



Christ Church Cathedral and St Peter's Hamilton

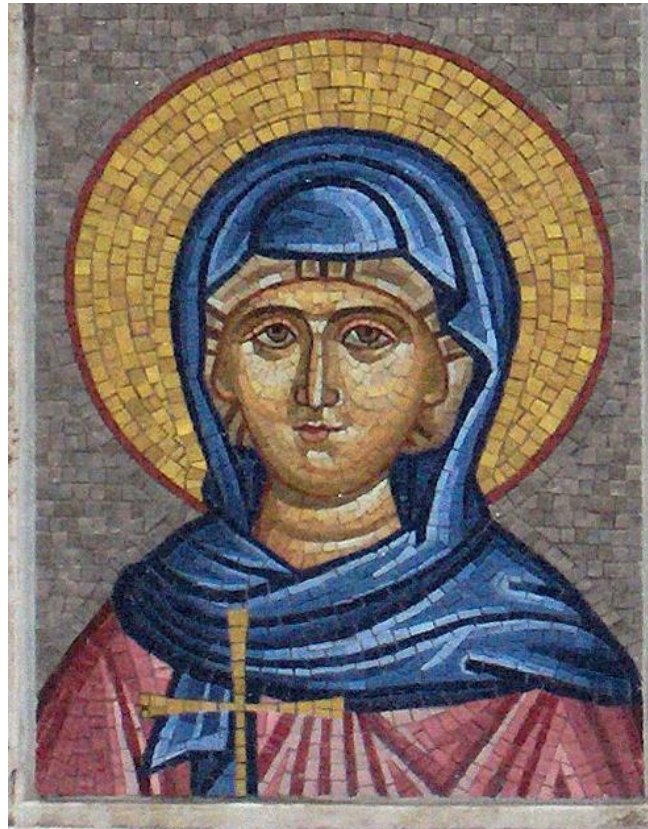
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Welcome to worship today, especially all who are visiting

Weekly News Sunday 19 December 2021

The Fourth Sunday of Advent



Georges Jansoone photographer. Mosaic of the Blessed Virgin, Cathedral of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Pula, Croatia

Today's Services

8am: Eucharist- Livestream

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Preacher: *The Reverend Dr Julia Perry*

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

Dear Parish Family,

This has been quite the week for us all, I'm sure, as we come to terms with the surge of COVID-19 infections in our Newcastle and Hunter community. At a time when we were looking forward to relaxed restrictions and gatherings with family and friends, it seems everything is uncertain once more.

With all of that in mind, the Parish Council has agreed this week that we delay the return of the common chalice, and also, that **we ask people attending worship to wear a mask.** As Dr Kerry Chant said yesterday, I am strongly recommending we keep masks and I'm asking the community to do so," Dr Chant said. "It's a very tiny act and you're actually protecting yourself but more importantly you're protecting others."
(<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-12-15/kerry-chant-wants-masks-to-remain-covid19-omicron/100702906>)

I know we were all looking forward to worshipping mask-free, but wearing masks helps us to care for everyone who will join us for worship this Christmas. If you would like to discuss this with me, please contact me.

Earlier this week you may have seen Media reports concerning the determination of the Episcopal Standards Board of the Anglican Church of Australia in relation to Roger Herft, former Bishop of Newcastle and former Archbishop of Perth. You can read the determination here: <https://anglican.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/ESB-Determination-Herft-8-December-2021.pdf> You can read a statement from the Primate here: <https://anglican.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/ESB-Herft-statement-Primate-131221.pdf> and from Bishop Peter Stuart here: https://www.newcastleanglican.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/HERFT_Media-Release_20211213A-1.pdf
I recognise that some will find this distressing. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to talk about this.

Our final sermon in our Advent Evensong series is this Sunday night. If you haven't been able to hear all the sermons, you can catch up with them here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXyas2uhJUNOnDetOpPdUOg/featured>
After the feast of our Christmas worship, Evensong will resume on Sunday 2nd January 2022.

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. Enormous thanks to Andrew Traill and Suzanne Evans and the team who have faithfully ensured the continuation of this ministry and thank you for your generous support.

SAMARITANS: During the week we had a couple who had travelled a considerable distance to access some food assistance. I'm thankful, that due to your generosity, we were able to assist them. Please continue to remember the work of Samaritans and our Free Parish Pantry at this time.

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. There will be one Eucharist at the Cathedral on 26th December at 9.00am. Evensong will resume on Sunday 2nd January 2022.

There will be no Eucharist at St Peter's Hamilton on Thursday 23rd December, as there will be a Eucharist on Christmas morning. There will be a Eucharist on Tuesday 28th December, and Thursday 30th December.

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 the great Australian poet Les Murray. This view of the Nativity, confronting in its detail, reminds us that salvation comes in the incarnation for all of creation. As we continue to reflect this Advent on saying Yes to God, Murray's opening lines return us to the peace that is found in saying Yes, and, in the midst of the uncertainty, knowing the one who is always faithful.

Animal Nativity

The Iliad of peace began
when this girl agreed.
Now goats in trees, fish in the valley
suddenly feel vivid.

Swallows flit in the stable as if
a hatching of their kind,
turned human, cried in the manger
showing the hunger-diamond.

Cattle are content that this calf
must come in human form.
Spiders discern a water-walker.
Even humans will sense the lamb,

He who frees from the old poem
turtle-dove and snake,
who gets death forgiven
who puts the apple back.

Dogs, less enslaved but as starving
as the poorest human there,
crouch, agog at a crux of presence
remembered as a star.

Les Murray 1938-2019

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 2,9,23 and 30.



Music this Sunday

Sunday, 19th
December

4th Sunday of Advent

8am Eucharist

Hymns

274, 288, 497, 161

Organist

Peter Guy

10am Choral Eucharist

Introit

Advent Wreath Prayer

Setting

Missa Brevis (Donovan)

Anthem

Ave Maria (Arcadelt)

Psalm

Song of Mary (Chant: Knyvett)

Postlude

Pièce d'Orgue (JS Bach)

Hymns

274, 288, 497, 161

Organist

Peter Guy

6pm Evensong

Rite

APBA

Responses

Ferial

Canticles

Evening Service in G (Sumsion)

Anthem

O thou the central orb (Wood)

Psalm

18: 27-38 (Chant: Camidge)

Postlude

Sarabande in modo elegiaco (Howells)

Hymns

271, 281, 287

Organist

Callum Close

**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 11.00am only the week of Christmas

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



Book your **Free** tickets

www.eventbrite.com.au

www.newcastlecathedral.org.au

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Worship Sunday 26th December
The Feast of St Stephen
Christ Church Cathedral Newcastle



9.00AM EUCHARIST

Evensong resumes 2nd January 2022

Christmass
at St Peter's
Hamilton



Christmass Day
8.00am Christmass Mass

148 Denison St, Hamilton NSW

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SAYING 'YES' TO GOD

An Advent Evensong Series

Christ Church Cathedral Newcastle

SUNDAYS 6.00PM

This week's flower memorials have been kindly donated by,

Graham and Anne Vimpani in loving memory of their mothers
BETTY STRACHAN and PHYL VIMPANI.

Also by Pauline Chambers in loving memory of her sister-in-law
SHIRLEY GRAINGER.

The flowers near the Altar are in memory of
DAVID RUSELL GLEADALL from Jenny, Peter and Sally.



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 26 DECEMBER

AT THE CATHEDRAL

First Sunday after Christmas

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SERVICES DURING THE WEEK IN THE CATHEDRAL

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

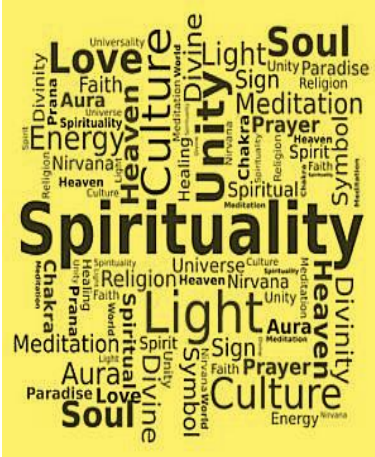
Monday 20 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	Canon Garry Dodd
Tuesday 21 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Reverend Dr Julia Perry
Wednesday 22 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Bishop
Thursday 23 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	Fr Mel Nelson
Friday 24 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Dean

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



The final session for 2021 will be
21st December in St. Christophers Chapel
starting at 4.00pm.

The group will be in recess for January 2022. Please contact the Parish Office for further information about 2022 material.

CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY LUNCHEONS

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 final Community lunch for 2021 will be this 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

St Nicholas Icon and Sanctuary Lamp

A Sesquicentenary Gift of the Greek Orthodox Community

Northern Transept



This icon representation of the head and shoulders of St Nicholas in traditional monk's robe, is painted in the one dimensional style of early Greek and Eastern Orthodox icons.

This Icon replaces the Eastern Orthodox (Russian) icon of St Nicholas which had earlier been given by Mrs Nadia Pitts of St Ives, through Mr Michael Erickson, and came from Our Lady of Vladimir Shanghai, China, circa 1940. It was stolen along with a set of William Mark candlesticks in late 1975 from the St Nicholas Chapel.

It is believed to be gifted by the Greek Orthodox Church in Newcastle who gave the sanctuary lamp hanging with the item. It may have been a sesqui-centenary gift.

This is significant as a cultural link with the Newcastle Greek Orthodox community who used the Cathedral in the early years of the 20th century as a place to worship, until their church was built in the mid 20th century.

St Nicholas is the patron saint of children, (also referred to in western culture as Santa Claus) known as patron of sailors, merchants, pawnbroker and archers. Patron Saint of no less than five European nations and six cities around the world he is perhaps the most widely revered Saint in Christendom.

Mission News

ABM Advent envelopes are available at the back of cathedral. Also are Christmas Bowl enveloped which can be sent directly to Act for Peace as indicated on the envelopes.

ANNUAL REPORTS

It is with great pleasure that I present the 2020/21 Annual Report of the Anglican Board of Mission – Australia Ltd.

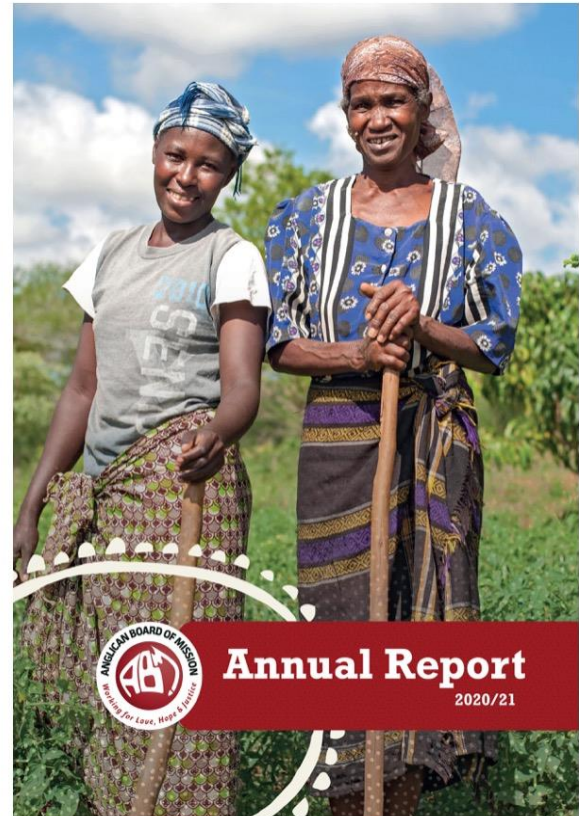
I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our many donors and supporters for their unfailing generosity throughout this past year.

For ABM, as for everyone, this has been a year marked by uncertainty and by significant political, social and economic challenges. COVID-19 has impacted all parts of our work and has required additional resources for our partners who work in contexts where the pandemic has exposed great vulnerability. In Myanmar, where we have worked with the Church of the Province of Myanmar for many years, the military coup and the resulting political turmoil has impeded not only the response to COVID-19 but also other essential social development activities.

During the year ABM continued its special appeal to assist our partners during these unprecedented times. Thanks to the ongoing support from ABM's donors, who responded most generously, and the willingness of the Australian Government Aid Program to be flexible with their funding, we have been able to support most of the partner requests.

Many provided basic education about the virus and vaccination, as well as vital hygiene messages and handwashing equipment to remote communities. Some provided emergency food when lockdowns and travel restrictions prevented people going to market. These responses are ongoing, and I ask you to continue to keep our partners and their communities in your prayers.

While the direct impact of COVID-19 in most places can now be seen fairly clearly, the indirect consequences are harder to measure. Most programs have slowed as implementation and the acquitting of funds have been delayed. The design of new activities and the monitoring and evaluation of existing ones have also been adversely affected. Yet, in the midst of these challenges, our partners have continued to display enormous resilience and resourcefulness, and their work with and for all of God's people has remained a source of joy and hope.



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

Although the proposed celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Coming of the Light to the Torres Strait was impacted by the restrictions on travel, the response to ABM's Lenten study, 'God was on Both Sides of the Beach', was most heartening. However, it did also serve as a timely reminder that our journey towards reconciliation is an ongoing one.

In Australia, ABM staff have generally worked remotely throughout the year. While the proverbial silver lining has not always been easy to discern in respect of COVID-19, it has been pleasing to see how the challenges have begun to generate new and more effective ways of engaging with our supporters and other stakeholders.

It is also important to note that ABM was blessed during the year with several significant bequests which will help us to strengthen the work we do with partners, both in Australia and overseas and ensure that it will continue into the future.

As always, our work would not be possible without our staff, volunteers and partners, so I am thankful for all their efforts. I commend the report and continue to ask for your prayers and support for ABM's work.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev Dr John Deane
Executive Director

Week 5: 19 December 2021

Heba* and her daughter unpacking a box of rations that they received from Act for Peace's local partner, DSPR Jordan.

**Fourth Sunday of Advent:
Love**



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 20 December	6.00am 5.30pm	The Reverend Canon Andrew Eaton The Reverend Amanda Brockwell
Tuesday 21 December <i>Thomas, Apostle & Martyr</i>	6.00am 5.30pm	The Reverend Dr Julia Perry The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer
Wednesday 22 December	6.00am 5.30pm	Archdeacon Arthur Copeman The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer
Thursday 23 December	6.00am 5.30pm	The Reverend Sarah Dulley The Reverend Nicole Baldwin
Friday 24 December <i>CHRISTMAS EVE</i>	6.00am 5.30pm	The Reverend Scott Dulley No Evening Prayer
Saturday 25 December <i>THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD, CHRISTMAS DAY</i>	6.00am 5.30pm	No Morning Prayer 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

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