



Welcome to
Christ Church Cathedral
 Weekly News Sunday 17 December 2017
 THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT



Services Today

7.00am Eucharist

Presider & Preacher: Archdeacon Sonia

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9.30am Choral Eucharist

Presider: The Dean

Preacher: Archdeacon Sonia Roulston

2.00pm Handel's Messiah

[NO Evensong]

Readers:

8.00am K Dornan & S Dornan

9.30am N Johnson & S Doolan

Welcome to worship at the Cathedral today, especially all who are visiting.

Sunday School – Children should meet in the **St Christopher Chapel** just before the sermon.

Today's flowers have been kindly donated by:

- ❖ **Pauline Chambers**, in loving memory of her sister-in-law, *Shirley*.
- ❖ **Anne and Graham Vimpani** in loving memory of their mothers, *Betty Strachan and Phyl Vimpani*.

At **11.30am** today, we welcome *Xander Angus Hunter* to the church family through **Holy Baptism**.

Welcome also to parents, godparents and others joining us.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Monday 18 December

7.00am Morning Prayer

7.30am Eucharist

Tuesday 19 December

7.00am Morning Prayer

7.30am Eucharist

10.30am Eucharist

2.30pm Funeral

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 20 December

7.00am Morning Prayer

7.30am Eucharist

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 21 December THOMAS, APOSTLE AND MARTYR

7.00am Morning Prayer

7.30am Eucharist

6.00pm Eucharist to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women Priests

Friday 22 December

7.00am Morning Prayer

7.30am Eucharist

5.00pm No Evening Prayer

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

Sunday 24 December - *Christmas Eve*



9.00am Eucharist (No Choir)

Presider & Preacher: The Dean

11.00am Holy Baptism – The Dean

5.00pm Service for Children and Families with Carols

Officiant & Preacher: The Dean

7.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols *Officiant:* The Dean

11.00pm Midnight Mass

Presider: The Dean *Preacher:* The Bishop

THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD: *CHRISTMAS DAY*

7.00am Eucharist *Presider & Preacher:* The Bishop

8.30am Orchestral Eucharist *Presider:* The Bishop *Preacher:* The Dean

10.30am Eucharist for Families *Presider & Preacher:* The Dean

(Children – bring a favourite present to be blessed!)

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.

25th Anniversary Ordination of Women to the Priesthood will be celebrated with a Eucharist at **6pm** on **Thursday 21 December**. Dr Barbara Howard will be the Preacher and Canon Julia Perry Presider.

Shop News: We will have a small supply of 2018 calendars for sale from the Benedictine Monastery in Camperdown. This is where our reading sheets every week come from, and so do most of the icons we sell in the shop. Nice to see the faces of some of the people who contribute to our worship, and the place where they live and work. Calendars are \$10.00 each.

The **Kids Christmas Holiday Fun Programme** will be held on **Wednesday 20, Thursday 21 and Friday 22 December** from **2pm to 4pm** each day. A time for Christmas craft, stories, music, games, and drama. If you have children or grandchildren, or neighbours with children, who would like to come, please contact Rosie Murree-Allen on 49264663 or 0400 264 658 or email rosie.kma@gmail.com.

Please place envelopes containing donations in the plate or wall safe

ABM Missions Project: Advent 3
During Advent and Christmas, ABM and Acts for Peace (Christmas Bowl) envelopes are available. This week ABM is supporting *Evangelism and Christian Education in Myanmar*. Your support helps with resource materials such as activity books for Sunday School and will enable children between the ages of four and fourteen to continue with their spiritual formation and church growth.



Envelopes are inserted in the pew sheet or at the back of the church.



Message from The Most Reverend Dr Philip Freier, Primate, Anglican Church of Australia

Christmas is the celebration of God's love to us in the coming of Christ. The Christmas Bowl appeal is a means of extending that love in a practical way to those who are hungry, thirsty, strangers, unclothed, sick or in prison (Matthew 25:35-36). The poignancy of Christ's challenge resides in the recipient of our gifts: Jesus Christ himself. How extraordinary! May we never cease to be amazed at this astonishing revelation and may we never cease in generosity as we give to Christ himself. What a privilege! What joy! Please join with me in supporting the Christmas Bowl appeal in 2017. Grace and peace be yours this Christmas.



Zimbabwe was once known as the breadbasket of Africa. Since 2000 it has struggled to feed its own people due to the series of droughts and the effects of an unsuccessful land reform program, which led to sharp falls in production of food availability across the nation. \$20 can provide a Zimbabwean farmer with a maize starter pack.

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Message from the Samaritans: Our Christmas Appeal aims to raise \$120,000 to support and bring hope to families living in the shadow of disadvantage. **Please** consider donating cash either at www.samaritans.org.au/donate **OR** by filling in one of the **flyers** at the back of the Cathedral. Thank you all very much for your very generous presents for people of any age which we have received thus far. We shall continue collecting gifts until 20 December and then Santa's sacks should be well and truly filled! As a final note for the year Peter Gardiner has unfortunately resigned from his position as Samaritans CEO.



*See the sheets hanging on the Christmas Giving tree
in the Baptistry for more gift giving ideas.*

*Thank you so very much for the generous gifts
of cash and items already received!*

Bible Study Group – The next meeting of the Bible Study Group will be held at the home of Peter Ravenscroft at **7pm on Wednesday 31 January 2018**. *All are welcome*. For further information contact Peter on 4963 1720.

Newcastle Cathedral's **Mainly Music group** is a fun group for children aged 0 to 5 years and their parents or carers incorporating action songs and games that help to develop gross and fine motor skills, language and creativity. The cost is \$5 per family *but your first session is free*. 10:00am to 11:30am every Thursday during school term in the Cathedral.



2018 Lenten Silent Retreats for Women – Rathmines. Retreat Conductor is Fr Mel Nelson. *Weekend* – Friday 16 to Sunday 18 February or *Midweek* - Tuesday 20 to Thursday 22 February... For bookings or further information, please see the flyers at the back of the church.

Sidespersons/Welcomers required for Christmas Services – please add you name to the list at the back of the church for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services if you can assist.

Donations for Flowers are invited for *7, 14, 21 & 27 January*. If you would like 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 - please include a message and place in the wall safe.

Anglican Cursillo Movement - A Newcastle Deanery Cursillo gathering (Ultreya) will be held in the Cathedral on **Friday 19 January 2018**, commencing **6pm for 6.30pm**. There will be a 'bring and share' meal of finger food - tea and coffee will be provided. Come and participate in the prayer, fellowship and singing. Everyone is welcome. For any further information please contact **Kevin** or **Cathy Claydon** on **4969 8368**.

For your prayers...

"Let us approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." (Hebrews 4:6).

Let us pray... For our outreach to visitors, giving thanks for all volunteers who enable the broad ministry of our Cathedral.



The Dean and family and the Cathedral Staff wish you and your loved ones all the blessings of the Holy Season.

Please note that the Cathedral office will be closed from 1pm, Friday 22 December and will reopen 9.30am on Wednesday 3 January.

For urgent or pastoral assistance, please contact the Dean, Katherine Bowyer 0407 201 693

Music Today

8.00am	Eucharist
Hymns	270, 503(vv1,2,5,6), 282(411)
Organist	Callum Close
9.30am	Choral Eucharist
Introit	Maranatha/Advent Wreath Prayers
Setting	Communion Service in F (Sumsion)
Anthem	This is the record of John (Gibbons)
Psalm	126 (Chant: Jackson)
Postlude	Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland (Bach)
Hymns	270, 503(vv1,2,5,6), 282(411)
Organist	Callum Close

- The hearing loop covers the front six pews on the South side of the Cathedral. *Please switch your hearing aid to the 'T' setting to benefit.*
- An access ramp is situated on the harbour side of the Cathedral.
- Toilets are on the South side of the Cathedral, through the doors under the organ loft
- You may sit with your children in the St Christopher Chapel on the right-hand aisle if you wish. There is also a children's activity sheet available from the sidespersons.
- Please do **not** leave handbags and other valuables unattended in the pews at any time, their security cannot be guaranteed.
- Parishioners and visitors are welcome to park in the Cathedral car park. On Sunday, extra parking is available at the rear of the Newcastle Club, enter via Newcomen St.
- *The steps and areas in front of the doorways to the Cathedral must be left clear at all times.*

<p style="text-align: center;">CATHEDRAL CLERGY</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>DEAN OF NEWCASTLE</u> The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer katherinebowyer@newcastleanglican.org.au 0407 201 693</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CATHEDRAL WARDENS</u> People's: Bob Price & Graham Vimpani Dean's: Ann Taylor</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CATHEDRAL OFFICE</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>OFFICE MANAGER</u> Lisa Cater Mon-Thurs 9.30am–4.00pm, Fri 9.30am-1.00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CONTACT</u> PO Box 221 NEWCASTLE NSW 2300 Ph: 4929 2052 Email: cathedral@newcastlecathedral.org.au Website: www.newcastlecathedral.org.au</p>
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Please send any notices for inclusion in the pew sheet to
cathedral@newcastlecathedral.org.au by 9am on Tuesday



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