



# Christ Church Cathedral and St Peter's Hamilton



*Weekly News Sunday 17 May 2020*

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



*Welcome to worship today, especially all who are visiting*

**JOIN OUR SERVICES ONLINE**

Sunday

**8.30am:** Eucharist – *The Right Reverend Dr Peter Stuart*

**5.30pm:** Prayer with the *Bishops*

**Then 8.30am and 5.30pm each day on  
YouTube, Christ Church Cathedral Facebook  
and St Peter's Hamilton Facebook.**

## 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 **8.30am** 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 18 May	8.30am 5.30pm	The Reverend Angela Peverell The Reverend Jacqueline Drewe
Tuesday 19 May <i>Dunstan, archbishop of Canterbury</i>	8.30am 5.30pm	The Reverend Canon Michael Davies The Right Reverend Charlie Murry
Wednesday 20 May	8.30am 5.30pm	The Right Reverend Sonia Roulston Archdeacon Rod Bower
Thursday 21 May <b>ASCENSION DAY</b>	8.30am 5.30pm	The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer Bishop Charlie Murry & Bishop Sonia Roulston
Friday 22 May	8.30am 5.30pm	Archdeacon Arthur Copeman The Reverend Canon Janet Killen
Saturday 23 May	8.30am 5.30pm	The Reverend Canon Michelle Hazel-Jawhary The Reverend Peter Tinney

**Dear Parish Family,** Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

I hope with the relaxing of restrictions last weekend, that you were able to enjoy some (physically distant) visits, or the beautiful autumn weather we had. I'll admit, I'm more of an autumn and winter person than spring and summer, and cooler weather means lighting the fire in the Deanery lounge room once more.

This week we've also had the news of further relaxation of restrictions around religious gatherings. On Wednesday, the Churchwardens and I attended an online information briefing about the next steps for churches. I've included some documents about this in the attachments. This is exciting news, and it's important that we approach this with great care. The Churchwardens, with the Parish Council, are going to be meeting in the next few days to work on the practical aspects of returning to worship in our church buildings. Thank you for your patience as we take the necessary time to ensure everyone's health and safety in this process.



Online services will continue, and we're looking forward to recording some of these services inside the Cathedral too!

The generous continued financial response to the letter from the Parish Council last week has been greatly appreciated. Thank you also to those who have sent generous anonymous donations. Following the Parish Council meeting, I plan to send further financial information with our mailings next week.

I trust you have subscribed to or 'favourited' The Choir's YouTube Channel [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCj1uCQsfG7Ek4NLW\\_SJzvRQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCj1uCQsfG7Ek4NLW_SJzvRQ) which has new videos each week. I have enjoyed listening again and again to these videos. Please share these links with others – and when you do, ***please check if they are receiving these emails or ask if they would like to be added to the parish roll.***

***We are aware of a continuing issue with emails going to the Junk folder of gmail accounts. If someone isn't receiving these emails, please check if they have a gmail account and ask them to check their Junk or Spam folders. Thank you!***

We are also physically mailing the pewsheets and these resources each week to those without internet access. If you know of anyone who would like to receive this by mail, please contact the Cathedral office.

Finally, my poem this week is inspired by both the reference to the Holy Spirit in this weekend's Gospel, and by the abundance of dragonflies which have been dancing round the Cathedral and Deanery grounds during this COVID-19 lockdown. Perhaps there are more dragonflies than usual this year, or perhaps I've had more time to notice them. They are beautiful, and Gerard Manley Hopkins' poetry, drawing on this image, draws us deeper into encountering God in the everyday.

### **As Kingfishers Catch Fire**

As kingfishers catch fire, dragonflies draw flame;  
As tumbled over rim in roundy wells  
Stones ring; like each tucked string tells, each hung bell's  
Bow swung finds tongue to fling out broad its name;  
Each mortal thing does one thing and the same:  
Deals out that being indoors each one dwells;  
Selves — goes itself; *myself* it speaks and spells,  
Crying *Whát I dó is me: for that I came.*



I say móre: the just man justices;  
Keeps grace: thát keeps all his goings graces;  
Acts in God's eye what in God's eye he is —  
Chríst — for Christ plays in ten thousand places,  
Lovely in limbs, and lovely in eyes not his  
To the Father through the features of men's faces.

Gerard Manley Hopkins

***With my thanks and prayers.***

***Dean Katherine***

### **Stewardship:**

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. Could I encourage you please, if you do not already give electronically to support the work of the parish, that you begin to do so during this time.

Name: Electronic Giving Account

BSB: 705-077

Account Number: 00040917. (The 8 digit account number (incl the three os) should be included in the account number.)

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.

**Cathedral Community Lunches:** 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 next community lunch take away is Sunday 24 May.***

**Cathedral Newsletter** – the May Newsletter is currently being compiled and will be circulated later this month. Judy Jordan advises that some space is still available, so if you'd like to contribute something to this month's newsletter, please forward to Judy at [judy@bjaeng.com.au](mailto:judy@bjaeng.com.au)

***The deadline for receiving this month's contributions is Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May!***

## *From the Cathedral's Director of Music, Peter Guy...*

Around this time in the Easter season I always start to worry about what music and hymns to choose for worship. We're still in Easter, but John's Gospel takes us towards Pentecost, with a very Spirit-themed Gospel or two. It's often a trickier balance than you might imagine to make sure that we don't get to Pentecost too early! Some of the text from Sunday's gospel, however, is set by Thomas Tallis in one of his most famous motets: "If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will send you another comforter". I've written previously on how Tallis straddles both Catholic and Anglican England and this motet is from the latter. It sets the text simply (and in English, not Latin!), and the choir generally work together so that the listener can easily understand what is being sung. The choir recorded it on our disc "O for the wings...", and I've put it on YouTube so you can listen to it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3mRL702YBzg>

There is also a hymn for "Iso-Singing": At the name of Jesus, to the tune Camberwell. I was thinking as I put this together that this must be one of my favourite hymns! I hope it may provide for you a little bit of spiritual refreshment. It can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g2BlGdSyds>

Finally, if you haven't done so, I strongly encourage you to read through the choir's blog. Naomi is our resident "blogger", and her writing is as eloquent as her reflection and theological insight is profound. The blog was originally meant to return this year to update everyone on our preparations for the UK Tour. If there is a silver lining to the choir not being able to go on tour, it is that Naomi is providing these posts for us. You can see them here: <https://newcastlecathedralchoir.wordpress.com>

(And one final gift, but you can't open it until Ascension Thursday, this Thursday, 21st May: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M8yLDqfGR3M>)

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**St Aidan's Land Sale Trust** – A recent special Board Meeting passed a resolution, ratified by Parish Council, to seek approval from Diocesan Council to withdraw an amount of \$60,816 from the St Aidan's Land Sale Trust in order to discharge the loan for the Darby St unit and to pay debts for some parish properties, including historic rate expenses. The discharge of the Darby Street loan will ensure that the rental amount will be applied as income for the parish. For further information, please contact Lisa at the office. Submissions may be made to [lindawilson@newcastleanglican.org.au](mailto:lindawilson@newcastleanglican.org.au) no later than 24 May.

**From the Mission Secretary** - As the Parish Council's letter to you last week explained, our Mission's giving is mainly by envelopes. This year we are supporting Newton College in New Guinea and in response to the Covid-19 pandemic ABM has also launched the following appeal.

**ABM'S COVID-19 APPEAL: Support our Partners to combat this Pandemic**

During this global pandemic, ABM has been fortunate enough to remain open and operational and will continue to do so. Thankfully, staff have been able to work from home ensuring that we are able to keep serving our partners and supporters during this difficult time. We would also like to say thank you for your continuous support. Unfortunately for our partners, it is not "business as usual" by any means. Most are living under varying levels of government restrictions on contact and movement. These restrictions are unavoidably causing increasing levels of hardship in the churches and communities you support. That is why ABM has mounted a COVID-19 appeal, in order to help our partners to show Christ's love, hope and justice to those who are suffering the most.

Visit <https://www.abmission.org/covid-19-global-emergency-response> (Ctrl + Click) to find out how our partners are helping their communities at this time, and how you can help them.



**To continue our important support for ABM**, cheques can be posted to  
PO Box 221 NEWCASTLE NSW 2300 or by on-line giving.

Name: Missions Account

BSB: 705077 Account: 00041087

Please Insert your name in the purpose space as well as either  
Newton College or Covid Emergency Appeal

**More than ever, our Partners need our support, especially those close to us in the Pacific such as Vanuatu which has also had Cyclone Harold.**

**Please continue to keep the work of ABM in your prayers.**

**Cathedral Shop News:** For Pentecost - get a lapel pin of the holy spirit dove. The shop has several available – gold or silver outline, blue or red enamel.



Contact the shop by email: [cathedralshop@aapt.net.au](mailto:cathedralshop@aapt.net.au)

Pins can be mailed out (invoice encl.) or collected on request (EFTPOS avail).

**Creativity at the Cathedral: We need your help!** This initiative cannot run without people who are willing to share their creative endeavours: art, poetry, photography, needlework, music – the list is limited only by our imaginations. Please consider submissions for beyond Pentecost. Please send your offerings to [johnson.n@planetmail.net](mailto:johnson.n@planetmail.net), or phone Naomi Johnson on 0405 819 350.



**Mainly Music is currently in recess** - Please check our Cathedral Ministry Facebook page and our Cathedral Facebook for fun activities and resources you can do at home!

**Message from the Samaritans: WINTER APPEAL 2020**

*In this unusual time there is a greater need for your support*



Samaritans



**\$25**

could contribute to a counselling session for a child recovering from trauma.



**\$50**

could give emergency assistance to a woman fleeing domestic violence.



**\$100**

could contribute to a support worker for a NSW family living in poverty.

**"On many occasions before, Samaritans and the Diocese of Newcastle have come together to support our communities as they face crisis. I think you can agree with me, as a community we've never faced a crisis quite like COVID-19".**

**- Brad Webb, Samaritans CEO.**

A generous donation to Samaritans Winter Appeal by June 30 will ensure our vital support services continue operating.

**To Donate: [www.samaritans.org.au/donate](http://www.samaritans.org.au/donate) or Phone 02 4960 7100.**

***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](mailto:dps@newcastleanglican.org.au) or [survivorsupport@newcastleanglican.org.au](mailto:survivorsupport@newcastleanglican.org.au)***

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