



52 Church Street, Newcastle

Christ Church Cathedral and St Peter's Hamilton



148 Denison Street

Welcome to worship today, especially all who are visiting
Weekly News Sunday 30 August 2020

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Illuminated Manuscript, Bible (part), Moses before the burning bush,
Walters Manuscript W.805, fol. 37v detail, Walters Art Museum*

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Dear Parish Family,

This week has been a week of meetings, and I am thankful for the many hours our Parish Council and Cathedral Board members, along with so many other volunteers across the parish, contribute to the work of mission and ministry, especially in this changed landscape in which we find ourselves. Amongst other things, both Parish Council and Cathedral Board worked on planning for a post-Covid future, as well as addressing the practicalities of this Covidtime.

As I said last Sunday, Lisa Cater was overwhelmed with the many beautiful messages she received and was overwhelmed by your generous gift. Lisa is working with Allambi Care, and I know you will join with me in praying for her as she begins this new career. When you contact the Cathedral Office now, you will speak with Sharon Dyett. Some of you have met Sharon before when she covered Lisa's holidays. I'm thrilled that Sharon is able to assist us, and I know you will make her welcome. It may be that on some days, especially with continuing uncertainty around Covid, the office hours may vary, but you can always leave a message on the answering machine, or email, or call myself or Reverend Angela.

I hope you have been enjoying the latest recordings on the Choir's YouTube channel, https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCj1uCOsfG7Ek4NLW_SJzvRQ I am very thankful to Peter Guy for this ministry, and for the weekly notes in the pewslip, and also to the choir blogger for the weekly reflections: <https://newcastlecathedralchoir.wordpress.com/> .
[You'll find information about the practicalities of attending worship as part of the pewslip. Please check this information often as it is regularly updated to reflect the current requirements.](#)

Finally, when I went looking for a poem for this week, many suggested R.S. Thomas' *The Bright Field* which I shared a few weeks ago (there's a reason he's one of my favourites!) In the end I found two poems which made me turn aside and see. You'll find one in my 'Reflection on a Page' in this week's "Worshiping and Praying Together", and this poem by Barbara Crooker. We in Australia know that the burning bush can hold a terrible beauty – the fires of last summer already seem such a distant memory – yet we also know that new life can spring forth.

Burning Bush

Outside my window, the bushes have turned, redder than any fire, and the sky is the same blue Giotto used for Mary's robes. My mother says, if she still had a house, she'd plant one or two of these bushes, and I love how she's still thinking about gardening, as if she were in the middle of the story, even though we both know, she's at the end, the last few pages. Down in the meadow, the goldenrod's gone from cadmium yellow to a feathery beige, the ghost of itself. Mother, too, fades away, skin thin as the tissue stuffed up her sleeve. The scars on her stomach itch and burn, but inside, she's still the girl who loved to turn cartwheels, the woman whose best days were on fairways and putting greens. On television, we watch California go up in smoke, flames leapfrogging ridge to ridge. Here, these leaves release a shower of scarlet feathers, as everything starts to let go. Oh, how this world burns and burns us, yet we are not consumed.

Barbara Crooker

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.

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 September 6, 13 & 27.



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

In this morning's Old Testament reading we have Moses' first encounter with God in the burning bush, and God revealing God's name to Moses: "I am who I am". God does not name God's self with a noun, but rather with a verb. God is always 'doing' and 'being'. In the Gospel we see this drawing to its ultimate reality in Jesus' earthly life, and, by extension, how that plays out in our life: We are to bear the burdens of our own crosses (whatever they may be!) and follow the call of God we hear in our lives (although, sadly, I suspect not many of us will hear God speak in a burning bush!).

Moses' encounter with God in the burning bush always makes my mind turn to the hymn "The God of Abraham praise" with its wonderful line "The Great I AM I am". The hymn incorporates text written by the Jewish liturgical poet, Daniel ben Judah, who lived in Rome in the middle of the fourteenth century. It has been paraphrased by Thomas Olivers (1725-99) with additions made based on Revelation chapters 4 and 5. Olivers was, for a time, an assistant to John Wesley, and lived the life of an itinerant preacher. In addition to his talent with text, Olivers harmonised the tune 'Leoni' to which we sing this hymn. Wesley also attributed the tune 'Helmsley' ("Lo! He comes with clouds descending") to Olivers, although there is some dispute over the accuracy of Wesley's claim in this regard.

You can sing along to the Cathedral organ in the comfort and safety of your own home, here: <https://youtu.be/dUdeIdanojo>



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!

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.

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Monday 31 August <i>John Bunyan, preacher & spiritual writer</i>	8.30am 5.30pm	The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer The Reverend Canon Michael Davies
Tuesday 1 September	8.30am 5.30pm	The Reverend Canon Garry Dodd The Right Reverend Charlie Murry
Wednesday 2 September <i>MARTYRS OF NEW GUINEA</i>	8.30am 5.30pm	The Right Reverend Dr Peter Stuart The Reverend Peter Tinney
Thursday 3 September <i>Gregory of Rome, bishop & teacher</i>	8.30am 5.30pm	The Reverend Amanda Brockwell The Right Reverend Sonia Roulston
Friday 4 September	8.30am 5.30pm	The Reverend Canon Janet Killen The Reverend Stephen Williams
Saturday 5 September	8.30am 5.30pm	The Reverend Angela Peverell Archdeacon Rod Bower

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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.



CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:

Our concern is for the health and wellbeing of all people who come to this church.
Together we can help make our community and our church COVID-19 safe.

By entering this church, you acknowledge that there remains a risk that you may contract COVID-19.

We ask that you:

- Please do not attend if you are feeling unwell.
- Please do not attend if you have returned from overseas within the last 14 days.
- Please do not attend if you have returned from a Government listed COVID-19 hotspot within the last 14 days.
- Please do not attend if you have been in contact with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
- Please consider your personal situation including any pre-existing medical conditions or whether you fall within a high-risk category to determine if additional personal precautions should be taken.

This Church is part of the *Anglican Diocese of Newcastle*. For further details regarding our *COVID-19 safety plan*, please visit our website:
newcastleanglican.org.au/corona-virus-response

Thank you for your understanding as we implement COVIDSafe worship practices.

The **health and safety** of all workers, volunteers and participants attending our sites is paramount. The increase in the numbers of parishioners that are now able to attend sites brings some additional complexities in moving people safely into and out of our buildings.

Requirements of the Parish:

Entry

- ✓ The church site will not open until 15 minutes before the service. Any access to the site should remain closed until this time.
- ✓ On booking, parishioners must be advised that they should proceed directly to the entry point of the building and not to gather in the carpark or waiting area.
- ✓ A designated entry point should be established, and parishioners asked to social distance while moving into the building.
- ✓ An authorised representative must be designated to direct parishioners to their seats. This will ensure that social distancing is complied with and only the allocated seating is used.
- ✓ The parish must develop a plan to move parishioners safely into their allocated seating. This plan must include details of what order seats will be filled to avoid pushing past occupied seating.

Exiting

- ✓ At the conclusion of the service the Incumbent, Churchwarden or Authorised Representative must direct parishioners on how to safely leave the building.
- ✓ The whole congregation should not leave the building at the same time, small groups should be asked to leave with the groups closest to the exit point leaving first.
- ✓ The church site will be closed 15 minutes after the service. A reminder must be provided to leave the site directly after the service. This should be monitored by the Churchwarden or Authorised Representative.

Families@Five



Where the lost things are.
5pm Saturday 5th September

Bring own drinks, food, cutlery and picnic blanket.

We were excited to welcome back our families to church earlier this month. Please share this with any families and friends that might be interested in an informal communion service with prayers and craft and keep our Cathedral families in your prayers.

CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY LUNCHESES: 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 this Sunday August 30.***

DONATIONS FOR COMMUNITY LUNCH: Thank you to everyone who generously supports our Community Lunch programme. If you would like to assist in donating some frozen food items on a monthly basis, please contact Andrew Traill 0427 784 966 to be placed on the roster. Donations can be placed in the freezer in the Meeting Room when the Cathedral is open for worship. Alternatively, donated items can be picked up from a donor's residence at a mutually arranged time.

Message from the Samaritans: WINTER APPEAL 2020
In this unusual time there is a greater need for your support



\$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 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 or survivorsupport@newcastleanglican.org.au

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

Mission News - September 2 commemorates:

The Martyrs of New Guinea in the Anglican Church
and we continue to support ABM's Martyrs Appeal



Almighty God, for seventy-eight years the Church has been encouraged by the Martyrs of New Guinea who followed your Son in laying down their lives for the sake of your kingdom. Inspired by their story, like them, may we leave all other cares aside to make it known that you rule with love over the whole world. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. Amen.

Papua New Guinea - Newton Theological College - *Embodying the legacy of the Martyrs*

Father Prout Pari serves as Parish Priest at busy All Souls' in the Papua New Guinean city of Lae, a post he has held only since January this year.

A graduate of Newton Theological College, Father Prout describes his four years training for the priesthood at Newton College as 'challenging'. It encompassed the three streams of prayer, study and work. In terms of work, 'we were taught to take [the] lead in action and conduct, from domestic duties in our homes, to evangelism and pastoral work, and social duties in our community'.

His most difficult experience at college was 'seeing how the wives and children of student priests endure the challenges of self-reliant lifestyle in a new setting'. In spite of this, Father Prout is full of praise for the college, and likes the fact that 'women study...alongside their husbands.'

In fact, the wives' involvement in Newton College's programs of self-reliance prepares them for their lives ahead as providers of material support for their husbands, as teachers and also as role models for other women in their parishes. Father Prout is one of many serving in the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea today who embody the great legacy of the Martyrs.

Your generous donation to ABM's Martyrs Appeal this year will strengthen the work of Newton Theological College and the Church's Adult Literacy program, contributing to realising the vision of the New Guinea Martyrs for modern Papua New Guinea. Together we can reach our goal of \$75,000 in 2020.



ABM has thanked us for \$5000 given for this Appeal so far this year. The Newcastle ABM Committee is looking for people to join the work of this committee. As Parish Secretary I attend (by Zoom now) meetings to keep up to date with the work of ABM. If anyone is interested in joining this committee, please contact Dean Katherine or the Rev'd Angela. It is time for some new people to carry on the work that the Martyrs died for.

The Treasurer also was delighted to report that about \$7000 had also been given for the Drought and Fire Appeal earlier this year.

Some Practicalities about attending worship:

Information on how to attend worship is found below. Pre-registration is encouraged or register on arrival. We are required to keep a register of those attending. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Please contact Dean Katherine 0407 201 693 if you have any questions or concerns.

Those attending worship are strongly encouraged to wear a face mask.

In the Cathedral, the maximum size of a congregation at this time is capped at 100, which also includes adherence to the rule of four-square metres of space for every person present. At St Peter's Hamilton, the maximum congregational size is 50.

Worship Times:

At the Cathedral:

Sunday – 8.00am and 11.00am.

To attend please contact the Parish Office

(02) 4929 2052 or email cathedral@newcastlecathedral.org.au

(Monday – Friday) or contact Dean Katherine 0407 201 693.



Monday – Friday: Morning Prayer at 8.00am and Mass at 8.30am

in the St Christopher Chapel. Please enter through the transept door and register on arrival.

At St Peter's Hamilton:

Tuesday and Thursday at 11.00am.

To register please call Jenny on 0499 983 336 by 6.00pm on the day before the service/s you wish to attend.

For more information about our safe return-to-church practices please visit: <https://www.newcastleanglican.org.au/corona-virus-response/covid19-safe-return-to-church/>



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