



Christ Church Cathedral and St Peter's Hamilton



Weekly News Sunday 26 April 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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Welcome to worship today, especially all who are visiting

JOIN OUR SERVICES ONLINE

Sunday

8.30am: Eucharist – *The Reverend Angela Peverell
Presider & Preacher*

5.30pm: Prayer with the *Bishops*

**Then 8.30am and 5.30pm each day on
YouTube, Christ Church Cathedral Facebook
and St Peter's Hamilton Facebook.**

ONLINE SERVICES THIS WEEK

The Weekly and mid-week Eucharists and the Morning and Evening offices continue to be distributed online via **You Tube** and **Facebook** at **8.30am** and **5.30pm** each day.

We encourage you to share these resources widely during this time.

You Tube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXyas2uhJUNOnDetOpPdUOg>

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

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| Monday 27 April | 8.30am 5.30pm | The Reverend Stephen Williams The Reverend Canon Andrew Eaton |
| Tuesday 28 April | 8.30am 5.30pm | Archdeacon Arthur Copeman The Right Reverend Charlie Murry |
| Wednesday 29 April <i>Catherine of Siena, spiritual teacher</i> | 8.30am 5.30pm | The Right Reverend Sonia Roulston The Reverend Angela Peverell |
| Thursday 30 April | 8.30am 5.30pm | The Reverend Jacqueline Drewe The Right Reverend Bishop Peter |
| Friday 1 May | 8.30am 5.30pm | The Reverend Nicole Baldwin The Reverend Canon Garry Dodd |
| Saturday 2 May | 8.30am 5.30pm | The Rev'd Canon Michelle Hazel-Jawhary Archdeacon Rod Bower |

Dear Parish Family,

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Some years, like this year, the proximity of the commemoration of ANZAC Day to our Easter celebrations, enables us to reflect deeply on the symbolism of light shining in the darkness. On ANZAC Day morning, I will stand in the Cathedral driveway, as many will stand in their driveways or front doors or balconies, to remember. I will be holding the lamp from the St Michael or Warrior Chapel. Over the past couple of years, the RSL have lit the ANZAC flame during a service in the Cathedral in the days before ANZAC Day. Early on ANZAC Day morning, I then took the flame to Nobby's for the Dawn Service, carrying the flame in this lamp from the Michael Chapel. Whilst we may not be able to physically see each other's lights, we know that we will be shining our light together, lighting up the dawn.

I spend Sunday mornings in prayer in the Cathedral. Last Sunday morning, as I was making my prayer walk around the outside of the Cathedral, I met a young family for whom this was their first visit to Cathedral site. I had a beautiful (physically distant) conversation with their young son about who God is, and what prayer is.

It was a lovely reminder to me that opportunities are always present, though circumstance are changed, for us to always “be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you” (1 Peter 3.15), which was our reading at Evening Prayer on Tuesday.

Parish Council met via Zoom this week, and there will be a letter from our Parish Councillors coming soon. I am thankful for the many different ways in which ministry is occurring. Peter Guy is posting beautiful music and videos on the Choir’s YouTube Channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCj1uCQsfG7Ek4NLW_SJzvRQ

Veronica Butcher also shared lots of fun Kids’ Club @ Home activities through the week on the Christ Church Cathedral Family Ministry Facebook page. Please share these links with others – and when you do, ***please check if they are receiving these emails or ask if they would like to be added to the parish roll.***

We are also physically mailing the pewsheets and these resources each week to those without internet access. If you know of anyone who would like to receive this by mail, please contact the Cathedral office.

Last Sunday I wrote that the resurrection appearance to Thomas was one of my (many) favourite resurrection appearance stories. However, this weekend’s Gospel reading, the appearance to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, is my absolute favourite resurrection story. For me, this story resonates with my experience of knowing the risen Christ: present with me on the journey, and recognised in the breaking of the bread. This wonderful poem by former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, has a new resonance at this time.

Emmaus

First the sun, then the shadow,
so that I screw my eyes to see
my friend’s face, and its lines seem
different, and the voice shakes in the hot air.
Out of the rising white dust, feet
tread a shape, and, out of step,
another flat sound, stamped between voice
and ears, dancing in the gaps, and dodging
where words and feet do not fall.

When our eyes meet, I see bewilderment
(like mine); we cannot learn
this rhythm we are asked to walk,
and what we hear is not each other.
Between us is filled up, the silence
is filled up, lines of our hands
and faces pushed into shape
by the solid stranger, and the static
breaks up our waves like dropped stones.

So it is necessary to carry him with us,
cupped between hands and profiles,
so that the table is filled up, and as
the food is set and the first wine splashes,
a solid thumb and finger tear the thunderous
grey bread. Now it is cold, even indoors;
and the light falls sharply on our bones;
the rain breathes out hard, dust blackens,
and our released voices shine with water.

Rowan Williams

With my thanks and prayers.

Dean Katherine

Stewardship:

In this time, the best way to exercise our stewardship, to support the work of the parish, is through electronic giving. Our stewardship is an expression of our thankfulness to God, offering as we have received. Could I encourage you please, if you do not already give electronically to support the work of the parish, that you begin to do so during this time.

Name: Electronic Giving Account

BSB: 705-077

Account Number: 00040917. (The 8 digit account number (including the three os) should be included in the account number.)

If you would like information on how you can contribute to the Music Fund, Missions, and other ministries, please contact the parish office so we can share those details with you. Thank you for your generosity, which supports ministry now and in the future.

From the Cathedral's Director of Music, Peter Guy...

In the gospel this morning we hear of the disciples' encounter with Jesus on Road to Emmaus. This passage is rich with all manner of theology, witness, relationship and revelation. It's quite odd, therefore, that Rheinberger selects rather an innocuous part of a verse to set for the anthem, Abendlied (Evening Song): "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." As the text makes no mention of any other part of the broader text from which it is taken, it has become very much associated as an anthem for the close of day, rather than anything to do with the Emmaus journey. The work is probably Rheinberger's most famous sacred work, among which includes 12 settings of the mass, a Requiem and a setting of the Stabat Mater. He was also a prolific organ composer, composing 20 (of an intended 24) sonatas, 2 concerti, and 36 solo works. He wrote the first draft of this anthem when he was only 15 or 16 years old, revising it to the version we know now when he was 24.

The choir recorded this work a decade ago on our CD "O for the wings...". I have put that recording on YouTube, along with some photos of the Cathedral. Click on the link, listen, enjoy! <https://youtu.be/WdktDlrTkwg>

Many people have been asking about the choir's tour to the UK in July. Obviously, and sadly, we've had to postpone the tour. I am in communication with a few venues in the UK so that we can travel in July 2021. There are exciting developments on that front, and I hope to be able to announce these officially in the coming weeks. In the meantime, please continue to pray for a vaccine for the Coronavirus, and that borders re-open before next July!!!!

Cathedral Shop News – Cathedral Shop News – as reported the shop is open for business in a modified way. This week's features are the new issue of Day by Day (May-Jul) at \$5.50 and a leaflet on walking the labyrinth at \$1.50. This leaflet contains the history of the Christian practice of walking the labyrinth, suggested prayers and a diagram which you can trace with a toothpick as you 'walk'. Items can be mailed with an invoice or collected and paid by EFTPOS. Please enquire by email to cathedralshop@aapt.net.au .

Cathedral Community Lunches: The Cathedral Community Lunches Program is continuing to offer a hot meal **every second Sunday at 12.30pm** as a **'take away'** option. Thank you to the dedicated volunteers who are ensuring this important outreach program continues to operate. **The next community lunch take away is today, 26 April at the Horbury Hunt Hall.**

Creativity at the Cathedral: We need your help! This initiative cannot run without people who are willing to share their creative endeavours: art, poetry, photography, needlework, music – the list is endless and limited only by our imaginations. Please consider submissions for the season of Easter as we journey through this time together. Please send your offerings to johnson.n@planetmail.net, or phone Naomi Johnson on 0405 819 350.

Donations for Flowers – we look forward to when we can fill the Cathedral again with flowers. **If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one** or as a **thank-offering** to be remembered when the cathedral is open once more, please advise Suzanne Evans on 4955 9170.



Mainly Music is currently in recess - Please check our Cathedral Ministry Facebook page and our Cathedral Facebook for fun activities and resources you can do at home!

Message from the Samaritans:

In this unusual time there is a greater need for your support



Samaritans



\$25

could contribute to a counselling session for a child recovering from trauma.



\$50

could give emergency assistance to a woman fleeing domestic violence.



\$100

could contribute to a support worker for a NSW family living in poverty.

Your donation provides hope and stability for the community in Newcastle & beyond. Support your local community.

ONLINE: Click [here](#) to Donate online to Samaritans today.

PHONE: To donate by phone please call **1300 656 336** and one of our staff will assist you in making a donation using your credit card.

Please send any notices for inclusion in the pew sheet to cathedral@newcastlecathedral.org.au by 9am on Tuesday

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

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