



Christ Church Cathedral

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and St Peter's Hamilton

148 Denison Street, Hamilton



Welcome to worship today, especially all who are visiting

Weekly News Sunday 22 December 2024

The Fourth Sunday of Advent



Mary: Love Forever Being Born. Iconographer Kelly Latimore

Today's Services

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

The Reverend Stephen Williams

Preaching Series: Reflections in Mary:

Canon Andrew Eaton

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Dear Parish Family

The Parish Office has been a hive of activity this week, and enormous thanks to Sharon Dyett and Peter Smith and members of the Bowyer family, who have spoken sweet words of encouragement to our hardworking photocopier.

Another extremely hardworking group of people are our choirs, and David Banney, our Director of Music. Our choirs have been preparing for Christmas, whilst also providing magnificent music throughout Advent. Please show your support and thanks to them, and share the service times widely.

OFFICE CLOSURE: The Cathedral Office will be closed from Monday 23rd December 2024, until Tuesday 14th January 2025. Emails and messages will be checked during this time. If you require a priest urgently, please call myself or Fr Gary.

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.

THANK YOU to Suzanne Evans and Nicolette Thomas who have decorated the Cathedral for Christmas. Each year is more glorious than the last!

WORKING BEE: Join us on Saturday morning from 9.00am, to make the Cathedral sparkle for Christmas. Please bring your own gloves, dusters, brooms, etc. We are especially looking for some people who would like to do some weeding of the pavers, and sweeping in the Memorial Garden.

WELCOMERS AND OFFERTORY COLLECTORS: No welcome is the worst welcome of all. *We urgently need volunteers* for all the Christmas services to welcome, and to take up collections. There is a sign up sheet at the rear of the Cathedral with service times: please indicate when you are able to assist, or email me or the office with your availability.

PERSONAL NEWS: Thank you for your love and prayers and support. God willing, I will be at the Cathedral this weekend, and over Christmas.

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: No one wants COVID for Christmas. 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, as there won't be a pewslip for a few weeks, please forgive my indulgence with a number of Christmas poems. Keen readers of my selections will recognise that I have chosen poems by some of my favourite poets (yes, I know, they are **all** my favourites, but some are more favourite than others 😊). The first is by R S Thomas, who beautiful reflection is shattered by reality at the conclusion. The second by Madeleine L'Engle, reminds us that the travails of this time have been ever present, and that Christ is born in the midst. And finally, Rowan Williams, captures joy and grief and pain and love in the messiness that is the Incarnation.

I pray a Happy and Holy Christmas for you.

Nativity

The moon is born
and a child is born,
lying among white clothes
as the moon among clouds.
They both shine, but
the light from the one
is abroad in the universe
as among broken glass.

R S Thomas 1913 -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 to be placed on the email or mail out list.

Music this Week

8am Eucharist

Hymns - 290, 302, 411, NEH 7
Gerard Nicholls (organ)

10am Choral Eucharist sung by the Cathedral Choir

Introit - There is no rose (Koppin)
Missa Brevis (Palestrina)
After the sermon - Rorate (Traditional Scottish fiddle song)
Anthem - Bogoroditsye dyevo (Rachmaninoff)
For the Psalm - Magnificat (Gibbons)
Hymns - 290, 302, 411, NEH 7
Gerard Nicholls (organ)

6pm Evensong sung by the Cathedral Choir

Canticles - Gibbons
Introit - E'en so Lord Jesus (Manz)
Anthem - O magnum mysterium (Gjeilo)
Preces and Responses -
Banney
Psalm 18:27-38 (Stanford)
Hymns - 272, 275, 265
Gerard Nicholls (organ)

Music notes

As we reach the end of Advent our morning music is drawn from the rich repertoire celebrating Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Our Introit is a beautiful setting of ancient text: *There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bore Jesu*. In place of a Psalm our lectionary sets Mary's song, the Magnificat, and we sing the much-loved setting by Orlando Gibbons. Our Gospel Hymn, 'The Angel Gabriel', uses a traditional Spanish melody, and our anthem, Rachmaninoff's 'Bogoroditsye dyevo', is undoubtedly one of the most glorious of all musical tributes to Mary, setting a text from the Orthodox liturgy for Christmas Eve:

*Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos,
Mary full of grace, the Lord is with Thee.
Blessed art Thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of Thy womb,
for Thou hast borne the Savior of our souls.*

We finish our series of Music after the Sermon with an instrumental work – the haunting Scottish fiddle tune ‘Rorate coeli’. The Golden Age of the Scottish fiddle was a time when instrumental music was banned by the Scottish church, and Rorate is the only known religious piece for the fiddle. The title comes from the great theme of Advent: ‘Drop down from Heaven’, a text that we have used as part of our Advent wreath litany each week in Advent.

At Evensong we turn our thoughts towards Jesus birth by focussing on his heavenly throne, and our music includes two stunning works of the twentieth century. Our Introit, ‘E’en so Lord Jesus, quickly come’, has a particularly moving story:

Paul and Ruth Manz wrote "E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come" in 1953 during a time when their three-year-old son was critically ill. Reflecting on the time, Ruth Manz reported, "I think we'd reached the point where we felt that time was certainly running out so we committed it to the Lord and said, 'Lord Jesus quickly come'". During this time, she had prepared some text for Paul for a composition based on the Book of Revelation. While at his son's bedside, Paul Manz began drafting the composition, which later became the current piece. Their son did recover, which the couple attributed to the power of prayer.

Our anthem is a setting of an ancient hymn that takes us directly to the mystery of the Nativity. The music is extraordinary, unusual for adding a solo cello to an unaccompanied choir. Composed by Ola Gjeilo, the setting has become a modern classic, and we welcome cellist Gavin Clark for this occasion:

*O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament,
that animals should see the newborn Lord, lying in a manger!
O blessed virgin, whose womb was worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!*

Pew Sheets

**To all, this is the final pewsheets for 2024,
the next produced will be for January 12, 2025.**

The flowers in the Cathedral today have been donated by

Anne and Graham Vimpani in loving memory of their parents and parents-in-law **PHYL** and **HORRIE VIMPANI** and **BETTY STRACHAN**

Pauline Chambers in loving memory of **SHIRLEY GRAINGER**

On CHRISTMAS DAY by

Nicolette, Hilary and Andrew Thomas in loving memory of Nicolette's parents **MARTIN** and **MARY MALLEY**

Ann Taylor, thank you for your generous donation

On DECEMBER 29 by

Pauline Chambers in loving memory of **STANLEY GRAINGER**



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CHRISTMAS
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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

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Christmas Day at St Peter's Hamilton

9.00AM
HOLY EUCHARIST

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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

Greetings to you All,

Christmas is such a very special time of the year. A time when we gather with our family and friends to celebrate the birth of Christ. It has always been the aim of our team to make Christmas a very special occasion for your guests, as for many of them it is the only Christmas celebration they have. During the past few years, to highlight the Christmas celebration for our guests, we have invited them to lunch in the Cathedral. It has also provided the opportunity to prove to them that they are safe and extremely welcome within its walls, so the news we received that we were unable to host the lunch for our guests in the Cathedral, came with great disappointment. BUT, yet again, there came the proof that this incredible team of ours will do everything possible to ensure our guests receive the care, respect and pleasure they so richly deserve.

Nicolette quickly found decorations and Virginia spent many hours last Friday helping with the preparation of the Horbury Hunt Hall and along with the support of the Staff, including the wonderful men of the Property Team, and the Students of the Newcastle Grammar School, with the sumptuous feast provided by you, the donors, how could we fail ?????



It was a beautiful, happy day of celebration with our 80 guests enjoying a fabulous meal consisting of French Onion Soup, Ham, (carved with perfection by Pete representing Orange Sky) Roast Turkey, Pork, Beef, Chicken, with all the trimmings followed by Plum Pudding. As mentioned in a previous email, the ham was purchased from our Shrove Tuesday funds. It was absolutely double smoked to perfection and we received a very generous discount from the new owner of Seller's Butchery, Hayden Cornish of Merewether. An enormous thank you to this very kind gentleman.

There was a visit from St Nicholas and as he moved around the tables, the students delivered the gift bags they had prepared to each guest. This was all accompanied by the magnificent strains of Christmas Carols presented by the choir from NGS, providing a beautiful atmosphere. Ten of our most needy guests received special gifts donated by Ross. A very generous gesture. All in all it was a fabulous day.

Of course Orange Sky were kept very busy with the laundry and we welcomed the return of the Wanderer's Rugby Club, who worked diligently alongside the students of NGS, who were present in great numbers despite being on holidays. With young people of such calibre, the future care of the needy will be in very safe hands.

Our lunches will recommence on SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2nd.

A very sincere "thank you" to you all as you so very generously support this Outreach Programme.

On behalf of Andrew and myself, I wish you all a very Joyous and Holy Christmas Season and may you all receive many blessings throughout the New Year





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



JANUARY 2025

SUNDAY 5 JANUARY

EPIPHANY

8AM; 10AM; 6PM

SUNDAY 12 JANUARY
BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

8AM; 10AM; 6PM

SUNDAY 19 JANUARY
ABORIGINAL SUNDAY

8AM; 10AM; 6PM

SUNDAY 26 JANUARY
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8AM; 10AM; 6PM

SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY
PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

8AM; 10AM; 6PM

DAILY EUCHARIST AT THE CATHEDRAL
CHECK PEW'SLIP FOR DETAILS

ST PETER'S HAMILTON
DENNISON STREET
11AM EUCHARIST TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

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

20th
Jan

2025

FESTIVAL of HOPE

in Theology and the Arts

10 -16 Feb 2025



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Anglican Diocese
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HOPE IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD

Selected Hymn(s) will be announced 31 Jan 2025

**Scan the QR code for submission guidelines,
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from their thrones,
and lifting up the lowly.



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

Family Service



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

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Newcastle NSW 2300

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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.

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.

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE CATHEDRAL PANTRY WHEN YOU ARE ABLE
MANY THANKS**

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 23 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am – Eucharist	Fr Gary
Tuesday 24 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am – Eucharist	The Rev'd Dr Julia Perry
Wednesday 25 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Bishop
Thursday 26 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	No Eucharist
Friday 27 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 29 December 2024 AT THE CATHEDRAL First Sunday after Christmas

9.00am

Presider: Reverend Gary Atherton

Preacher: The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer

6.00pm: Said Prayer

in the St Christopher Chapel

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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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