



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 27th April 2025

Easter II



Sharon Tate Soberon

Services Today

8.00am Eucharist

Presider: The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer

Preacher: The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Presider: The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer

Preacher: The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer

6.00pm: Slow Church

Officiant: The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer

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

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

Dear Parish Family,

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Thank you again to everyone who generously assisted and contributed in our preparation and worship over the Great Three Days, at St Peter's Hamilton and at the Cathedral. Our incredible musicians, amazingly talented floral artists, our glorious Easter Garden angels, and all who have served, read, welcomed, cleaned, polished, and most importantly, prayed enabled us to share in the solemnity, and rejoice on easter Day.

Many thanks to the Newcastle Anglican Communications Team who were present at the 10.00am service on Easter Day. You may have seen this video online <https://vimeo.com/1077025133/c2b8042599?share=copy> as well as some lovely photographs in the Newcastle Herald and NBN coverage on Good Friday of our Family Service. Please share this video with your friends and family.

The Anglican Church throughout Australia is starting a season of Hope throughout Easter. Please join me in prayer, and in inviting people to discover the hope we have in Jesus. There will be some activities in the parish for this season – please invite others to join us.

HIS HOLINESS, POPE FRANCIS: I too am deeply saddened by the death of Pope Francis. His ministry bore witness to compassion, truth, and justice, with an overwhelming desire for welcome. We join in giving thanks for his witness, and offer our prayers to our Roman Catholic sisters and brothers in Christ. You will see a statement from Bishop Peter in the pewslip, which I have also placed on display at the entrance of the cathedral.

EMERGENCY APPEAL: We have all been shocked by the level of devastation in Myanmar: ABM are holding an **Emergency Appeal**, and distribution is through the local Anglican network. More details are in the pewslip, and on the ABM website.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: The Annual General Meeting of the Parish of Christ Church Cathedral Newcastle, with St Peter's Hamilton will be on Wednesday 30th April 2025 at 5.00pm in Christ Church Cathedral.

NOMINATIONS for Wardens (3 to be elected), Parish Councillors, and Synod representative (1 to be elected) are now open. Nomination forms are available at church, or by emailing the parish office.

Signed nomination forms must be received in the Parish Office **by 4.00pm Thursday 24th April 2025.**

Items for General Business or Questions must be received in the Parish Office **by 4.00pm Thursday 24th April 2025.**

Please submit Reports and Financial to the Parish Office for collation, printing, and distribution.

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: 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. We are hoping to record the 8.00am Sunday morning Service and upload later in the day.

Finally, this week I offer you two poems. One is a modern Australian ANZAC poem, the other a poem about the apostle Thomas, about whom we hear in the Gospel for this weekend.

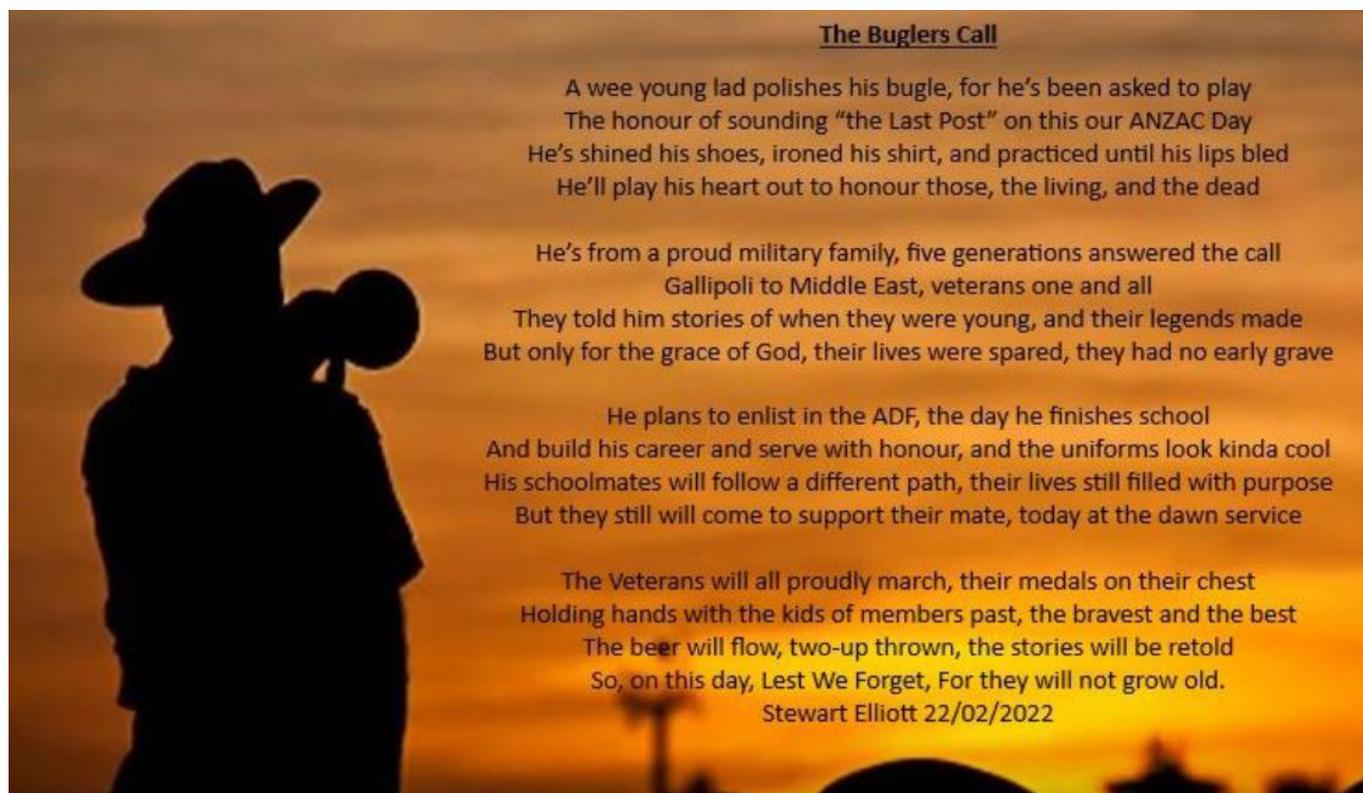
The conjunction of ANZAC Day and our easter celebrations makes for poignant reflection. Just as we light the Paschal Candle, a sign of the light of Christ, so we will light the ANZAC flame at Nobby's on Friday morning, with the flame taken from the St Michael/Warrior's Chapel in the Cathedral. In both instances, the symbolism is not lost, of light in darkness, light which is greater. If you haven't spent time exploring the incredible depth of symbolism in the St Michael/Warrior chapel in the Cathedral, there is no better weekend than this to do so.

“We do not know... how can we know the way?”

Courageous master of the awkward question,
You spoke the words the others dared not say
And cut through their evasion and abstraction.
Oh doubting Thomas, father of my faith,
You put your finger on the nub of things
We cannot love some disembodied wraith,
But flesh and blood must be our king of kings.
Your teaching is to touch, embrace, anoint,

Feel after Him and find Him in the flesh.
Because He loved your awkward counter-point
The Word has heard and granted you your wish.
Oh place my hands with yours, help me divine
The wounded God whose wounds are healing mine.

Malcolm Guite 1957-



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 have been donated by-

Pauline Chambers in loving memory of
GEORGE STANLEY GRAINGER





Happy
Easter



Music this Week

Hymns for Sunday morning (8 and 10am)

Opening hymn: 367

Gospel: 382

Offertory: 373

Post-communion: 380



The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer at the Easter Sunday service at Christ Church Cathedral. Pictures by Marina Neil

Newcastle Anglicans remember Pope Francis



Bishop Peter Stuart, along with Assistant Bishops Charlie Murry and Sonia Roulston, paused in prayer on Monday night to remember Pope Francis and the Catholic faithful in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle and Broken Bay.

Pope Francis offered courageous witness to renewal in the church. His call for Synodality will have decades long influence, encouraging all Christians to cherish their discipleship.

At Easter, we celebrate the hope of heaven. May Francis be embraced by the Lord he loved and served.

The bishops invite all Anglicans to remember Pope Francis with prayers of thanksgiving for his servant ministry.

Grace and peace,
+Peter

Easter Celebrations at Community Lunch

A VERY HOLY AND JOYOUS EASTER TO YOU ALL

And what a wonderful Easter Day it was, bathed in glorious sunshine. There were large congregations attending our Cathedral over the Triduum, the Great Three Days, proving people are beginning to return to their faith.

On the other side of Church Street, on Easter Day, there were celebrations also with our guests sharing a sumptuous Easter Feast prepared and donated by the staff and students of the Newcastle Grammar School Hospitality Department and we are greatly indebted to them. Each guest received a parcel of Easter Eggs kindly donated by the Nicolette, Hilary and Andrew Thomas and there was also an Easter Egg hunt. Daniel, our resident pianist from Wanderer's, provided the background music creating a wonderful atmosphere and all in all it was a terrific celebration with an increase in numbers resulting in an additional table having to be quickly set to accommodate our overflow.

We welcomed the return of the Wanderer's Rugby Club under the new leadership of Daniel and along with Henry (NGS) it was a very efficient team. We extend our gratitude to all who supported the day and we had several guests arrive at the kitchen door to say "thank you" to the team for be so willing to forego their Easter Day to care for them.

Well, I have more good news to share with you all. Next Tuesday, we will become the recipients of a beautiful gift, a new freezer, slightly larger than the existing freezer and will be connected to its own circuit with an alarm attached, which will send an alert through the WI-FI should the temperature begin to rise, hence there should no longer be a fear of losing copious amounts of much needed food. We extend an enormous THANK YOU to Nicolette, Hilary and Andrew Thomas for this very generous gift.

We would also like to extend our gratitude to David Frazer, Ross Peverill, Will Graves and Maxine Gardner, (NGS Staff) and Sam Lindsay (PLE) for the assistance they have given in various ways regarding the selection and installation of this gift.

Suzanne Evans

NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS 2025 ANZAC ROUND

Did you see the media coverage of the story behind this year's Newcastle Knights ANZAC round Jersey?

Newcastle's Own: The story behind the 2025 Anzac Round Jersey

The Newcastle Knights' 2025 ANZAC Round Jersey honours the 35th Battalion, "Newcastle's Own". Nearly 600 men from the Newcastle region served in this battalion during World War I, enduring brutal conditions on the Western Front and playing key roles in battles such as Messines, Passchendaele, and Villers-Bretonneux." (Newcastle Knights website)
Watch the video here, including beautiful footage of the Cathedral:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m1a8hmLf_8

Our thanks to the Newcastle Knights and Jye Martyn from Invictus for this opportunity and powerful tribute.



(Photo credit: Newcastle Knights Facebook)

HELP US TO PREVENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND ENSURE THE WELL-BEING OF FAMILIES AND WOMEN IN OUR CHURCHES.

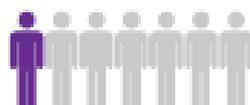
A survey commissioned by the Anglican Church of Australia found that the prevalence of intimate partner violence among Anglicans was the same or higher than the wider Australian community members in the survey.

www.tencommitments.org.au

The hidden nature of domestic violence in our church communities adds to shame and disconnection for victim survivors.

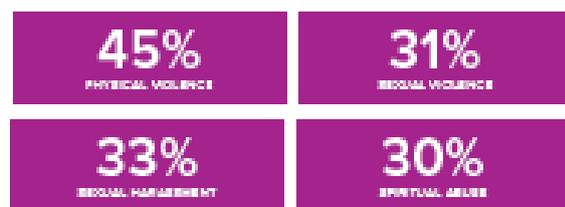


More than 1 in 3 women had been in a violent relationship



More than 1 in 7 men had been in a violent relationship

Women were far more likely to have experienced:



Pepper, M. & Powell, R. (2012) National Anglican Family Violence Project Prevalence Study Report: The prevalence of intimate partner violence among Australians who identify as Anglican. NCLS Research Report for the Anglican Church of Australia. NCLS Research, Table G1.

People of faith are not immune to domestic violence

Churches have a role in education about domestic violence and an influential platform to do so.

Churches have a role in supporting people impacted by domestic violence, and a caring community in which to provide it.

Churches have a role in supporting our nation as it seeks to undo centuries of disadvantage and prevent violence in one generation.

Contact Tracy Lauzen
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Anglican Church of Australia
General Synod Families & Culture Commission
visit www.tencommitments.org.au/tenate



The Anglican Church of Australia has undertaken research and made Ten Commitments to prevent and to respond to domestic and family violence (DFV) affecting people in church communities.

You can help us by supporting these strategic programs:

- **Communities that Care Program:** Train thousands of members in our faith settings to be effective in providing relief through practical assistance and pastoral care of distressed persons impacted by DFV violence in our church communities.
- **"Driving Change" capacity building program for leaders** to relieve suffering and prevent DFV by driving change in their diocese and parish, initiating programs and addressing systemic and cultural drivers of violence.
- **Build men's engagement and allyship** in our churches through grassroots culture change and modelling initiatives.
- **Enhance the capacity of our 23 dioceses and their churches** to respond to those in need in their local community through our Ten Commitments online 'communities of practice', national conference and DV Sunday.
- **Develop training initiatives,** communication campaigns and resources for our churches to benefit those who suffer from domestic and family violence.
- **Lived Experience panel:** listening to those with lived experience of DFV in our church communities so that our programs have the best chance of success in relieving the impact of DFV.
- **Indigenous and CALD initiatives:** Partner with our indigenous and CALD church communities to create intersectional initiatives for indigenous and CALD people suffering from DFV in our churches.





4 MAY 2025
Hope & Light

DV Sunday on May 4th is an initiative of the Anglican Church's *Families and Culture Commission*—a call to shine a light on domestic and family violence, and to take up a collection so that we can continue to serve well those who are impacted by it in our churches. Your donation will help fund the initiatives outlined. Please consider supporting generously.



Christ Church Cathedral Newcastle NSW

SLOW CHURCH

Sunday 27th April
6.00pm
Christ Church Cathedral

music
prayer
scripture
reflection
quiet

www.newcastlecathedral.org.au

The background of this section is a dark, blurred photograph of a night sky with several bright, out-of-focus light spots, likely stars or distant galaxies.

God of Hope

**you call on us to be your witnesses in this uncertain world;
by your Spirit awaken in us a true vision of your kingdom,
a greater certainty of our salvation, and a deeper dedication to
your service; that through our words and actions the same
Spirit may bring many who are lost to be found,
and for them to celebrate the hope
that we can only have in Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen**

Sometimes, we can feel hopeless. We want to 'do something', but we can't.
Pray.

We can always pray.

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. (James 5.16b)

Dean Katherine



ARRCC is a non-profit, non-partisan organisation for people of faith. We are donating these fantastic yard signs to faith communities all over Australia. to help make the climate a voting issue where we live. Signs are approximately A3 size to go on fences, letterboxes or in windows. At this time, it is more important than ever to keep the issue on the agenda – in the Hunter, it means

**CLEAN ENERGY, GOOD JOBS,
NOBODY LEFT BEHIND.**

Signs are available now and are FREE –
speak to Ann Taylor or
email annthorington@gmail.com



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
CATHEDRAL PARISH WILL BE ON
WEDNESDAY 30TH APRIL AT 5.00PM
IN CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL NEWCASTLE.

CHRIST CHURCH CAMERATA

2025

SUBSCRIBE &
SAVE

3 CONCERTS

SCREEN TIME | EMILIE & THE EMPEROR |
THE FOUR SEASONS

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
May 4 and 25 and June 8, 15, 22 and 29.



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.



Volunteers Needed

*Each of you should use whatever gift you
have received to serve others, as faithful
stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1
Peter 4:10*

OPPORTUNITIES

Helping with Linen

Brass cleaning

Windows

Sound

Prayer

Assisting with mainly music

Or/ what is your gift and how can you help?

More information :



02 49292052

cathedral@newcastlecathedral.org.au

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 May 4th April 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

**You can now make a donation to replenish the freezer to
Community Lunch account
BSB 650-000 ACC NUMBER 569336705**

RESTOCK THE FREEZER

Help us
restock the
freezer for
Community
Lunch



Please give
financial
donations
to
Suzanne
Evans

COMMUNITY LUNCH:
BY THE COMMUNITY, FOR THE COMMUNITY

An enormous “thank you” to those kind and generous people, who have already responded to the emergency request for assistance to restock our large chest freezer after the power failure. The team of the Cathedral’s Community Lunch Outreach Programme are extremely grateful for your support.

Suzanne Evans and Andrew Traill

**SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY May 4th 2025
AT THE CATHEDRAL
Easter III**

8.00am Eucharist

President: The Reverend Gary Atherton

Preacher: The Reverend Gary Atherton

10.00am Choral Eucharist

President: The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer

Preacher: The Reverend Gary Atherton

6.00pm: Choral Evensong

Officiant: The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer

Preacher: TBC

*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



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 28 April	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am – Eucharist	Christ Church Cathedral	CANCELLED THIS WEEK
Tuesday 29 April	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am – Eucharist 11.00am - Eucharist	Christ Church Cathedral St Peter's Hamilton	The Rev'd Dr Julia Perry
Wednesday 30 April	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am – Eucharist 4.30pm – Evening Prayer	Christ Church Cathedral	The Bishop
Thursday 1 May	11.00am – Eucharist 4.30pm – Evening Prayer	St Peter's Hamilton Christ Church Cathedral	The Dean
Friday 2 May	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	Christ Church Cathedral	The Dean

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