



Christ Church Cathedral and St Peter's Hamilton

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Welcome to worship today, especially all who are visiting

Weekly News Sunday 18 July 2021

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



[Tijuana](#) view of the [US-Mexico barrier](#) steel border division fence, with children peering into California. Photo taken near the beach on the Méxican side, in the [San Diego-Tijuana](#) border zone. Credit: ProtoplasmaKid / Wikimedia Commons / CC-BY-SA 4.0

Today's Services

The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer

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

Dear Parish Family,

I saw a picture on Facebook recently which said that NSW has two time zones: before the Premier's 11.00am press conference, and after the Premier's 11.00am press conference. I have certainly been watching the news alerts come through each day, as no doubt you have, with concern for all who are ill and affected by the COVID-19 requirements at this time. Please continue to pray for all impacted by the pandemic, and especially for those with the responsibility of leadership and decision-making.

Whilst there have been changes in the Greater Sydney region this week, our requirements for whenever we are in one of our church buildings remains the same:

- Masks are mandatory.
- Checking in using the QR Code or sign in sheet is mandatory.
- We are unable to sing.
- The sacrament will be administered in one kind only.
- Our capacity is limited by the four square metre rule.
- We maintain physical distancing.
- We practise good hand hygiene.

In the last week it has become mandatory for all places to use the Service NSW QR¹ code check in, and I think we're all becoming more familiar with the process of checking in. As I wrote last week, I pray that the contact tracers will never need to access our check in information, but it's vital that if they do, everyone is able to be contacted quickly.

Please continue to pray for all impacted by COVID-19 and these requirements at this time, especially those who have had to postpone major celebrations.

As Evensong remains suspended at this time for another week, I will lead Evening Prayer at 6.00pm on Sunday in the St Christopher Chapel. Everyone is welcome to join us for a very simple said service of prayer and time for reflection, at the close of the day. There's quite a little community of us who are gathering, and, one of the many good things about the Cathedral is that there is always space to make the circle wider.

¹ Fun fact: I learnt this week that QR stands for 'Quick Response'. Hands up all the other readers of the Guardian blog who learnt this too. 😊

Parish Council met this week on Zoom, and next week the Board meets. As we met, we gave thanks for the life, work, and witness of Pamela Edwards, who served as a Treasurer for the Cathedral and contributed much to the Cathedral life. *Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon her.***

In other Parish Council business, we have engaged Tonya Smith from Affinity Bookkeeping as our Bookkeeper, as we have no Treasurer. We give thanks for Robert Sharpe who has continued in this position, and is working with Tonya to ensure a smooth transition. We have also appointed Lambourne Partners as our Auditor. Financially the Council noted that in June the offertory giving was lowest so far this year, but also recognised that there are many contributing factors such as interest rates, increased concern around the pandemic, and seasonal variations. Amongst other business we discussed forming a 'Friends' style group to support the work of the Cathedral; purchasing defibrillators for both the Cathedral and St Peter's Hamilton; and hosting an art installation in March/April next year as part of the 'Loud Sky' Project. Insurance work continues following significant water damage in March at both St Peter's and the Cathedral. Please speak with members of Parish Council if you would like more information about these or other matters.

The Monday morning eucharist will resume on 26th July. The Eucharist is celebrated at the Cathedral at 8.30am Tuesday-Friday, as well as on Tuesday and Thursday at 11.00am at St Peter's Hamilton. If you joined in the Morning Prayer online recorded service on Thursday 15th July, you will have noticed that like some of the great UK Cathedrals and their clergy, I too had some feline assistance! You can see that recording, and all our livestreamed services through the Cathedral YouTube channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXyas2uhJUNOnDetOpPdUOg> . Likewise, you can listen to our Choir YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCj1uCQsfG7Ek4NLW_SJzvRQ , and read the choir blogger's reflections on Saturday afternoons here: <https://newcastlecathedralchoir.wordpress.com/> .

Finally, this week's poem is by Robert Frost. Frost is a great American poet, and some of his poetry, such as this poem, and *The Road Not Taken*, have entered into our collective knowledge. In our second reading this weekend, Paul writes to the Ephesians explaining how Christ "has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us." (Ephesians 2.14). This image struck deeply with me this week: it's the inspiration for the image on the front of the pewslip, showing Trump's infamous wall between the United States and Mexico. So I was also reminded of Frost's poem which begins (and repeats) the wonderful phrase "Something there is that doesn't love a wall".

Frost's deft imagery paints an evocative picture: of his neighbour, bound so deeply in tradition that he cannot see an alternative way; the silent armies of pine and apple trees; and of the harsh humour of the wall². Throughout the poem, he poses the question, not only of what it is that doesn't love a wall, but what it is that makes good neighbours. As we find ourselves metaphorically walled in once more with degrees of restrictions, what is our Christian response to walls, and being good neighbours?

Mending Wall

Something there is that doesn't love a wall,
That sends the frozen-ground-swell under it,
And spills the upper boulders in the sun;
And makes gaps even two can pass abreast.
The work of hunters is another thing:
I have come after them and made repair
Where they have left not one stone on a stone,
But they would have the rabbit out of hiding,
To please the yelping dogs. The gaps I mean,
No one has seen them made or heard them made,
But at spring mending-time we find them there.
I let my neighbor know beyond the hill;
And on a day we meet to walk the line
And set the wall between us once again.
We keep the wall between us as we go.
To each the boulders that have fallen to each.
And some are loaves and some so nearly balls
We have to use a spell to make them balance:
'Stay where you are until our backs are turned!'
We wear our fingers rough with handling them.
Oh, just another kind of out-door game,
One on a side. It comes to little more:
There where it is we do not need the wall:
He is all pine and I am apple orchard.
My apple trees will never get across
And eat the cones under his pines, I tell him.
He only says, 'Good fences make good neighbors.'
Spring is the mischief in me, and I wonder
If I could put a notion in his head:
'Why do they make good neighbors? Isn't it
Where there are cows? But here there are no cows.

² Have you ever carefully balanced something and told it to 'stay'? Goodness knows I have, with varying degrees of success!

Before I built a wall I'd ask to know
What I was walling in or walling out,
And to whom I was like to give offense.
Something there is that doesn't love a wall,
That wants it down.' I could say 'Elves' to him,
But it's not elves exactly, and I'd rather
He said it for himself. I see him there
Bringing a stone grasped firmly by the top
In each hand, like an old-stone savage armed.
He moves in darkness as it seems to me,
Not of woods only and the shade of trees.
He will not go behind his father's saying,
And he likes having thought of it so well
He says again, 'Good fences make good neighbors.'

Robert Frost 1874-1963

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
Trevor Motum
in loving memory
of his father
ARTHUR MOTUM*

*and also in loving memory of
PATRICIA DAVIS
donated by her 4 daughters.*

NEW SETS OF OFFERING ENVELOPES: Thank you for your ongoing faithful support of the work of the ministry of the parish. New sets of offering envelopes are available at St Peter's and at the cathedral. Please write your name and envelope set number on the sheet provided. Electronic giving details are in a separate notice in this pewslip.

The Samaritans are really low on some items with a lot of people doing it tough, this weekend there is a great need for

Long-life Milk

All donations gratefully received.



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, July 18.

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.



Can you imagine trying to go to school each day knowing you had no stable home to go back to? Young people in our region are escaping family violence and neglect and they need safe accommodation and a pathway of support to continue their studies. You can help today.

Donate online: [Samaritans.org.au/get-involved/make-a-donation](https://www.samaritans.org.au/get-involved/make-a-donation)

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 August 1, 8, 29 and September 5 and 12.



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

Sunday 7.00am, 8.00am and 10.00am

Tuesday – Friday 8.30am

ST PETER'S

Tuesday and Thursday 11.00am



CCC SPIRITUALITY GROUP

We recommence Tuesday 6th 2021 at 3.45
on **ZOOM** for current restrictions.

We will be reading a
Paula Gooder novel about
St. Paul's theology –
Pheobe. A story

If you are curious about the group or the
book, please be in touch.



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Assets Register – More symbolism

The High Altar's fabric frontal was removed years ago to expose the wonderful wooden carved frontal with tradition symbols - **IHC and the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) with Banner of Honour.**

The group will resume recording when restrictions are eased.



The Agnus Dei or Lamb of God symbol, typically shows a lamb, holding a cross or a flag. The Agnus Dei probably goes back to 5th century Rome. Discs of wax imprinted with the lamb, blessed by the Pope, were used from the ninth century, and probably earlier.

In Christian symbolism, the lamb represents Jesus, "the Lamb of God." Standing with a banner, the lamb

represents the risen Christ triumphant over death. Standing with a cross and a gash in its side, it symbolizes the passion of Christ. Seated on a throne or a book, the lamb represents the judgment of Christ. Because the lamb is humble, gentle, and innocent, lambs are often engraved on the tombstones of children.

SERVICES DURING THE WEEK IN THE CATHEDRAL

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

Monday 19 July	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	No Eucharist
Tuesday 20 July	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Reverend Dr Julia Perry
Wednesday 21 July	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Bishop
Thursday 22 July MARY MAGDALENE	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	Fr Melbourne Nelson
Friday 23 July	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Dean

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 25 JULY AT THE CATHEDRAL St JAMES

7am: Eucharist

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ABN Missions



Australia

Wontulp-Bi-Buya College



This project needs \$62,500 in 2021
AU016WB is tax-deductible

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.



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<https://youtu.be/kk7ubedefVs>

On-line giving –

Name: Missions Account BSB: 705-077

Account: 00041087

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 **6.00am** and **5.30pm** each day.

We encourage you to share these resources widely during this time.

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Monday 19 July	6.00am 5.30pm	The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer The Reverend Canon Andrew Eaton
Tuesday 20 July	6.00am 5.30pm	The Reverend Angela Peverell The Reverend Canon Garry Dodd
Wednesday 21 July	6.00am 5.30pm	Archdeacon Arthur Copeman The Reverend Nicole Baldwin
Thursday 22 July	6.00am 5.30pm	The Reverend Dr Julia Perry The Reverend Kate Heath
Friday 23 July	6.00am 5.30pm	The Reverend Sarah Dulley The Reverend Scott Dulley
Saturday 24 July	6.00am 5.30pm	The Reverend Canon Michael Davies The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer

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

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, a Warden, or a Parish Council member if you have any concerns.

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