



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 2nd February 2025

Presentation of Christ in the Temple



Services Today

8.00am Eucharist

Presider: The Reverend Gary Atherton

Preacher: The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer

10.00am Sung Eucharist

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6.00pm: Sung Evensong

Officiant: The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer

Preacher: The Right Reverend Dr Peter Stuart

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

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

Dear Parish Family

There is no escaping that February is upon us, and even though there's cricket on the radio (and the television), things are returning to normal (or normal for now...).

This week, we welcomed the staff of **Newcastle Grammar School** back for 2025. Our relationship with Newcastle Grammar is a very special one, and we look forward to welcoming the students back in the coming week.



Our annual **Blessing of the Backpacks** is **Saturday at 5.00pm**, (come along, bring your backpack, and room for pizza afterwards!). **mainly music returns on Thursday** at 10.00am – we love mainly music Thursdays!

On Sunday evening, Bishop Peter Stuart will be with us for Evensong, which also marks the anniversary of his Episcopal Ordination (2009) and becoming Bishop of Newcastle (2018).

Our Choir returns at 10.00am and 6.00pm. The choir have many exciting plans for this year, including an invitation to come and sing Evensong with them – see more details in the pewslip.

The Opening of the Law Term is on Monday at 9.00am in the Cathedral – information is in the pewslip. There's no need to rsvp for the service, please come along!

THE SAGA OF THE OFFICE TELEPHONE AND INTERNET: **The good news:** we have telephone and internet in the cathedral office. (YAY!) **The bad news:** we have lost the internet in the cathedral, so are unable to livestream at the moment. (NOT SO YAY). Literally, watch this space.

There is a lot of rhetoric in the wider world, at the moment, which is anti-inclusion and anti-diversity. This is not in accord with our values as Christians. 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!

SHROVE TUESDAY Lent starts on 5th March with Ash Wednesday, so there's plenty of time to get into training for our fabulous Pancake Evening on Tuesday March 4th. See the pewslip for more information!

COVID AND ATTENDING WORSHIP: 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 Andy Patton. T S Eliot wrote a poem, *A Song for Simeon*, (<https://wayswordscanwowus.wordpress.com/2021/02/22/a-song-for-simeon-1928-by-t-s-eliot/>) and, inspired by this poem and Psalm 123, Andy Patton has responded with *A Song for Anna*.

At Evensong, we hear Simeon's heartachingly beautiful words which are literally a letting go into God. One of my favourite settings of this was composed by Dr David Banney our Director of Music. You can hear our choir sing it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EsX5ZifQMNQ>

The text of Anna's proclamations were not recorded, but the substance was. Patton's poem captures ageism, the relegation of elders to 'inconveniences', and also, Anna's deep faithfulness, and her transformation, like Simeon's, in the face of the Christ Child. And thanks to this poem, I learnt a new word: **limned** which means suffused. This Candlemas, may we all be limned with the light of Christ afresh.

A Song for Anna

I.
Lord, I sleep in and out of days now.
I smell lilac and holy smoke.
The stone is smooth with feet
And cold on my old cheek.
I am known here as a curiosity.

People come with bleating sheep leaving their droppings,
And hawkers crying with birds,
And liars lying and coins clattering on tables.
They send boys with bits of bread
To move me out of the way.

I wonder if any of us should be here.
At night, there is the silence
And the long longing. My God
I tarry here for you! I mourn
For Jerusalem to any who will listen. I pray
For all of this to be overthrown,
And for the things that needed more than time.
Have mercy on us.
Do not forget this one who has seen
A thousand Winters who knows the waiting
As though it were her own name.

II.
When the boy came I knew him
At a glance. I pressed my face to the stone
And cried. Lord, you have been kind to Anna.
I asked to hold him. These lips touched
The burning coal and felt the firekiss.
Things were limned in light
And I promised myself to it.
Already I know my life
Lifts toward the sunless city
But what I feel is the warmth on my face.

Andy Patton

**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 – 245, 212, Sing how the age-long promise of a Saviour (TIS 61), 290
Gerard Nicholls (organ)

10am Eucharist

Cathedral Choir with members of the Christ Church Camerata

Introit – When to the temple Mary went (Eccard)

Setting – Little Organ Mass (Haydn)

Psalm 24

Anthem – Ave verum (Mozart)

Hymns – 245, 212, Sing how the age-long promise of a Saviour (TIS 61), 290

Gerard Nicholls (organ)

6pm Evensong

Introit – The seven joys (arr. Banney)

Preces and Responses (Smith)

Psalm 8 (Robinson)

Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in D (Ives)

Anthem – When to the temple Mary went (Eccard)

Gerard Nicholls (organ)

Music Notes

It is very exciting to be back as we launch into 2025! This week's music celebrates a number of important events in the early life of Jesus – his presentation at the temple, and the beautiful response of Simeon, whose words we sing every Sunday at Evensong: "Lord, now let your servant depart in peace".

This Sunday marks the end of our annual celebration of the coming of Jesus. The church year began with Advent, preparing the way for Christmas. After Christmas came Epiphany – the 'showing around' of the

Messiah through the witness of the shepherds and the Magi. Finally comes the presentation of Christ in the temple, fulfilling Jewish custom, and foreseeing Christ's role as the Saviour of the world. The final hymn in our morning services, 'Of the Father's love begotten', tells the whole story. With a text dating back to the fourth century, and a wonderful, rollicking melody that is at least five hundred years old, we have sung it a number of times in the last couple of months, and for good reason. The words describe Jesus' incarnation in the context of his presence beyond time:

*Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the Source, the Ending He,
of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see
evermore and evermore!*

*O that birth forever blessed, when a virgin, full of grace,
by the Spirit's power conceiving, bore the Saviour of our race;
and the Babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed His sacred face,
evermore and evermore!*

*This is He whom seers and sages sang of old with one accord,
whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word;
now He shines, the long-expected; let creation praise its Lord,
evermore and evermore!*

*In the heights of heav'n, adore Him; angel hosts, His praises sing:
all dominions, bow before Him and extol our God and King;
let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice together sing,
evermore and evermore!*

Over the past few weeks we have had more calls than usual from people in need of food. Mostly our pantry is empty. If at any time you can spare a little extra non perishables you are welcome to leave them with the Verger or bring them to the office.

With many thanks

An invitation from the
Choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Newcastle
**Come and sing with us
for Evensong!**

Sunday, March 2, 2025

Rehearsal: 4.15-5.30pm

Service: 6pm (finishes about 7pm)

Enjoy the thrill of beautiful music in the brilliant acoustic of Christ Church Cathedral

There is no charge for participation, but registration is essential
to allow us to prepare copies of music.

All are welcome - there is no audition, but music reading skills will be helpful.

To register, email music@newcastlecathedral.org.au

Registrations close 5pm, Wednesday, February 26
In the email please tell us your name, phone number
and voice type (ie soprano/alto/tenor/bass).



www.newcastlecathedral.org.au



2025
*Opening of Law
Term Ceremonies*

Morning Ceremonies
Monday 3 February 2025

Ecumenical Service

9:00am, Christ Church Cathedral
52 Church Street, Newcastle

Court Ceremony

10:15am, Newcastle Court House
343 Hunter Street, Newcastle

RSVP: by Monday 20 January 2025
to secretariat@newcastlelawsociety.asn.au



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Hope25

Lenten Studies 2025



Lenten Studies

Hope25 Lenten Studies 2025 is designed to inspire contemplation of the hope we have in Jesus as we journey through the Lenten season towards the joyous celebration of his resurrection on Easter Day. This programme will function as a precursor to the 'Hope25 – Hope in an Uncertain World' project, which seeks to empower Australian Anglican parishes and communities in an intentional season of Parish-based evangelism, sharing hope in Jesus from Easter to Pentecost in 2025.

The Lenten study book comprises 47 commentaries written by Australian bishops, with accompanying reflection, based around the bible reading for each of the days from Ash Wednesday to Easter Day. The study programme is divided into six themes centred on the hope we have as Christians.

Copies will be available soon through the Parish Office, for individual or group use: only \$10!

Study Group times coming soon.

Join us this weekend!

Families@Five



Please bring
some school
supplies to
donate to
children in
need!

Pizza will
be provided for
dinner! 🍕

CHORAL SCHOLARSHIPS

at

Christ Church Cathedral

Newcastle's Christ Church Cathedral seeks fine young singers, 17-23 years old, for our Choral Scholarship program. Successful applicants receive a stipend for singing in the choir, enjoying great music and great company in a wonderful building.

Being a Choral Scholar is a great way to develop fine skills in sight singing and musicianship, and many of our scholars have gone on to enjoy successful careers in music.

For further information, please email the Director of Music:
music@newcastlecathedral.org.au.





Wednesday 12th February 2025 at 8 pm

NEWCASTLE
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

VIVALDI

CONCERTI VIRTUOSI

Concerto for Violin, Strings and basso continuo »Winter«
Concerto A minor for Violoncello, String Orchestra RV 418

MOZART

Serenade G major »A Little Night Music« KV 525

TCHAIKOVSKY

»Pezzo Capriccioso« for Violoncello and String Orchestra

PAGANINI

»Capriccio« for Violin and Orchestra

CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE
(Germany)

Sergey Didorenko * **Violin**

Dmitrij Gornowski * **Violoncello**



Book here



Bookings at

www.ticketmaster.com.au

Tickets at the door (cash sales only) one hour prior to the concert

The Dean, and Members of the
Cathedral Outreach Program,
Invite you to attend:

**A SHROVE TUESDAY EVENING
“ENJOY DESSERT WITH US”**

DATE: March 4th 2025 7pm – 9pm

Adults: \$20.00 *Children:* \$10.00

VENUE: CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
52 Church Street Newcastle

*An Extravaganza of Pancakes with all the trimmings

*Bring your own wine (glasses will be supplied)

*There will be Tea, Coffee and Fruit Juice

*Magnificent Music

*Wheelchair access

*Lucky Door Prize

*Tickets available
via the
Cathedral Office
or at the door

*All proceeds will go towards:
“The Christ Church Cathedral Outreach Program”



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180 MAITLAND RD, ISLINGTON**

**THURSDAY
2:00-4:00PM**

**If you are interested please call Karen Harmon 0421 863 425
Like us on Facebook - Under Construction Choir**

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
February 9, 16, 23 and March 2*



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...



No matter the weather, imagine not having a warm, dry 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.

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

CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY LUNCHES

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 9th February 2025.

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
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(please include all 8 digits) Please include your Initial & Surname in the reference line, if required.

SERVICES DURING THE WEEK
AT THE CATHEDRAL AND ST PETER'S HAMILTON

Monday 3 February	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am – Eucharist	Christ Church Cathedral	Fr Gary Atherton
Tuesday 4 February	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am – Eucharist 11.00am Eucharist	Christ Church Cathedral St Peter's Hamilton	The Rev'd Dr Julia Perry Fr Gary Atherton
Wednesday 5 February	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	Christ Church Cathedral	The Bishop
Thursday 6 February	11.00am - Eucharist	St Peter's Hamilton	The Dean
Friday 7 February	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	Christ Church Cathedral	The Dean

**SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 9 February 2025
AT THE CATHEDRAL**

Epiphany 5

8.00am Eucharist

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Preacher: *The Reverend Gary Atherton*

10.00am Sung Eucharist

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6.00pm: Sung Evensong

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**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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