



Christ Church Cathedral and St Peter's Hamilton

52 Church Street, Newcastle
148 Denison Street, Hamilton



Welcome to worship today, especially all who are visiting

Weekly News Sunday 12 December 2021

The Third Sunday of Advent



Rejoice Daughter of Zion

Today's Services

8am: Eucharist- Livestream

Presider: *The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer*

Preacher: *The Reverend Dr Julia Perry*

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6.00pm: Choral Evensong

Officiant: *The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer*

Preacher: *The Reverend Canon Michael Davies,*

Dean Designate of Ballarat

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

Dear Parish Family,

As I've been travelling around this past week, I've been reminded of how much I love the colours of this season. Stunning jacarandas (often against a brilliant blue or storm grey sky), hydrangeas across their purple – blue – pink hues, bougainvillea's and agapanthus: all creation seems to be bursting with the colours of Advent. I hope that you are able to find some time in the busyness of this season to be still with God.

Evensong affords us one such opportunity of stillness. This week we welcome Canon Michael Davies, the Dean-designate of Christ Church Cathedral Ballarat. Canon Michael is one of our cathedral Canons, and is a good friend to the Cathedral, and I encourage you to come and pray with him on Sunday evening at 6, as he leads us in reflecting on Mary's 'Yes' to God. Please invite your friends to join with you this Advent for Evensong.

We had a wonderful Family Fun Afternoon at the Cathedral last Saturday. Many thanks to Veronica Butcher and the Family Ministry Team, and Peter Guy and the St Nicholas Choir, for contributing to a terrific time. You can hear the St Nicholas Choir at the service here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HKCj2cBk4eE&list=RDwSLMkP4304U&index=3>



Parish Council met in person this week and approved the CovidSafe return of the chalice from Sunday December 19. We are also going to trial some new ways of receiving the collection, as we navigate changing regulations. From December 15, we will no longer need to wear masks indoors, but we will still need to check in with the QR code. As the humidity rises, I'm sure we're all looking forward to signing without masks! However, at the moment, only those who are fully vaccinated are able to sing, albeit behind masks.

As part of ensuring that we are in line with the Public Health Orders, **on Sunday, if you would like to sing, please show your vaccination certificate to the sidespeople in order to be given a hymnbook.** If you have any worries about returning to in-person worship, please contact me. Information about our COVID-Safe return to worship is found further in the pewslip.

Here are a few highlights from this week's pewslip:

COMMUNITY LUNCH: The final Community Lunch for 2021 will be a Christmas Lunch, and donations of Christmas Crackers, wrapped lollies, and small individual packets of chips, etc, would be appreciated. Andrew Traill reported that last week "It was such a delight to receive 5 back packs from Year 10 NGS students to be delivered to the Samaritans. They were delivered to the Samaritans on Monday who were so pleased to receive them. The back packs contained some non-perishable food items and toiletries. These sorts of gestures make the commitment to the programme all worthwhile." Thank you for your support.

SAMARITANS: On Monday as I placed some donated food in the Parish Pantry, the shelves were otherwise bare. As I said last week, I have noticed increased use of the Free Parish Pantry in the cathedral grounds and have had more people knocking on the Deanery door asking for food assistance. The Samaritans provides a vital, compassionate service for those in need this Christmas. In the pewslip you can find ways to assist with gifts, food, and by financially supporting the lunch on Christmas Day.



FLOWERS IN THE CATHEDRAL:

Thank you for your ongoing generosity. If you would like to contribute towards flowers for Christmas, Epiphany, and into the new year, please contact Suzanne Evans if you would like to contribute. Suzanne's contact details are in the pewslip.

CHRISTMASS: You'll find Christmas Service times for St Peter's and the Cathedral in the pewslip, and flyers available at both churches. Please take some flyers, and write a personal invitation on the back, inviting a friend to join you at worship this Christmass.

ONLINE LINKS: The livestream of the 8.00am Eucharist on Sunday continues from the Cathedral. You can find it, along with our recorded Morning and Evening Prayers, and past services here on the Cathedral YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXyas2uhJUNOnDetOpPdUOg> . Likewise, our Choir YouTube channel is here:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCj1uCQsfG7Ek4NLW_SJzvRQ , and the choir blogger's reflections on Saturday afternoons here:

<https://newcastlecathedralchoir.wordpress.com/>

Finally, this week's poem is by R S Thomas. In addition to *Music of Eternity*, which the Spirituality Group is reading for Advent, I am reading Carys Walsh's Advent book, *Frequencies of God*, which is reflecting on the poetry of R S Thomas.

I was introduced to Thomas' poetry when I was at theological college, and I have loved it ever since. This poem resonates with me as I find moments of stillness in the Cathedral and St Peter's, which take on an eternal dimension. In Advent, we remember, that the meaning is in the waiting.

Kneeling

Moments of great calm,
Kneeling before an altar
Of wood in a stone church
In summer, waiting for the God
To speak; the air a staircase
For silence; the sun's light
Ringing me, as though I acted
A great rôle. And the audiences
Still; all that close throng
Of spirits waiting, as I,
For the message.

Prompt me, God;
But not yet. When I speak,
Though it be you who speak
Through me, something is lost.
The meaning is in the waiting.

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.

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 2,9,16,23 and 30.

As Christmas is fast approaching and we all love the Cathedral to be beautifully adorned for the season, any monies given toward flowers for this time will be gratefully received.



Music this Sunday

**Sunday, 12th
December**

3rd Sunday of Advent

8am Eucharist

Hymns

271, 272, 275, 269

Organist

Peter Guy

10am Choral Eucharist

Introit

Advent Wreath Prayer

Setting

Kyrie: Ukrainian Orthodox (TiS736)

Communion Service in F (Darke)

Anthem

Rejoice in the Lord alway (anon)

Psalm

Song of Isaiah (Chant: Thalben-Ball)

Postlude

Toccata in D minor 'Dorian' (JS Bach)

Hymns

271, 272, 275, 269

Organist

Peter Guy

6pm Evensong

Rite

APBA

Responses

Ferial

Canticles

Evening Service on Plainsong Tones (Guy)

Anthem

Bogoroditsye Dyevo (Pärt)

Psalm

18: 18-26 (Chant: Day)

Postlude

Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland (JS Bach)

Hymns

302, 294, 287

Organist

Peter Guy

**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

CHRISTMASS AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

MON 20TH & WED 22ND DECEMBER

7pm Nine Lessons and Carols

CHRISTMASS EVE

3pm & 5pm Family Service

(children wear a nativity costume)

7.30pm Choral Vigil Mass

CHRISTMASS DAY

7am Christmass Mass

9am Orchestral Mass



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Christmass at St Peter's Hamilton



Christmass Day
8.00am Christmass Mass

148 Denison St, Hamilton NSW

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Friends of St Peters

Social Group

Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 15th December 2021

12 Midday

at

The Bennett Hotel

Denison Street Hamilton

ALL WELCOME

*For more information
contact*

Jenny

Mobile: 0499983336



THANK YOU

The 'Hampers of Hope' have been delivered to our 25 Afghan families. They were incredibly well received. We have had teary mothers and very excited kids!

The hampers were tailor-made for each family with gifts to suit the children's interests, ages and genders and there were plenty of treats for the parents as well. All families also received a substantial gift voucher and a letter from the Christian community to let them know that they have our support and that their difficulties are not forgotten even though news reports from Afghanistan are now a lot more sparse. The letter in each hamper, written in English as well as in Dari, included a list of relevant support services in case the families would like further assistance.



One mother sent us a message after receiving her hamper: ***"We want to say thank you for today's gift. We really appreciate your care. It was so amazing and beautiful. Thank you so much, it means a lot to us."***

Both the recipients and the team at CatholicCare Refugee Hub would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who donated to this fundraiser – we are blown away by your generosity and enthusiastic support. It is beautiful to see the community come together like this to support those who are going through a tough time. Many, many thanks!!

On behalf of the Refugee Hub team, Mirja Colding-Moran



SAYING 'YES' TO GOD.

An Advent Evensong Series

Christ Church Cathedral Newcastle

SUNDAYS 6.00PM

Even song

"AN ATMOSPHERE OF
GREAT STILLNESS WHEN
PEOPLE ARE UPLIFTED BY
THE SHEER BEAUTY OF
CHORAL SINGING." BBC

Christ Church
Cathedral Newcastle
From Sunday 28
November 2021
6.00pm



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR:

Blue Christmas Service



A Christmas service for those who are experiencing grief, loss or are just feeling blue this year. This service is a space and a place to express our feelings, acknowledge our pain and seek out God's gifts of peace, love, hope and joy.

Where: St John's Anglican Church, Cooks Hill

When: Sunday 19th December

Time: 7pm

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 19 DECEMBER
AT THE CATHEDRAL
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SERVICES DURING THE WEEK IN THE CATHEDRAL

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

Monday 13 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer	Canon Garry Dodd
	8.30am - Eucharist	
Tuesday 14 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer	The Reverend Dr Julia Perry
	8.30am - Eucharist	
Wednesday 15 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer	The Bishop
	8.30am - Eucharist	
Thursday 16 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer	Fr Mel Nelson
	8.30am - Eucharist	
Friday 17 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer	The Dean
	8.30am - Eucharist	

Cathedral Shop

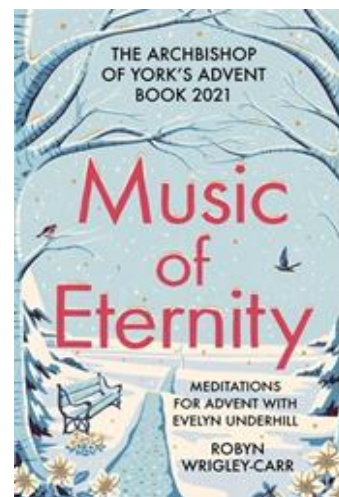
**2022 Lectionaries are now available from the shop,
they are \$15.00 each.**

**Please also remember to contact Susan for your Advent needs,
Christmas cards and gifts.**

CCC SPIRITUALITY GROUP



We begin a new book – **Music of Eternity** on Tuesday 30th November for the Advent season. We will meet in St. Christophers Chapel. 4.00pm -5.30pm
Please forward me your email if you'd like to join.



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

Julia Perry
jfhperry@gmail.com

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 Sunday, 19 December.

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.

Please remember if you can spare a little, we are still asking for donations to our FREE FOOD PANTRY at the Cathedral and also collecting for the Samaritans. Any long life non-perishable items will be very thankfully received.



Shout Lunch

for Someone in Need this Christmas

We're helping Samaritans provide gifts and food for more than 1000 people on Christmas Day.

Samaritans is holding two big festive picnic lunches at Newcastle Foreshore and Singleton Showground for children, women and men who are experiencing homelessness, have no family, are lonely or have no money to celebrate.

Can you help us shout lunch for families in need this Christmas?

\$25 can provide a gift for a child to open on Christmas morning.

\$50 can feed a couple on Christmas Day.

\$100 can feed a family of four on Christmas Day.

\$150 can feed a family and provide gifts for the children.

To donate, head to:

www.chuffed.org/project/samaritans-christmas-lunch



Samaritans

www.samaritans.org.au

Anglican
Newcastle



Assets Register

ADVENT 3

Some of the older frontals and altar cloths were recorded on the last day of this year's get together. The colours of the church's seasons were displayed by attaching the appropriate colour.



Rose without a Thorn

A symbol for Mary is the Rose. According to Ambrose, the Virgin Mary is *"the rose without thorns": born free of Original Sin, she was free of the thorns — the sins — that had pricked humankind since Eve ate from the apple.*

The Tyrrell Chapel
St Nicholas Chapel



A special thank you to the wonderful team of Jane Smith, Bib Price, Gwen Hamilton, Gai Le Marchant, Susan Anderson, Ann Taylor who have worked hard over many interrupted months. Margaret Fauchon continued to be a great source of information and we thank her for all her help during our Friday morning visits. We look forward to two new members joining us next year. We also acknowledge the wonderful work of Bronwyn Orrock whose documentation of so much continues to inspire us.
Judy Wotton



Christmas Bowl 2021

Share food, shelter and lifesaving support with a refugee in Ethiopia this Christmas.

Third Sunday of Advent:

Joy Bring Sri Lankan refugees the joy of homecoming

For 35 years, Sri Lankan refugees in India have dreamt of returning home. Now the COVID-19 crisis has put another barrier in their way. Through the **Christmas Bowl, you can help Sri Lankan families survive COVID-19 and rebuild safe, joyful lives in their homeland.**

Daniyel* was a young man when he and his parents fled the conflict in Sri Lanka for a refugee camp in India.

More than a decade later, he was still in the camp, with a wife and four children of his own. But without the freedoms of a citizen, Daniyel often struggled to feed his family. When his oldest daughter fell sick with a heart condition, life became even harder. Thankfully, Daniyel could turn to our local partner, the Organisation for Eelam Refugees Rehabilitation (OfERR). With the help of your generosity, OfERR cares for Sri Lankan refugees in India and supports them to return home after decades in exile. OfERR helped Daniyel's family obtain the correct documentation such as birth certificates for their children and make citizenship applications. Daniyel* fled Sri Lanka when he was 20 years old and lived in a refugee camp in India for 12 years. Thanks to people like you and Act for Peace's partner OfERR, Daniyel was able to return home to Sri Lanka with his wife Rani* and young family.

Today, he works as a fisherman and is able to earn his own income. On returning to Sri Lanka OfERR helped them access government services such as health care. They also supported Daniyel to build a business to support his family. Daniyel remembers how it felt to be back on Sri Lankan soil after 12 long years away,

"I experienced boundless joy. First, meeting my parents and other relatives, then returning to our own house in our own country."

Sadly, the COVID-19 crisis has put this joyful dream further out of reach for Sri Lankans still living in crowded refugee camps in India. Border closures have stopped them from travelling back to Sri Lanka. Your gifts will help OfERR's teams keep Sri Lankan refugees safe from COVID-19. You'll provide medicine and food to people who need to isolate, and protective gear to OfERR health workers. And you'll help more families like Daniyel's return home to Sri Lanka and build new lives once this emergency is over. ***Thank you for helping Sri Lankan families overcome their most urgent challenges and return home to a more joyful future. (Envelopes available at the back of the cathedral)***

*Daniyel's name has been changed to protect his identity as a refugee.

**On-line giving –
Name: Missions Account
BSB: 705-077 Account: 00041087**



Samaritans*

GIVING TREE 2021 •

Thank you for your kind and generous giving this Christmas.

great gift ideas for ADULTS

*Toiletry Packs, Deodorant, Aftershave, Socks, Coffee Cup,
Toiletries, Handcream, Hair Brush, Jewellery, Perfume,
Chocolates, BigW Gift Cards, JB Hi Fi Gift Cards*

great gift ideas for OLDER CHILDREN

*Beach towels, keep cups, board games, lego,
water bottles, Gift cards*

great gift ideas for YOUNG CHILDREN

*Barbie dolls, footballs, bucket & spade sets, backyard games, fun
jewellery, headbands*

Thank you from the bottom of our





Return to Worship November 2021

WELCOME BACK, WELCOME HOME

- Please remember to maintain social-distancing inside and outside our church buildings.

REGISTERING ATTENDANCE

- Please use the QR Code to register your attendance.
- After scanning the QR code, please show the green tick to the sidesperson, who will invite you to take an order of service.
- If you are not using the QR code, please identify yourself to the sidesperson, who will record your name and phone number (in accordance with NSW Health regulations).

ENTERING THE CHURCH

- The Public Health Order requires masks to be worn in places of worship.
- Social distancing is to be maintained when seated, with 1 person per 2 square metres, except for family groups.

HOLY COMMUNION

- Holy Communion will be administered in one kind (no chalice) in the first stage of our return to church.
- Holy Communion will be distributed at Nave Sanctuary steps.
- Please remain in your pew until an usher invites you to come forward for Holy Communion and please maintain social distancing in the aisle.
- Please remove your face mask just before you receive Holy Communion.

SINGING

- Fully vaccinated congregation members are able to sing whilst wearing a mask. **Please show your vaccination certificate to the sidespeople in order to be given a hymn book.** At this stage, only Sunday services at the Cathedral will have congregational singing.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

- Weekday Eucharists have recommenced at the Cathedral and St Peter's, subject to all of the regulations listed above. Service times are listed in the pewslip.
- Entrance to all weekday services at the Cathedral will be through the St Christopher transept door (opposite the middle driveway).
- Evensong will recommence on *Sunday 28th November*.

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

Monday 13 December <i>Lucy, martyr and virgin</i>	6.00am 5.30pm	The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer The Reverend Nicole Baldwin
Tuesday 14 December <i>John of the Cross</i>	6.00am 5.30pm	The Reverend Angela Peverell The Reverend Canon Janet Killen
Wednesday 15 December	6.00am 5.30pm	Archdeacon Arthur Copeman The Reverend Amanda Brockwell
Thursday 16 December	6.00am 5.30pm	The Reverend Dr Julia Perry The Reverend Sarah Dulley
Friday 17 December	6.00am 5.30pm	The Reverend Scott Dulley The Reverend Canon Andrew Eaton
Saturday 18 December	6.00am 5.30pm	The Reverend Canon Garry Dodd 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

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