



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 14 February 2021

Last Sunday after Epiphany - The Transfiguration



Transfiguration of Jesus by Armando Alemdar Ara

Today's

8.00am: Eucharist

Presider: *The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer, Dean*

Preacher: *The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer, Dean*

10.00am: Eucharist

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6.00pm: Said Evening Prayer

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

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

Dear Parish Family,

Thank you for your prayers as David and I travelled to Griffith last week for the installation of the Very Reverend Thomas Leslie as Dean of Griffith. It was lovely to gather with some other Deans from New South Wales and Victoria to welcome Dean Thomas. The countryside looked green and there has been good rain, though not drought breaking rain as we were reminded in St Alban's Cathedral at the installation. Please pray for Dean Thomas and the Griffith Cathedral community as they begin this new stage of ministry.

I am thankful to the Reverend Dr Julia Perry for her care of the parish whilst I was away, and it was good to be able to join in the livestream from Mittagong on Sunday morning.



In your pewslip today you will see a beautiful note from Angela. Many have been asking me if Angela's commissioning on Monday at 6.00pm will be livestreamed. Thanks to Robert Gummow, the service will be livestreamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXyas2uhJUNOnDetOpPdUOg> and on the Cathedral and St Peter's Facebook pages. Please join us online!

Lent begins this week, and I am remembering last year's Lent which was interrupted (though one of my friends suggested that it wasn't interrupted, it just became the longest Lent ever!). There are many opportunities in the parish to receive the sign of ashes and begin our Lenten Journey: three Eucharists at the Cathedral at 8.30am (livestreamed); 10.00am; and 6.00pm; and at St Peter's at Hamilton at 11.00am.

For this week only, there will not be a Eucharist at St Peter's on Thursday, as there will be the Eucharist on Ash Wednesday.

Opening the Cathedral on weekends: Two weeks ago 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. **At this point only one person has indicated that they would like to be part of this roster. 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'.

We are still waiting for 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 <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXyas2uhJUNOnDetOpPdUOg> . With the start of February, our online recorded services have returned to Morning and Evening Prayer.

Finally, this week's poem acknowledges that this Sunday, as well as the last Sunday after Epiphany, is also St Valentine's day. You can read more about Valentine's life and martyrdom here <http://www.excitingholiness.org/first-edition/index.cgi?mo2/d14b.html> and other places online. Malcolm Guite's sonnet inspires us to see beyond the Hallmark and chocolate feast, and see a celebration of Divine Love.

St Valentine

Why should this martyr be the saint of love?
A quiet man of unexpected courage,
A celibate who celebrated marriage,
An ageing priest with nothing left to prove,
He loved the young and made their plight his cause.
He called for fruitfulness, not waste in wars,
He found a sure foundation, stood his ground,
And gave his life to guard the love he'd found.

Why should this martyr be our Valentine?
Perhaps because he kept his covenant,
Perhaps because, with prayer still resonant,
He pledged the Bridegroom's love in holy wine,
Perhaps because the echo of his name
Can kindle love again to living flame.

Malcolm Guite 1957-

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... ..

As I write this I am *still* waiting for further information from NSW Health on the application for exemption from the singing rules, although I am told a meeting with the senior advisors will have occurred on Friday afternoon. We wait and see what fruit that bears, and continue to keep our fingers crossed that something good may come from that! In the mean time, we continue with small groups of 5 at the 10am, and with organ music at 8am.

The postlude on Sunday morning is Louis Vierne's *Carillon de Westminster*. At a time when international travel is a distant dream, the value of music to transport us around the globe prevails upon us even more strongly. You may have been fortunate enough to hear the chimes of the Elizabeth Tower at the houses of Parliament in London, or to hear Big Ben chime on the hour; and if you haven't been so fortunate, you've probably heard the same (on a far less grand scale) on a chiming clock or electronic door bell! The French composer, Vierne, was so taken by the chiming bells that he created this quasi-toccata on the theme. The work begins with an evocation of a foggy London morning with bells chiming in the distance. The anticipation builds gently throughout the work, as if the listener is traversing Whitehall from Trafalgar Square to the Houses of Parliament, eager to locate the source of these chimes. Finally, the music erupts in glorious splendour as if we have finally arrived to see the Tower and Houses of Parliament emerging from the fog (and if you turn your eyes a little to the right, you'll catch a glimpse of St Margaret's Church and Westminster Abbey, too!).

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 April 11 & 25

Dear friends in Christ

I am writing this note of thanks from my new home in Muswellbrook having moved here during this week. I am busily unpacking boxes and looking forward to being commissioned on Monday evening at St Alban's Muswellbrook.

Thank you to both the communities of St Peter's and The Cathedral for your extreme generosity expressed in my leaving gifts. Your generosity blesses me greatly and I am able to purchase a new Chasuble and Stole with the money you have given to me. I was able to visit Church Stores in Sydney last week and I am getting a Green Chasuble and Stole (Gothic Style) made that I will dedicate to my formation, ordinations and first year of service in God's church to the communities of the parish of Christ Church Cathedral. I will send Dean Katherine photos to share with you as soon as I have my new vestments.

I also want to thank you all for the lovely cards, gifts, flowers, and encouraging messages and emails I received as I celebrated and preached at my final service as Sub Dean of the Cathedral a couple of weeks ago. I have had the most wonderful experience of God at work in my life and sharing in the lives of God's people as your pastor and friend during these two years. We have had some "unprecedented" experiences together and I will treasure all these things in my heart forever.

Please know that you, the people and the clergy of the parish of Christ Church Cathedral, including St Peter's Hamilton, will always be in my prayers.

I am looking forward to joining with Dean Katherine and the other Diocesan Clergy on the Morning and Evening prayer roster and visiting the Cathedral often for events and Diocesan services.

With thanks and blessings

Reverend Angela

Assets Register – COPES AND CHASUBLES (The White drawer)



Last Friday, six members of the group continued their work of recording the vestments. The **copes** are taking painstaking time as they are very elaborate with many elements involved in each work of art. On the other hand, the **chasubles** are much easier to record. A chasuble is the outermost liturgical vestment worn by clergy for the celebration of the Eucharist. The traditional symbolism of the chasuble is that it represents charity covering a multitude of sins. It is also seen as the “yoke of Christ” and its design dates back to the late Roman Empire. It was a conical

poncho (casula or “little house”) - a common outer travelling garment. These ones are from the “white/gold” drawer. It symbolises light, innocence, purity, joy, triumph and is worn in relevant seasons or feasts (e.g., Christmas/Easter/Saints (not martyrs) Funerals. Some have matching stoles.

Needed: Any information that may help identify who owned or gave these vestments as some are very old. We are also looking for a “dressmaker’s model” to enable us to photograph these well for the records. Thank you to Gai, Gwen, Jane, Elizabeth, Ann and Susan for being part of the group which will meet every second Friday morning. We welcome anyone to join and there is no great commitment (or prior knowledge) as members come when available. It’s rather like Christmas – we never know what we will find and discover! Please contact Judy Wotton (judy.wotton@gmail.com) or Jane Smith (janeysmith1@bigpond.com)

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

Music Announcements.....

Sunday, 21 February, 2pm

An organ recital by Peter Guy prior to the Hunter District Organ Music Society AGM. It is likely that the society will be wound up at this AGM, so come and support it for this one final event!

Sunday, 14 March, 2:30pm

Christ Church Camerata returns from its Covid-induced *hiatus*! The programme will feature works by Mozart, Handel, Respighi and a world premiere performance of a new work by David Banney. Tickets are available from cccamerata.com.au Use the code "2021discount" to receive a 10% discount on tickets sold online before midday on Friday, 12 March.



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

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.

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

**ASH WEDNESDAY services will be held at both the Cathedral
and St Peter's**

EXPLORING SPIRITUALITY

Tuesdays at 4.00 – 5.30pm



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!

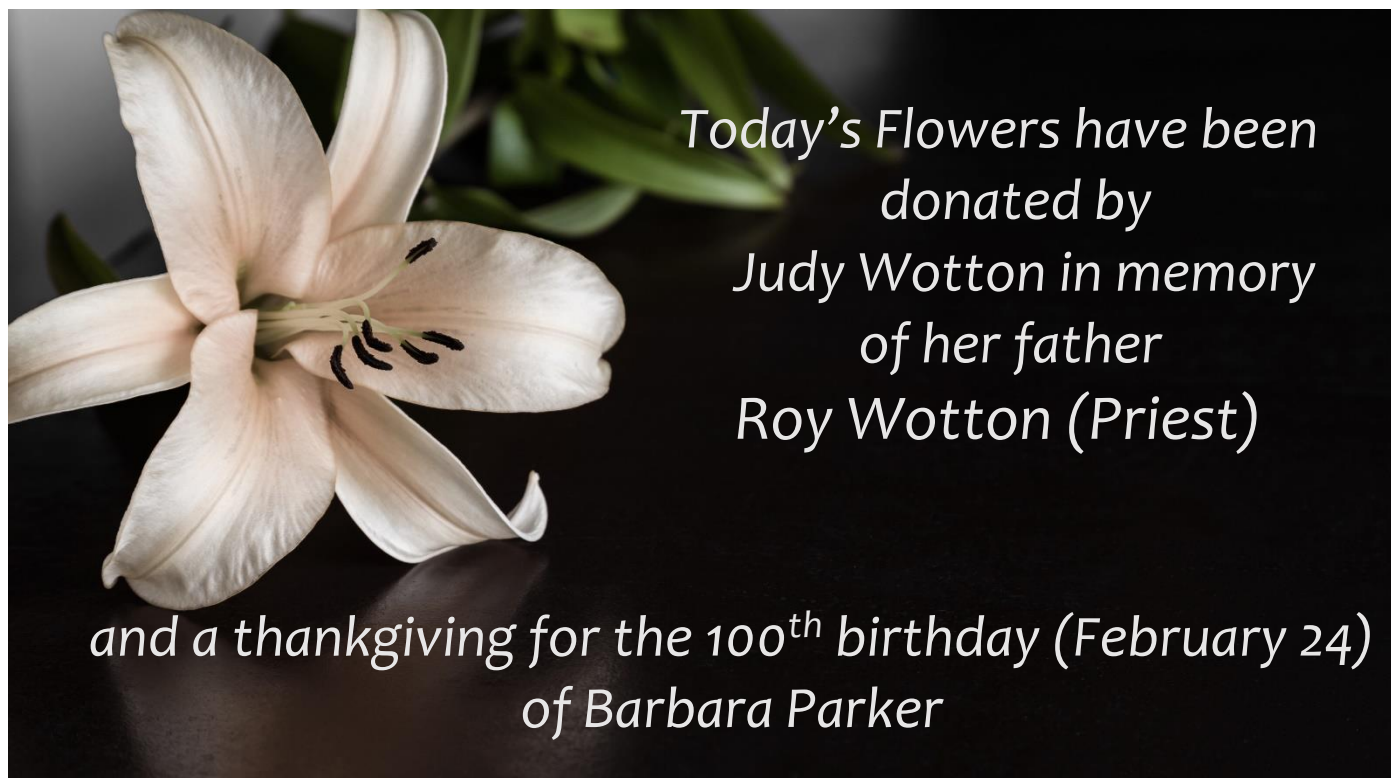
The Spirituality Group **begins at 4.00pm** with teaching about meditation experience for 20 minutes. The session and study will continue at 4.30 – feel welcome to join ready for the 4pm or the session at 4.30. On 16th Feb (Shrove Tuesday) we will begin a Lenten journey using material from Canberra/Goulbourn 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



*Today's Flowers have been
donated by
Judy Wotton in memory
of her father
Roy Wotton (Priest)*

*and a thanksgiving for the 100th birthday (February 24)
of Barbara Parker*

SERVICES DURING THE WEEK IN THE CATHEDRAL

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

Monday 22 February	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Reverend Canon Garry Dodd
Tuesday 23 February	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Reverend Dr Julia Perry
Wednesday 24 February	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Bishop
Thursday 25 February	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	Fr Philip Thirlwell
Friday 26 February	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Dean

Ash Wednesday

Christ Church Cathedral

8.30am Eucharist

10.00am Eucharist

6.00pm Eucharist

St Peter's Hamilton

11.00am Eucharist

Come, receive the sign of ashes

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 21 FEBRUARY AT THE CATHEDRAL

First Sunday in Lent

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Preacher: *The Reverend Jess Grant*

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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 this Sunday February 14.***

Missions in 2021

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Projects

During this year we will highlight the work of ABM in the Dioceses of Northern Territory, North Queensland and Torres Strait Islands. In July we will celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the “The Coming of the Light to the Torres Strait Islands”. ***Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” (Mark 12:29-31)***

Mission is the manifestation of Christ’s saving, forgiving, reconciling love. In our own land, reconciliation begins by listening to what Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are saying and discerning where God is at work. ABM’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander projects provide vital resources that contribute to a future of love, hope and justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander churches and communities. ABM’s work is focussed on supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders in the Anglican Church of Australia, especially by working closely with the National Aboriginal Bishop and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council (NATSAC). Your support for these projects helps to raise up and equip Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders and build platforms which enable their voices to be heard.



Wontulp Bi-Buya College
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Wontulp-Bi-Buya College

The main purpose of Wontulp-Bi-Buya College is to support the development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander church and community leaders through study programs leading to awards in theology, suicide prevention, addictions management and community development. COVID-19 has brought about changes to the way Wontulp courses are delivered. All face to face teaching had to cease and the college was presented with the challenge of delivering appropriate remote learning opportunities to 131 students spread across Australia. Many students live in remote communities where there is little access to internet or computers. The small hard-working team of staff rose to the challenge and have been supporting all their students through a multi-stage plan to see every person have access to teaching support and materials needed. This included the move to online course delivery, regional visits by staff to provide training (where permitted), and the provision of college-owned devices that can be loaned out to students. In 2021 the college will continue in this mode of operation and needs your support to do so. Wontulp-Bi-Buya owns no buildings and operates from a converted church hall in Cairns. College principal, the Rev'd Canon Victor Joseph, is an important theological leader in the Anglican Church of Australia and leads the college with much enthusiasm and vision. ***Please support Wontulp-Bi-Buya College in equipping Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander church and community leaders:***

On-line giving Name: Missions Account

BSB: 705-077

Account: 00041087

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.

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.

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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Monday 15 February	8.30am 5.30pm	The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer The Reverend Canon Janet Killen
Tuesday 16 February	8.30am 5.30pm	The Reverend Nicole Baldwin The Reverend Amanda Brockwell
Wednesday 17 February <small>ASH WEDNESDAY</small>	8.30am 5.30pm	The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer The Reverend Canon Andrew Eaton
Thursday 18 February	8.30am 5.30pm	The Reverend Dr Julia Perry The Reverend Peter Tinney
Friday 19 February	8.30am 5.30pm	The Reverend Stephen Williams The Reverend Bryce Amner
Saturday 20 February <small>William Grant Broughton, first bishop of Australia.</small>	8.30am 5.30pm	Archdean Arthur Copeman 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.

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