



Welcome to
Christ Church Cathedral
Weekly News Sunday 24 December 2017
CHRISTMAS EVE



Services Today

9.00am Eucharist

Presider & Preacher: The Dean

11.00am Holy Baptism – The Dean

5.00pm Family Service

Officiant and Preacher: The Dean

7.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols

Officiant: The Dean

11.00pm Midnight Mass

Presider: The Dean

Preacher: The Bishop

Readers:

9.00am R Knock & J Thomson

Welcome to worship at the Cathedral today, especially all who are visiting.

Sunday School – Children should meet in the **St Christopher Chapel** just before the sermon.

The Flowers today are the gift from parishioners, to remind us our thoughts and prayers are with our Community Lunch guests and others in our community that are less fortunate.

At **11am today**, we welcome **Elsie Ritu Singh** to the church family through **Holy Baptism**.

Welcome also to parents, godparents and others joining us.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Monday 25 December THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD CHRISTMAS DAY

7.00am Eucharist

8.30am Orchestral Eucharist

10.30am Eucharist for Families

Tuesday 26 December STEPHEN, DEACON AND FIRST MARTYR

7.00am Morning Prayer

7.30am Eucharist

10.30am No Eucharist

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 27 December JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

7.00am Morning Prayer

7.30am Eucharist

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 28 December HOLY INNOCENTS

7.00am Morning Prayer

7.30am Eucharist

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Friday 29 December *Thomas Becket, archbishop of Canterbury, martyr*

7.00am Morning Prayer

7.30am Eucharist

5.00pm No Evening Prayer

Saturday 30 December *Josephine Butler, social reformer*

5.00pm Family Eucharist

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

Saturday 30 December: 5.00pm Family Eucharist

Sunday 31 December: Second Sunday of Christmas

7.00am Eucharist *Presider & Preacher:* Dean Katherine

8.00am Eucharist *Presider & Preacher:* Dean Katherine

9.30am Choral Eucharist *Presider & Preacher:* Dean Katherine

6.00pm Choral Evensong *Officiant & Preacher:* Dean Katherine

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.

Thank you to everyone who helped make our **presentation of Messiah** a success last Sunday. A special thank you to those who provided financial sponsorship and who assisted with the logistics on the day, and of course, our wonderful Choir, Camerata and soloists! It is a privilege for us musicians to minister in this place, and the support of our dedicated Cathedral congregation makes it a joy and delight to do so. Thank you. Peter Guy.



A huge **THANK YOU VERY MUCH** to all Cathedral parishioners for the absolutely wonderful and generous contributions you have made to our Christmas Tree this year.

This has to be the largest and most eclectic assortment of gifts received in years and words do not seem to be sufficient in thanking you all; may the Lord bless each and every one of you. However, just a little gentle reminder that your weekly donations of food such as long life milk, cereal, pasta sauces and tins of fruit, meat, or fish will unfortunately continue to be needed next year. *We wish you all a joyful and happy Christmas and a safe and healthy 2018.*

Bible Study Group – The next meeting of the Bible Study Group will be held at the home of Peter Ravenscroft at **7pm on Wednesday 31 January**. *Everyone is welcome.* For further information contact Peter on 4963 1720.

Donations for Flowers are invited for **7, 14, 21 & 27 January**. If you would like 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 - please include a message and place in the wall safe.

MISSIONS

Please place envelopes containing donations in the plate or wall safe

ABM Missions Project: Advent 4
During Advent and Christmas, ABM and Acts for Peace (Christmas Bowl) envelopes are available. This week ABM is supporting *Evangelism and Christian Education in Myanmar*.



Your support helps with resource materials such as activity books for Sunday School and will enable children between the ages of four and fourteen to continue with their spiritual formation and church growth.

Envelopes can be found at the back of the church.



Christmas Bowl

CHRISTMAS BOWL – “DO NOT BE AFRAID”

The Christmas Bowl began on Christmas Day 1949 when the Reverend Frank Byatt in Victoria placed a simple empty bowl on the table before him humbly asking friends and family to contribute what they felt the cost of the meal had been. He invited them to share God’s blessings of love and friendship in the form of a gift to people who had fled the horrors of WWII and were suffering as refugees. Sadly today, there are over 65 million displaced people in the world who need our help. In Jordan, \$27 can pay for a refugee mother to attend a mother’s group in Jordan providing essential supports and counselling. Through the Christmas Bowl, you are not only providing lifesaving medical support for pregnant women and their babies but you are helping to take the fear away from an expectant mother, who may be feeling scared, alone or vulnerable.



Zimbabwe was once known as the breadbasket of Africa. Since 2000 it has struggled to feed its own people due to the series of droughts and the effects of an unsuccessful land reform program, which led to sharp falls in production of food availability across the nation. \$20 can provide a Zimbabwean farmer with a maize starter pack.

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Community Lunches – the first Community Lunch for 2018 is **12.30pm 21 January**. *Cleaning of the hall will be at 9am Saturday 20 January - all volunteers welcome and appreciated.*

Shop News: We will have a small supply of 2018 calendars for sale from the Benedictine Monastery in Camperdown. This is where our reading sheets every week come from, and so do most of the icons we sell in the shop. Nice to see the faces of some of the people who contribute to our worship, and the place where they live and work. Calendars are \$10.00 each.

Anglican Cursillo Movement - A Newcastle Deanery Cursillo gathering (Ultreya) will be held in the Cathedral on **Friday 19 January 2018**, commencing **6pm for 6.30pm**. There will be a 'bring and share' meal of finger food - tea and coffee will be provided. Come and participate in the prayer, fellowship and singing. Everyone is welcome. For any further information please contact **Kevin or Cathy Claydon** on **4969 8368**.

2018 Lenten Silent Retreats for Women – Rathmines. Retreat Conductor is Fr Mel Nelson. *Weekend* – Friday 16 to Sunday 18 February or *Midweek* - Tuesday 20 to Thursday 22 February... For bookings or further information, please email Retreat Co-ordinator, Julie Van Homrigh – Julie.i.vanhomrigh@gmail.com

For your prayers...

"Let us approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." (Hebrews 4:6).

Let us pray... For our outreach to visitors, giving thanks for all volunteers who enable the broad ministry of our Cathedral.

The Dean and family and the Cathedral Staff wish you and your loved ones all the blessings of the Holy Season.



Please note that the Cathedral office will be closed from 1pm, Friday 22 December and will reopen 9.30am on Wednesday 3 January.

For urgent or pastoral assistance, please contact the Dean, Katherine Bowyer 0407 201 693

Music Today

9.00am Setting Psalm Hymns Organist	Sung Eucharist (No Choir) Newcastle Mass (Guy) Song of Mary 302, 275, 268 Peter Guy	5.00pm Hymns Anthems Organist Choir	Family Liturgy 301, 311, 303, 304, 268 The Angel's Carol (Rutter) See him lying on a bed of straw (Perry) Peter Guy St Nicholas Choir
7.30pm Anthems Postlude Hymns Organist	Nine Lessons and Carols Adam lay ybounden (Skempton) Sussex Carol (arr. Chilcott) There is no rose (Guy) Lullay my liking (Donovan) Ave Maria (Arcadelt) Shepherd's Carol (Chilcott) In the bleak midwinter (Darke) Cradle Song (Grote) Tomorrow shall be my dancing day (Gardner) Toccata (Dubois) 312, 316, 303, 302, 299, 301, 304 Callum Close	11.00pm Setting Anthems Psalm Postlude Hymns Organist	Solemn Eucharist and Blessing of the Crib Festive Mass (Matthias) Ave Maria (Arcadelt) Cradle Song (Grote) 96 (Chant: Goss) Dieu parmi nous (Messiaen) 304, 311, 301, 303 Peter Guy
Organist and Master of the Choristers: Mr Peter Guy Assistant Organist: Dr Keith Murree-Allen Organ Scholar: Callum Close			

- The hearing loop covers the front six pews on the South side of the Cathedral. *Please switch your hearing aid to the 'T' setting to benefit.*
- An access ramp is situated on the harbour side of the Cathedral.
- Toilets are on the South side of the Cathedral, through the doors under the organ loft
- Parishioners and visitors are welcome to park in the Cathedral car park. On Sunday, extra parking is available at the rear of the Newcastle Club, enter via Newcomen St.
- *The steps and areas in front of the doorways to the Cathedral must be left clear at all times.*

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Please send any notices for inclusion in the pew sheet to
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