Christ Church Cathedral and St Peter's Hamilton

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Welcome to worship today, especially all who are visiting

Weekly News Sunday 25 December 2022

Christmas Day

7am: Eucharist
Presider: *The Right Reverend Dr Peter Stuart*
Preacher: *The Right Reverend Dr Peter Stuart*

9.00am: Orchestral Eucharist
Presider: *The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer*
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Dear Parish Family

It's a bumper issue pewslip this week, as the Office will be closed until 10th January.
This Advent season, whilst the longest it can be according to the calendar, also seems to have flown by the quickest! It has been a joyous season of reflection and preparation, with some highlights especially in the past week of a Cathedral filled with guests for Community Lunch on Sunday, and then filled with children at a wonderful Kids' Club this week. My enormous thanks to Veronica and the Family Ministry Team for this ministry. Some visitors to the Cathedral on Tuesday afternoon remarked that it was a real joy for them to see the Cathedral filled with vibrant activity. Volunteering at Community Lunch and with our Family Ministries bring invaluable rewards. Please pray about how you can assist in 2023.

Over the past few years, the number of people attending the 7.00am Eucharist at the Cathedral has steadily been declining. There are numerous reasons for this, and COVID lockdowns have also had an effect. On a number of occasions, it has been only myself and Gordon, who serves at this Eucharist, in attendance. Consequently, the difficult decision has been made to no longer hold a 7.00am Eucharist on Sundays at the Cathedral. This decision has not been made lightly, and I give thanks for the faithfulness of all who have made this service their home over many years.

On behalf of myself, and David and our family, I pray that you have a very Happy, Holy, and safe Christmass. I will be on Annual Leave from 5th January 2023 until 21st January 2023 inclusive.

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.

NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE TIME: ***There will be ONE service at the Cathedral on Sunday 1 January 2023 at 9.00am. There will be a said service of Evening Prayer at 6.00pm.***

CATHEDRAL OFFICE: I am incredibly indebted to our Cathedral Office team, to Sharon Dyett my PA, and to Peter Smith and Lynette Russell, who have worked tirelessly to ensure all is printed and ready for our Christmas worship.
The Cathedral Office will be closed from lunchtime 21st December 2022 until Tuesday 10th January 2023. Emails and telephone messages will be checked regularly during this time. If your enquiry is urgent, please contact me directly: 0407 201 693

PEWSHEETS: You will notice that there are extra reading sheets with today's mailout. As the office will be closed for a few weeks, there won't be any mail outs during those weeks.

COMMUNITY LUNCH: We had a splendid Christmas Community Lunch in the Cathedral on Sunday 18th December. Please read Suzanne's letter to the Community Lunch Team in the pewslip. Enormous thanks to Suzanne and Andy and the team for this wonderful ministry.

JANUARY WORSHIP: During January, there will be ***NO*** Monday morning Eucharist. Between Christmas and early February, only Morning Prayer will be pre-recorded and available online.

FLOWERS IN THE CATHEDRAL: Thank you for your ongoing generosity. If you would like to contribute towards flowers for the New Year, please contact Suzanne Evans if you would like to contribute. Suzanne's contact details are in the pewslip.

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.

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

MASKS: 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 poems are by Mary Elizabeth Coleridge and Lord Alfred Tennyson. Coleridge's short poem is a gloriously succinct summation of the Incarnation. Tennyson's poem, and extract from *In Memoriam* reminds us of the promise and the challenge of each new year. May we never forget the safety and danger of the incarnation, and the responsibility of each new year.

I saw a stable, low and very bare
I saw a stable, low and very bare,
A little child in a manger.
The oxen knew Him, had Him in their care,
To men He was a stranger.
The safety of the world was lying there,
And the world's danger. *Mary Elizabeth Coleridge 1861-1907*

Ring Out, Wild Bells (from In Memoriam)

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.
Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.
Ring out the grief that saps the mind
For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.
Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.
Ring out the want, the care, the sin,
The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes
But ring the fuller minstrel in.
Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.
Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.
Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

Alfred, Lord Tennyson 1809-1892

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 Weekend

Saturday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

5.00pm - Family Service

Introit - Alleluia (Banney)
Anthems - Hey, hey, hey, Shpherds rush to Bethlehem, Lullaby to Jesus (Lutosławski), Ding dong merrily on high (arr. Banney)
Hymns – Silent Night, O come all ye Faithful, Away in a manger
St Nicholas Choir, Keith Murree-Allen (organ)

7.30pm - Festival of Lessons and Carols

Adam lay ybounden (Ord), Sicut locutus est (Vivaldi), Bogoroditsye (Rachmaninoff), In dulci jubilo (Pearsall), O little one sweet (Bach), As I outrode on this enderes night (Henrie), The seven joys (arr Banney), A maiden most gentle (Carter), Hey, hey, hey (Lutosławski), Carols including Once in Royal David's City and O come all ye faithful
members of the Christ Church Camerata
Keith Murree-Allen (organ)

10.30pm - Midnight Mass

Preceded at 10.15 by a performance of Corelli's Christmas Concerto.
Setting - Gloria from Communion Service in F (Darke), Kyrie, Sanctus, Agnus Dei from St Nicholas Mass (Banney)
Psalm 96 (Goss)
Anthem – In dulci jubilo (Pearsall)
Hymns – 303, 321, 311, 309, 304
members of the Christ Church Camerata
Keith Murree-Allen (organ)

Sunday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

Introit - The Seven Joys (arr. Banney)
Setting - Little Organ Mass (Haydn)
Psalm 97 (after Martin Luther)
Anthem – O little one sweet (Bach)
Hymns – 306, 309, 319, 304
members of the Christ Church Camerata
Keith Murree-Allen (organ)

Today's flowers in the Cathedral have been kindly donated by-

Nicolette, Hilary and Andrew Thomas
in loving memory of Nicolette's sister
JULIE SCHUELER

John Davies and Jan Vujat in loving memory of their sister
JULIE ANTHONY

Thank you to Lloyd Peake for his generous donation to the **Christmas flowers.**

On January 1, the flowers will be donated by-

Pauline Chambers in loving memory of her brother
STANLEY GRAINGER

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

Sharon Dyett will be on leave until January 17,2023.
The week of January 10, the office will be manned by the generosity of our Volunteers and Bowyer family.

As such there will be no Pew Sheets the week of January 1 or 8, the next will be January 15.

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

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Christmas Services

Christmas
Day
at St Peter's
Hamilton
9.00AM
HOLY EUCHARIST
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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 8 and 15.

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.

Community lunches will resume in 2023 on Sunday 29 January.

Christmas Community Lunch

Suzanne Evans writes: "The Christmas Lunch for our guests was indeed a resounding success and through your generosity you provided our guests with the invaluable gift of happiness. An enormous "thank you" to you all, our very supportive Dean Katherine, the Wanderer's Rugby Club, Orange Sky, the donors, Bakers Delight the Junction, Rod Sellers Butcher (for an oh so delicious ham) kitchen assistance, packers of the bread, members of the congregation, and friends. During the week Nicolette, Matt, and Virginia, gave days for the preparation and it would be remiss of me not to acknowledge these contributions.

The guests arrived to tea and coffee. Dean Katherine offered words of welcome and said the Grace. Our 70 guests then were served a sumptuous meal of Pumpkin Soup, Roast Turkey, Chicken, Christmas Pudding and custard. They enjoyed this feast so much, that seconds were requested. One guest mentioned that our intentions were to turn them all into rollie pollies. During the meal we welcomed St. Nicholas, who then, with assistance from elves, delivered gifts bags to each guest of miniature puddings, mince fruit tarts, shortbread, gingerbread, Christmas lollies and cheese balls. Thank you St Nicholas. This was all accompanied by magnificent music provided by Daniel (Wanderers) on the piano and Matt on the organ. Thank you to you both also, as the Cathedral and the music created such a wonderful atmosphere for our guests. I have included photos for you, but as you all appreciate unfortunately for reasons of privacy, we are unable to photograph the actual lunch.

The team has been met with many challenges and new initiatives this year and on every occasion when you have been informed of these things, the reply has ALWAYS been the same, with great enthusiasm…"what can I/we do to help". You are truly an incredible team and a happy team and it has been a privilege to be part of this team. I shall give you warning now…… the year of 2023 shall be no different, as there will be plans for a barbecue or 2 and Christmas in July, so thoroughly enjoy your January break and the Outreach Program will resume on JANUARY 29th.

On behalf of Thomas, Andrew and myself we wish you a very Happy and Holy Christmas and a very healthy, prosperous New Year.
Thank you all once again,
Suzanne"

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 Thursd11.00am

There will be NO services December 27 and 29

mainly music©

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.

Kids' Club this week was a great occasion with 15 children registered for both days. It would not have been the success it was without the big and small tasks everyone played. Thank you to Rosie Murree-Allen, Siobhan Mackey, Ann Taylor, Kathleen Stark, and Virginia Wheeler for their on-the-go assistance and for Rosemary Wells, Justina Gabriel, and Jenny Gleadall for their culinary talents! And to Emilie Butcher for not saying no to her sister's urgent plea for more help. The team have earned a good rest before the Christmas onslaught!

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Veronica

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 2 January	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am – Eucharist	**NO MONDAYS in JANUARY**
Tuesday 3 January	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Rev'd Dr Julia Perry
Wednesday 4 January	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Bishop
Thursday 5 January	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	Fr Mel
Friday 6 January	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Dean

Sundays in January 2023 at the Cathedral

January 1 NEW YEARS DAY Naming and Circumcision of Our Lord

9am: Eucharist

Presider: The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer

Preacher: The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer

6pm: Said Evening Prayer

Preacher: The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer

January 8 THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

8am: Eucharist

Presider: The Right Reverend Dr Peter Stuart

Preacher: The Right Reverend Dr Peter Stuart

10.00am: Sung Eucharist

Presider: The Right Reverend Dr Peter Stuart

Preacher: The Right Reverend Dr Peter Stuart

6.00pm: Evensong

Presider: The Right Reverend Dr Peter Stuart

Preacher: The Right Reverend Dr Peter Stuart

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***
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Monday 2 January *Basil of Caesarea; Eliza Hassall* Monday 9 January	6.00am 6.00am	The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer The Reverend Janet Killen
Tuesday 3 January Tuesday 10 January *William Laud*	6.00am 6.00am	The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer The Reverend Angela Peverell
Wednesday 4 January Wednesday 11 January	6.00am 6.00am	The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer The Reverend Amanda Brockwell
Thursday 5 January Thursday 12 January	6.00am 6.00am	The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer The Reverend Melanie Whalley
Friday 6 January *EPIPHANY* Friday 13 January *Hilary of Poitiers*	6.00am 6.00am	The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer The Reverend Janet Killen
Saturday 7 January Saturday 14 January *Sava*	6.00am 6.00am	The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer The Reverend Amanda Brockwell

ONLY MORNING PRAYER ONLINE UNTIL 6 FEBRUARY 2023

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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