



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 1 December 2024

The First Sunday of Advent



JesseTree, Hollymount Church, Malvern. Sculpture by Christopher Lisney.

Photo Credit: Bob Embleton.

Today's Services

8.00am Eucharist

Presider: Archdeacon Rod Bower

Preacher: Archdeacon Rod Bower

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Presider: Archdeacon Rod Bower

Preacher: Archdeacon Rod Bower

7.00pm: Advent Carols

Officiant: Dean Emeritus Stephen Williams

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/christchurchcathedralnewcastle/>

Dear Parish Family

What a MAGNIFICENT celebration we had last weekend, of our Feast of Title, Christ the King, and Forty Years of the Community Lunch Outreach Programme. Glorious music, stunning worship, and a sumptuous morning tea! My profound thanks to everyone who was involved and who contributed in any way, especially Suzanne Evans who coordinated the involvement of so many supporters and volunteers.

It was also a great joy to celebrate our outstanding St Nicholas Choristers, and to recognise their achievements.

This Sunday we begin the season of Advent: Four Sundays of Hope, Joy, Peace, and Love. I am thankful to Archdeacon Rod Bower who will be our Sunday morning preacher throughout Advent. The beautiful service of Advent Carols is on Sunday at 7.00pm. This will take the place of Evensong for this Sunday only.

PERSONAL NEWS: As I wrote last week, I will remain on Carer's Leave to best support my parents as they move through, what the Reverend Dr Julia Perry wondrously calls, the 'medi-go-round'. I am tentatively planning to return to work mid-December, though it may be longer. Thank you for your prayers and love and support.

There are many in our parish community at this time who are in need of our prayers. Please support and pray for one another.

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!

WASHING AND IRONING CHURCH LINEN: THANK YOU! to the plethora of volunteers who have offered to assist with the church linen. You are marvellous!

WEEKDAY EUCHARISTS THIS WEEK: *There will only be ONE weekday Eucharist this week at the Cathedral, on Wednesday at 8.30am. There are also mid-morning Eucharists at St Peter's Hamilton on Tuesday and Thursday at 11am.*

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: 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 Yehuda Amichai, Israeli poet and author. I found this poem redolent with meaning, even more so when I looked up the meaning of '“Had Gadya” machine' at the end of the first stanza.

The “Had Gadya machine” or “Chad Gadya machine” is a metaphor for the Arab-Israeli conflict. “Had GAdya” or “Chad Gadya” is also the name of ritual song, sung at the end of the Seder, a children’s song that is about a goat that is eaten by a cat, and the vengeful actions that follow. The song is similar to, but not the same as ‘There was an old woman who swallowed a fly’.

Yehuda Amichai’s poem captures that heart wrenching moment of lost-ness before being found. The parallels with Abraham and Isaac and the ram are intended to be found: “Searching for a goat or for a child has always been/ The beginning of a new religion in these mountains.” So too I see the universal responses of the finders of the three great lost things (the lost sheep, the lost coin, the lost/prodigal son Luke 15) in these words: “And our voices came back inside us/ Laughing and crying.”

I hope you find this poem as rich for reflection as I have.

An Arab Shepherd is Searching for His Goat on Mount Zion

An Arab shepherd is searching for his goat on Mount Zion

And on the opposite hill I am searching for my little boy.

An Arab shepherd and a Jewish father

Both in their temporary failure.

Our two voices met above

The Sultan’s Pool in the valley between us.

Neither of us wants the boy or the goat

To get caught in the wheels

Of the “Had Gadya” machine.

Afterward we found them among the bushes,

And our voices came back inside us

Laughing and crying.

Searching for a goat or for a child has always been

The beginning of a new religion in these mountains.

Yehuda Amichai 1924-2000, translated by Chana Bloch and Stephen Mitchell, from The Selected Poetry of Yehuda Amichai (University of California Press, 1996)

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.

The flowers in the Cathedral this week are

in loving memory of **KEITH GRANTER**,
loving husband of Pam Granter
and devoted father of
Kingsley and Leighton.



Advent Carol Service

Sunday 1 December 7.00pm

**with
the Choir of
Christ Church Cathedral**

**Christ Church Cathedral
Church St
NEWCASTLE**

www.newcastlecathedral.org.au (02) 49292052



Music this Week

First Sunday in Advent

8am Eucharist

Hymns - 265, 272, 271, 283

David Drury (organ)

10am Choral Eucharist *sung by the Cathedral Choir*

Mass for the time of Advent (Plainsong)

Anthem - E'en so Lord Jesus (Manz)

Psalm 25:1-10 (Plainsong)

Hymns - 265, 272, 271, 283

David Drury (organ)

7pm Festival of Lessons and Carols for Advent

sung by the Cathedral Choir

A beautiful service of music, lessons and reflection for Advent.

Includes Adam lay ybounden (Ord), E'en so Lord Jesus (Manz)

There is no rose (Koppin), Never weather beaten sail (Wood)

David Drury (organ)

Music notes

This weekend marks the beginning of Advent - the season of preparation and waiting for Christmas. Though not as sombre as Lent, Advent is a time for reflection, and this is mirrored in our music - not only in the choice of music and texts, but also in our instrumentation. In particular, we hear less from the rich, comforting colours of the organ, looking forward to its return when we celebrate Christmas in just a few weeks. Our choral music includes music from the Middle Ages to the present day, from Gregorian Chant to newly composed Psalm settings by members of our choir.

From next week, one feature of our liturgies will be music after the sermon, reflecting the theme of the day.

Families@Five

Christmas
is Coming

December

07

5 pm

Christ Church Cathedral Newcastle



Dear friends in Christ,

An Advent Letter from the Bishop of Newcastle

Wait for the Lord – be strong, take heart.

One of the most significant spiritual moments in my life occurred over 3 decades ago. I was travelling with a group of Australians on pilgrimage to the Taizé Community in France. We were there for a week. Each day there was an opportunity for biblical reflection, manual tasks, building community, worship and prayer.

The spiritual life was centred on the chapel where we gathered with the Taizé brothers. In the stark light of day, the Chapel reflected French modern architecture but with candlelight and icons it became a space inviting deep reflection. Prayer in the Taizé community is structured so that people are moved to intentionally wait on the Lord.

I can't confirm if we used the Taizé chant "Wait for the Lord – be strong, take heart" on the days I was there. However, it speaks to my Taizé experience. Like many of their chants, it evokes a profound memory of being still with the anticipation of encountering God.

Waiting on the Lord is a practice of Christian mindfulness that helps address anxiety.

It is easy for us to be anxious. If I think about the changes in the USA, I worry what will happen to global democracy. I am overwhelmed when I think of the Middle East, my heart aches for the victims of war. I am conscious that the fault lines in the Anglican

Communion remain as troubling as ever. I could keep adding complex problems to this list.

One of the features of these complex problems is that no human planning or scheming seems able to resolve them. We are looking for and need something else. At such times, we are encouraged to pray – to wait upon the Lord – to be open to his guidance for us and others.

Jesus spoke to people about anxious times –

He said, “Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ... 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” (Matthew 6: 31 & 33)

In his own anxious time, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. He said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. (Matthew 26: 40 – 41a)

In this season of Advent, I encourage you to build a time of reflection and waiting into your prayers. I hope that this time might be filled with eager anticipation that the Holy Spirit will speak to and guide individuals and communities.

With every blessing,

+Peter





Virtual Advent Series 2024

VIRTUAL ADVENT SERIES 2024

Once again we are delighted to present a series of virtual Advent talks by three Australian biblical scholars from *Yarra Theological Union, a College of the University of Divinity*. Each week this group of accomplished guides will work together to explore the readings for the week.

Speaking to us from their own area of expertise will be:

- Prof Mary Coloe PBVM
- Dr Mary Reaburn NDS
- Dr Chris Monaghan CP

This is a perfect opportunity to enrich your Advent journey.

Accreditation[^] is available for eligible teachers seeking professional development hours. Up to 4 hrs accreditation is available (1hr per session). Note, due to administration requirements associated with this accreditation, a nominal fee of \$22 will be charged for those seeking accreditation. Certificates will be issued post the completion of all events.

For those not seeking accreditation of professional development hours, the events remain FREE of charge.

EVENT DETAILS

WHEN: Tuesdays – 26 November and 3, 10, 17 December 2024

TIME: 7.00pm – 8.00pm (AEDT)*

WHERE: Via Zoom meeting

COST:

No Accreditation: Free

With Accreditation: \$22.00 (incl. GST) (4 sessions)^

REGISTRATION: Click on the REGISTER NOW button below. **Online registration is essential. Zoom meeting details will be forwarded upon registration.**

[For more information click here to visit our events page.](#)

^Accreditation is only available for those who attend the live events.

REGISTER NOW!

The sessions will be recorded and will be made available the Friday after the event. An email will be sent with the details on how to access the videos.

*Starting times ACT, NSW, TAS, VIC: 7.00pm (AEDT)

^ Accreditation is provided in accordance with the requirements of Catholic Education Commission Victoria. For educators outside of Victoria, you may wish to confirm with your own Catholic Education Office as to the 4 hours PD recognition. Attendees requesting accreditation must attend the live events - we are unable to provide accreditation for viewing the videos after the session.



Both men and women are created equal in God's image.

This means everyone is to be respected equally.



16 days of activism: men and women are created equally in God's image

'You may have heard it said' that a man has the right to control their partner. However, Jesus repeatedly challenged the unjust treatment of women, teaching that both men and women are created equally in God's image. An image bearer of God is to be respected.

During the #16DaysofActivism, sign up to our 16 days newsletter to read more about what Jesus taught about gender and respect.

Visit the Ten Commitments website for more information
#PreventionofViolenceAgainstWomen#TenCommitments
#AnglicanChurchofAustralia

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2024

175 YEARS
ANNIVERSARY
1850 - 2025



Help Bring Hope and
Opportunity to Children
in Sri Lanka and Australia



DONATE ONLINE
www.abmission.org/Advent2024

Christ Church Cathedral Shop Notice

Cathedral shop will be unavailable to fill parish orders for candles,
altar bread and other parish needs

From Thursday 5th December 2024

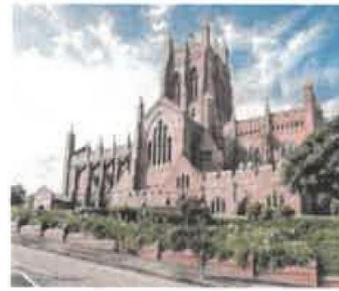
To Monday 6th January 2025

We apologise for any inconvenience and look forward to serving
your needs again in the New Year.

Every blessing for the Christmas season



**St Peter's
Hamilton
Christmas
Get Together**



Wednesday 11th December 2024

**The Sunny Side Tavern
20 Broadmeadow Rd,
Broadmeadow 2292
12.00pm for 12.30pm
Trevor - 0423-422285
By 29-11-2024**



CHRISTMAS FAIR
Sat 30 Nov 2024 – 8.00 until 12.30

- BBQ
- DEVONSHIRE TEAS
- SANTA
- CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE
- HANDMADE GOODS
- FACE PAINTING



**THORNTON
CHRISTMAS FAIR
IS ON AGAIN**

STALLS STILL AVAILABLE
ST MICHAELS GROUNDS - CRN GOVERNMENT ROAD
and TAYLOR AVE – THORNTON

OP SHOP WILL BE OPEN TOO

The Cathedral pantry (fridge) has been running pretty low of late, any food donations would be much appreciated.

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.

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.

Cathedral things to remember...



The nights are not really getting any warmer! 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.

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 Christmas Day, January 5 and 12 and February 2, 9, 16 and 23.*

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 Sunday 15 December 2024.

EUCHARISTS 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.

Please contact Siobhan for details on 0434 257 635



For more information about ARRCC please email ann@arrcc.org.au

SERVICES DURING THE WEEK IN THE CATHEDRAL

All services in the St Christopher Chapel.

Please enter through the transept doors.

Monday 2 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am – Eucharist	Fr Gary
Tuesday 3 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am – Eucharist	The Rev'd Dr Julia Perry
Wednesday 4 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Bishop
Thursday 5 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	No Eucharist
Friday 6 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	No Eucharist

ONLINE SERVICES

Online Morning Prayer Services are currently not available,
and may resume later in the year.

Please download and use the E-Pray Daily App
from the App Store on your device – it's free!

Thank you to all who have supported this online ministry since March 2020.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 8 December 2024

AT THE CATHEDRAL

Second Sunday of Advent

8.00am Eucharist

Presider: Reverend Gary Atherton

Preacher: Archdeacon Rod Bower

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Presider: Archdeacon Rod Bower

Preacher: Archdeacon Rod Bower

6.00pm: Choral Evensong

Officiant: Dean Emeritus Stephen Williams

Preaching Series: Reflections in Mary

You Tube: You Tube: <https://bit.ly/3TaQ4oZ>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/christchurchcathedralnewcastle/>

**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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You may have heard it said..

**Tackling the unhealthy attitudes that can
lead to gender-based violence**



www.tencommitments.org.au

16 days of activism 2024

Anglican Church of Australia