



Christ Church Cathedral and St Peter's Hamilton

52 Church Street, Newcastle

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Welcome to worship today, especially all who are visiting
Weekly News Sunday 31 January 2021

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple



Today's

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Dear Parish Family,

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I know you will join with me in offering congratulations to Gaynor Reeves who was awarded an OAM in the Australia day Honours this week. Gaynor's OAM is 'For service to women, and to the community of Newcastle', and we particularly give thanks for Gaynor's service and contributions to the Cathedral community. Congratulations Gaynor!

Thank you also for all who were able to be part of the reverend Angela Peverell's farewell on Sunday. We had wonderful speeches from Lloyd Peake, Graham Vimpani, and Pam Brydges, and beautiful presentations of flowers at both services, and I know that there was also a wonderful farewell from the St Peter's Hamilton community through last week. Angela's commissioning is at St Alban's Muswellbrook on Monday 15th February at 6.00pm. The commissioning service will be livestreamed, and I will post the link closer to the day. Angela has indicated to me that she is going to use her gift to purchase her own green vestments.

Many thanks also to those who provided and assisted with our COVIDSafe refreshments after the 10.00am Eucharist.

At Parish Council this week, I said that I would like to open the Cathedral for a few hours on Saturdays and Sundays, as part of preparing for when we are able to be fully open once more. It breaks my heart when I have to tell people that the cathedral is currently closed except for services of public worship, because I know how many people appreciate coming inside to see, sit, wonder, and pray.

At this stage, the plan is to open the cathedral between 10.00am and 3.00pm on Saturdays, and on Sundays, after the 10.00am Mass until 3.00pm. Access will be limited to the west end, which will be roped off, and the Tower climb will remain closed. I hope that we will be able to do this from the first weekend in Lent – 20th and 21st February.

However, in order for a COVIDSafe opening the cathedral, even for these limited hours, we will need a roster of volunteers who are happy to sit in the cathedral, welcome visitors, and assist them to sign in. ***If you are interested in being part of this roster, could you please email or telephone the office and add your name to the list.*** I anticipate it will be a time commitment of two and a half hours per 'shift'.

I am going to be away this week, attending the installation of the new Dean of Griffith, the Very Reverend Thomas Leslie, from Wangaratta Diocese. I will be returning late on Sunday. I am thankful to the Reverend Dr Julia Perry who will be the locum this week.

I am writing this before the Premier's promised announcement of further lifting of restrictions, which I hope will also include the return of singing! In the mean time, please don't forget that you can listen to our choir on the Choir YouTube

channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCj1uCQsfG7Ek4NLW_SJzvRQ , read the choir blogger's reflections <https://newcastlecathedralchoir.wordpress.com/> and also follow services online on the Cathedral YouTube channel YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXyas2uhJUNOnDetOpPdUOg> . With the start of February, our online recorded services return to Morning and Evening Prayer.

Finally, this week's poem was inspired by the news that The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons entered into force on 22 January 2021. R S Thomas' poem reminds me of Sting's song 'Russians' in 1985, with the words "I hope the Russians love their children too". We continue to pray for peace.

Pact

This is my child;
that is yours. Let
peace be between them
when they grow up.

They are far off
now; let it not
be through war they are brought
near. Their languages

are different. Let them both
learn it is peace
in the hand is the translation
of peace in the mind.


R S Thomas 1913-2000

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



Today's flowers have been
donated by Hilary, Nicolette
and Andrew Thomas in loving
memory of **Hilary's parents**
Lionel and Dorothy Thomas

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

The Music Notes are having a well-earned mini-break in January. They will be returning soon!

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



EXPLORING SPIRITUALITY

Tuesdays at 4.00pm



We may explore spirituality alone, from books, in crowds, on a mountain top, in silence, in worship.... And in 2021 we continue our voyage on zoom!



The Spirituality Group resumes on the **2nd February at 4.00pm**. For 2 weeks we will explore the work of Jan Richardson, and then on 16th Feb (Shrove Tuesday) we will begin a Lenten journey using material from the Canberra/Goulbourn Diocese. Over the time we'll dip into meditation, prayer and other creative practices.

Bring an open and inquiring approach 

If zoom is new to you, or you have queries please be in touch. **I WILL need your email** to both send you the material and to arrange for the zoom invitation details to be forwarded for you.

Julia Perry
jfhperry@gmail.com

The Samaritans

Food supplies at the Samaritans are running very low, any donations would be gratefully received. Items such as long life milk, cereals, pastas, noodles, canned meals and tinned fish would all be very welcome.

With many thanks.

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

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 2021 February 7 and April 11 & 25



SERVICES DURING THE WEEK IN THE CATHEDRAL

All services in the St Christopher Chapel. Please enter through the transept doors.

Monday 1 February	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Dean
Tuesday 2 February	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Reverend Dr Julia Perry
Wednesday 3 February	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	Bishop Sonia Roulston
Thursday 4 February	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	Fr Philip Thirlwell
Friday 5 February	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	TBC

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 first Community lunch take away for 2021 will be this Sunday January 31.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 7 FEBRUARY AT THE CATHEDRAL

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

8am: Eucharist

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**EUCCHARISTS at CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
and ST PETER'S HAMILTON**

CATHEDRAL

Sunday 8.00am and 10.00am

Monday – Friday 8.30am

ST PETER'S

Tuesday and Thursday 11.00am

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

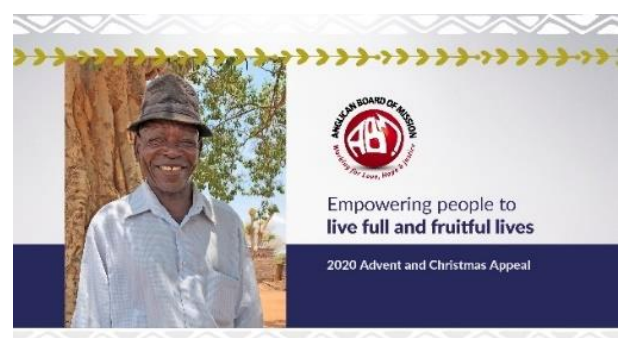
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Please include your Initial & Surname in the reference line, if required.

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.

January Missions

Envelopes are still available for Christmas Bowl and ABM until February



Name: Missions Account

BSB: 705-077

Account: 00041087

Over the last couple of months, \$2,100 has been forward to ABM.

Thank you for your continuing support for Missions
and for Stamps for ABM.



NEW YEAR SALE

travel for good



More than any other year, 2021 is about new beginnings. So, why not take on a challenge that will not only change your life but the lives of those around you? For just \$290, you can register for an incredible challenge and set yourself up for a year that you'll remember, for all the right reasons. But don't wait, this offer is only available until 31 January. Are you up for the challenge?

HURRY, OFFER ENDS JAN 31

[Register Now](#)

Visit the Anglican Board of Missions website for more information. www.abmission.org

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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Tuesday 2 February <i>The presentation of Christ in the temple</i>	8.30am 5.30pm	Canon Janet Killen Canon Michael Davies
Wednesday 3 February <i>First Anglican Service at Sydney Cove 1788</i>	8.30am 5.30pm	The Rev'd Peter Tinney Archdean Arthur Copeman
Thursday 4 February <i>Anskar, missionary and bishop</i>	8.30am 5.30pm	The Reverend Andrew Eaton The Rev'd Julia Perry
Friday 5 February <i>Martyrs of Japan</i>	8.30am 5.30pm	The Reverend Stephen Williams The Rev'd Bryce Amner
Saturday 6 February	8.30am 5.30pm	The Rev'd Amanda Brockwell Archdeacon Rod Bower

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***

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.

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. We expect that it will soon be mandatory for places of worship.

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?

Yes. You can register dependents. If you register other people with you, if contact tracing is required, you will be contacted on behalf of these people.

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 online form. Thanks for your patience as we learn the new system.

Do I still need to register to attend worship?

It's helpful if we have an idea beforehand about numbers attending 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.

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.

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