



# 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 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025*

**Epiphany 6**

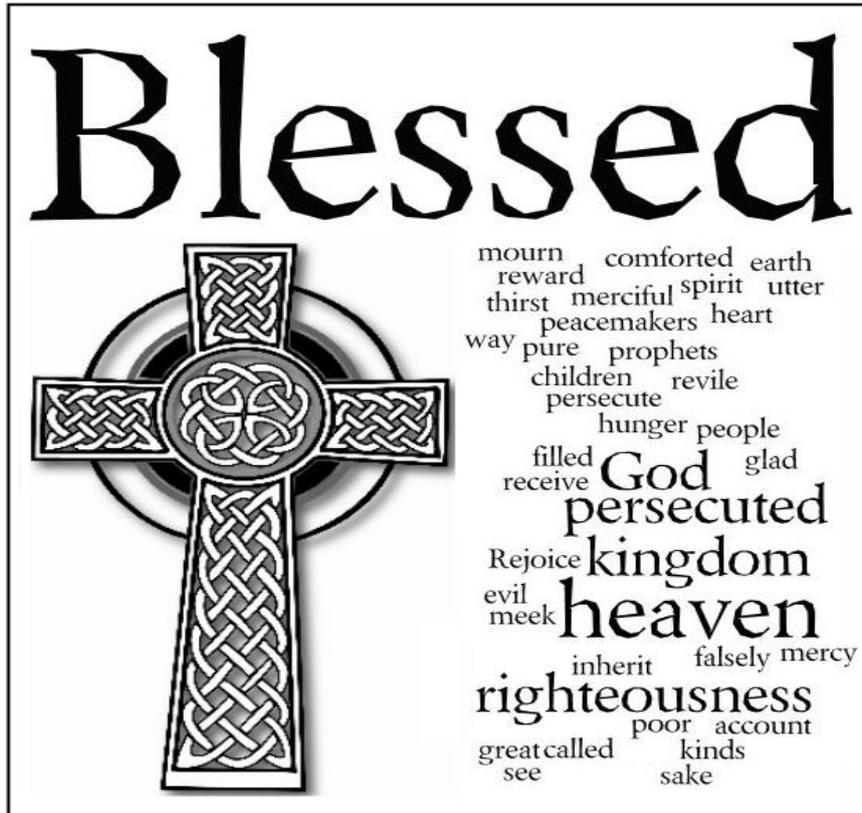


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## Services Today

### 8.00am Eucharist

**Presider:** The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer

**Preacher:** The Reverend Gary Atherton

### 10.00am Sung Eucharist

**Presider:** The Reverend Gary Atherton

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### 6.00pm: Sung Evensong

**Officiant:** The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer

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## Dear Parish Family

I'm writing this on 14<sup>th</sup> February – Valentine's Day for many, but also the Feast of Saint Cyril and Saint Methodius. I have a soft spot for Cyril and Methodius, as I first learnt about these brothers and their missionary work amongst the Slavic people. Cyril is credited with the creation of the Glagolitic alphabet, to write Slavonic, and later credited with an early form of the Cyrillic alphabet (hence the name).

Exciting Holiness records Cyril and Methodius thus:

*Cyril and his older brother Methodius were born in Thessalonica, both developing in their youth the ability to speak several languages, including Slavonic, a language not yet written down, at least in an alphabet understood by others. Cyril created the Slavonic alphabet and set about translating the Scriptures and other liturgical texts into the language. They established the church in Moravia, but in so doing entered into the controversy between indigenous and centralised religious practices and worship. Cyril died on this day in the year 869, whilst the brothers were in Rome, there to obtain papal approval for their evangelistic work. Methodius returned to Moravia as archbishop, where he completed the translation of the Bible and continued the missionary work. He died in the year 885. Today they are revered in both Christian East and West and, as such, are seen as patron saints of ecumenism between these two great branches of Christendom.*



**UPDATE ON THE ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT:** On Tuesday, Sharon Dyett and I met with the Project Managers, Barney Collins from EJE Architecture, and prospective tenderers for the replacement of the entire Cathedral roof. You may meet some of them as they continue to visit the Cathedral over the next few weeks to finalise their tender proposals.

As we who worship here know, it's an enormous undertaking, and I am very thankful for the professional expertise of the Project Team. We had hoped that works might commence in May, but that seems unlikely now. Once the tender has been awarded, we will have information sessions as we work with the successful tenderer and their programme of works.

Literally – watch this space!



**BACK-TO-SCHOOL COLLECTION:** Thank you again for your incredible generosity for the Back-to-School supplies for families in need. Elizabeth Bowyer and I delivered them to the Samaritans this week, who were thrilled to receive them, and overwhelmed with the generosity.

A Samaritans Team member wrote: *“This is awesome, people have been so generous. Samaritan’s SHS teams would welcome these items for the children within our services.”*

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...**

**SHROVE TUESDAY** Lent starts on 5<sup>th</sup> March with Ash Wednesday, so there’s plenty of time to get into training for our fabulous Pancake Evening on Tuesday March 4<sup>th</sup>. See the pewslip for more information! Tickets are available at all services, and through the office.

**NO WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST THIS WEEK:** Fr Gary and I (and the Bishops) are at a Clergy School Day on Wednesday: **there will be no Morning Prayer or Eucharist in the cathedral this Wednesday.**

**SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE:** The Ukrainian Catholic Church has extended an invitation to us to attend the service at the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Adamstown on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> of February, 6pm to join in prayers for peace on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of War in Ukraine. Please see the flyer in the pewslip, and if you are able to attend, please wear your name tag, and tell them you are from the Cathedral or St Peter’s.

**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:** Until the problems with the internet are resolved in the cathedral, we are sadly unable to 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 (one of my favourites), Denise Levertov. Levertov's father was a Russian Hasidic Jew, who was held under house arrest in Leipzig during WWI as an 'enemy alien'. This poem, on peace, highlights the important role our artists and creatives have in calling us to see, hear, feel, speak differently. Last Sunday night, at Evensong, I spoke in my sermon about those who falsely claim that empathy is a sin. Empathy is not a sin, but a gift from God, which those who see, hear, feel, speak in transcendent ways, call us to attend.

### **Making Peace**

A voice from the dark called out,  
    'The poets must give us  
imagination of peace, to oust the intense, familiar  
imagination of disaster. Peace, not only  
the absence of war.'

    But peace, like a poem,  
is not there ahead of itself,  
can't be imagined before it is made,  
can't be known except  
in the words of its making,  
grammar of justice,  
syntax of mutual aid.

    A feeling towards it,  
dimly sensing a rhythm, is all we have  
until we begin to utter its metaphors,  
learning them as we speak.

    A line of peace might appear  
if we restructured the sentence our lives are making,  
revoked its reaffirmation of profit and power,  
questioned our needs, allowed  
long pauses . . .

    A cadence of peace might balance its weight  
on that different fulcrum; peace, a presence,  
an energy field more intense than war,  
might pulse then,  
stanza by stanza into the world,  
each act of living  
one of its words, each word  
a vibration of light—facets  
of the forming crystal.

*Denise Levertov 1923-1997*

**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*

**Sunday, February 16 - Sixth Sunday of Epiphany**

**8am Eucharist**

Hymns - 96, 448, 452, 416

David Drury (organ)

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

Missa Monti Regalis (Archer)

Anthem - Tantum ergo (de Severac)

Psalm 1 (Bairstow)

Hymns - 96, 552, 452, 416

David Drury (organ)

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

Canticles - Magnificat in G (Howells), Nunc for Marie  
(Banney)

Anthem - Rejoice in the Lord (Purcell)

Preces and Responses - Leighton Jones

Psalm 40:11-22 (Jackson)

Hymns – TBC

## **Music Notes**

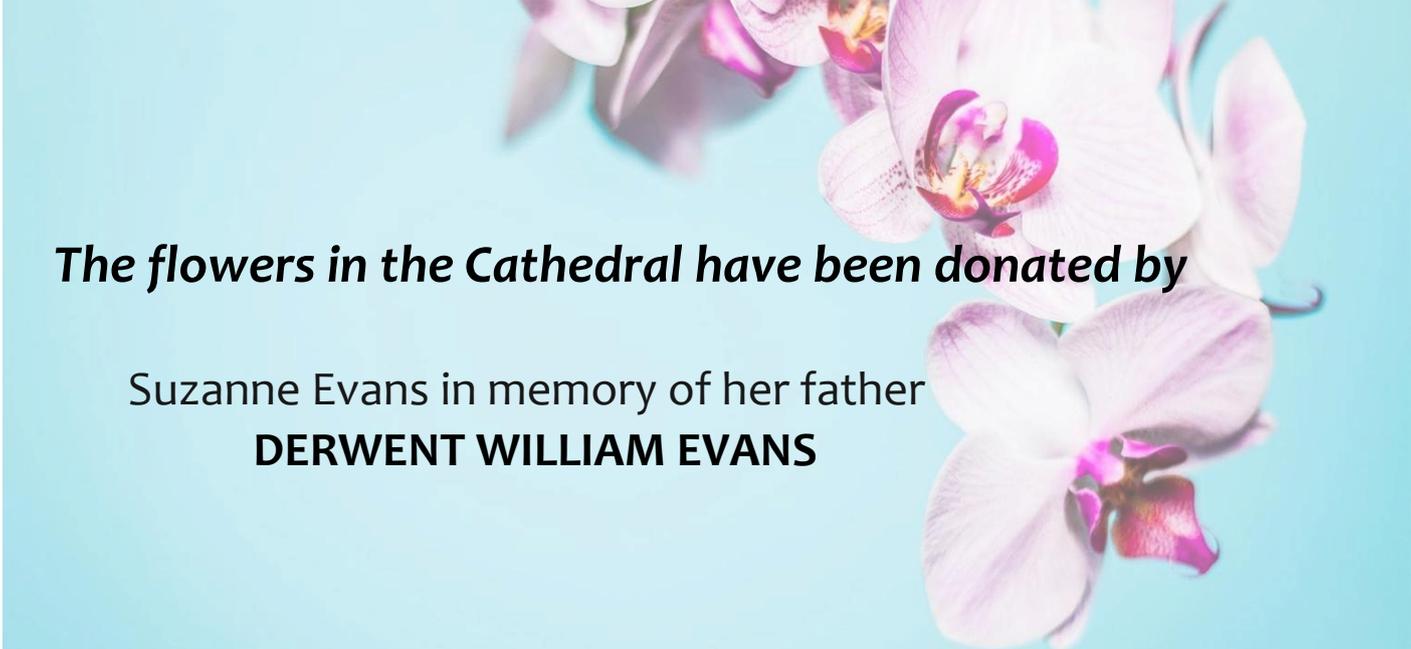
In this week's music we introduce two new works to the Cathedral repertoire – Archer's Missa Monti Regalis and Howells' Magnificat in G. We have previously sung parts of Archer's brilliant mass setting, but not the Gloria, which is included on Sunday morning. This is brilliant, colourful music, with a superb balance between the work of the choir and the organ. Archer has been Director of Music at Wells, Bristol and St Pauls Cathedrals, and his music is superb in capturing the mood of liturgical texts.

At Evensong we sing the Magnificat in G of Herbert Howells, an early setting of the text by a composer who changed the face of English church music through the middle of the twentieth century. If we look back to the 1500s and 1600s, the best composers were often employed by the church, and as a result Europe's best music tended to be church music. By 1700 the separation of church and state meant that the best composers often found better conditions working in secular employment – princes instead of bishops.

By 1900 the best composers tended to work for themselves (Beethoven was proud of being the first self-employed composer), and church music was a different world from the concert and opera scene. Church music suffered as a result, with a great deal of the repertoire furnished by competent but not great composers.

Two composers changed the face of English church music. The first was Stanford, born in 1852. Though Stanford composed in every form and, apart from a brief stint as organist at Trinity College, Cambridge, was never employed by the church, it is his church music that has lived on. Stanford's musical language is deeply rooted in the late-Romantic style of his time.

Then came Herbert Howells, born in 1892 and living until 1983. Howells life and work was a balance between church and secular music, but in his church music he developed a new style that has inspired singers, organists, listeners and composers ever since. His musical language rolls the romantic style of Stanford together with harmonies and scales from folk music, and perhaps his closest musical relative is Vaughan Williams. Howells' ability to create liturgical moods has kept his music at the top of the lists for Anglican musicians for many decades. His Magnificat in G is an early work, but by no means immature. It was composed around the same time as other short motets that are among his most popular pieces ('Here is the little door' and 'A spotless rose', for example), and it is a setting that moves through many moods, leading to perhaps the most exultant setting of the Gloria Patri that Howells ever wrote.



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**DERWENT WILLIAM EVANS**

# The Idea of North

An institution, for over a decade ARIA award winning vocal outfit The Idea of North have presented this special concert right around Australia - beautiful music sung in stunning acoustics, surrounded by the intimate glow of candlelight. After the unforgettable atmosphere of their last Ballads by Candlelight in March 2020, The Idea of North are thrilled to return to the Christ Church Cathedral in Newcastle with this iconic show once more. The group's personality and musical expression makes your experience of what these five singers can do with only the human voice even more incredible. With no two shows the same, join Australia's best-loved vocal group for an emotional musical experience you will not quickly forget.

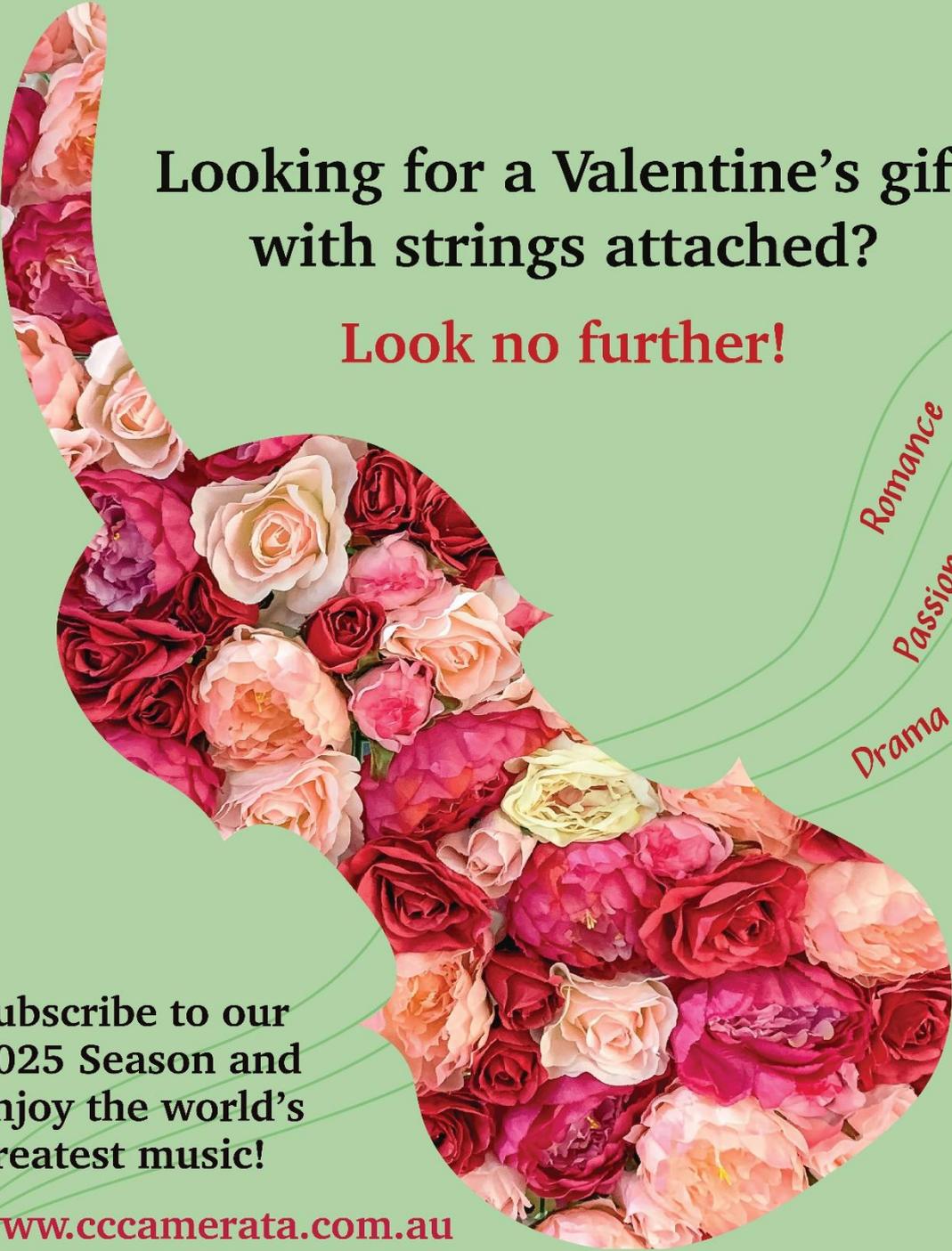
★★★★★ "Stunningly precise, angelic and mesmerising woven melodies with beautiful arrangements" RIP IT UP

7pm Saturday March 8, 2025

90 minute show, no interval

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Christ Church Camerata  
Sue Carson (compere and vocalist)  
David Banney (conductor)

2.30pm, Sunday, April 6  
Christ Church Cathedral

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\$45 (Adult) \$35 (Concession)  
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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](mailto: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](http://www.newcastlecathedral.org.au)

# ANNIVERSARY OF WAR IN UKRAINE



Join us to pray for peace  
in Ukraine and in the World.

Let us come together, to remember  
those who have died for their  
freedom, on the third anniversary of  
the invasion of Ukraine.



**24th February 2025**



**Starts at 6pm**



**Ukrainian Catholic Church,  
105 Gosford Road Adamstown NSW**

**FREEDOM FOR UKRAINE**



### **From the Lord Mayor, Dr Ross Kerridge: Have Your Say!**

I have recently attended the funeral services of Sister Carmel Hanson, John Peschar, and Andre Rufo - all of them remarkable Novocastrians who made significant contributions to our city. Since attending these events, I have been reflecting on how we honor our notable citizens after their passing.

There are multiple aspects to this, and it is a complex issue. That said, I think it is something that we should consider as a way of maintaining our sense of community. How is the broader community to hear the news? Funerals are changing in character. Longer obituaries in the paper are less common. Where do we keep our community's records of our citizens and events?

Before considering any formal changes, I wanted to ask you, our Novocastrian community, for your thoughts. Would it be appropriate to establish civic recognition for the passing of distinguished Novocastrians?

This could include publishing a notice on the council website, a recognition and tribute statement, maintaining an archived Roll of Honored Citizens, and flying the City of Newcastle flag at half-mast. Should there be some visible recognition provided to the family to display at the funeral (if they wish)? Should a formalised decorative tribute statement be provided to family afterwards?

It's a sensitive issue, and I may be imposing my own values and traditions inappropriately. I believe it's important to hear from you first. Please share your thoughts here or email [lordmayoroffice@ncc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:lordmayoroffice@ncc.nsw.gov.au).

Thank you!

# 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](mailto:music@newcastlecathedral.org.au).



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”



## 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.



**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.***

## 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 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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**



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**SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 23 February 2025  
AT THE CATHEDRAL**

**Epiphany 7**

**8.00am Eucharist**

**President:** The Reverend Gary Atherton  
**Preacher:** The Reverend Stephen Williams,  
Dean Emeritus

**10.00am Sung Eucharist**

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**6.00pm: Sung Evensong**

**Officiant:** The Reverend Stephen Williams,  
Dean Emeritus  
**Preacher:** The Reverend Christopher Waterhouse,  
Rector St James, King St

**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)**



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*

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

Monday 17 February	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am – Eucharist	Christ Church Cathedral	Fr Gary Atherton
Tuesday 18 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 19 February	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	Christ Church Cathedral	The Bishop  <b>CANCELLED THIS WEEK</b>
Thursday 20 February	11.00am - Eucharist	St Peter's Hamilton	The Dean
Friday 21 February	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	Christ Church Cathedral	The Dean

## CLERGY

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