



Christ Church Cathedral and St Peter's Hamilton

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Welcome to worship today, especially all who are visiting
Weekly News Sunday 10 December 2023

ADVENT 2



Services Today

8.00am: Eucharist

Presider: *The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer*

Preacher: *The Reverend Gary Atherton*

10.00am: Sung Eucharist

Presider: *The Reverend Gary Atherton*

Preacher: *The Reverend Gary Atherton*

6.00pm: Choral Evensong

Officiant: *The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer*

Preacher: *The Reverend Nicholas Edwards*

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Dear Parish Family

What a beautiful start to Advent we had last weekend. Wonderful worship, morning and evening: the Advent Carols a superb start to a season of wonder and anticipation. Profound thanks to David Banney, David Drury, and our choir for their sublime offerings. As we enter into Advent this year – a ‘short’ Advent as Advent IV is also Christmas Eve, I want to encourage you to resist being caught up in the busyness around us, and make time for stillness and reflection.

Please take advantage of:

- The Advent Bible Study hosted by Catherine and David Banney
- The incredible selection of Advent resources available from our Cathedral Shop.

This week has been a week of rehearsals and final services. You may have seen the coverage in the Newcastle Herald of Marina Prior, with other leading Australian artists, launching “Superstars” which will run at the Civic Theatre in March next year. <https://www.newcastleherald.com.au/story/8447033/superstars-musical-to-elevate-newcastles-theatre-scene/> Newcastle Grammar School held their Carol Service in the cathedral on Tuesday, which included a moving tribute to Mr Kevin Young. And we have welcomed both the Newcastle University Choir and the Newcastle Chamber Choir for rehearsals for their concerts on Sunday. You can find information about both concerts in the pewslip.

TRIVIA! I’m looking forward to a really fun evening at the Choir Trivia on Saturday. This is a major fundraiser towards our Choir’s UK Tour in 2025. If you’re not able to come on the night, please contact Veronica to find out how you can donate.

BAMAGA: On Sunday 17th December, David Banney, Rosemary Ponnekanti, and Bianca Ponnekanti, will share their experience of music in the Top End, and we will hear the Bamaga Suite, composed as part of this trip. Please encourage others to come and hear about this trip.

As a Parish Community we are committed to the ongoing work of being a safe, welcoming, inclusive, and affirming place for all. We are committed to the journey of *Makarrata* – reconciliation with First Nations peoples. Thank you also for your ongoing prayers for our LGBTQIA+ community, at this time when their validity and identity continues to be challenged and questioned.

WHAT’S HAPPENING...

NEWS: This is our parish pewslip. If you have news, or items for the pewslip, please send them to Sharon in the parish office. We love contributions!

COVID AND ATTENDING WORSHIP: COVID is on the rise again! The aged care residences in our parish require us to wear masks at all times. 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. Please strongly consider wearing a mask in places, including church, where you feel you are not able to adequately maintain physical distancing.

ADVENT RESOURCES: The Cathedral Shop has many excellent resources for Advent, including individual studies, candles, and traditional Advent Calendars. There are also wonderful nativity sets and Christmas decorations and cards for sale. Please shop local and support our shop!

SAMARITANS CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Details for how to support the Samaritans Christmas Appeal are in the pewslip.

LIVESTREAM: The Livestream is back! The easiest way to connect to the livestream is through the cathedral YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXyas2uhJUNOnDetOpPdUOg>

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 linked to our gospel reading for the weekend, where we hear of John the Baptist. This poem by Kelly Chirpczuk, reflects of John's life, using the motif of flame. John is like fire and flame – a wildfire – and his prophetic message burns through the mask of integrity worn by those whose integrity should be without reproach. A few weeks ago at Evensong, I preached about Miriam, and so I was delighted to see her here in John's company, as well as Isaiah, whose blackened lips are a reference to Isaiah 6.

JOHN THE BAPTIST (A POEM)

He didn't see it, but felt it
through the darkness
of his mother's womb,
the flame that baptized
drawn close enough
to singe his foot,
which caused him to leap.
The wild fire caught
and grew, ruining him
for a life of conformity.
So he moved to the wilderness
somewhere near the river's edge
where others were drawn
by the smoldering flame.
He doused them each with water,
warning them one-by-one
of the fire to come.

Later, when he leapt
from this world to the next,
leaving his head behind,
he was greeted by the fellowship
of the flame – Isaiah
with his charred black lips,
Miriam who danced
like a flickering wick,
and the others, too many now to name
together they glowed like
so many embers,
lighting the long, dark night.

Kelly Chirpczuk

**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.*

The flowers in the Cathedral today have been donated by

*Pamela Granter and her sons Leighton and Kingsley Granter
in loving memory of Pamela's father **JOHN MOONEY**
and her husband **KEITH GRANTER***

“WE WILL LOVE YOU ALWAYS”

THE TRIVIA NIGHT IS THIS SATURDAY!

An exciting evening of entertainment and challenging questions is being planned and you don't want to miss out! Organise a table of 6-8 or send Sharon your numbers and I will collate a table for you.

DON'T WORRY, IF YOU ARE UNDECIDED BY CLOSE OF OFFICE FRIDAY, THERE WILL BE TICKETS AT THE DOOR SATURDAY NIGHT.

REMEMBER TO WEAR SOMETHING FESTIVE.

As the weather appears to be warming up for summer please think about bringing water with you to church.



Bishop Michael Kennedy and the Diocesan Ecumenical and Interfaith Council invite you to a communal Service for Peace.



All denominations and faith backgrounds are invited to come together as we pray for peace in our world.

Date: Tuesday, 12 December 2023

Time: 5:30pm

Location: Sacred Heart Cathedral 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West



mn.catholic.org.au

Looking for accommodation

Patricia is coming to work in a research job with the University of New South Wales (UNSW), Sydney and is looking for accommodation in Newcastle. A single older woman, she was hoping a parishioner may have a roomy one bedroom, a self-contained part of a house, or a granny flat she could rent. Close to public transport would be helpful. Please contact the Cathedral office if you can help – 49 29 2052.

Music this Sunday

8am - Eucharist

Hymns - 271, 268, 281, 275

Gerard Nicholls (organ)

10am - Choral Eucharist

Introit - Laetentur Caeli (Zielinski)

Setting - Missa Ego Flos Campi (Padilla)

Psalm 126 (Jackson)

Anthems – Cherubic hymn (Chesnokov), Ave verum (Byrd)

Hymns - 268, 271, 281, 275

Gerard Nicholls (organ)

6pm - Evensong

Preces and Responses - Ayleward

Magnificat and Nunc dimittis (Gibbons)

Anthem - Cherubic hymn (Chesnokov)

Psalm 18:1-6, 48-50 (18:1-6, 48-50)

Hymns – 265, 264, 266

Gerard Nicholls (organ)

Music notes

Choosing music for a Cathedral is a never-ending job for any Music Director, and the aim is always to amplify and illuminate the message of the scriptures for any given service. Sometimes it's easy, and sometimes it is not. Sometimes the challenge is finding even a single hymn or anthem to match the readings. At other times - even more challenging - the problem is choosing what to leave out! Advent is such a time - like Lent, Easter and Christmas, it is a season that has inspired composers and poets throughout the world and over many centuries to produce words and music of utmost beauty.

Each Sunday in Advent has a special purpose - the first two Sundays prepare us to wait for Christmas, while the fourth Sunday focuses on the role of Mary in the Christmas story. The third Sunday is 'Gaudete' Sunday (= 'to rejoice'). Unlike Lent, which is a uniformly sombre preparation for Easter, Advent takes us through a wide range of experiences and emotions, and today we 'rejoice' in the knowledge of what is to come - we wait for Christmas not passively, but with excited expectation. To help us, today's music ranges from the brilliant and boisterous to the profound. Our Mass setting is a striking work from 17th century Mexico, following the style of European contemporaries such as Monteverdi.

Set for two separate choirs, the music will fill the Cathedral with rich harmony and rhythmic zest. Our introit has a very similar style, also for double choir, and coming from the same era, but from Poland rather than from Mexico. It is a setting of part of Psalm 96, foreshadowing the coming of Jesus: Sing to the Lord a new song (the Psalms set for Christmas services are Psalm 96, 97 and 98 - it is definitely worth reading these wonderful texts in the leadup to Christmas). Our anthem for morning and evening comes from the Russian Orthodox tradition, composed by a magnificent composer, little known in the west - Pavel Chesnokov (1877-1944). Taken from the Eucharistic liturgy, the text joyfully places us in the company of heaven:

*We who mystically represent the Cherubim,
and who sing to the Life-Giving Trinity the thrice-holy hymn,
let us now lay aside all earthly cares
that we may receive the King of all,
escorted invisibly by the angelic orders.
Alleluia*



Top End Music

Come and hear David Banney, Rosemary Ponnekanti, and Bianca Ponnekanti reflect on their experiences of music in the Top End. Hear the Top End Suite composed as part of this trip. Sunday 17th December, during the 8.00am, 10.00am, and 6.00pm services. Read more about the trip here: topendmusic.com



NEWCASTLE CHAMBER
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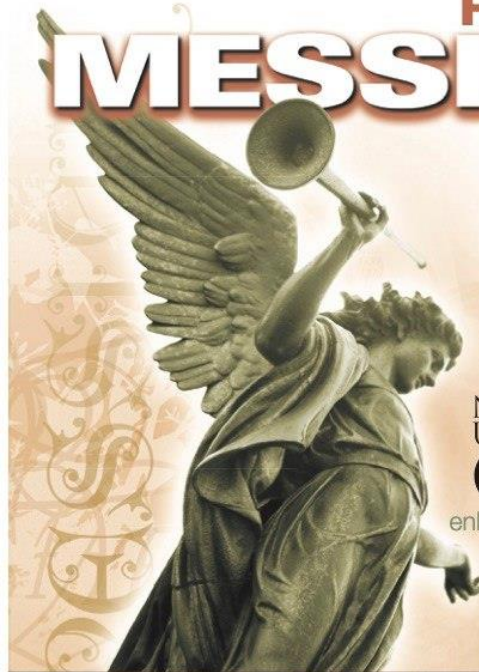


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ONE EUCHARIST SUNDAYS AT THE CATHEDRAL ALL AT 9.00AM

NOVEMBER
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Christ the King - Patronal Festival
Celebrate together at 9.00am.
Morning Tea afterwards.

DECEMBER
24

Sunday Morning - Advent 4
Eucharist at 9.00am.
Christmas Services in the afternoon.

DECEMBER
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New Year's Eve - Sunday 9.00am.
Come and give thanks for all that has
been, and pray for the New Year.



What are we waiting for? *Three studies for Advent*

*Advent, we are told, is a time of waiting. But what exactly are we waiting for?
Please join us for study, prayer and fellowship as we prepare to celebrate Christmas.*

7.30-9.00pm
Wednesdays in Advent
(December 6, 13, 20)

*Venue: 6 Burke St, New Lambton
(Home of David and Catherine Banney)*

All are welcome - if you could let us know that you are
coming that would be helpful, but not essential:
dabanney@gmail.com



Cathedral things to remember...

Although the weather is warmer, it can be cold and damp for the homeless, please donate new socks if you can.



We are still collecting suitable material for the wonderful team who make beautiful blankets to comfort the homeless. Please leave material if you have any.

Donate to the Cathedral's restoration, buy and lay a paver for your furry friend.

Contact the office for details.



Anytime you can spare a little food for the CCC pantry and Samaritans it would be hugely appreciated.

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 and December 31, also January 7, 14 and 21.

CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY LUNCHES

The Cathedral Community Lunches Program continues 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 event will be our
Christmas lunch,
Sunday 17 December in the Cathedral.***



Electronic Giving

If you are one of the very generous people who donate electronically to the Cathedral, sometimes this needs to be “reset” with your financial institute. Several people have dropped off not knowing there was an issue with their bank.

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

CATHEDRAL

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 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.

SERVICES DURING THE WEEK IN THE CATHEDRAL

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

Monday 11 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am – Eucharist	The Rev'd Gary Atherton
Tuesday 12 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Rev'd Dr Julia Perry
Wednesday 13 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Bishop
Thursday 14 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Rev'd Mel Nelson
Friday 15 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am – Eucharist	The Dean

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 17 December 2023 AT THE CATHEDRAL Advent III

8.00am: Eucharist

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In place of sermon: Music in the Top End

10.00am: Choral Eucharist

Presider: *The Reverend Gary Atherton*

In place of sermon: Music in the Top End

6.00pm: Choral Evensong

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In place of sermon: Music in the Top End

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**

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

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

Monday 11 December	6.00am	The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer
Tuesday 12 December	6.00am	The Reverend Canon Andrew Eaton
Wednesday 13 December	6.00am	Archdeacon Arthur Copeman
Thursday 14 December	6.00am	The Reverend Nicole Baldwin
Friday 15 December	6.00am	The Reverend Amanda Brockwell
Saturday 16 December	6.00am	The Reverend Janet Killen

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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