



Christ Church Cathedral and St Peter's Hamilton

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Welcome to worship today, especially all who are visiting
Weekly News Sunday 21 February 2021

FIRST Sunday in LENT



Strasbourg Cathedral - Stained glass windows - Detail

Today's

8.00am: Eucharist

Presider: *The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer, Dean*

Preacher: *The Reverend Jessica Grant*

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

Dear Parish Family,

It has been a very full week as we have celebrated with the Reverend Angela Peverell and the parish of Muswellbrook on Monday evening, and then began our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday. Thank you to all who were able to travel to Muswellbrook and join in the livestream. It was wonderful that so many were able to attend in person on Ash Wednesday as well. You can find a recording of the Reverend Angela's commissioning, and the sermons from Ash Wednesday, on the

Cathedral YouTube channel:

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

With our COVID-19 challenges, this year our **Lenten studies** will be using online resources. The Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) has excellent resources here, including an online study '**God Was On Both Sides Of The Beach**', an exploration of the 150th anniversary of the 'Coming of the Light' celebration in the Torres Strait:

<https://www.abmission.org/resources.php?action=list-items&catId=28> . The

Church of England has Lent resources available here:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/livelent-2021-church-resources-gods-story-our-story> with resources for families. Common Grace has Lenten resources

here: <https://www.commongrace.org.au/lent> and the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Water Network has a seven week study here:

<https://www.oikoumene.org/what-we-do/ecumenical-water-network#seven-weeks-for-water> .

Opening the Cathedral on weekends: unfortunately we did not have sufficient volunteers to reopen the Cathedral for a few hours across this weekend. Please let me know if you would like to be part of this roster. I do not envisage this as an onerous task, but rather two people sitting in the Cathedral for a couple of hours to welcome people as they stand in the western end of the cathedral. **Please let me know if you are interested in being part of this roster, or if you would like more information.**

I know it can seem daunting to read all the attachments that come with this weekly bundle, but can I particularly encourage you to read and share the information about the work of the Samaritans Emergency relief, and how to support this. Please also take time to read Bishop Peter's pastoral letter about COVID-19 vaccinations. We **continue** to wait for the Premier's promised announcement of further lifting of restrictions (!), which I fervently 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. Finally, this week's poem is by a South African poet, M M Walters. I found this poem as part of an online Lent resource for 2019 on Lessons from the wilderness. This author's of this study describe Meister Eckhart (1260 – 1328), a German theologian and mystic, as one "who taught that to finally be with God, one needs to be stripped of one's perceptions of God, and for that one needs silence." <https://lewensentrum.org.za/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Lent-2019-Wilderness-Lessons-English.pdf> The image of God striving towards humanity I found striking, and the reminder to learn from the desert places, but not to make our hearts thus, was a salient start to Lent.

Meister Eckhart

And now, because we all seek perfection,
we must stop complaining before God,
realise that the runway towards God and heaven
is found in the self and in the silence.

One thing is necessary Martha, tell this to the sisters,
and that is the solitary walking through deserts.
Love is not greater than what you will find there -
even though Paul lyrically wrote about it to the Greeks.
God is in you. From him, nothing is apart
and when you are alone, his company is closer.
Solitude is necessary, close to the Nothing and the Not
where God is. And, do not weary yourself with up cheer,
up to God. He will come towards you.
He strives towards the human, his abiding place.

Go thus to the deserts, but do not
carry the desert in your heart.
Because deserts grow until everything
is still and cold and dead.
M. M. Walters 1930-2020

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... ..

At this time there has been no further advise from NSW Health in regard choir performance. Can we please draw your attention to these upcoming events... ..

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.

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



ASSETS REGISTER – Sacred Monograms



There is much symbolism to be seen and described on the vestments shown last week. These two sacred monograms are regular ones seen in all different situations in the church.

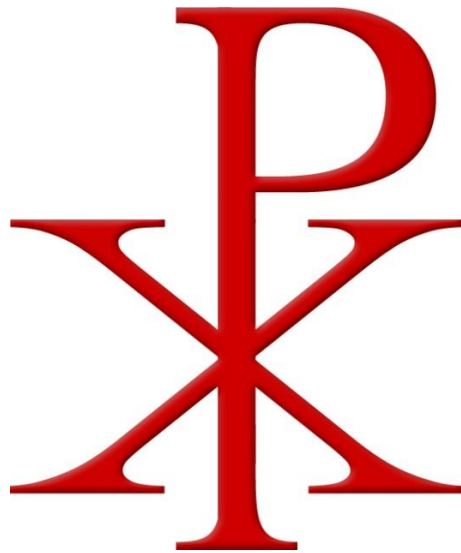
The first one (red) is Chi Rho – the first two letters of the Greek word for Christ XPICTOC and the other HIS or IHC are the first letters of the Greek spelling of Jesus IHOCYC.

The group will be meeting on Friday 19 February at 9.30 am and anyone interesting in joining the group would be very welcome.

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

CONGRATULATIONS:

We offer our prayers, thanksgiving and congratulations to Fr Philip Thirlwell who celebrates the sixty-second anniversary of his ordination as a priest, and to Fr Guy Philpott, who celebrates the forty-ninth anniversary of his ordination as a priest, both on the Feast of St Matthias, 24th February.



*As Easter approaches please consider giving money toward flowers to keep the Cathedral looking beautiful at this special time.
With thanks.*





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

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

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.

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



Community pantry update: Bunnings Kotara kindly gifted us the new cupboard, which should hold against the weather a little better than the last one! I wish to say a huge thank you to all those who generously donate items to the pantry. It has also been wonderful to see the local non-church community involved in donating essential goods, including tourist passers-by. To assist us in maintaining supplies, Newcastle Grammar School have initiated a student-led committee, who will be responsible for advertising within the school as well as upkeeping the quantity of items. We are very grateful for their, and your, continued support! ~ Veronica

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 28 FEBRUARY AT THE CATHEDRAL

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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 Sunday February 28.***

Christ Church Cathedral Shop

Will be open on **Sunday 21 February** from 9.00 am to 12.00 pm

With items for your **Lenten devotions**

Including Lenten candles handmade from the stubs of our Altar candles

and

Easter Delights

including cards and small gift items

Missions in 2021 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mission Grants Lent 2021

During Lent and Easter we will continue to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Projects. ABM envelopes are available during this time.
Please take one from the back of the Cathedral.

	ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION <i>Working for Love, Hope & Justice</i>		LENT 2021
		<p><i>Please support the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mission Grants</i></p> <p><i>"When we have power over our destiny our children will flourish. They will walk in two worlds and their culture will be a gift to their country."</i></p> <p>Statement from the Heart</p> <p>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mission Grants support missional activities led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. With guidance from the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council (NATSAC), ABM makes small grants available to projects which express the marks of Mission and benefit Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.</p>	
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On-line giving - Name: Missions Account
BSB: 705-077
Account: 00041087

ABM Fundraiser - Walking the Larapinta Trail

In June 2021, a team of enthusiastic adventurers are taking part in an outback trekking adventure to raise funds for ABM. On this adventure, the team will be challenged to trek Australia's most renowned walking track, the Larapinta Trail. As they explore the rugged beauty of the Red Centre, they'll be raising much-needed funds to help overseas and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities transform themselves spiritually, materially and socially through holistic, long-lasting solutions to poverty and injustice.

Fr Chris Garland is participating in this trek and asks that people consider supporting ABM through his walk in whatever they can. Further information can be found [here](#).

Grace and peace

+Peter

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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Tuesday 23 February <i>Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, martyr</i>	8.30am 5.30pm	The Reverend Canon Janet Killen The reverend Canon Michael Davies
Wednesday 24 February <i>MATTHIAS, APOSTLE & MARTYR</i>	8.30am 5.30pm	The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer Archdean Arthur Copeman
Thursday 25 February	8.30am 5.30pm	The Reverend Canon Andrew Eaton The Reverend Dr Julia Perry
Friday 26 February	8.30am 5.30pm	The Reverend Stephen Williams The Reverend Canon Garry Dodd
Saturday 27 February <i>George Herbert, parish priest, poet</i>	8.30am 5.30pm	The Reverend Angela Peverell 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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