

Welcome to  
**CHRIST CHURCH  
CATHEDRAL, NELSON**  
Te Wharenuī Karakia o Whakatū

**SUNDAY 15 MARCH 2026**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent | Te Rātāpu Tuawhā o Rēneti

Kia ora Cathedral Whānau,

As we approach Easter, one of the activities we have joined other churches in is the Hope Project. This is a New Zealand initiative to get the Easter message about Jesus into as many homes as possible through a letterbox drop of a booklet that shares kiwi stories about faith.

You can check out the booklet online: <https://alltogether.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Hope-Project-Booklet-1-2026-online.pdf>.

As you walk around the streets it is also a chance to pray for our community.

I have signed-up the Cathedral to cover two areas before Easter – streets to the south of the Cathedral and an area in the Wood.

If you are able to choose a street and drop off some booklets, please let me know via email and I will send you the link to the short health and safety video and the reminder that we need to respect any “no circulars” signs on letter boxes. This is a great opportunity to join with other churches to cover our city in prayer and hope at this time.

Next Sunday includes our Parish **AGM** at 11:30am where we get to hear and discuss the life of our Cathedral. Also during this meeting we will appoint Parish Representatives for Synod and the Cathedral Council.

Part of the process is to notify the parish of those who have been nominated for these roles, and my thanks to all who have accepted nominations to service us all in these ways.

- **Synod Reps:** Graham Allan and Nicky Calder
- **People’s Warden:** Joc Smith
- **Dean’s Warden:** Sean Trengrove (appointed by the Dean)

- **Lay Reps** (we can have up to 6 because one of the Synod reps is also a Canon)
  - David Lucas
  - Jane Lucas
  - Jane Mitchell
  - Lance Jennings
  - Janet Brown
  - Susanne Croft

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Janet Smith who has been on Vestry for many years and also a Synod rep for the past two. Janet is taking on the role of President for the Nelson Diocese Anglican Association of Women and will be busy supporting groups across the Diocese.

I do hope you can come to the AGM as we discuss some very important issues as we look to grow the life of the Cathedral. If you have any questions for the AGM, can you please email them to the office by Friday March 20 so we can provide a suitable response at the AGM.

Financial Reports and AGM Reports will be emailed on Monday.

God Bless,

*Graham*

## WELCOME TO YOUR CATHEDRAL!

We are delighted to have families with children worship with us.  
Our CathedralKids Programme for ages 5-ish to 12 runs during the school term.

Activity sheets are available for children, please ask the sidespeople.  
Toilets can be found outside by exiting the main door and turning right.

### **SERVICE INFORMATION:**

- ◆ Hearing Assistance technology is available. Please see the 'Contacts' page in the end of the Bulletin for more details.
- ◆ Ramp for access to the Sanctuary (on the right side).
- ◆ Special chairs available from Pulpit side for those with disabilities / back problems.

### **HEALTH ADVISORY NOTICE:**

Worshippers experiencing cold or flu-like illnesses or associated symptoms are advised to stay home.

### **EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROCEDURES:**

In the event of a fire please follow the directions of the wardens and assemble at the nearest Assembly Point (top of the Church steps, or in the car park by the notice board). In the event of an earthquake Drop, Cover and Hold. If you are unable to get under a pew, please adopt the emergency brace position and cover your head and neck with your arms. Do not attempt to run outside once shaking has started. Once shaking has stopped please follow the directions of the wardens in evacuating the building. If you notice someone in need of assistance during the evacuation please provide help if you are able or notify a warden.

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## SERVICES

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### 8:00AM

Celebrant

Preacher

Readings

### HOLY COMMUNION

Dean Graham O'Brien

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Deuteronomy 16:13-17, Ephesians 5:8-14,  
John 9:1-12

### 10:00AM

Celebrant

Preacher

Readings

Hymns

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Precentor Steve Jordan

Dean Graham O'Brien

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Psalm

Choir Anthem

Psalm 23

'We Cannot Measure How You Heal' by Malcolm Archer

### 5:30PM

Minister of Liturgy

Reflection

Readings

Psalm

Choir Anthem

Hymns

### CHORAL EVENSONG

Dean Graham O'Brien

Jillian Jowitt

Jeremiah 29:4-13, Matthew 5:43-48 (p19)

Psalm 23 (p8)

'O Gladsome Light' by Louis Bourgeois

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# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, NELSON



## CHORAL COMMUNION

Sunday 15 March 2026

Order of Service

<i>Celebrant</i>	<b>Precentor Steve Jordan</b>
<i>Preacher</i>	<b>Dean Graham O'Brien</b>
<i>Minister of Liturgy</i>	<b>Joel Smith</b>
<i>Cathedral Organist</i>	<b>Paul Chan</b>
<i>Choral Director</i>	<b>Nigel Weeks</b>
<i>Communion Setting</i>	<b>Herbert Sumsion</b>

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*Organ Prelude and Fugue in C major, BWV545(i) - J.S. Bach*

*Please stand as we sing*

### **LIFT HIGH THE CROSS (CA394)**

**Refrain:** *Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name!*

**1** **Come Christians, follow where our Saviour trod,  
O'er death victorious, Christ the Son of God:**

**2** **Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
the hosts of God in joyful praise combine:**

**3** **Each new disciple of the Crucified  
Is called to bear the seal of him who died:**

**4** **From farthest regions let them homage bring,  
and on his Cross adore their Saviour King:**

**5** **Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease  
beneath the shadow of its healing peace:**

**6** **For thy blest cross which doth for all atone  
creation's praises rise before thy throne:**

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**So let the world proclaim with one accord  
the praises of our ever-living Lord.**

***Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.***

*G.W Kitchin (1827-1912) M.R. Newbolt (1874-1956)*

## **Welcome**

Dean Graham O'Brien

Dean                    Grace and peace to you from God.  
**All**                    **God fill you with truth and joy.**

Dean                    The Lord be with you.  
**All**                    **The Lord bless you.**

Dean                    This is the day which the Lord has made.  
**All**                    **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Please be seated*

*The children are invited to join their programme*

Minister of Liturgy    Let us pray

*We say the Collect for Purity together*

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden;  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
so that we may truly love you  
and worthily praise your holy name;  
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## **New Commandment**

Minister of Liturgy Hear the teaching of Christ: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you."

**All Spirit of God, search our hearts.**

*The choir sings the Kyrie*

*Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy*

## **The Invitation and the Confession**

Minister of Liturgy Hear God's word to all who turn to Christ:  
Jesus said: "Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." (*Matthew 11:28*)

God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving.  
In silence we call to mind our sins.

*(Silence)*

Let us confess our sins.

**All Merciful God,  
we have sinned  
in what we have thought and said,  
in the wrong we have done  
and in the good we have not done.  
We have sinned in ignorance:  
we have sinned in weakness:  
we have sinned through  
our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry.  
We repent and turn to you.  
Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake,  
and renew our lives to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

*The Absolution is pronounced by the Celebrant*

Celebrant Through the cross of Christ,  
God have mercy on you,  
pardon you and set you free.  
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.  
God strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in life eternal.

**All Amen.**

Minister of Liturgy The peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

**All The Word of Christ dwell in us richly.**

### **The Sentence and Collect**

Sentence They will neither hunger nor thirst,  
nor will the desert heat or the sun beat upon them,  
for the One who loves them will lead them  
and guide them beside the springs of water. *Isaiah 49:10*

**Collect** **Gracious Father,**  
**whose blessed Son Jesus Christ**  
**came down from heaven**  
**to be the true bread which gives life to the world:**  
**Evermore give me this bread,**  
**that he may live in me, and I in him;**  
**who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,**  
**one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Please be seated for the reading*

### **The Proclamation of the Word**

#### **The Old Testament Reading**

#### **Deuteronomy 16:13-17**

*Read by Jim Wiseman*

<sup>13</sup> You shall keep the festival of booths for seven days, when you have gathered in the produce from your threshing-floor and your wine press. <sup>14</sup> Rejoice during your festival, you and your sons and your daughters, your male and female slaves, as well as the Levites, the strangers, the orphans, and the widows resident in your towns. <sup>15</sup> For seven days you shall keep the festival to

the LORD your God at the place that the LORD will choose; for the LORD your God will bless you in all your produce and in all your undertakings, and you shall surely celebrate.

<sup>16</sup> Three times a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God at the place that he will choose: at the festival of unleavened bread, at the festival of weeks, and at the festival of booths. They shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed; <sup>17</sup> all shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that he has given you.

Reader                      Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church  
**All**                              **Thanks be to God**

*We remain seated as the choir sings Psalm 23*

- 1                              *The Lord is my shepherd:  
therefore can I lack nothing.*
- 2                              *He will make me lie down in green pastures:  
and lead me beside still waters.*
- 3                              *He will refresh my soul:  
and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.*
- 4                              *Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil:  
for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.*
- 5                              *You spread a table before me  
in the face of those who trouble me:  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup will be full.*
- 6                              *Surely your goodness and loving-kindness  
will follow me all the days of my life:  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

*Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever.  
Amen.*

## The New Testament Reading

### Ephesians 5:8-14

*Read by Paul Lockhande*

<sup>8</sup> For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light — <sup>9</sup> for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup> Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; <sup>13</sup> but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for everything that becomes visible is light.

Therefore it says,

‘Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.’

Reader

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**All**

**Thanks be to God**

*Please stand to sing the Gradual Hymn*

### **AMAZING GRACE (CA29)**

- 1**                    **Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm found;  
was blind, but now I see.**
  
- 2**                    **'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.**
  
- 3**                    **Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come.  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.**
  
- 4**                    **The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.**

5

**When we've been there  
a thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we first begun.**

*John Newton/John Rees*

*Please remain standing for the Gospel reading*

### **The Holy Gospel Reading**

**John 9:1-12**

*Read by Janet Smith*

*After the announcement*

**All sing                      Praise and glory to God**

<sup>1</sup>As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' <sup>6</sup>When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, <sup>7</sup>saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup>The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' <sup>9</sup>Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' <sup>10</sup>But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' <sup>11</sup>He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' <sup>12</sup>They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.'

Reader:                      This is the Gospel of Christ  
**All sing                      Praise to Christ, the Word**

### **The Sermon**

Dean Graham O'Brien

Minister of Liturgy

We stand to affirm our faith  
in the words of the Nicene Creed

**All**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation,  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into Heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and His kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
and has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

Let us pray (*Please kneel or be seated*)

### **Intercessions**

Precentor Steve Jordan

*We conclude our prayers by saying The Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father in Heaven,  
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.  
Amen.**

*Please stand for the Peace*

### **The Peace**

Celebrant                      The peace of Christ be always with you.

**All                                And also with you.**

Celebrant                      E te whānau, we are the body of Christ.

**All                                By one Spirit we were baptised into one body.**

Celebrant                      Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**All                                Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.**

*Please remain standing to sing the Offertory hymn, which is the opportunity to  
worship God with our gifts of tithes and offerings. (The collection is received.)  
We also offer up the prayers that people have written during the week.*

## **DEAR LORD AND FATHER OF MANKIND (CA144)**

- 1** Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways!  
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence praise. x2
- 2** In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word  
rise up and follow thee. x2
- 3** O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love! x2
- 4** Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace. x2

*C.H.H. Parry/John Greenleaf Whittier*

Celebrant Blessed are you, God of all creation;  
through your goodness we have these gifts to share.  
Accept and use our offerings given in any form  
for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.  
Accept these prayers written in the Cathedral over the  
week, in the name of your Son.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant  
**All**

Kei konei te Ariki. The Lord is here.  
**God's Spirit is with us.**

Celebrant  
**All**

Kia ara o koutou ngakau. Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant  
**All**

Kia whakapai tatou ki to tatou Ariki ki te Atua.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation,  
holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God,  
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise  
through Christ your only Son.

You are the source of all life and goodness;  
through your eternal Word  
you have created all things from the beginning  
and formed us in your own image;  
male and female you created us.

When we sinned and turned away  
you called us back to yourself  
and gave your Son to share our human nature.

Who though tempted in every way as we are,  
yet did not sin;  
through him therefore we may triumph over sin  
and grow in grace.

In him you have made us a holy people  
by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

Therefore, with the faithful who rest in him,  
with angels and archangels and all the company of  
heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

*Choir*

*Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God of hosts,  
heav'n and earth  
are full of thy glory:  
Glory be to thee,  
O Lord Most High.*



*Blessed is he that cometh  
in the Name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest,  
Hosanna in the highest,  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Please kneel or be seated*

Celebrant

All glory and thanksgiving to you, Holy Father,  
on the night before he died  
your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread;  
when he had given you thanks, he broke it,  
gave it to his disciples, and said:  
Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you;  
do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;  
when he had given you thanks,  
he gave it to them and said:  
Drink this, all of you,  
for this is my blood of the new covenant  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

**All sing**

**Glory to you Lord Christ,  
your death we show forth,  
your resurrection we proclaim,  
your coming we await.  
Amen! Come Lord Jesus.**

Celebrant

Therefore, loving God,  
recalling your great goodness to us in Christ,  
his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life  
and this cup of salvation.

Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving  
which we offer through Christ our great high priest.

Send your Holy Spirit  
that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive  
may be to us the body and blood of Christ,  
and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power  
may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, O God,  
in songs of everlasting praise.

**All sing**

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,  
here and everywhere, now and forever. Amen.**

### **The Communion**

Celebrant

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All**

**We who are many are one body, for we all  
share the one bread.**

**We do not presume to come to your holy table,  
merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your great mercy.**

**We are not worthy even to gather the crumbs  
from under your table.**

**But you are the same Lord whose nature is  
always to have mercy.**

**Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the body of your dear Son,  
Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood,  
that we may evermore dwell in him  
and he in us.**

**Amen.**

*Choir*

*O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.*

## The Invitation

Celebrant Draw near and receive the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ in remembrance that he died for us. Let us feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*The congregation is invited to receive communion by coming up the side aisles and returning down the centre aisle. Wafers will be offered and gluten free wafers available on request. Wine is available in the common cup (no intinction/dipping) and both wine and juice are offered in individual cups.*

The Choir sings the communion anthem 'We Cannot Measure How You Heal' by Malcolm Archer

## Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living,  
he declared your love,  
gave us grace  
and opened the gate of glory.

**All** **May we who share Christ's body**  
**Live his risen life;**  
**We who drink his cup**  
**Bring life to others;**  
**We whom the Spirit lights**  
**Give light to the world.**  
**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,**  
**So we and all your children shall be free,**  
**And the whole earth live to praise your name.**  
**Amen.**

## Notices

Dean Graham O'Brien

*Please stand to sing our final Hymn*

## GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT REDEEMER (CA252)

- 1** Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy pow'rful hand:  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more,  
feed me till I want no more.
- 2** Open now the crystal fountain  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:  
strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,  
be thou still my strength and shield,  
be thou still my strength and shield.
- 3** When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side;  
songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.

*W Williams/J Hughes*

### **Blessing and Dismissal of the Community**

- Dean *Haere i runga i te rangimarie i runga i te aroha  
me te ngakau hihiko ki te mahi ki te Ariki.  
Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.*
- All** **Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**



### **Organ Voluntary**

Prelude and Fugue in C major, BWV545(ii) - J. S. Bach

## Readings for 5:30pm service

### First Reading: Jeremiah 29:4-13

<sup>4</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: <sup>5</sup> Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. <sup>6</sup> Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. <sup>7</sup> But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. <sup>8</sup> For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, <sup>9</sup> for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the LORD.

<sup>10</sup> For thus says the LORD: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfil to you my promise and bring you back to this place. <sup>11</sup> For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. <sup>12</sup> Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. <sup>13</sup> When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart.

### Second Reading: Matthew 5:43-48

<sup>43</sup> 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy." <sup>44</sup> But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup> For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup> And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup> Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

# PRAYERS

## CHURCH

MĀPUA (Hills Community Church)

- ☞ Minister Reverend Emily Holmes
- ☞ Staff
- ☞ Retired Clergy

Pray for more people to step into vacant roles, and for us to be a light to our community.

**Te Hui Amorangi O Te Waipounamu** and the process for electing a new Pihopa (Bishop)

## COMMUNITY

- ☞ Pray for workers from Watties
- ☞ Pray for farmers affected by the closing of Watties factories
- ☞ Pray for all who are affected by the rising fuel prices

### CATHEDRAL CARE TEAM

The team are a group of parishioners who are willing to help others if and when they would appreciate some form of help. We are prepared to offer a friendly, listening ear, the occasional meal or perhaps transport for things like hospital appointments, trips to the doctor or Cathedral events such as CAMEO. If you know of someone who needs prayer, a visit, home Communion, or any other Cathedral family, please contact

**Rev Nigel Whinney**  
**021 118 9985**

## WORLD

- ☞ Pray for a just peace in Ukraine
- ☞ Pray for peace throughout the Middle East
- ☞ Pray for Sudan and Mexico dealing with civil unrest

## THOSE SICK / IN NEED OF PRAYER

Lachlan, Judith, Katherine, Marcus McGregor-Clarke, Doreen, Wendi & Stann, Paul, Andrew, Charlotte, James, Lindsey, Christine, Nigel Weeks, Gillian Etherington, Monu Lokhande, Lynnley Capell, Mary Toll, Susanne & Buster

### **BARNABAS PRAYER** **Sunday 15 March 2026**

Thank You, gracious heavenly Father, that You are the God who heals. We give thanks that You transmit a ministry of healing through skilled physicians and other health professionals and ask that You bless the work of those carrying out healing in Your Name in many difficult circumstances. Please empower them to touch and transform many lives and protect doctors, nurses and patients as they work in environments of war, hunger and poverty. We ask You to prosper their work through the healing hand of the Lord Jesus

## SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES IN MARCH

<b>Tuesday 17 March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walking Group 9am</li> <li>• Meditation Group 5-6pm</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 18 March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11am Holy Communion</li> <li>• 12pm Emmaus Bible Study</li> <li>• 7pm Lenten Study</li> </ul>
<b>Sunday 22 March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holy Communion 8am</li> <li>• Choral Communion 10am</li> <li>• AGM 11:30am</li> <li>• Whakatū Anglican Māori Mission 12:30pm</li> <li>• Choral Evensong 5:30pm</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 24 March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walking Group 9am</li> <li>• Meditation Group 5-6pm</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 25 March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11am Holy Communion</li> <li>• 12pm Emmaus Bible Study</li> <li>• 7pm Lenten Study</li> </ul>
<b>Sunday 29 March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holy Communion 8am</li> <li>• Choral Communion 10am</li> <li>• Whakatū Anglican Māori Mission 12:30pm</li> <li>• Choral Evensong 5:30pm</li> </ul>

## EVENTS COMING UP:

- 25<sup>th</sup> February to 25<sup>th</sup> March**      **Lenten Studies** 7pm-8:30pm Wednesdays  
Theme: Handling the Bible
- 22 March**                      Cathedral AGM after 10am service
- April 2-5**                      Easter Services (see poster at back of Bulletin)



**Sunday April 5**  
(Easter Day) is Daylight Savings.  
Please remember to put your clock back one hour that day.

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The Cathedral's 10am and 5pm services are available for viewing on YouTube. Our livestream link is below and is available on our website <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwg-Hxdb7caA2MiHgPxThAw/live>

***Any payments to the Cathedral can be made into the BNZ Bank  
Account Name: Churchwardens of the Parish of Christ Church  
Account Number: 02 0704 0028423 000***

### **Leaving a Bequest:**

If you are considering a Bequest to the Cathedral in your Will, the link below takes you to the wording for your gift, so that your donation is correctly directed to the Cathedral.

**[Legacy | Cathedral](#)**

Remember also to obtain independent legal advice.

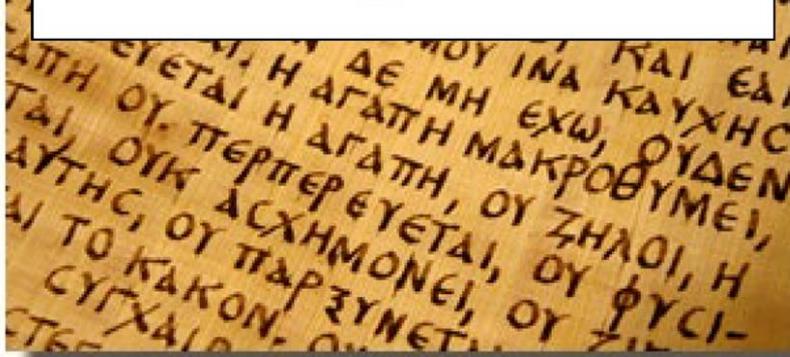
### **HEARING ASSISTANCE**

To link into our hearing assistance system, please connect to our  **Wi-Fi** and download the blue **Listen WiFi app** onto your phone and then link your hearing aid by **Bluetooth**.

- 1. Connect to Cathedral AP or Hearing Assist Wi-Fi in your settings**
- 2. Download and open the ListenWiFi App, click on Audio LGTD**
- 3. Bluetooth link to hearing aid must be on**

## NOTICES

### Lenten Studies: Handling the Bible



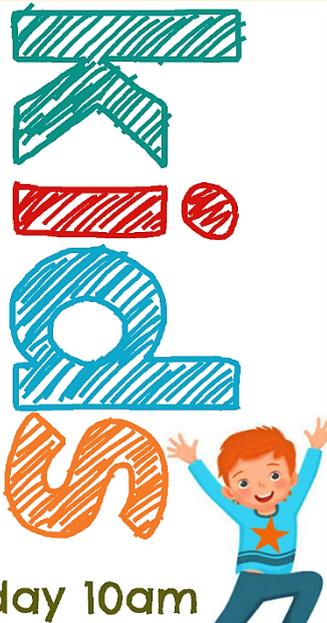
Greek manuscript of 1 Corinthians 13

Join Dean Graham  
on Wednesdays  
February 25-March 25  
(cake included)

7-8.30pm

We will look at topics such as:  
How we got the Christian Bible  
Which Bible is Best  
The Bible in Context  
Meaning and Significance  
Communicating the Bible

CATHEDRAL



Sunday 10am

**Helpers needed for  
CathedralKids during the  
10am service on Sundays.**

**Please email us at  
CathedralKids  
if you are able to help,  
even once a month.  
[kids@nelsoncathedral.nz](mailto:kids@nelsoncathedral.nz)**



### Advance notice of Diocesan Association of Anglican Women AGM Saturday 11th April

The Nelson Diocesan AGM will be hosted by Nelson AAW at All Saints this year, and there will be NO ordinary meeting on the second Thursday of April. Registration forms will be available at the March Meeting, or by contacting Kathy: [kathleencuthbert30@gmail.com](mailto:kathleencuthbert30@gmail.com); 027 333 7633; 03 548 8654.

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## NOTICES

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Come and join us!

9am Tuesdays

# CATHEDRAL WALKING GROUP

- 👍 Meet here in car park
- 👍 See your city from a new angle
- 👍 Find wellbeing and new friends
- 👍 Enjoy yummy morning tea



Come &  
have fun!  
Age 5+



In term time our 10am Sunday service offers the biblically themed CATHEDRAL kids  
Based on the Anglican Bible Reading Cycle we learn  
about the world around us and how God wants us to behave  
Activities and discussion relate to the theme of the Sunday Service

### **The Craft Group**

meets at 1.30pm on Thursdays in the Quiet Room .

We are currently focused on making Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday.

More volunteers appreciated. Details demonstrated.

Learn a new skill. Or work on your own project.

Afternoon tea served.

For more information contact **Judith Fitchett** on **027 319 8511**

or just join us in the Quiet Room.

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# NOTICES

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## zoom Morning Prayer:

We have Parish Prayer each morning for 15 minutes at **9am, Monday to Saturday**.  
You can join in via zoom using this link: Graham O'Brien's Personal Meeting Room:  
<https://zoom.us/j/91751365604?pwd=JNl2J9P2KmGV8kqR139aFmeuygOpb9.1>



### **Nelson Cathedral Christian Meditation Group**

#### **Silence, Stillness, Simplicity**

In our frantic world, is this something that you are seeking? Our small and friendly Christian Meditation group meets each **Tuesday in the Chapel**, to meditate together. **Meeting Time: 5pm-6pm**

Come and join us and learn more about this ancient spiritual practice.  
*'Making time in our busy lives to open our hearts to the silent presence of God'*.  
Contact **Mary Kroch 027 372 1173** or **Erin Beatson 027 680 6355**

**ALL WELCOME**

### **EMMAUS STUDY**

The Emmaus study group format is a reading of the biblical text and a short exegesis followed by discussion. Wednesdays at 12.00 until 1.00pm.  
All are welcome.

#### **THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**

##### **March**

**18**                      **3: 1-26**                      **Healing the crippled beggar**

**25**                      **4: 1-37**                      **Before the Sanhedrin  
and fellowship of the believers**

##### **April**

**1**                        **5:1-42**                      **Ananias and Sapphira and  
persecution of the Apostles**

**8**                        **6:1-15**                      **Choosing the Deacons and the  
arrest of Stephen**

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# GOOD FRIDAY

featuring

by JH Maunder

## 'OLIVET TO CALVARY'

by JH Maunder

3 April  
10am

Liturgy of The  
Cross Service



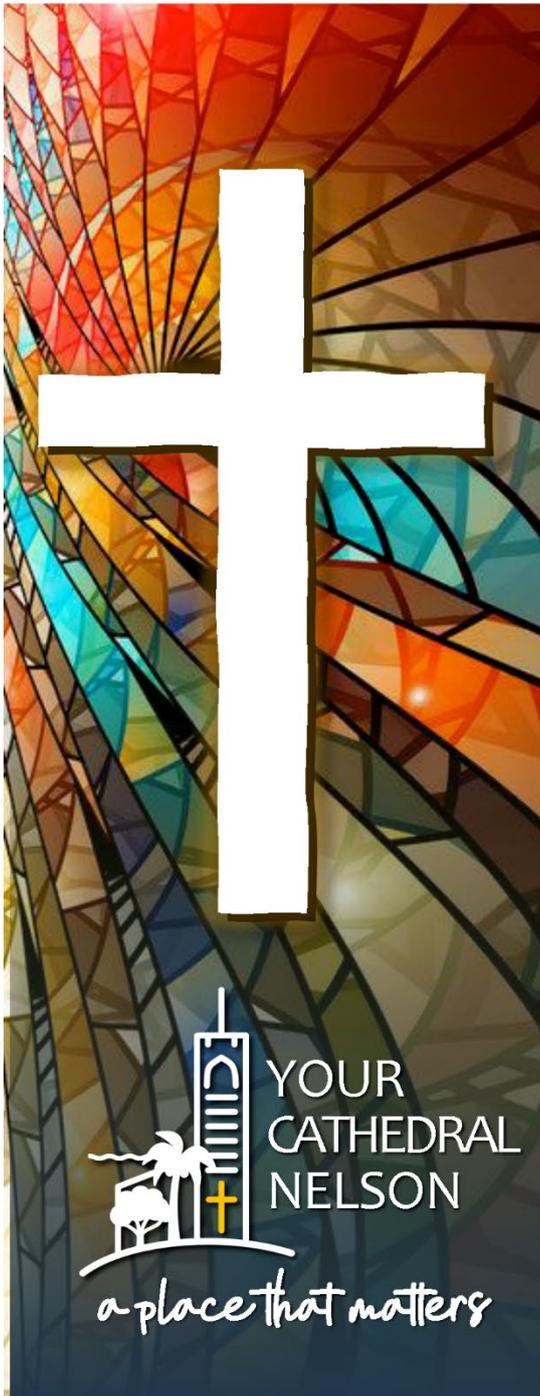
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*a place that matters*

NELSON CATHEDRAL CHOIR with  
TENOR Elias Nguyen | BASS Graham O'Brien (Dean)  
ORGANIST Paul Chan | CONDUCTOR Nigel Weeks  
View all our Easter Services at [nelsoncathedral.nz](http://nelsoncathedral.nz)

# EASTER 2026

EASTER SERVICES AT YOUR CATHEDRAL NELSON



## PALM SUNDAY

29 March

8am Holy Communion

10am Choral Communion

5:30pm Evensong

## THURSDAY

2 April

7pm Maundy Thursday

Choral Communion

*(including liturgy of foot washing)*

## GOOD FRIDAY

3 April

10am Liturgy of the Cross Service

featuring **'Olivet to Calvary'** by JH Maunder

Tenor **Elias Nguyen** Bass **Graham O'Brien** (Dean)

*(Cathedral open all day for reflection)*

## EASTER SUNDAY

5 April

8am Holy Communion

10am Easter Choral Communion

Bishop Steve Maina will join us for both services

*(please bring a flower for the Cross)*

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# WELCOME NEWCOMERS



We are delighted to have you join us for today's service. Please fill out the form, tear off, and place in the Newcomers Box at the main entrance. By filling out this form, you will go on our Parish Roll and emailing list.

I would like to know more about:

- Kids Church
- Choir
- KidSing
- AAW
- Prayer
- Outreach
- Meditation
- Events at the Cathedral
- I would like to have a visit from the clergy
- I would like to help with .....

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Contact Number

Address

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