future leaders.

Kenya Livelihoods Project supports poor farmers to farm sustainably in semi-arid lands.

Zambia Integrated Gender Project supports men and women in Eastern Zambia to say 'NO' to gender-based violence, and provides counselling and livelihood support to survivors as well as training community members in Savings with Education so all can access a brighter future.

You may find more information about the featured projects on the ABM website at abmission.org/projects. ABM's Advent Study, Songs from a Strange Land, is available at <https://tinyurl.com/Songs-in-a-Strange-Land>

Name Missions Account Account BSB 705077 Account Number 00041087

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***

CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY LUNCHESES: 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 this Sunday, December 6.***



A donation to Samaritans this Christmas will support local families.

This Christmas, Samaritans expects to see a greater need for our services – more than any in recent history. Unemployment rates are expected to reach 8% by Christmas and based on the increased service we usually provide during the holiday season, we will need additional resources to support more people than ever before. Our

work this Christmas from domestic violence support, homelessness assistance, providing toys for local children and food for individuals in need will be crucial. Donations to the Samaritans Christmas Appeal are gratefully received. Please visit our website www.samaritans.org.au or call Samaritans on 1300 656 336.

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.

QR Codes – Frequently Asked Questions

What is the QR Code? QR codes are a common of electronic check-in system which operate like barcodes, with information that can be read by a smartphone camera.

Why do I need to use it? It is a hygienic, contactless way of recording your attendance for faster contact tracing. At the moment, it is mandatory for attendees at weddings and funerals.

How does the QR Code work? Open your smartphone camera and point it at the code square. A notification should come up on the top of the screen on your phone, taking you to the Service NSW App. Login with your details and follow the prompts.

How do I get the App? You can download the Service NSW App from the App Store.

I've checked in. It says I need to show a member of staff. What do I do now?

Please show your phone screen to a sidesperson, who will mark your name off the list if you have pre-registered or note your attendance for tally purposes.

Can I register multiple people on my device? The Service NSW App is linked to your personal account. Each individual must register on their account.

I don't have a smartphone./ My smartphone doesn't recognise the QR Code. What do I do? Please see one of the sidespeople who will record your attendance on the paper registration form.

Do I still need to register to attend worship? It's helpful if we have an idea beforehand about numbers attending services. This will become more important at our Christmas services.

We'd hate for you to turn up and for there not to be a space for you!

I forgot to check out! Is that a problem? No. 😊

What happens to my personal information? Your information is sent directly to Service NSW. This means it is readily available for NSW Health to access if it becomes necessary. Paper records are scanned and stored within 24 hours.

Where can I find more information? This website is helpful, <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/covid-safe/customer-record-keeping/qr-codes> with a handy video at the end of the page. Please ask the Dean, the Sub Dean, a Warden, or a Parish Council if you have any concerns.

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/>





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.*

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.

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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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/christchurchcathedralnewcastle/>

Monday 7 December <i>Ambrose of Milan, bishop & teacher</i>	8.30am	The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer
	5.30pm	The Reverend Scott Dulley
Tuesday 8 December <i>The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> <i>Richard Baxter, pastor & spiritual writer</i>	8.30am	The Reverend Canon Janet Killen
	5.30pm	The Right Reverend Charlie Murry
Wednesday 9 December	8.30am	The Reverend Angela Peverell
	5.30pm	The Reverend Canon Michael Davies
Thursday 10 December	8.30am	The Reverend Dr Julia Perry
	5.30pm	The Right Reverend Sonia Roulston
Friday 11 December	8.30am	The Reverend Stephen Williams
	5.30pm	The Reverend Nicole Baldwin
Saturday 12 December	8.30am	Archdeacon Arthur Copeman
	5.30pm	Archdeacon Rod Bower

Please send any notices for inclusion in the pew sheet to
cathedral@newcastlecathedral.org.au
by 9am on Tuesday

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