



# 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 25 August 2024*

**PENTECOST XIV**

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHOSE STRENGTH IS IN YOU,  
WHOSE HEARTS ARE SET ON PILGRIMAGE.

PSALM 34:5 NIVUK

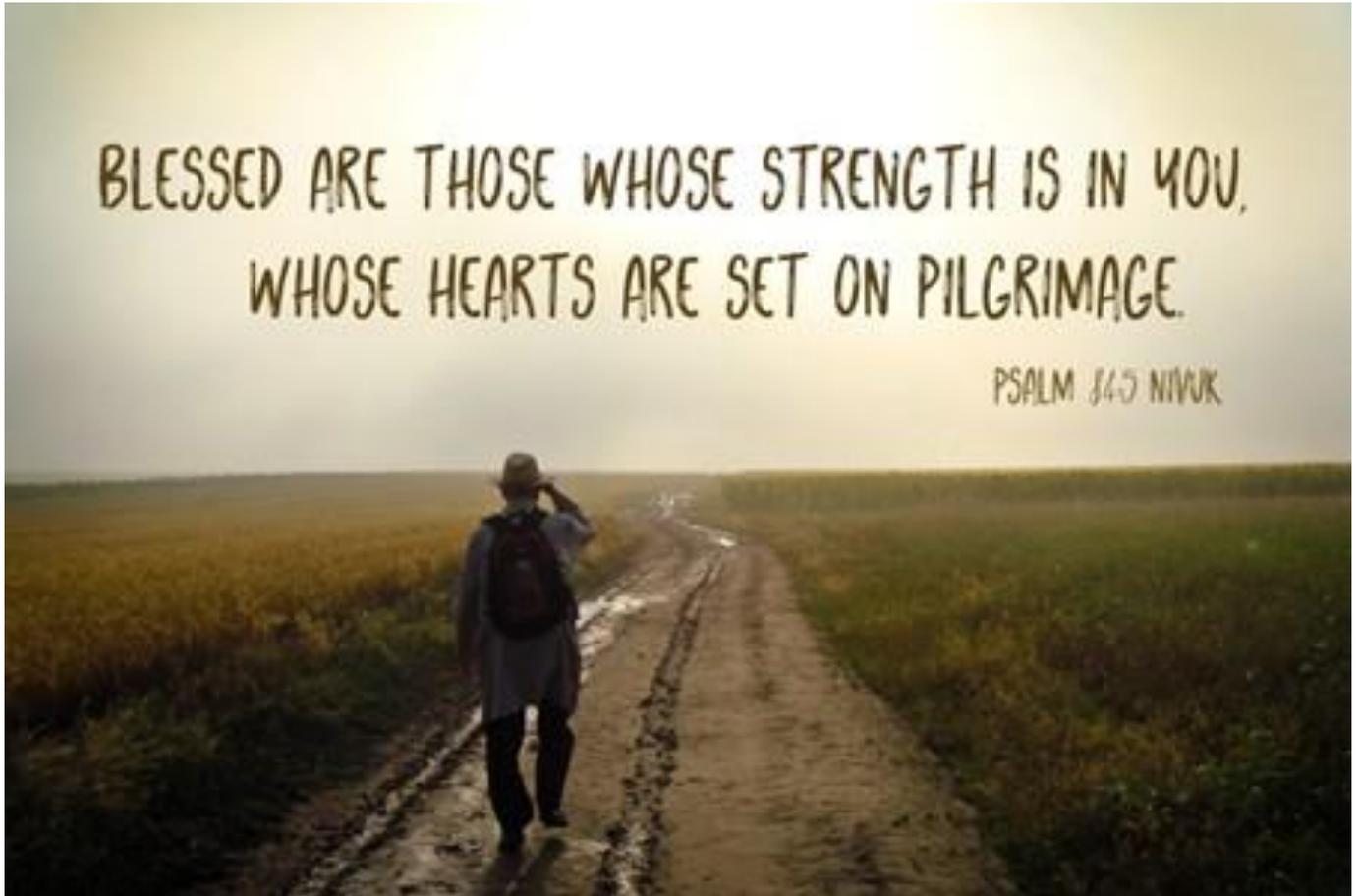


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## **Today's Services**

**8.00am: Eucharist**

**Presider:** The Reverend Gary Atherton

**Preacher:** The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer

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## Dear Parish Family

The last time I wrote a pastoral letter, I opened with the following phrase: “It seems like it has been weeks since I wrote a pastoral letter, and it has been!” On that occasion it was because COVID had enveloped our household, this time it’s because I have been attending the Annual Anglican Cathedral Deans Network Meeting; the annual Diocesan Leaders Conference, and in between, some annual leave.

**The Deans Conference** was hosted by the Dean of Christ Church Cathedral Darwin this year. Darwin was hot (expectedly) and humid (unexpectedly). Of the 23 Deans who could attend, this year 18 were able to gather in Darwin. It is a time of prayer, and profound sharing. No matter the size of our cathedral buildings, or the location, there is commonality amongst our ministries.

On the Friday morning of the Conference, we visited Nungalinga College (<https://www.nungalinga.edu.au/>). Nungalinga is “the premier Combined Churches Training College for Indigenous Australians. The College is formally supported by the Anglican, Uniting and Catholic churches of the Northern Territory and is situated in Casuarina, a northern suburb of Darwin.” We heard from students from across the Territory, and we had a session with one of the translators from AuSIL (Australian Society for Indigenous Languages <https://ausil.org.au/>). As well as working on translations into language, AuSIL translators are working on a Plain English Version, using a limited vocabulary of around 600 words, and First Nations Speech patterns. This is in response to a need for literacy and accessible resources in what is often a third or fourth language.



At Diocesan Leaders Conference this year, we had excellent speakers: The Reverend Christy Capper, and Margaret Mowczko. Margaret Mowczko is an amazing Biblical Scholar, who lead our Bible Studies each day, focussing on texts which are used to support ‘headship’ and on texts which limit, restrict, or deny the ministry of women. You can read her work here: <https://margmowczko.com/margs-articles/>  
It was lovely to be home in time for the finale of the Newcastle Music Festival in a packed Cathedral. Thank you to our friends at the Newcastle Music Festival for ensuring this festival, at a time when music festivals are endangered.

Enormous thanks also to Sharon Dyett, Fr Gary, David Banney, and Emma Pate, and our wonderful volunteers who ensured all ran smoothly whilst I was away.

Bishop Peter Stuart met with the recently elected Cathedral Council on Wednesday night. Part of what he spoke about was our vision for the parish. 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 work of Makarrata – Reconciliation. 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. If you have concerns or would like to discuss this further, please contact me.

### **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!

**CONCERTS:** Look for news coming up about the Sundays in September Series at the Cathedral!

**ANGLICARE:** Newcastle is hosting the National Anglicare Conference this year, and it begins with Evensong at 6.00pm on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September. Please come and welcome delegates from around Australia and stay for supper afterwards.

**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:** We are having significant issues with our livestream, which, now I'm back, I'm working to resolve. My deepest apologies! 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 by Miranda Threlfall-Holmes. Miranda is an Archdeacon in Liverpool UK, and a well respected author and poet. Miranda has been addressing the Queensland Anglican Provincial Conference this week, and shared this poem with them. It has been filling my social media feed ever since. It is a beautiful poem, and resonates with my experience as priest and parent. I am a passionate supporter and advocate for the engagement of children in worship – we learn from them as much as we think we are teaching them. The photo is from Christmas in the cathedral a few years ago, when a faithful toddler wanted to be closer to the mysteries of faith.

## **Ave Verum Corpus**

There is no greater awkward joy  
Than to celebrate communion one-handed,  
Clasping a child in your other arm.  
Feeling its small, warm body  
Conform itself to your curves; feeling yourself  
Move that one side of your body  
Into the universal jig that all flesh  
Doesn't know it knows until a baby  
Is put into its arms.

One hand splayed against the soft heaviness of head and neck,  
The other outstretched in prayer,  
You make God real in flesh and blood, bread and wine,  
Tangible, fragile, consumable.

(One small corner of your mind concerned to do this with all possible  
To placate those who may feel the baby detracts  
From the seriousness of the occasion –

Another, wondering if dry-cleaning would remove  
Baby sick from the shoulder of the antique chasuble,  
Should need arise)

In that moment, you are both the baby and God.  
Feeling all God's fierce and tender protectiveness  
As these tiny, fragile things are held in your hands –  
Feeling all the infant's fierce and needy grasping  
To be held, protected, loved.  
Clasping a miniature fistful of chasuble  
Against being dropped.  
Offering a mere handful of bread,  
Against being alone.

Afterwards, I know, I will hear  
Both complaints and sentimentality.  
But this moment is neither sentimental nor profane.



If I had a spare hand, I would take off my shoes.  
For here God is speaking 'I AM' into my very body.

*Miranda Threfall-Holmes 1973-*

## **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](mailto:cathedral@newcastlecathedral.org.au) to be placed on the email or mail out list.*

# *Music this Week*

## **August 25 - Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

### **8am Eucharist**

Hymns - 125, 600(i), 520, 609  
Rosemary Ponnekanti (organ)

### **10am Choral Eucharist** *sung by the Cathedral Choir*

Communion Service in F (Sumsion)  
Anthem - Heyr himna smiður (Sigurbjörnsson)  
Psalm 84 (Parry)  
Hymns - 125, 600(i), 520, 609  
Rosemary Ponnekanti (organ)

### **6pm Evensong** *sung by the Cathedral Choir*

Canticles - Magnificat in E (Murrill),  
Nunc dimittis from Third Service (Moore)  
Anthem - Listen sweet dove (Ives)  
Preces and Responses - Byrd  
Psalm 34:15-22 (Hopkins)  
Hymns - 406, 464, 458  
Rosemary Ponnekanti (organ)

### **Music notes**

This Sunday we introduce two beautiful works at Evensong – the Magnificat by Herbert Murrill and the anthem ‘Listen, sweet dove’, by Grayston Ives. Herbert Murrill was a leading figure in English music in the first half of the twentieth century as organist, composer and administrator. He was Head of Music for the BBC from 1950 until his death in 1952 at the age of just 43. His setting of the Magnificat is rich in drama and colour. Grayston Ives, known to us through his setting of the Magnificat and Nunc dimittis, has had a stellar career as singer, church musician and composer. A past member of the Kings Singers, he will be a featured composer in this year’s Festival of Lessons and Carols from Kings College, Cambridge. His musical is always lyrical, with a great sense of word painting. The text is by George Herbert:

Listen sweet dove unto my song  
And spread thy golden wings in me;  
Hatching my tender heart so long  
Till it get wing and flie away with thee.

Such glorious gifts thou didst bestow  
That the earth did like a heaven appear,  
The starres were coming down to know  
If they might mend their wages and serve here.

The sunne which once did shine alone,  
Hung down his head and wisht for night  
When he beheld twelve sunnes for one  
Going about the world and giving light.  
Lord though we change thou art the same,  
The same sweet God of love and light;  
Restore this day for thy great name,  
Unto his ancient and miraculous right.

## **Today's flowers in the Cathedral have been donated by-**

Gwen Hamilton in loving memory of her parents **EDITH** and **JIM DICKINSON**,  
her parents-in-law **NAN** and **FRANK HAMILTON**,  
and her sister **RUTH BASSON**.

Jenny Gleadall remembering  
**JENNY GLEADALL's marriage to DAVID 50 years ago.**

IAN and ELIZABETH PFENNIGWERTH celebrating  
**60 years of marriage** in November.

ROSS and FIONA PFENNIGWERTH celebrating  
**50 years of marriage** in December.





IN THE STEPS OF BACH –  
**THE ROAD TO**  
**LÜBECK**



**ORGANIST**  
Marko Sever



**COUNTER TENOR**  
Russell Harcourt



**BASS BARITONE**  
Andrew O'Connor

Featuring the great organ works of Buxtehude, Pachelbel and Bach along with Nicolaus Bruhns' 'Der Herr hat seinen Stuhl im Himmel bereitet' and J.S. Bach's Cantata 'Vergnügte Ruh, beliebte Seelenlust' BWV 170

**DATES**

Friday 20th September, 7.30pm  
St James Church, King Street, Sydney

Sunday 22nd September, 2.30pm  
Christ Church Cathedral, Newcastle

**BOOK NOW**

[www.bachakademieaustralia.com.au](http://www.bachakademieaustralia.com.au)  
1300 785 377

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AUSTRALIA

**The Christian Health Professionals Network** would like to invite all healthcare workers and support staff (admin/ pastors) to their annual prayer meeting at:

**Hope UC**

**80 Felton St, Gateshead on Saturday 7th September, 8-10am** followed by morning tea, with donations raised to go to **Meals of Hope**.

For details or register at [www.chpn.com.au](http://www.chpn.com.au).

Please register at:



### **Christian Health Professionals Network Directory**

The [Christian Health Professionals Network website directory](#) is now up and running. As far as we know, this is a first-in-the-world initiative! Pastoral carers and Christian health professionals in Australia are invited to join. This secure directory facilitates Christian professionals being able to find each other as they care for congregation members, patients and clients. Churches may also list resources/services available that may be helpful for healthcare workers in recommending assistance for those in the community. The directory is closed to the public but available for Christian pastoral carers to access.

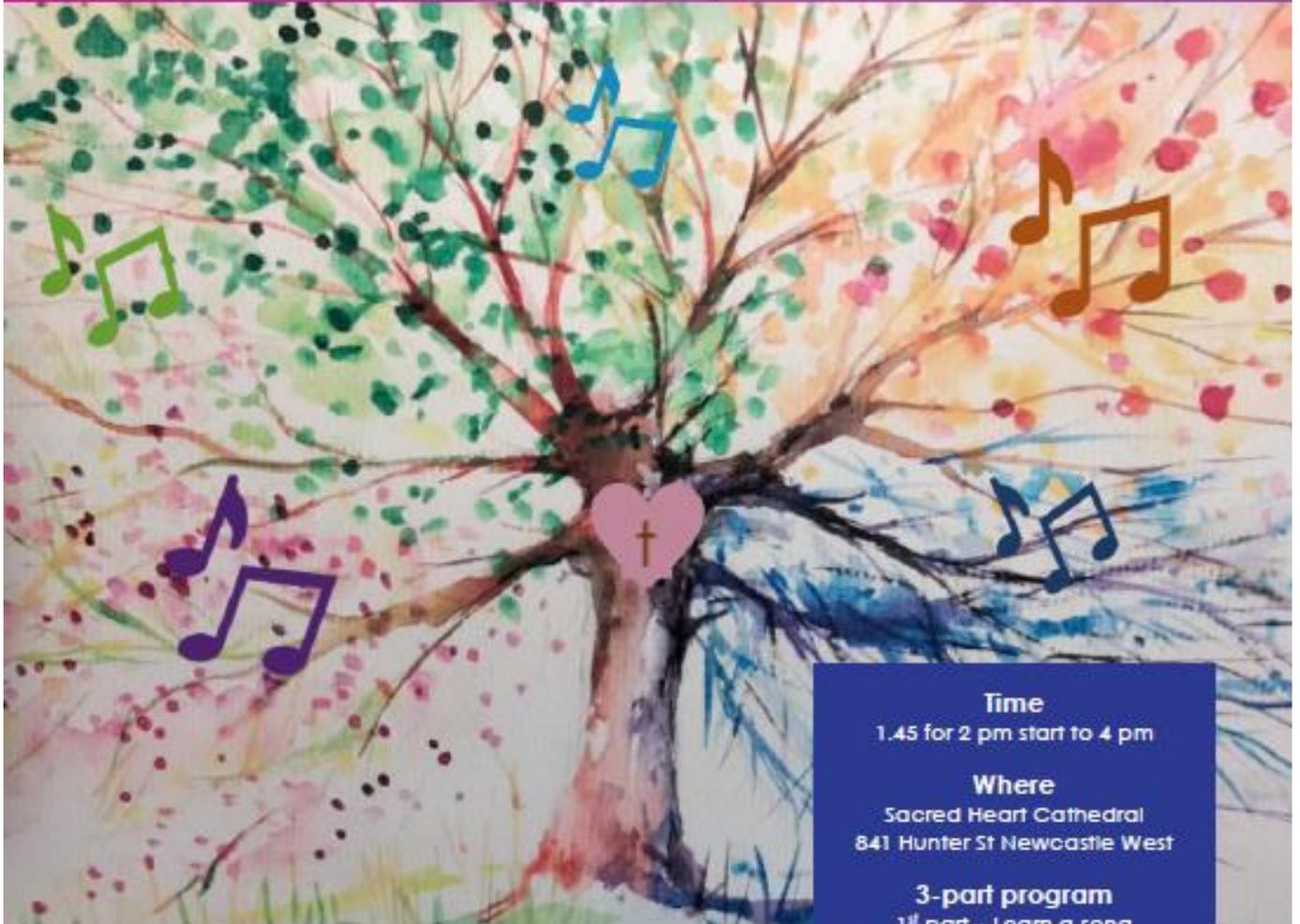
In Christ,

*Nicola*

On behalf of the Christian Health Professionals Network

# Creation Sings

SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2024



The Diocesan Liturgy Council will be hosting Creation Sings.

The afternoon will be an opportunity to come together for the whole of the Newcastle, Hunter and Manning community to sing in support of creation.

Let us then come together and sing for creation and stir in our hearts, through song and one voice, a reconnection and love of the gift that has been given to us from God.

## Time

1.45 for 2 pm start to 4 pm

## Where

Sacred Heart Cathedral  
841 Hunter St Newcastle West

## 3-part program

1<sup>st</sup> part – Learn a song  
2<sup>nd</sup> part – Time of prayer  
3<sup>rd</sup> part – Afternoon tea

## Bring

A plant cutting for someone to propagate in their garden

## RSVP

by 6 September via  
[forms.office.com/r/xKCr907ew6](https://forms.office.com/r/xKCr907ew6)



An Invitation to join in Two Zoom Sessions on the  
**The Gift of the Stigmata of St Francis of Assisi**



(Painting by Giotto di Bondone)

**17 September 2024**

7:00 pm Australian Eastern Time Zone

**week 1: Contemporary understanding and accounts of the stigmata**

Zoom – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85157219019>- Meeting ID: 851 5721 9019

**24 September 2024**

7:00 pm Australian Eastern Time Zone

**week 2: What significance the stigmata might have for us today**

Zoom – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83840839185> Meeting ID: 838 4083 9185



Dr Matthew Beckmann OFM

Matthew Beckmann is a Franciscan friar who teaches in the areas of Systematic Theology and Church History at Yarra Theological Union, Melbourne. His interests lie in the interplay of those two disciplines, how historical events shape theology and how theology, in turn, drive history. He is a medievalist by training but also works with the theological ideas about salvation and redemption, the theology and history of the Franciscan Order and how theological ideas are disseminated and diffused.

These sessions will be recorded if you would like a link for the recording,  
please email: [franciscanfederationaustralia@outlook.com](mailto:franciscanfederationaustralia@outlook.com)

## **Cathedral things to remember...**

**The nights are now so cold, imagine not having a warm pair of socks! Please donate new socks for the homeless. Find the tub at the back of the Cathedral. Many thanks.**



**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, (non-shiny) in the container at the back of the Cathedral. Thank you.**

**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 September 8 and 29 and October 6, 13, 20 and 27.*

## CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY LUNCHESES

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 this Sunday 25 August 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.

## SUPPORTING THE MINISTRY OF THE PARISH



Thank you for your ongoing faithful financial support of the parish. Your regular offering enables and supports our ministries, as well as the essential work of maintenance. New packs of offertory envelopes are available at St Peter's and the Cathedral for those who would like to use them. Electronic offering (details in the pewslip) ensures that your support continues, even if you are away. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like more information, 49292052.

**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.



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music®**

**Please contact Siobhan for details on 0434 257 635**

## **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 26 August	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	Fr Gary Atherton
Tuesday 27 August	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	Fr Gary Atherton
Wednesday 28 August	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Bishop
Thursday 29 August	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Dean
Friday 30 August	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Dean

## **SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 1 September 2024 AT THE CATHEDRAL**

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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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Monday 26 August	6.00am	The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer
Tuesday 27 August <i>Monica</i>	6.00am	The Reverend Canon Garry Dodd
Wednesday 28 August <i>Augustine of Hippo</i>	6.00am	The Venerable Canon Arthur Copeman
Thursday 29 August <i>Beheading John the Baptist</i>	6.00am	The Reverend Angela Peverell
Friday 30 August	6.00am	The Reverend Nicole Baldwin
Saturday 31 August <i>Aidan of Lindisfarne, John Bunyan</i>	6.00am	The Reverend Amanda Brockwell

**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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## WARDENS

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