



Christ Church Cathedral

52 Church Street, Newcastle

and St Peter's Hamilton

148 Denison Street, Hamilton



Welcome to worship today, especially all who are visiting

Weekly News Sunday 28 April 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter



Hunter Valley Vineyard. Photo credit: Robyn Horan.

Services Today

8.00am: Eucharist

Presider: The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer

Preacher: The Reverend Gary Atherton

10.00am: Sung Eucharist

Presider: The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer

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6.00pm: Sung Evensong

Officiant: The Reverend Stephen Williams

Preacher: The Reverend Sally Malfroy

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

Dear Parish Family

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

I begin this week with massive thanks to the Cathedral Shop volunteers and their work, which has enabled the Cathedral Shop to donate \$2500 to the Cathedral, together with \$727.92 tower receipts. As I have written previously, the Cathedral Shop Volunteers are very much the welcoming face of the Cathedral, and their ministry of hospitality and support extends beyond our physical walls. Supporting the Cathedral Shop with your purchases, supports their ministry to parishes and beyond. In response to a ministry need, the Cathedral Shop now stocks a range of memorial items, suitable for indoor and outdoor memorials. Please ask at the Shop if you would like more information about these beautiful items.

Over the past week, Sharon Dyett and I have spent time training to use the new Diocesan system for recording information. This system is called R3. R3 is Newcastle Anglican's new Risk Management system, which allows us to raise, report and respond to risks. By managing our risks more effectively, we can keep people safe. If you have any concerns, or would like to report a risk or hazard, please speak with myself or Sharon.

Our Associate Priest, Fr Gary, will be on some very well deserved holidays and retreat for the month of May. During this time, we will have visiting clergy assisting at the Cathedral and StPeter's. Please join me in welcoming them.

As a Parish Community, we strive to be a safe, welcoming, inclusive, and affirming place for all. We all have a part to play in this ongoing work. 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!

BUILDING WORKS: Above, I spoke of risks and hazards, and this week, the long awaited building works have commenced alongside the path to the Cathedral office. These works will continue for a number of weeks. ***Accessing the office is greatly restricted at this time. If you would like to visit the office, please contact Sharon first, so we can assist you navigate your way safely.***

ANZAC: Thank you to those who were able to join our ANZAC commemoration on Sunday 21st April, and the Evensong in the St Michael Chapel that evening. **There will not be a service at the Cathedral on ANZAC Day**, as Fr Gary and I are involved in community commitments in Newcastle and Hamilton.

There is a service of Morning Prayer for ANZAC day at St Peter's Hamilton on Thursday 25th April at 11.00am. Everyone is welcome to attend and remember.

The Field of Remembrance was blessed and opened on Sunday, and crosses are available near the Cathedral shop for anyone to place in the Field. Poppies are also available at the Shop.

COVID AND ATTENDING WORSHIP: The impact of ongoing COVID is evident in our parish family. 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.

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.

LIVESTREAM: Did you know? You can catch up on past sermons and services on the Cathedral YouTube channel, as well joining the livestream. The easiest way to connect to the livestream is through the cathedral YouTube channel:

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

Finally, this week's poem is (another) by R S Thomas. I saw this through the week, and was struck by the manifold relevance to our current times, even though the poem was written in 1977. I reflected on Sunday during my sermon about the impact of living through Cold War times, and the very real threat of Nuclear War, has impacted those of us who lived in the second half of last century. Thomas' poem reminds us of the volatile, transforming power of God's Word. This poem also reminds me of Godfrey Rust's poem, *Communiqué*, which I have shared before, (<http://www.wordsout.co.uk/communique.htm>). Written decades after R S Thomas, it employs similar explosive imagery to discomfort us.

Nuclear

It is not that he can't speak:
who created languages
but God? Nor that he won't:
to say that is to imply
malice. It is just that
he doesn't, or does so at times
when we are not listening, in
ways we have yet to recognise

as speech. We call him the dumb
God with an effrontery beyond
pardon. Whose silence so eloquent
as his? What word so explosive
as that one Palestinian
word with the endlessness of its fall-out?

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.

Hidden Treasures

During the course of the building works alongside the path to the Cathedral Office, the builders have been discovering all manner of treasures, including these lovely, small bottles.



It's clear that this area was a 'Refuse' area at one point, probably for the first inhabitant of the building, Mrs Annie Fowler Berkeley, the widow of Mr Hudson Berkeley.

There is a lovely synchronicity in these items being discovered in this ANZAC Week, as the Berkeleys were major benefactors of the Cathedral, and especially the St Michael 'Warrior' Chapel.

The Sydney Morning Herald Article recording Mrs Annie Fowler Berkeley's death states in part:

A daughter of the late Mr W G Nickisson Mrs Berkeley was married In 1886. She visited the Imperial Press Conference of 1909 with Mr Berkeley who was a member of the Australian delegation. A foremost worker for Newcastle religious and charitable affairs for some years she was president of the

Newcastle Cathedral Women's Guild and it was a gift of £9000 from herself and her husband that made possible the erection of the dignified warriors chapel which was added to the cathedral some years ago During the war she was president of the Newcastle Red Cross.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/16846408>

Music this Week

8am Eucharist

Hymns – 393, 217(i), 520 (tune 611), 611 (tune 520)

10am Eucharist

Introit – A new commandment (Mundy)

Setting – Mass in Honour of Mary McKillup (Drury), Communion in F (Sumsion)

Psalm 22: 26-32

Anthem – Ave verum (Peeters)

Hymns – 393, 641, 520 (tune 611), 611 (tune 520)

6pm Evensong

Preces and Responses (Neary)

Psalm 98

Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in b minor (Noble)

Anthem – A new commandment (Mundy)

Hymns – 384, 598, 620

Our music this week includes a motet by one of England's finest but lesser-known composers of the sixteenth century. William Mundy was the son of a church sexton, whose duties involved the care and maintenance of a parish church in London. Mundy became Head Chorister at Westminster Abbey at a time when English music was achieving unprecedented heights thanks to the work of luminaries such as Thomas Tallis and William Byrd. This was also a turbulent period in the English church as it established an identity separate from the church in Rome. In the music of the period this can be seen in the tension between the use of English and Latin texts: works using Latin texts, such as Byrd's Masses, or his Ave verum, reflect Catholic sympathies either of the reigning monarch, the composer, or both, while English texts reflect the work of the Reformers.

Mundy's music includes Latin and English works, and in his motet 'A new commandment' we hear the influence of the Reformers, not just in the choice of language, but its form. Those who rejected Latin also rejected the Italian style of swirling counterpoint, in which each vocal part sang the text at a different time, rendering it almost indecipherable for the congregation. The Reformers wanted clarity, and one way to achieve that was to have the whole choir sing the same words at the same time. English composers paid lip service to this request, finding a trick that appears to have satisfied the liturgical police: a motet would begin with everyone singing together, but gradually moving apart. Tallis's well-known 'If ye love me' is an example of this, as is the beautiful motet of William Mundy.

The flowers in the Cathedral have been donated by-

Pauline Chambers
in loving memory of
GEORGE STANLEY GRAINGER



25 APRIL

ANZAC DAY

**LEST
WE
FORGET**

**11.00AM
ST PETER'S
HAMILTON**





PRAYER

Our hearts are overwhelmed with the violence that has occurred in Sydney this week.

We turn to prayer, and shine with the light of Christ where we see darkness.

The Cathedral is open every day for prayer and reflection.

**Newcastle Music
Festival Chamber
Choir**

PRESENTS MUSIC BY:
Byrd, Lotti, Vittoria,
Whitacre, Butterley
and others

**Christ Church
Cathedral
28th April
2024
12 noon**

**\$15.10 (Conc) \$40 (Family)
Tickets at door.**

Newcastle University Choir PRESENTS

Power and Elegance

Mozart & Haydn

Conductor: **Dr Christopher Allan**

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SUNDAY 19 MAY 2024

2.30pm – Christ Church Cathedral

Tickets: www.TryBooking.com



St John's Church, Newcastle, Annual Fair

Saturday 4th May 2024

9.30am - 1pm

cnr Parry & Dawson Streets

Cooks Hill

**Cakes, Jams & Pickles,
Hand Crafts, Trash &
Treasure, Pre loved
Toys, Mother's Day Gifts,
Morning Tea, Barbeque,
Soups, Books and more.**

Housing Affordability

Anglicare Australia has released the 2024 Rental Affordability Snapshot. The full report is here: <https://www.anglicare.asn.au/publications/2024-rental-affordability-snapshot/> Bishop Peter has spoken this week in the media about this. Below is an extract related to the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle:

In the regions supported by Newcastle Anglican, as is the case across Australia, renters on low incomes are being left behind and forgotten in the private market. People on income support, especially those who are out of work, have few options. We found that that zero percent of rentals were affordable for a person on the JobSeeker payment. This includes sharehouses. The shortage of affordable rentals will condemn people to make difficult decisions to keep a roof over their head.

Families out of work are also facing a dire situation. An out-of-work couple with two children can afford zero percent of rentals. Single parents out of work face even tougher odds, with affordability at just zero percent. This helps explain why the rate of JobSeeker is such a critical factor in child poverty – one in six children now lives in poverty, with those growing up in households that depend on JobSeeker at much greater risk.

This year's results again show how brutal the rental market is for young people. A person on Youth Allowance looking for a sharehouse can afford zero percent of rentals. Youth Allowance is the lowest of all government payments, and year after year, we find young people are at the bottom of the affordability ladder.



People with disabilities face unique challenges in this market. Some will find that the rentals listed in this Snapshot don't meet their needs, and for many people, the Disability Support Pension is too low to allow them to rent a home that does. A person on the Disability Support Pension could afford 0.1 percent of rentals at the time of our Snapshot.

The most generous of government payments is the Age Pension. Yet for a couple living on the Age Pension, only 0.4 percent of rentals were affordable. Single retirees have it even worse, with 0.3 percent of listings left to compete for.

Working people are hardly better off. A single person working full-time on the minimum wage will find that only 0.9 percent of rentals are affordable. Of all of the households featured in this Snapshot, families with two parents in full-time work stand the best chance of finding an affordable home. Even they will find they are locked out of 90.7 percent of rentals we surveyed.

Of course, this Snapshot doesn't tell the whole story. Although we look at the full-time minimum wage, we know that more and more people are working casually. Their plight is likely to be much worse than this Snapshot shows. Nor can the Snapshot consider the competition for each of these properties. In an overheated market, an affordable property can attract dozens of applications.

All of this is a wake-up call. What this Snapshot shows is that finding an affordable home in the private rental market is complete fiction for people on low incomes. It is part time for action to make housing more affordable.

Thank You and Farewell!

On Sunday 21st April, we had the opportunity to say Thank you and Farewell to Matthew Whatson, the Dean's Verger, on what turned out to be a very busy final Sunday!

Matthew joined the Cathedral family during 2021, and commenced in the position of Dean's Verger on Advent I 2021. During Matthew's time at the Cathedral he has improved our WH&S and First Aid equipment, as well as many other practical aspects of Cathedral life.

Matthew has been a welcoming and friendly presence to those who visited the Cathedral, and he has said that he treasures the conversations he has had with diverse people who visit the site.

Matthew is pursuing further study in Clinical Pastoral education and Pastoral Care. Please continue to hold Matthew in your prayers as he follows this vocation.



Photo Credit: Karen Atherton

ST MICHAEL 'WARRIOR' CHAPEL WINDOWS

At evensong on Sunday, Dean Katherine used as her sermon illustration, the window below, from the St Michael 'Warrior' Chapel.

In the bottom third of the window is a roundel which depicts two stretcher bearers carrying a wounded comrade. Being a stretcher bearer was one of the most vulnerable and dangerous roles, as you could not carry a weapon to defend yourself, and your focus was entirely on saving the wounded soldier.

The window is paired with the Old Testament characters of Jonathan and David, whose story appears in 1 Samuel.

If you haven't had the opportunity to spend time reflecting on these windows, and their astounding detail, perhaps this ANZAC Week would be a good time. The Cathedral is open on ANZAC Day (and every day).

And, if you'd like to hear more about the windows, please ask Dean Katherine. She'd love to share the stories with you!



Photo credit: Elizabeth Bowyer

Samaritan Emergency Packs

Would you like to help Mothers Union help others?

During the month of May Mothers Union members will be collecting a range of toiletries in order to make up emergency packs for women and men living in cars.

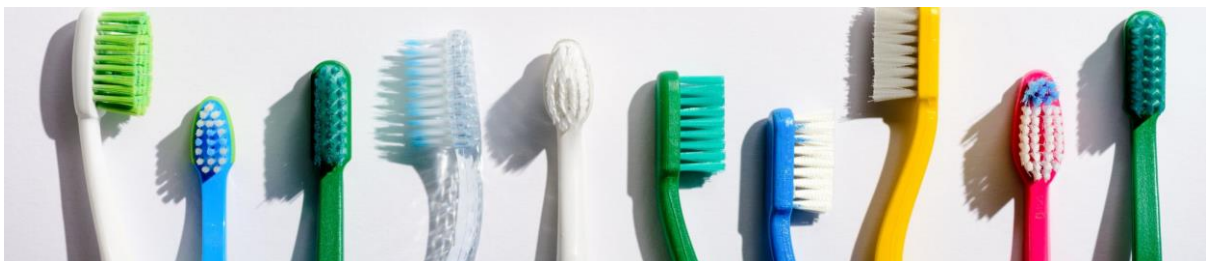
There will be a box at the back of the Cathedral during May and we would greatly appreciate any items you could donate.

Thanking you in anticipation, Jan Deaves (4950 1590)

Requirements indicated by Samaritans:

- Soap in a container
- Face Washer
- Towel
- Tooth brush and toothpaste
- Deodorants – male and female
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Comb
- Baby powder
- Shaving cream

NB Since the recipients are living in cars we need to think small.



From the Cathedral Bookshop.....

'Spelling it out about being a Christian' - An ordinary churchgoer offers to explain

This little booklet (price \$3) sets before the reader ways of introducing the Christian faith to people who might have doubts about the nature and existence of God as well as difficulty in understanding who Jesus really is. The chapter on the Holy Spirit is especially helpful and the final chapters on the Afterlife and being a Christian express some basic truths.

As well as debunking some outworn preconceptions the author points out, drawing on common everyday experiences, when and where to look for God, and where God isn't; as well as where to find hope, how to enjoy God's company and where to find strength in weakness, in failure and in vulnerability.

In the section on Good and Evil, the author offers some useful examples to show that being a decent, law-abiding citizen does not necessarily equate with loving my neighbour as I love myself (God's law number 2) nor does it mean that I will put God before myself (God's law number 1).

Overall, it's a sensible and balanced explanation for Christian faith and I recommend it.

Fr Melbourne Nelson



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www.newcastlecathedral.org.au Fun, Faith, Food.



The next Chamber Music at the Cathedral concert will be *Dreams and Variations*

We've planned a unique concert that weaves together the warm tones of flute and clarinet with vibrant strings.

The concert features clarinettist [Adrian Quinn](#), an accomplished musician who works across classical, jazz and World Music genres and acclaimed bassist-singer-songwriter [Heather Price](#). Adrian and Heather join Anthea, Elizabeth and Jennifer in compositions that offer a fresh perspective on the chamber music genre.

Beginning with Giordani's Italian galante trio, the concert includes Anton Reicha's elegant 'Variations' and Mark Carlson's contemporary 'Dreams and Songs'. The concert peaks with Johan Halvorsen's passionate 'Passacaglia' for violin and cello. In addition to these classical gems, there are compositions for flute, clarinet, and double bass that offer a fresh perspective on the chamber music genre.

Performers in this concert are...

Jennifer StGeorge - flute

Adrian Quinn - clarinet

Elizabeth Holowell - violin/viola

Anthea Scott-Mitchell - cello

Heather Price - double bass

Venue: Christ Church Cathedral, Newcastle

Date: Sunday 30 June 2024 at 2.30pm

Tickets: All Tickets \$25, under 17 Free



For more information and to reserve your tickets, please visit our [ticket link](#) or

[Our FaceBook event link](#) or contact me by reply email.

Cathedral things to remember...

With cooler nights upon us everyone appreciates warm feet. Please, if you can, donate new socks for the homeless. Find the tub at the back of the Cathedral.



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 May 5, 19 and June 9, 16, 23 and 30.

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 Lunch will be Sunday 5 May 2024.

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

Sunday - 8.00am and 10.00am

Monday – Friday 8.30am

ST PETER'S

11.00am Tuesday and Thursday

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 29 April	8.00am - Morning Prayer	The Reverend Gary Atherton
Tuesday 30 April	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am – Eucharist	The Reverend Dr Julia Perry
Wednesday 1 May	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Bishop
Thursday 2 May	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Dean
Friday 3 May	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Dean

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 5 May 2024 AT THE CATHEDRAL

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8.00am: Eucharist

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10.00am: Sung Eucharist

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ONLINE SERVICES THIS WEEK

The Weekly and mid-week Eucharists and the Morning office 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 29 April <i>Catherine of Siena</i>	6.00am	The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer
Tuesday 30 April	6.00am	The Reverend Angela Peverell
Wednesday 1 May <i>PHILIP and JAMES</i>	6.00am	The Reverend Canon Garry Dodd
Thursday 2 May <i>Athanasius</i>	6.00am	The Reverend Nicole Baldwin
Friday 3 May	6.00am	The Reverend Amanda Brockwell
Saturday 4 May	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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