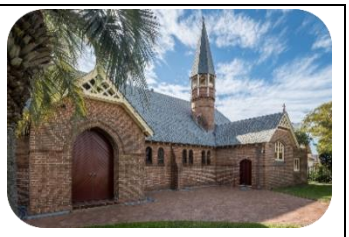
Christ Church Cathedral and St Peter's Hamilton



52 Church Street, Newcastle
148 Denison Street, Hamilton

Welcome to worship today, especially all who are visiting

Weekly News Sunday 11 December 2022

Third Sunday of Advent

Photo: Damien Walmsley

7am: Eucharist
Presider: *The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer*
Preacher: *The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer*

8am: Eucharist
Presider: *The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer*
Preacher: *The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer*

10.00am: Choral Eucharist
Presider: *The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer*
Preacher: *The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer*

6.00pm: Choral Evensong
Officiant: *The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer*
Preacher: *The Reverend Jenny Foley*

You Tube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXyas2uhJUNOnDetOpPdUOg
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/christchurchcathedralnewcastle/

Dear Parish Family

We had the first of this year's Advent Evensong Preaching Series last Sunday evening, where Mrs Kerrie Duffey from the Parish of Telarah-Rutherford spoke to us about what Christmas looks like to someone who is homeless. This week, the Reverend Jenny Foley, one of the Anglican Care chaplains, will speak to us about Christmas for residents, staff, and families. Evensong is always beautiful, and this preaching series gives us much on which to reflect.

This week the Cathedral hosted the annual Carol Service for Newcastle Grammar School. It was also the last 'chapel' for the Head of School, Mrs Erica Thomas. Please hold Erica in your prayers and she takes up the position of Head of School at Kincoppal Rose Bay. On Thursday of this week, Ms Catherine Wilkinson, Chair of the NGS Board, made the following announcement:

NEWCASTLE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

After an extensive international search over the past few months, we are thrilled to announce the appointment of Mr Matthew Macoustra to the position of Head of School, commencing July 2023. Mr Macoustra brings over 30 years' education experience to the role, including the last seven years as the Deputy Head of Barker College in Hornsby, Sydney….Though we are saddened to lose Mrs Erica Thomas after her eight years of inspired and committed School leadership, we are excited to start this new chapter for Newcastle Grammar on the back of the Strategic Plan 2023-2025. With Mrs Thomas departing at the end of the term, current Deputy Head Dr Alan Parsons will step into the role of Acting Head for the first semester of 2023.

Please also pray for Mr Matthew Macoustra and Dr Alan Parsons and the staff and students of Newcastle Grammar School through this time of transition.
On Sunday this weekend you'll find Susan Edwards at the Mary MacKillop Pastoral Centre at Charlestown, where she has been invited to hold a Cathedral Shop stall. If you're around there on Sunday, please pop in and say hello! Susan is also always keen to welcome new volunteers to the team – please contact her if you would like to help out. Susan also still has some Advent and Christmas resources available in the shop.

I realise that I caused some distress and confusion last week when I spoke about ways to support the Music Ministry and Family Ministry. My apologies! As Parish Council we are committed to growing these areas of ministry, and we recognise that these are areas about which many people are passionate.

PRAYERS: Please continue to hold affected by flood in your prayers.
Thank you also for your prayers for our LGBTQIA+ community.

WHAT'S HAPPENING…

CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES: In the pewslip this weekend, you'll find the Christmas Service times for the Cathedral and for St Peter's Hamilton***. Please check the times carefully, as some of the times have changed slightly.*** Please share this information with everyone you know and invite them to join you.

OFFERTORY – SUPPORTING THE MINISTRIES: Thank you for your ongoing and generous support of the ministries of the parish through your regular financial giving as part of your stewardship. The offertory plate has returned. Please collect your online giving card from the welcomers, and place in the offertory plate.

INVESTING IN MINISTRY: If you would like to financially invest in the Music Ministry and/or the Family Ministry please speak with myself or David Atherton.

ADVENT CAROLS AND PREACHING SERIES: During Advent, we will have a special preaching series on "What Christmas means" to different groups within our wider community. Please share both these events, and invite people to join you.

NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY CHOIR: 2.00pm Sunday 11 December at Christ Church Cathedral the Newcastle University Choir will present *A Christmas Celebration*, with a light and breezy program of Christmas songs and jazz standards. Joining the choir will be jazz pianist, Terence Koo, and the talented vocalist and jazz bass player, Heather Price.

LIVESTREAM: The easiest way to connect to the livestream is through the cathedral YouTube channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXyas2uhJUNOnDetOpPdUOg

MASKS: COVID has come to our house this week. As I write this, I'm waiting on my PCR test result. (If you don't see me on Sunday, you'll know my result!) With the rise in COVID numbers, please strongly consider wearing a mask in places, including church, where you feel you are not able to adequately maintain physical distancing.

ATTENDING WORSHIP: Please continue to be mindful of COVIDSafe practices as we gather, and to be mindful of our own health and vulnerabilities as well as those in our community.
The sacrament is administered in both kinds. You are welcome to receive in one or both kinds. We ask that you do not intinct (dip) the host.

Finally, this week's poem is another by R S Thomas. This little poem, about the anything but little subject of eternity, ponders both the infinity and the intimacy of God, as well as our own feelings of inadequacy contrasted with the eternity of God's embrace.

Eternity is More Than Enough
I think that maybe
I will be a little surer
of being a little nearer.
That's all. Eternity
is in the understanding
that that little is more than enough. *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.

Music this Sunday

Sunday, December 11 (3rd Sunday of Advent)

10am - Choral Eucharist

Setting - Communion Service in F (Sumsion)
Psalm 146 (Goss)
Anthem – Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake (Tye)
Hymns – 268, 152, 503, 281

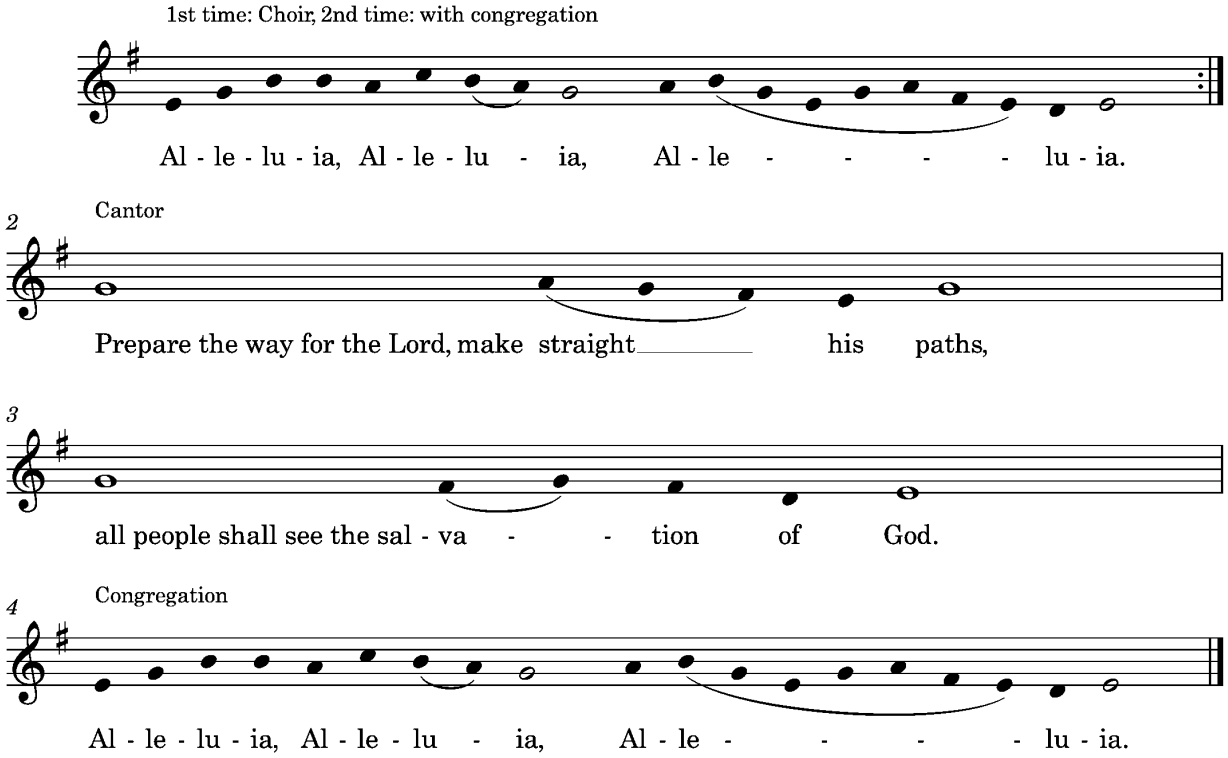
Max Reeder (conductor)
Stephen Aveling-Rowe (organ)

6pm - Evensong

St Nicholas Preces and Responses (Banney)
Magnificat and Nunc from Short Service (Gibbons)
Anthem - Thou knowest, Lord (Purcell)
Psalm 79:1-9 (Flintoff)
Hymns – 497, 143, 125

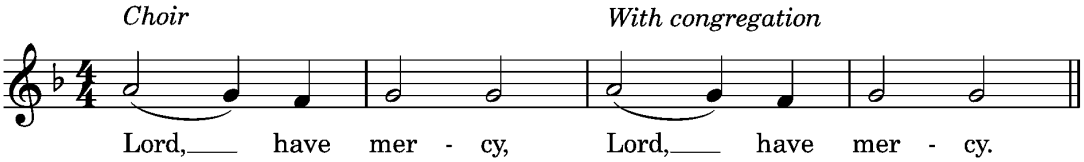
Max Reeder (conductor)
Stephen Aveling-Rowe (organ)

Gospel response

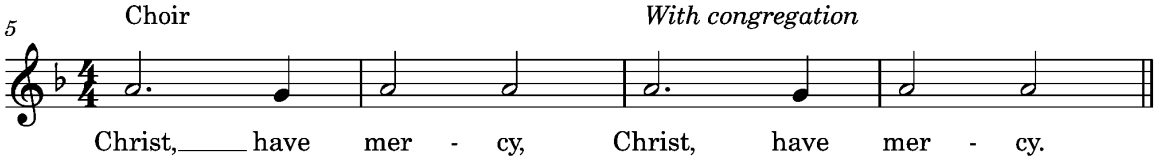


Advent Kyrie

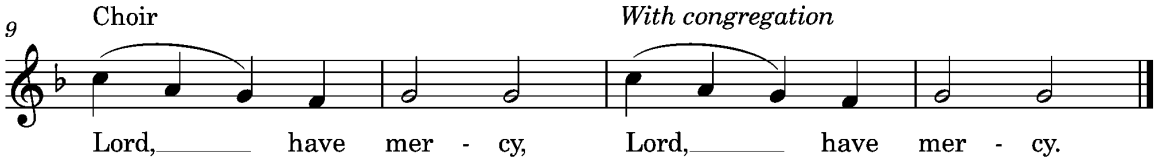
Cantor:
Heavenly Father, you have created a universe of light:
forgive us when we return to darkness.



Cantor:
Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world:
cleanse and heal our blinded sight.



Cantor:
Holy Spirit, you give us light in our hearts:
renew us in faith and love.



We're closed!

The Cathedral Office will be closed from Midday 21st December until Tuesday 10th January.

Emails and Telephone messages will be checked regularly.

For urgent matters, please contact Dean Katherine Bowyer

0407 201 693

Kids' Club

Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th of December 1-4pm

We need assistance!

If there are any volunteers who would be willing to help with Kids Club, it would be very much appreciated.

Some suggestions:

- an hour of your time to run an activity such as craft, Bible story or cooking
- an hour of your time to wash and dry paint/food containers or assist in tidying up
- provide some afternoon tea snacks and juice for approx 10 children

Please contact Veronica:
ronnie.butcher@gmail.com
or 0482 027 207

Christ Church Cathedral

Christmas Eve

5.00pm Family Service

7.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols

10.30pm Orchestral 'Midnight Mass'

(preceded at 10.15pm by a performance of Corelli's Christmas Concerto.)

Christmas Day

7.00am Holy Eucharist

9.00am Orchestral Mass

www.newcastlecathedral.org.au

(02) 4929 2052

Christmas Services

Christmas
Day
at St Peter's
Hamilton
9.00AM
HOLY EUCHARIST
www.newcastlecathedral.org.au
(02) 4929 2052

Kids' Club

@ Christ Church Cathedral

19 & 20 December

1pm - 4pm

$15 per family/day

for children K-6

afternoon tea provided

bring a hat and water

Led by a team of trained and safety accredited adults.

Bookings: Veronica Butcher 0482 027 207
https://CCCDecemberKidsClub.eventbrite.com.au
@ChristChurchCathedralFamilies

52 Church Street,
Newcastle 2300
parking on-site

Amnesty Newcastle is holding a face-to-face 'Write for Rights' event on Saturday Dec 10th and we would love you to join us.

It will be at the Sherwood Cafe, 67 Parry St, Newcastle West (opposite the Edwards, near Marketown) from 9am till 11am. There is plenty of parking in Parry St.

Come along and have a coffee, a chat, meet some of our Newcastle group, and write some letters for Wright for Rights.

There are ten Wright for Rights cases this year - people who have been imprisoned simply for engaging in freedom of speech and peaceful protest. We will have information on the ten cases plus proforma letters that you can sign, or you can write your own personalised letter to the authorities, or a letter of support to the person and/or their family.

We will be there from **9am till 11am**. You can drop by for as short or as long a time as you want. Email us at newcastle@amnesty.org.au for any questions.

St Peter's Hamilton Christmas get together.
Wednesday December 14 at the Sunnyside Tavern
20 Broadmeadow Road, Broadmeadow.
12.30pm for 1pm
RSVP to Jenny – 0499 983336
or Trevor – 49 684038
by 26-11-2022

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 CHRISTMAS DAY, January 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29.*

CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY LUNCHES

The Cathedral Community Lunches Program is continuing to offer a hot meal **every second Sunday at 12.30pm** from the Horbury Hunt Hall. **Thankyou** to the dedicated volunteers who are ensuring this important outreach program continues to operate.

The next Community lunch for 2022 will be our Christmas Lunch Sunday 18 December.

Please remember at this time if you can spare a little for the CCC pantry and Samaritans it would be hugely appreciated.

SOCKS for the homeless!

Please donate your NEW SOCKS where you see this sign.

EUCHARISTS at CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL and ST PETER'S HAMILTON

CATHEDRAL

Sunday 7.00am, 8.00am and 10.00am

Monday – Friday 8.30am

ST PETER'S

Tuesday and Thursday 11.00am

Newcastle Cathedral mainly music is a fun group for children aged 0 to 5 years and their parents or carers. Each session incorporates action songs and games that help to develop gross and fine motor skills, language and creativity. The cost is $5 per family - your first session is free!

10:00am to 11:30 every Thursday during school terms in the Cathedral.

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 theMusic 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 12 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am – Eucharist	Canon Garry Dodd
Tuesday 13 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Rev'd Dr Julia Perry
Wednesday 14 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Bishop
Thursday 15 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	Fr Mel
Friday 16 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Dean

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 18 December 2022
AT THE CATHEDRAL
Fourth Sunday of Advent

7am: Eucharist
Presider: *The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer*
Preacher: *The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer*

8am: Eucharist
Presider: *The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer*
Preacher: *The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer*

10.00am: Choral Eucharist
Presider: *The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer*
Preacher: *The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer*

6.00pm: Choral Evensong
Officiant: *The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer*
Preacher: *The Reverend Canon Garry Dodd*

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.

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

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

Monday 12 December	6.00am 5.30pm	The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer
Tuesday 13 December *Lucy*	6.00am 5.30pm	The Reverend Amanda Brockwell The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer
Wednesday 14 December *John of the Cross*	6.00am 5.30pm	Archdeacon Arthur Copeman The Reverend Nicole Baldwin
Thursday 15 December	6.00am 5.30pm	The Reverend Angela Peverell The Reverend Janet Killen
Friday 16 December	6.00am 5.30pm	The Reverend Scott Dulley The Reverend Melanie Whalley
Saturday 17 December	6.00am 5.30pm	The Reverend Sarah Dulley The Reverend Canon Garry Dodd

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***

WE'RE COVID SAFE

CLERGY

DEAN OF NEWCASTLE

The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer
katherinebowyer@newcastleanglican.org.au
0407 201 693

PRIEST AT ST PETER'S, HAMILTON

148 Denison Street
The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer
katherinebowyer@newcastleanglican.org.au
0407 201 693

OFFICE

PO Box 221 NEWCASTLE NSW 2300
Email: cathedral@newcastlecathedral.org.au
Website: www.newcastlecathedral.org.au
Ph: 4929 2052
OFFICE HOURS: **Tue-Thurs:** 9.30am–4.00pm, **Fri:** 9.30am-1.00pm
Office Administrator: Sharon Dyett

STAFF

Dean's Verger: Matthew Whatson
matthew.whatson1@gmail.com
Interim Director of Music: David Banney
dabanney@gmail.com
Family Ministry Co-ordinator: Veronica Butcher
familyministry@newcastlecathedral.org.au or phone: 0482 027 207

WARDENS

Dean's: David Atherton
People's: Peter Smith, Graham Vimpani

Anglican Church Newcastle

Like

@newycathedral