



# Christ Church Cathedral and St Peter's Hamilton



*Weekly News Sunday 10 May 2020*

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*Mother's Day*



*Welcome to worship today, especially all who are visiting*

**JOIN OUR SERVICES ONLINE**

Sunday

**8.30am:** Eucharist – *The Reverend Angela Peverell*

**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 11 May                                 | 8.30am<br>5.30pm | The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer<br>The Reverend Canon Garry Dodd |
| Tuesday 12 May                                | 8.30am<br>5.30pm | The Reverend Greg Colby<br>The Right Reverend Sonia Roulston        |
| Wednesday 13 May                              | 8.30am<br>5.30pm | The Right Reverend Peter Stuart<br>Archdeacon Arthur Copeman        |
| Thursday 14 May<br>MATTHIAS, APOSTLE & MARTYR | 8.30am<br>5.30pm | The Reverend Amanda Brockwell<br>The Right Reverend Charlie Murry   |
| Friday 15 May                                 | 8.30am<br>5.30pm | The Reverend Nicole Baldwin<br>The Reverend Scott Dullely           |
| Saturday 16 May                               | 8.30am<br>5.30pm | The Reverend Stephen Williams<br>Archdeacon Rod Bower               |

**Dear Parish Family,** Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

This past week has been the sixth week since we closed the doors of the Cathedral – sometimes for me it feels a lot longer or a lot less than that! One thing I am very thankful for during this time is the unceasing work of prayer which is happening throughout the parish. It's wonderful to hear people's stories of praying Morning and Evening Prayer and joining in services online. They say it takes six weeks to make a habit, and I think praying the daily offices is a most commendable habit to form!



Some have asked me if I'm enjoying Sunday morning sleep-ins! I'll be honest – I'm not up as early as I would be on a normal Sunday morning, but I am up and dressed and in the Cathedral before 8 to spend the morning there. Firstly I light the candles, and pray Morning Prayer, then as I sit in the St Christopher chapel, I join in the online service. Following that, I spend time prayerfully walking around the Cathedral. As I pass each pew, or stand in different places like the entry, or the shop, or the choir, or the vestry, I visualise those who would be in that those places, and I pray for you.

This Sunday, I'll be especially praying for all for whom Mother's Day holds many memories and emotions.



The last thing I do in the Cathedral, before I extinguish the candles and leave to make a prayer walk around the outside of the Cathedral, is to tend the sanctuary lamps at the High Altar and the St Michael Chapel. Normally our wonderful vergers would maintain this ministry, trimming the wicks and refilling the lamps. The doors might be closed, but it's important to me that the

lamps are still burning. I have learnt that you can't rush this process, and it is a beautiful, meditative close to the morning. I think that this is a habit I'll be sad to break, and a job that will be difficult to give back!

Thank you again to those who have generously responded to the letter from the Parish Council last week. In this week's mailing there is a letter from Judy Wotton, our Parish Mission Secretary, highlighting the particular need of our mission partners. I encourage you to prayerfully respond as you are able. Please also pray for our Community Lunch ministry and all who are part of this vital outreach.

Also please read further information in the pew sheet concerning a request to use funds from St Aidan's Land Sale Trust.

The Choir's YouTube Channel has new videos each week.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCj1uCQsfG7Ek4NLW\\_SJzvRQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCj1uCQsfG7Ek4NLW_SJzvRQ)

I know that some of you have enjoyed singing along at home too! 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.**

Finally, my poem offering this week is by Bishop Graham Kings. Originally written as a poem for Lent (which is how I first discovered it), I think it captures both our sense of using this time to break old ways and make new habits, and to follow after the one who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

## Prayer Stool

I leave aside my shoes, my ambitions;  
undo my watch, my timetable;  
take off my glasses, my views;  
unclip my pen, my work;  
put down my keys, my security;  
to be alone with you, the only true God.  
After being with you,  
I take up my shoes to walk in your ways;  
strap on my watch to live in your time;  
put on my glasses to look at your world;  
clip on my pen to write up your thoughts;  
pick up my keys to open your doors.

Graham Kings (1986 Kenya)

*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.

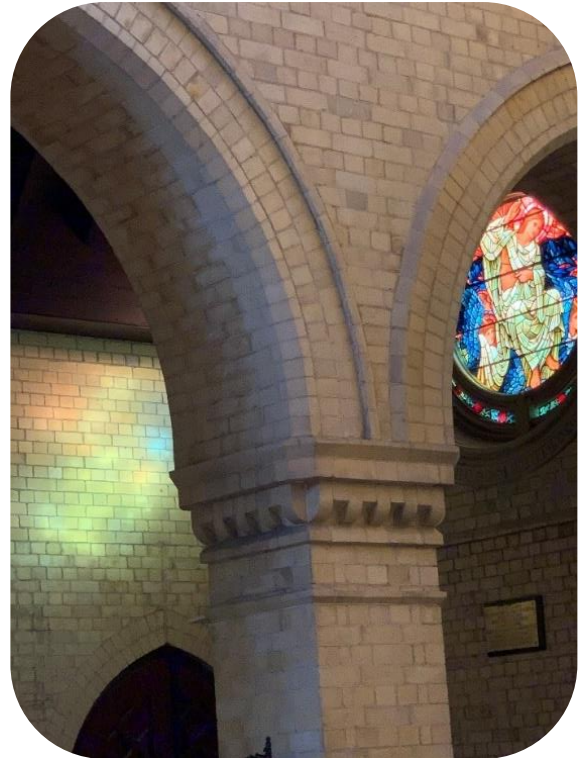
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BSB: 705-077

Account Number: 00040917. (The 8 digit account number (incl 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.

**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 from the Horbury Hunt Hall. Thank you to the dedicated volunteers who are ensuring this important outreach program continues to operate. ***The next community lunch take away is today, Sunday 10 May.***



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

In John's Gospel this morning we hear Jesus tell his disciples that he is the way, the truth and the life. It is arguably the most famous of John's "I am" sayings, and serves as the inspiration for the poem "The Call" by Anglican Priest and Poet, George Herbert (1593-1633). Herbert had served as Cambridge University's "Public Orator" and would later be elected to Parliament, anticipating for himself a distinguished political career. However the death of King James I, some important patrons, and his mother caused him to re-focus his life, albeit against the objections of his friends who deemed that being a pastor was beneath him!

Herbert died of Tuberculosis at the tender age of 34, at which time none of his poems had been published. He gave a collection of his poems to his friend on his deathbed in the hope they might help "any dejected poor soul". Herbert is now considered one of the most important poets of his day!

Ralph Vaughan Williams (at the time an atheist before settling into "cheerful agnosticism") wrote a collection of works for the The Three Choirs Festival in Worcester, 1911. The setting takes 5 of Herbert's poems and arranges them for baritone soloist and orchestra, with optional choir for the first and last movements. "The Call" (the fourth movement) is set simply, with the baritone soloist underpinned by slow-moving chords. The setting is as simple and sublime as the poem itself.

I arranged this work many years ago (too many years to count!), and was fortunate that the choir were happy to perform it while we were on tour in the UK in 2016. I hope that you will enjoy that performance, heard here: <https://youtu.be/wSLMkP4304U>

**Cathedral Shop News – SHOP NEWS:** this week might be when you set up a small sacred space for your personal prayers or watching the YouTube services. We have a range of standing crosses which may suit starting \$5.00 for small metal crosses through to larger olivewood crosses and crucifixes. Our feature books this week are: *Praising God with St Francis* – a book of meditations & prayers with colouring pages \$16.00; *The Day I Met Jesus* - Diaries of Five Women from the Gospels \$10.00; *Heroes of the Faith* – as reviewed by Fr Philip in the parish newsletter \$35.00. As always, we have the 2020 *Lectionary* for \$14.00. Please make your enquiries to [cathedralshop@aapt.net.au](mailto:cathedralshop@aapt.net.au). Items can be collected (details on enquiry) and EFTPOS is available OR we can arrange to mail your goods.

**From the Mission Secretary** - As the Parish Council's letter to you last week explained, our Mission's giving is mainly by envelopes. This year we are supporting Newton College in New Guinea and in response to the Covid-19 pandemic ABM has also launched the following appeal.

**ABM'S COVID-19 APPEAL: Support our Partners to combat this Pandemic**

During this global pandemic, ABM has been fortunate enough to remain open and operational and will continue to do so. Thankfully, staff have been able to work from home ensuring that we are able to keep serving our partners and supporters during this difficult time. We would also like to say thank you for your continuous support. Unfortunately for our partners, it is not "business as usual" by any means. Most are living under varying levels of government restrictions on contact and movement. These restrictions are unavoidably causing increasing levels of hardship in the churches and communities you support. That is why ABM has mounted a COVID-19 appeal, in order to help our partners to show Christ's love, hope and justice to those who are suffering the most.

Visit <https://www.abmission.org/covid-19-global-emergency-response> (Ctrl + Click) to find out how our partners are helping their communities at this time, and how you can help them.



**To continue our important support for ABM**, cheques can be posted to  
PO Box 221 NEWCASTLE NSW 2300 or by on-line giving.

Name: Missions Account

BSB: 705077 Account: 00041087

Please Insert your name in the purpose space as well as either  
Newton College or Covid Emergency Appeal

**More than ever, our Partners need our support, especially those close to us in the Pacific such as Vanuatu which has also had Cyclone Harold.**

**Please continue to keep the work of ABM in your prayers.**

**St Aidan's Land Sale Trust** – A recent special Board Meeting passed a resolution, ratified by Parish Council, to seek approval from Diocesan Council to withdraw an amount of \$60,816 from the St Aidan's Land Sale Trust in order to discharge the loan for the Darby St unit and to pay debts for some parish properties, including historic rate expenses. The discharge of the Darby Street loan will ensure that the rental amount will be applied as income for the parish. For further information, please contact Lisa at the office. Submissions may be made to [lindawilson@newcastleanglican.org.au](mailto:lindawilson@newcastleanglican.org.au) no later than 24 May.

**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 limited only by our imaginations. Please consider submissions for beyond Pentecost. Please send your offerings to [johnson.n@planetmail.net](mailto:johnson.n@planetmail.net), or phone Naomi Johnson on 0405 819 350.



**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!



Samaritans

**Message from the Samaritans:**

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



**\$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:** please call 1300 656 336 to make a donation using your credit card.

Please send any notices for inclusion in the pew sheet to [cathedral@newcastlecathedral.org.au](mailto: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 [dps@newcastleanglican.org.au](mailto:dps@newcastleanglican.org.au) or [survivorsupport@newcastleanglican.org.au](mailto:survivorsupport@newcastleanglican.org.au)**

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