



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 20 December 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



The Annunciation Leonardo da Vinci

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

Presider: *The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer, Dean*

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6.00pm: Evensong

Officiant: *The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer, Dean*

Preacher: *The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer, Dean*

5.30pm: (Online only)

Evening Prayers with the Senior Leadership Team

You Tube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXyas2uhJUNOnDetOpPdUOg>

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

Dear Parish Family,

In my 'Reflection on a Page' this week, I write about how this week is complicated. It certainly seems complicated as I write this letter, not knowing whether it is appropriate to wish you 'Merry Christmas' when we are yet to celebrate Advent IV. However I do know that many of you are heading away to family, or expecting family to arrive, so my prayer is always that you will know the joy of Christ come into the world, whatever time of year it is!

It's a bit of a focussed pastoral this week, because of the importance around how to register to attend Christmas services.

IT IS ESSENTIAL to register to attend Christmas services at the Cathedral and St Peter's. Our numbers are limited due to COVIDSafe restrictions, and I don't want anyone to be turned away! In your pewslip today you'll find information about how to book for Christmas services at the Cathedral and St Peter's. **Please share this information widely.** Due to COVIDSafe capacity restrictions, **it is essential to book a ticket** for everyone coming to a service – including children. The full list of services with booking information can be found here: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/christ-church-cathedral-newcastle-nsw-30413307258> Please contact the office if you have any difficulties.

Please continue to visit the Choir YouTube channel

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCj1uCQsfG7Ek4NLW_SJzvRQ , and read the Choir blogger's reflections <https://newcastlecathedralchoir.wordpress.com/> .

Online services on the Cathedral YouTube channel can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXyas2uhJUNOnDetOpPdUOg> .

Finally, this week's poem is one of my very favourite poems about the Annunciation. In my reflection on a page this week, I write about when I first read this poem and the impact it had on me as a young woman. I love the imagery in this poem. The phrase 'feathered through time' still gives me goosebumps. Most importantly for me there is this deep sense of the incarnation being both in time and beyond time.

The Annunciation

The angel and the girl are met
Earth was the only meeting place.
For the embodied never yet
Travelled beyond the shore of space.
The eternal spirits in freedom go.

See, they have come together, see,
While the destroying minutes flow,
Each reflects the other's face
Till heaven in hers and earth in his
Shine steady there. He's come to her
From far beyond the farthest star,
Feathered through time. Immediacy
Of strangest strangeness is the bliss
That from their limbs all movement takes.
Yet the increasing rapture brings
So great a wonder that it makes
Each feather tremble on his wings

Outside the window footsteps fall
Into the ordinary day
And with the sun along the wall
Pursue their unreturning way
Sound's perpetual roundabout
Rolls its numbered octaves out
And hoarsely grinds its battered tune

But through the endless afternoon
These neither speak nor movement make.
But stare into their deepening trance
As if their gaze would never break.

Edwin Muir 1887-1959

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...

What a great Sunday last week where we were finally able to sing together once more! I must admit, there was a small tear building in my eye during the first hymn at the 8am on Sunday morning. It certainly does make one appreciate things that we so often take for granted, and I hope that we don't have the need to return to former restrictions, while continuing to pray for all those who have been effected by the Coronavirus pandemic in so many ways.

It's hard to think that we are at Advent IV already, and even more bizarre that two weeks after returning to singing, we are just about at Christmas! The choir has plunged head first into our Christmas repertoire, and hope that you'll be able to join us for one of the Nine Lessons and Carols liturgies on Monday or Wednesday. The liturgy will allow for a complete immersion in the beautiful work of Bach, Rutter, Howells, and more. While acknowledging that worship is not performance, I believe this will be the first "significant" choral event in Newcastle by a local choir since lockdown, and perhaps even for the entire year. We would love for you to join us, so please reserve your place by following the links in the pew sheet or on the Cathedral's web page. I look forward to seeing you there, and rejoicing in the incarnation of Christ in this world, which is currently (as always) in such desperate need of God's light.

The flowers in the Cathedral today have been kindly donated by-

Anne & Graham Vimpani and Family in loving memory of
Betty Strachan and Phyl Vimpani

Pauline Chambers in loving memory of her sister-in-law
Shirley Grainger

Pamela, Keith and Leighton Granter in loving memory
of Pamela's father **John Mooney**



SUNDAY EUCHARIST TIMES

8.00am and 10.30am

at the Cathedral

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!



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 January 3, 10, 31 and February 7

SERVICES THIS WEEK IN THE CATHEDRAL

All services in the St Christopher Chapel.

Please enter through the transept doors

Monday 21 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Reverend Dr Julia Perry
Tuesday 22 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Reverend Angela Peverell
Wednesday 23 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Bishop

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Our love and prayers and congratulations to Fr Robert Catt who celebrates his Fiftieth Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. Fr Robert's ministry continues to be a blessing to the Cathedral community, and we give thanks for all the ways in which he has faithfully ministered the word and sacraments throughout these fifty years.

Thank you Father Robert!



SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY of ORDINATION to the DIACONATE

Our love and prayers and congratulations to Fr John Southerden who celebrates the sixtieth anniversary of his ordination to the Diaconate on the Feast of St Thomas. We give thanks for Fr John's faithful ministry in this and other Diocese in Australia and the UK and the ministry with which he continues to bless the Cathedral community. ***Thank you Fr John!***

60th Anniversary

Christmas Services at the Cathedral and St Peter's Hamilton



Nine Lessons and Carols @ The Cathedral

7.00pm Monday 21st

7.00pm Wednesday 23rd December

Christmas Eve @ The Cathedral

3.00pm Family Service

5.00pm Family Service

7.30pm Choral Vigil Mass

Christmas Day @ The Cathedral

7.00am Christmas Mass

9.00am Orchestral Mass

Christmas Day @ St Peter's Hamilton

8.00am Christmas Mass

10.00am Family Service

To register please go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/christ-church-cathedral-newcastle-nsw-30413307258>

EVENSONG

*It was a great joy to welcome Evensong back last Sunday night at 6.
We will have Evensong again on Sunday 20th December at 6.00pm,
and then Evensong will recommence on Sunday 3rd January 2021.*

Kids' Club

@Christ Church Cathedral
52 Church Street, Newcastle

'tis the season

Holiday activities
\$5 per family
per day

Bring a drink bottle
and snacks for
morning tea.



9:30am -12:30pm

Mon 21 to Wed 23 December

Register by contacting Veronica: 0482 027 207 or
familyministry@newcastlecathedral.org.au

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 27 DECEMBER AT THE CATHEDRAL
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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have kindly been donated by
Hilary, Nicolette and Andrew Thomas
in loving memory of Nicolette's sister
Julie Schueler

CHANGE OF SERVICE TIMES

In line with the increasing relaxation of COVID restrictions, from 1 January 2021, Sunday Eucharists at the Cathedral will be at 8.00am and 10.00am. It is hoped that restrictions will further relax to enable 7.00am on Sundays to return in February.

Assets Register Group – Copes

Last Friday the group met to continue recording the copes. The one below (and other matching vestments) was made to celebrate the 150th Year of Christ Church Cathedral in 1997. Around the hem are all the bishops' images from Bishop Tyrrell to Bishop Herft and the artist is documented. If anyone has any further knowledge please do not hesitate to contact the Dean or Judy Wotton (0404833773).

The group needs to hear from parishioners who have knowledge of any of these copes so that the history can be documented. Two weeks ago, a photo of a cope was published and it was thought to be made at the time of Bishop Herft's enthronement. We have since learnt that it was made for the celebration of the consecration of the cathedral and tower in 1983 during Dean Robert Beal's time.



Missions – Advent 4

We continue to support ABM but each year we also support the Christmas Bowl over the Christmas and New Year period.

THE CHRISTMAS BOWL – ACT FOR PEACE

(Envelopes available at the back of the cathedral. Please place your envelopes in the basket provided)

Act for Peace is the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia and a member of the global ACT alliance, which helps communities affected by conflict and disaster in more than 130 countries. Act for Peace's work began in 1948 with the sending of food and other provisions to help refugees who had suffered during World War II. This important work was carried on when, on Christmas Day in 1949, the Rev. Frank Byatt of Victoria placed an empty bowl on the dinner table and asked all present to give what they considered to be the value of the meal. Since the first Christmas Bowl began in 1949, Australian churches, across denominations, have come together to follow in Rev. Frank Byatt's footsteps and have helped to provide food, shelter, education, healthcare and training to some of the world's most vulnerable people, giving them the ability to prepare for, cope with and recover from conflict and disaster. This year, our partners in every country we work in are working to help keep people safe during COVID-19. Act for Peace supports partners on the ground to respond to emergencies and implement long-term humanitarian and development programs, as well as advocacy initiatives responding to the needs of communities in protracted conflicts or disaster affected regions. Together, we will continue the tradition of the Christmas Bowl to build the foundations for real and lasting peace and make a growing difference to communities where it's needed most.

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Ben Littlejohn/Act for Peace

Finding strength in love after fleeing Syria

Life was already tough for Syrian refugees living in Jordan. And now, the economic crisis unfolding as a result of the coronavirus has made the situation even worse. This Christmas your gifts will help refugees in Jordan to stay safe through the pandemic. Your kindness will translate into lifesaving food rations, hygiene kits and medical care. What a wonderful way to share God's love. **Please give today.**



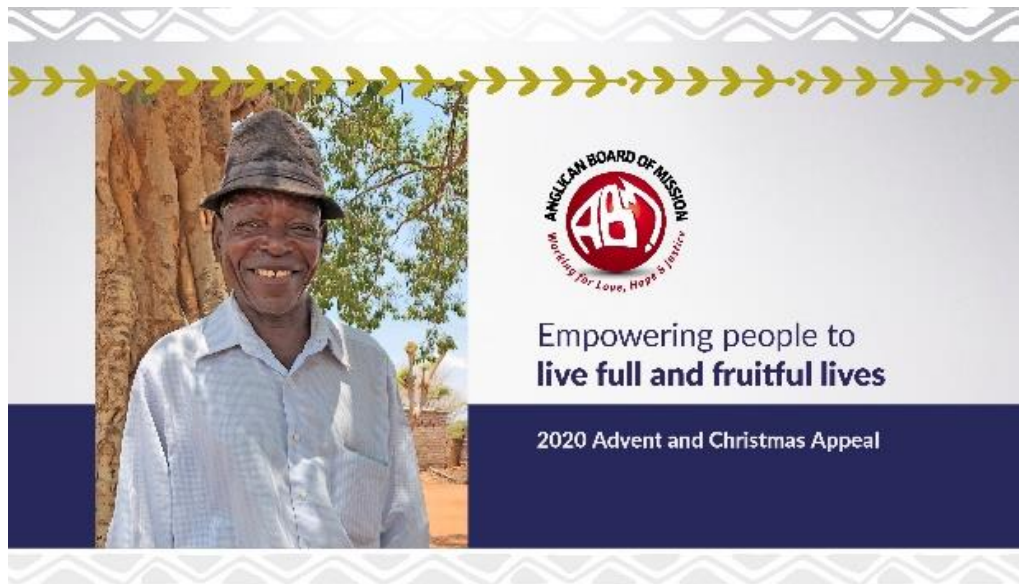
CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl



The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188

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

**The Cathedral Office will be closed from Thursday
December 24 until Tuesday January 5, 2021.**

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 our Special Christmas lunch this Sunday, December 20.***



**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.

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 to sing.

Worship Times:

At the Cathedral:

Sunday – 8.00am, 10.30am and 6.00pm.

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.

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

<https://www.newcastleanglican.org.au/coronavirusresponse/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 21 December <i>Thomas, apostle & martyr</i>	8.30am	The Reverend Dr Julia Perry
	5.30pm	The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer
Tuesday 22 December	8.30am	The Reverend Peter Tinney
	5.30pm	The Reverend Nicole Baldwin
Wednesday 23 December	8.30am	The Right Reverend Dr Peter Stuart
	5.30pm	Archdeacon Rod Bower
Thursday 24 December	8.30am	Archdeacon Arthur Copeman
Friday 25 December <i>THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD</i> <i>CHRISTMAS DAY</i>	5.30pm	The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer
Saturday 26 December <i>Stephen, deacon & martyr</i>	8.30am	The Reverend Angela Peverell

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

Sunday's Music List

Sunday, 20th December

4th Sunday of Advent

8am Eucharist

Hymns 302, 288, 497, 287

Organist Peter Guy

10:30am Choral Eucharist

Setting Communion Service in F (Darke)

Anthem Ave Maria (Arcadelt)

Psalm Song of Mary (Chant: Knyvett)

Postlude Fanfare (Lemmens)

Hymns 302, 288, 497, 287

Organist Keith Murree-Allen

6pm Evensong

Rite APBA

Responses Ferial

Canticles Short Service (Gibbons)

Anthem Bogoroditsye Dyevo (Rachmaninoff)

Psalm 89: 26-38 (Chant: Cooper)

Postlude Improvisation (Oldroyd)

Hymns 272, 288, 281

Organist Keith Murree-Allen

SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES

Thank you to all who were able to attend our Special General Meeting last Sunday. David Atherton, Robert Sharpe, and Ann Taylor were elected as our Synod representatives. Thank you to all who considered nomination.

Please hold our Synod representatives in your prayers, and the work of our Synod in 2021.

CLERGY

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