



Christ Church Cathedral and St Peter's Hamilton



Weekly News Sunday 22 March 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



Welcome to worship today, especially all who are visiting

JOIN OUR SERVICES ONLINE

Sunday

8.30am: Eucharist – Bishop Peter, Presider & Preacher

5.30pm: Evening Prayer

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

Dear Parish Family,

It is very strange to prepare for this weekend, knowing that we won't be physically gathering. Never had I imagined that we would find ourselves in such a time as this. However, we are the Body of Christ, and His Spirit is with us, at all times and in all places.

Whilst we might be physically distant from each other, now more than ever, it is important that we strengthen our connections as we find new ways of being community, whilst we are unable to gather together for prayer and worship. I take great comfort from the words of the writer of the letter to the Hebrews, that we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. (Hebrews 12.1.) We do not pray alone, and we are not a people without hope. Can I encourage you to make contact with those who are part of your church family and support one another at this time.

The Cathedral staff have been praying and working hard to respond to this situation. Over the next week, someone from the parish will be in touch with you. Could you please ensure that we have your current telephone number, email and address, by filling in the attached update form and either emailing Sharon at the Cathedral Office : cathedral@newcastlecathedral.org.au or mailing it to us. If you know of someone who is not on email, could you please assist us by sharing this information with them.

Over the coming time there will be regular correspondence, with prayer and study resources, and updates. We're exploring new and creative ways to connect and meet, whilst keeping everyone's health and safety as our priority. Please pray for those who are ill, those who work to care for us as a community, and those who work for a cure.

Most importantly, the Cathedral is not closed, and there is a space for private prayer and to light candles. The Bishops have joined the Cathedral clergy in leading worship at this time, and you can join in these services online, through the Cathedral or St Peter's Facebook pages, or through Christ Church Cathedral YouTube channel. The daily life of prayer continues at the Cathedral. If you are in Newcastle, you may even hear the bell ringing as we pray.

Thank you for the many expressions of prayer and support the Cathedral staff have received at this time. Please be assured of our prayers for you, and please do not hesitate to be in touch with us.

With my prayers.

Dean Katherine

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

We are certainly living in unprecedented times, and it was a difficult but necessary decision earlier this week to cancel the musical activities of the Cathedral (and even more difficult when we were forced to discover new ways to “be” Cathedral in general!), but we know that God has experienced, and continues to experience, our feeling of isolation - both physically and spiritually - with us, and walks with us on the way.

Over the coming little while, as Dean Katherine and the staff start putting new practices into place, I'll be thinking of ways that we can continue to experience God's beauty through music, and will continue to share with you information about music that we hold dear as part of our tradition. I have enjoyed writing these snippets, and I have been encouraged by many positive comments from parishioners (and further afield!). I hope this is a way in which we can continue to feel less isolated in a social-distancing-acceptable kind of way!

While we are taking these very important steps to ensure everyone's safety, perhaps you can find new ways of engaging with our tradition of choral music. These might include:

- Listen to choir/organ/camerata CDs at home
- Stream our recordings on Apple Music, Spotify, Google Play (if you have access to those services)
- Listen to your favourite CD of sacred music from around the world
- Liking the choir's Facebook page (if you are on Facebook)
- At 6pm on Sunday evening when we would normally sing Evensong, stream a service of Choral Evensong from the BBC: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006tp7r>
- Spend 4 hours listening to this wonderful music on YouTube! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JieSNMVEsnI>

The next little while will be difficult for us all. I know I speak for all the choir when I say how disappointed we are that these measures are now in place. However, it is the only sensible thing to do. Please continue to uphold the choir and cathedral musicians in your prayers as we continue to hold you in the same way.

Message from the Samaritans: Your weekly donations of ‘non-perishable food items such as long-life milk, cereal, pasta sauces and tins of fruit, meat, or fish will continue to be needed. Please leave your donations in the Samaritans’ bin at the back of the church. Now school is underway, please give some thought to donating non-perishable food for school lunch fillings and small items for school like lunchboxes, rubbers, pens, pencils, pencil cases and note paper. Thank you to all of you who contribute so generously.



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!

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 Easter Day & 26th April and 3rd, 10th & 17th May.

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Please support ABM's Encounter Program

ABM's Encounter program supports overseas church partners from countries such as Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Myanmar, to come to Australia to learn new skills to help them as they work for God's mission. Encounter visits can also grow strong people-to-people relationships between Australian Anglicans and our sisters and brothers in Christ, across the world.

Be a champion and support ABM's Encounter program this Lent.

Fr Isaiah Masida (ACPNG) with Bishop Cameron Venables.
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ThankYou! Envelopes can be found inserted in the pew sheet or at the back of the church. Please place your envelope with your details in the plate or in the wall safe at the back of the cathedral so it will become part of our Mission budget.

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 endless and limited only by our imaginations. Please consider submissions for the season of Easter as we journey through this time together. Please send your offerings to johnson.n@planetmail.net, or phone Naomi Johnson on 0405 819 350.

Support a choral cause!... Are you running low on your wine supplies? With every carton of Brokenwood wine that is sold, \$20 is donated to the UK Choir Tour 2020 fund. At a 30% discount, this is too good an opportunity to miss! Spread the word (and the code!) to your family and friends and help us to send all our choristers to England! Order online www.brokenwood.com.au/Fundraisers and use the promo code: CHOIR



Lisa Cater is on Annual leave from Monday 16 March and returning on Tuesday 14 April. Sharon Dyett will be covering Lisa's leave.

Please send any notices for inclusion in the pew sheet to cathedral@newcastlecathedral.org.au by 9am on Tuesday

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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