



# 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 15 December 2024*

## **The Third Sunday of Advent**

*REJOICE  
IN THE  
LORD  
ALWAYS;*

again I will say, Rejoice. Let  
your gentleness be known to  
everyone. The Lord is near.

Philippians 4:4-5



### **Today's Services**

#### **8.00am Eucharist**

**Presider:** Reverend Gary Atherton

**Preacher:** Archdeacon Rod Bower

#### **10.00am Sung Eucharist**

**Presider:** The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer

**Preacher:** Archdeacon Rod Bower

#### **6.00pm: Choral Evensong**

**Officiant:** Dean Emeritus Reverend Stephen Williams

**Preaching Series:** Reflections in Mary:

Canon Sally Malfroy

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

## *Dear Parish Family*

As I did last week, I begin this week with the very sad news of the death of another much loved, respected, and valued member of our Parish family, John Peschar. John, throughout his long and generous life, contributed greatly to the Newcastle and Hunter community as a whole, and especially to the Cathedral, chairing the Tower project in the 1970s, and then the Earthquake Restoration appeal. John's, and his wife Pamela's, generosity was also known a passionate and practical support for the Community Lunch, and those in need. John's Memorial Service will be at the Cathedral at 2.00pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

*Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.*

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Charlotte, one of our St Nicholas Choir Head Choristers and outstanding Community Lunch Volunteer, on receiving the Social Justice Award at the Newcastle Grammar School Speech day this week. Charlotte was presented with her award by Tim Crakanthorp MP. You can see a photo of Charlotte with her award in the pewslip.

**DID YOU HEAR** our Director of Music, Dr David Banney, talking on ABC 1233 on Thursday about Carols, and our choirs, and playing a beautiful translation of 'Away in a Manger', sung by our St Nicholas Choir in Northern Territory Creole. Listen back on the ABC website: Thursday morning around 10.40am.

**THANK YOU** to Archdeacon Rod Bower who will be our Sunday morning preacher throughout Advent, and our Dean Emeritus, Fr Stephen Williams, who is officiating at evensong throughout Advent.

**PERSONAL NEWS:** At the moment, my movements between the Cathedral and my parents is best described as 'Home and Away' 😊 I am gradually returning to more parish ministry, and will certainly be present over Christmas. I will be at the Cathedral on Sunday morning. 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!

**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 Judith Wright. The theme of Advent III, Gaudete Sunday, is 'Joy', and Judith Wright's poem about watching magpies strut, and hearing them sing, speaks of 'long joy.'

### **Magpies**

Along the road the magpies walk  
with hands in pockets, left and right.  
They tilt their heads, and stroll and talk.  
In their well-fitted black and white.

They look like certain gentlemen  
who seem most nonchalant and wise  
until their meal is served — and then  
what clashing beaks, what greedy eyes!

But not one man that I have heard  
throws back his head in such a song  
of grace and praise — no man nor bird.  
Their greed is brief; their joy is long.  
For each is born with such a throat  
as thanks his God with every note.

*Judith Wright 1915-2000*

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

# Music this Week

## **December 15 - Third Sunday in Advent: Gaudete (Joy)**

### **8am Eucharist**

Hymns - 264, 268, 269, 273

Rosemary Ponnekanti (organ)

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

Introit - Rejoice in the Lord Alway (Anonymous)

Missa L'Hora Passa (Viadana)

After the sermon - Jesu, joy of man's desiring (JS Bach)

Anthem - I come with joy (Boughen, arr. Banney)

For the Psalm - A Song of Isaiah (Ponnekanti)

Hymns - 264, 268, 269, 273

Rosemary Ponnekanti (organ)

## **2.00pm Concert - Newcastle Chamber Choir: Christmas Concert**

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

Introit - Sicut locutus est from Magnificat (Bach)

Canticles - Willan

Anthem - Wachet auf (JS Bach)

Preces and Responses - Leighton

Jones

Psalm 18:18-26 (Day)

Hymns - 288, 266, NEH 7

Rosemary Ponnekanti (organ)

## **Music notes**

Two things struck me on the first day of December this year. First, the temperature climbed dramatically – summer really did start on December 1! The second was a proliferation of people dressed in Christmas clothes. There were Santas everywhere and no end of reindeer hats, even as the mercury headed northwards of 35 degrees. ‘But it’s not Christmas yet’ came the cry from liturgically-minded friends. ‘It is Advent!’

And what is Advent, exactly? Advent is a time of waiting and preparation. On one hand we rehearse the expectant longing of the nation of Israel. But unlike the people of the Old Testament, who waited for something beyond their imagining, we are people of the Resurrection, waiting with certainty for the promises of the New Testament.

This is reflected in the great hymn of the season, 'O come, O come, Emmanuel'. The verses are a cry to God to come, bringing healing to a broken world. But the chorus is a call to people to be confident in God's promises:

*'Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.'*

Advent has its own rhythm, bringing us ever closer to the celebration of Christmas. Last week we celebrated the role of John the Baptist and next week we focus on Mary. This week we rejoice, and the word *Gaudete*, given to this Sunday, is the Latin word 'to rejoice'. This is symbolised with the rose candle at the beginning of the Eucharist, and our music reflects this.

At Evensong our final hymn catches the mood:

*Hills of the North, rejoice,  
River and mountain spring,  
Hark to the advent voice;  
Valley and lowland, sing,  
Though absent long, your Lord is nigh;  
He judgment brings and victory.*

Set to a rousing tune that can only be sung at one volume, the text calls people from every corner of the earth - north, south, east and west – to rejoice in the sure knowledge of the Resurrection:

*City of God, the bond are free,  
We come to live and reign in thee!*

In our Eucharist our music rejoices at every turn. We begin with a musical smile: a brilliant sixteenth century setting of the text 'Rejoice in the Lord alway' (this is not a typo – the old translation has 'alway' rather than 'always', even if Microsoft's spell checker tries to tell me otherwise!). The anthem, 'I come with joy', is a work of two Australians. We continue our new Advent practice of music after the sermon with a work so famous that its original purpose has been forgotten. Bach's 'Jesu, joy of man's desiring' is part of a larger work, a cantata composed for the season of Advent. The text expresses our joy in the person of Jesus, but takes us much further, offering a vision of Jesus, risen and ascended, in the throne of heaven, waiting for us to join him. This is what Advent is all about!

*Jesu, joy of man's desiring,  
Holy wisdom, love most bright;  
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring  
Soar to uncreated light.*

*Word of God, our flesh that fashioned,  
With the fire of life impassioned,  
Striving still to truth unknown,  
Soaring, dying round Thy throne.*

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***The flowers in the Cathedral have been donated by***

Jenny Gleadall in loving memory of **DAVID GLEADALL**

&

Pam Granter in loving memory of  
**JOHN MOONEY**, loving and devoted father of Pam Granter  
and grandfather of Kingsley and Leighton.

# *Christmas at the Cathedral*

## **CHRISTMAS EVE**

5.00PM FAMILY SERVICE

7.30PM NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

10.30PM ORCHESTRAL 'MIDNIGHT MASS'

PRECEDED AT 10.00PM BY 'CHRISTMAS CONCERTOS.'

## **CHRISTMAS DAY**

7.00AM HOLY EUCHARIST

9.00AM ORCHESTRAL MASS

[WWW.NEWCASTLECATHEDRAL.ORG.AU](http://WWW.NEWCASTLECATHEDRAL.ORG.AU)

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# *Christmas Day at St Peter's Hamilton*

9.00AM  
HOLY EUCHARIST

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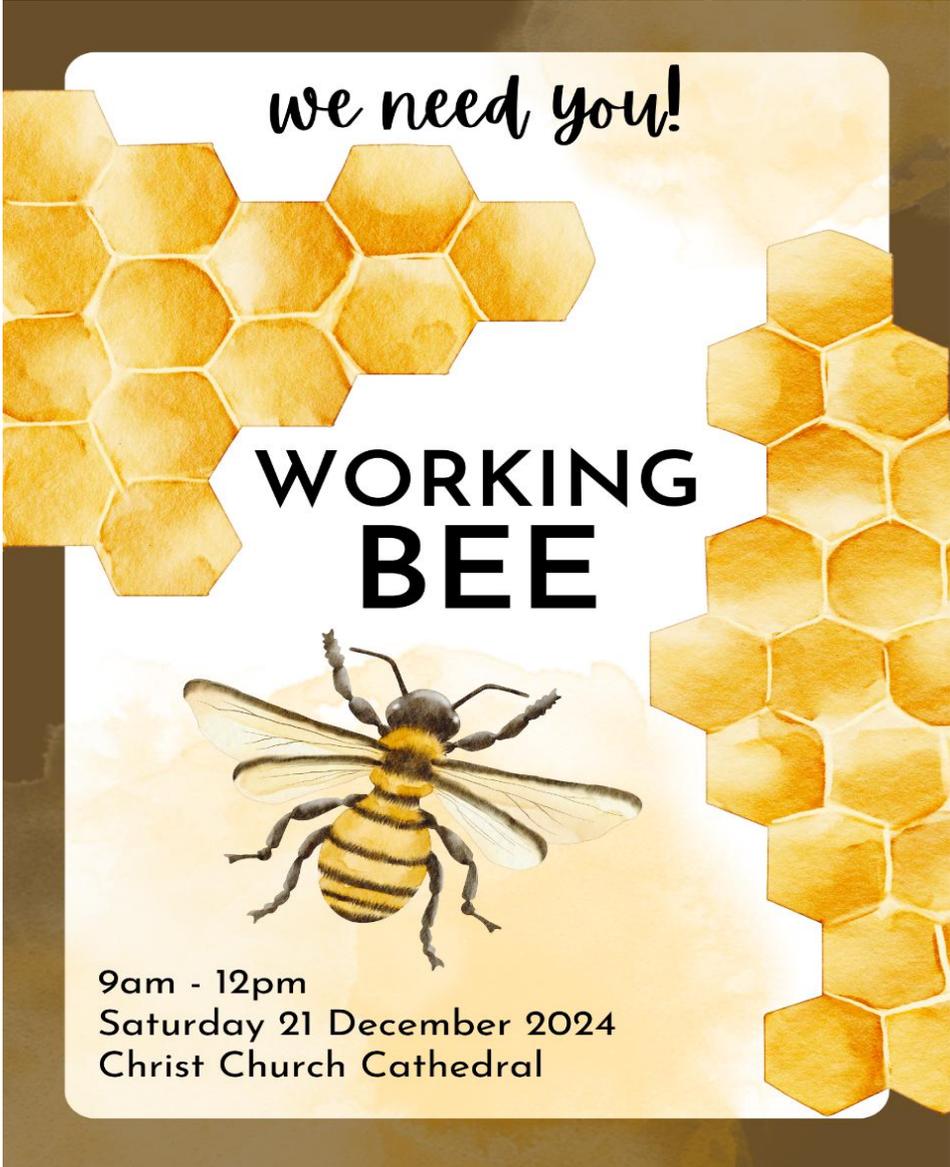
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# ONE SERVICE SUNDAY

29 DECEMBER 2024  
9.00AM

*we need you!*



## WORKING BEE



9am - 12pm  
Saturday 21 December 2024  
Christ Church Cathedral



# OFFICE CLOSED

**FROM 23RD DECEMBER 2024 TO  
14TH JANUARY 2025**

The Cathedral Office will be closed  
from Monday 23rd December 2024  
to Tuesday 14th January 2025.

Emails and Telephone messages will be checked throughout this time.

For urgent matters, please contact  
Dean Katherine Bowyer 0407 201 693

## What's on at Hamilton

- 24 December Tuesday – No Service
- 25 December Christmas Day – 9am Service - Fr Gary
- 26 December - Thursday – No Service
- 31 December – Tuesday – No Service
- 2 January – Thursday - 11am Service
- 7 January – Tuesday – 11am Service





# HYMN

## WRITING COMPETITION

### THEME

Hymn of Hope

### Hope Hymn Project

St Michael's Anglican Church, Mitcham invites submissions of original hymn texts on the theme of Hope for inclusion in the Hymn Fest of Hope to be held on February 16th, and used in other parishes throughout Hope25. The Hymn Fest at St Michael's is part of St Barnabas College's Festival of Hope in Theology and the Arts.



DEADLINE

20<sup>th</sup>  
Jan

2025

FESTIVAL of HOPE

in Theology and the Arts

10 -16 Feb 2025



St Barnabas  
COLLEGE



Anglican Diocese  
of Adelaide **HOPE25**  
HOPE IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD

**Selected Hymn(s) will be announced 31 Jan 2025**

**Scan the QR code for submission guidelines,  
or email: [office@mitchamanglican.org.au](mailto:office@mitchamanglican.org.au)**



# Family Service



Christ  
Church  
Cathedral  
Newcastle



5pm - 6pm 24 Dec 2024  
Everyone is welcome!

52 Church Street,  
Newcastle NSW 2300

For more information  
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[www.newcastlecathedral.org.au](http://www.newcastlecathedral.org.au)

NEWCASTLE CHAMBER  
CHOIR

*presents...*

# A CHRISTMAS CONCERT

at CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY DECEMBER 15<sup>th</sup> • 3PM

BENJAMIN LAMBERT | CONDUCTOR  
GREG SMITH | ORGANIST

TICKETS \$40 | CONCESSION \$30  
[TICKETEBO.COM.AU/NCCCHRISTMAS](http://TICKETEBO.COM.AU/NCCCHRISTMAS)



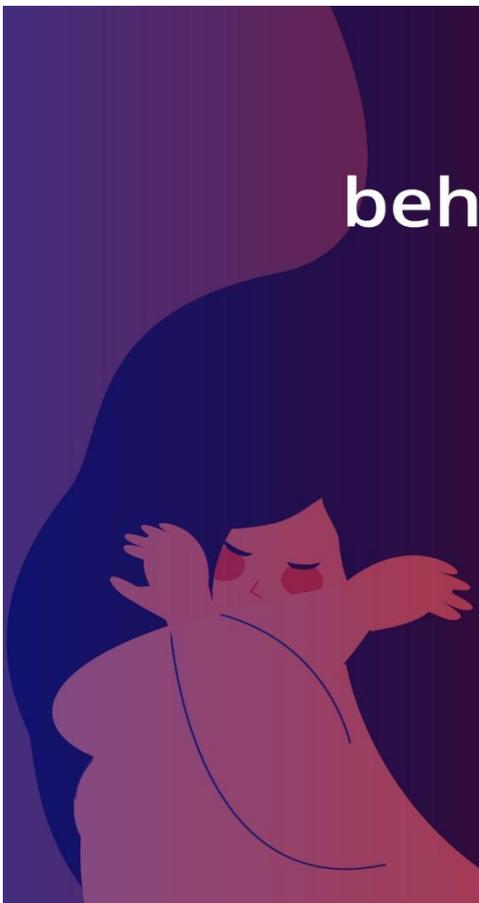
Casting down the mighty  
from their thrones,  
and lifting up the lowly.



The radical vulnerability  
of Mary:  
Advent Sermon Series at  
Evensong.

Call out bad  
behaviour when  
you see it  
happening.

Be willing to speak up to  
nip it in the bud.



***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](mailto: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 16 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am – Eucharist	Fr Gary
Tuesday 17 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am – Eucharist	The Rev'd Dr Julia Perry
Wednesday 18 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Bishop
Thursday 19 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	No Eucharist
Friday 20 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 22 December 2024 AT THE CATHEDRAL Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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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  
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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

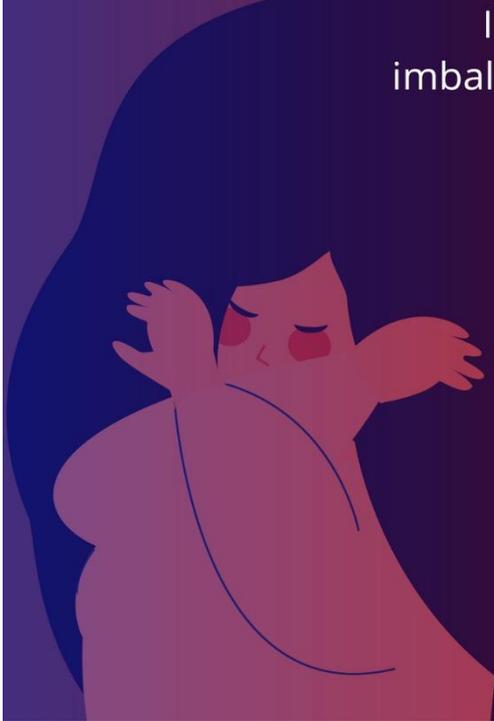
**Dean's:** Peter Smith  
**People's:** Ann Taylor, Ascha Saraswat and Mack Saraswat



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# Gender inequality still exists.

Inequality creates a power imbalance that may be and has been abused.



## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2024

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