



# 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 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025*

## Easter III



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### **Services Today**

#### **8.00am Eucharist**

**Presider:** The Reverend Gary Atherton

**Preacher:** The Reverend Gary Atherton

#### **10.00am Choral Eucharist**

**Presider:** The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer

**Preacher:** The Reverend Gary Atherton

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

**Officiant:** The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer

**Preacher:** The Reverend Melanie Whalley

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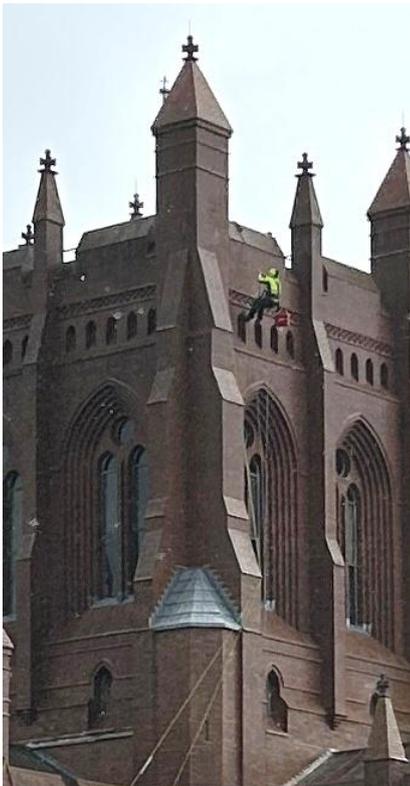
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## **Dear Parish Family,**

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

I apologise for the short notice today of the postponement of the **Cathedral AGM**, and the rolling closures of the Cathedral this week, which I know have impacted your ministries. Thank you for your infinite understanding and grace.

On Sunday, Newcastle experienced very heavy rain and gale force winds. Those who were able to be at the Cathedral on Sunday morning will testify to how nasty the weather was. Around midday on Sunday, we experienced a great volume of water pouring through the Cathedral roof, on the southern (organ loft) side of the



cathedral, as well as many other leaks throughout the building. I made the immediate decision to close the Cathedral, and to cancel the evening service, and I am thankful to Susan Edwards, Gillian Holt, Emma Harris, and Thomas Bowyer, who all assisted secure, cover, and mop! I am also very thankful to the Diocesan Property Team, Asset team, and Safety and Risk Team, who have all responded immediately to assist.

On Wednesday, I was directed to close the Cathedral to ensure a safe worksite for the team working on the exterior roof, drains and gutters. This also included the electricians turning off electricity to the cathedral. This also continued across Thursday.

The Cathedral will remain closed to the public on Friday. The **GOOD NEWS** is that the cathedral will reopen on Saturday, and of course be open on Sunday.

**HOPE25:** The Anglican Church throughout Australia is starting a season of Hope throughout the season of Easter. Please join me in prayer, and in inviting people to discover the hope we have in Jesus. We begin our Evensong preaching series on Hope this Sunday night. Please check the pewslip for details of each week's theme. Our Director of Music, Dr David Banney, has also intentionally chosen music of hope for this season.

**FAMILIES@FIVE:** is on Saturday night – continuing our exploration of Easter!

**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 NOW BE ON WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025 at 5.00pm in Christ Church Cathedral.** Reports and Financials will be circulated prior to the meeting.

**DV SUNDAY:** 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. Domestic violence has no place in the kingdom of God, yet more than 1 in 3 women and 1 in 7 men in our churches report that they have experienced violence, with women far more likely to be impacted by sexual and physical assault and sexual harassment. We cannot stand by.

If this raises issues or concerns for you, please speak with myself or Fr Gary, or someone with whom you feel safe. Resources to assist someone you know, or yourself, are available today.

**COMPASS:** You may remember that there was to be an episode of the ABC Compass programme, which was to be screened on Palm Sunday night, telling the story of Bishop Greg Thompson, former Bishop of this Diocese. We have now been informed that this programme will screen on the night of Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May. There will be some in our parish community for whom this will be distressing, for multiple reasons.

Please be gentle with yourselves, as I know you will be with others. If you would like to speak with me about this, or encourage someone to speak with me or Fr Gary, please do so.

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:** Thanks to Emma, the Dean's Verger, and the wonderful electricians from PLE, hopefully our internet problems are resolved., so the 8.00am Eucharist on Sunday will resume livestreaming.

Finally, this week is an Easter poem by R S Thomas (yes. I know, one of my favourites 😊) In this poem, written from a Northern Hemisphere perspective but with resonances for us of ANZAC literally ringing in our ears, Thomas speaks of faith, creation, colour, beauty, and music. I had not read this poem before this week, and am thankful now to discover it.

## **Easter**

Easter. I go to church  
to proclaim with my fellows  
I believe in the Resurrection -  
of what? Here everything  
is electric and automatic.

In April a myriad bulbs  
are switched on as flowers  
incandesce; a new generation  
of creatures rehearses  
its genetic code. All this is easy.  
Earth is a self-regulating  
machine; everything happens  
because it must. My faith  
is in the inevitability  
of creation. There will come a day -  
dust under a dry sun,  
ashes under its incineration...  
is there somewhere in all  
the emptiness of the universe  
a fertile star where the old  
metaphors will apply, where  
the bugling daffodil will sound  
abroad not the last post, but  
a gush of music out of an empty tomb?

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

# Music this Week

## Sunday, May 4, Third Sunday of Easter

### 8am Eucharist

Hymns – 221, 373, 367, 201  
Gerard Nicholls (organ)

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

Communion Service in F (Darke)  
Anthem – Ubi caritas (Durufle)  
Psalm 30 (Walford Davies)  
Hymns - 221, 373, 367, 201  
Gerard Nicholls (organ)

### 6pm Evensong for Domestic Violence Sunday *sung by the Cathedral Choir*

Canticles - Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in C (Stanford)  
Anthem - Abendlied (Rheinberger)  
Preces and Responses -  
Byrd  
Psalm 116:11-18 (Luther), 117 (York Minster)  
Hymns – 387, For the healing of the nations (tune 580), 585  
Gerard Nicholls (organ)

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### Music notes

After a well-deserved break our choir returns this weekend, and our music includes well known uplifting works for the season of Easter. A particular highlight is the anthem at 10am – Durufle’s setting of Ubi caritas. The text, ‘Where there is love, there is God’, dates back at least to the 8<sup>th</sup> century, and amongst other uses is part of the liturgy for the washing of feet on Maundy Thursday, reflecting God’s love for us all. Durufle was a French organist early in the twentieth century, and one of the finest French composers of church music. His love for Gregorian chant is shown in that, rather than composing his own melody, he instead uses the Gregorian melody of Ubi caritas, making it his own through beautiful French harmony and counterpoint.

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FAMILIES@FIVE

*Easter*  
He has Risen

5PM SATURDAY - CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

*Join us for stories, craft and music as we learn about Jesus appearing to the disciples on the shore.*

*Bring a plate to share afterwards as we enjoy dinner together.*

# HOPE HOPE HOPE

FOR  
DOMESTIC  
VIOLENCE  
SICK  
PERSECUTED  
HOPELESS  
ENVIRONMENT  
SUFFERING

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL NEWCASTLE

SUNDAYS: 6.00PM  
4 MAY - 8 JUNE 2025

**Domestic Violence  
has no place  
in our homes, our  
relationships and  
in our churches.  
Help us to bring  
hope and shed light**



4 MAY 2025  
*Hope & Light*

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been in a violent relationship



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

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Anglican Church of Australia  
FAMILIES & CULTURE COMMISSION



ten  
commitments

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

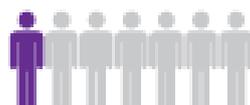
A survey commissioned by the Anglican Church of Australia found that the prevalence of intimate partner violence among Anglicans was the same or higher than the wider Australian community members in the survey.

[www.tencommitments.org.au](http://www.tencommitments.org.au)

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

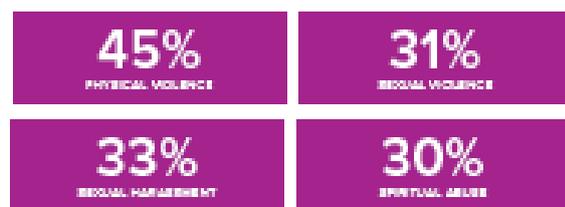


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## Women were far more likely to have experienced:



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## 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.

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Anglican Church of Australia  
General Synod Families & Culture Commission  
visit [www.tencommitments.org.au/tenate](http://www.tencommitments.org.au/tenate)



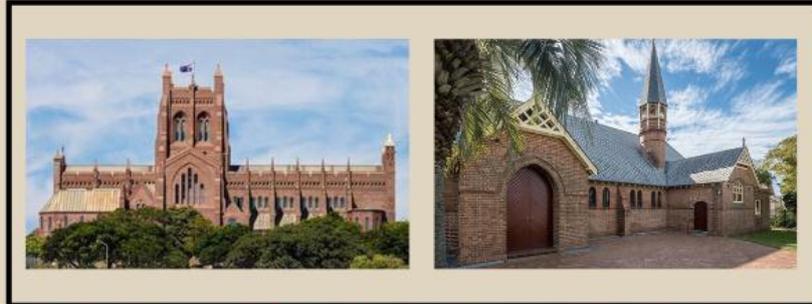
The Anglican Church of Australia has undertaken research and made Ten Commitments to prevent and to respond to domestic and family violence (DFV) affecting people in church communities.

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.

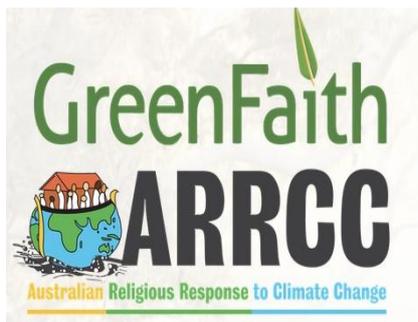


# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



NOW 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025

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



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](mailto:annthorington@gmail.com)





**MEMORIAL MASS  
POPE FRANCIS**



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Maitland-  
Newcastle*

**CHRIST CHURCH CAMERATA**

2025

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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 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.

## **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 this Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> 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 11th 2025  
AT THE CATHEDRAL  
Easter IV**

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**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](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 5 May	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am – Eucharist	Christ Church Cathedral	Fr Gary Atherton
Tuesday 6 May	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 7 May	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am – Eucharist 4.30pm – Evening Prayer	Christ Church Cathedral	The Bishop
Thursday 8 May	11.00am – Eucharist  4.30pm – Evening Prayer	St Peter's Hamilton  Christ Church Cathedral	The Dean
Friday 9 May	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	Christ Church Cathedral	The Dean

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